

Resolved—That the New Building Lists prepared by our Secretary in accordance with the Provisions of the Local Government Act, 1925, in respect of the financial year ending 31st March, 1938, be hereby approved, as submitted, and the appropriate reduction in rate be allowed for the said financial year in each case, as specified on the said Lists.

Passed.  
In connection with the claim forms for the abatement of rates in respect of agricultural land for the service of the financial year ending on the 31st March, 1938, the Secretary reported that all these forms had been carefully examined and the maximum allowance possible under the provisions of the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1936, had been given by him. He mentioned that there were many Ratepayers, however, who were dissatisfied because of casual employment not having been allowed, and he suggested that it might be advisable for the Council to form a Committee who would meet at the luncheon interval and examine the abatement claim form of every dissatisfied Ratepayer.

The Council did not deem this step necessary, and accordingly it was

Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond ;  
Seconded by " Thomas Birchistle ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve, confirm, and adopt the decisions made by our Secretary on the information at his disposal in connection with all the claims for abatement of rates lodged in our offices in respect of the Agricultural Grant for the service of the financial year ending on the 31st March, 1938, more extensively dealt with in circulars from the Department of Local Government and Public Health which have been under consideration at meetings of this Council from time to time, and we hereby direct that the assessment of rate shall be proceeded with all practicable speed on the basis of such decisions.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

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.

#### POOR RATE COLLECTION IN NO. 13/15 DISTRICT

The Secretary reported that acting on instructions contained in the resolution passed by the Council at their meeting held on the 9th December, 1936, he had taken over on the 19th December, 1936, the collection of the Poor Rates in No. 13/15 District in respect of the financial year which ended on the 31st March, 1937. The amount of the Warrant for the whole year was £5,803. The total amount of this Warrant accounted for up to that morning was £5,184 17 0, leaving a balance of £618 3s, still to be collected. The percentage of the collection outstanding was, therefore, 10.6, which compared more than favourably with the percentages outstanding on the same date in previous years, namely, 15.1% in 1936, 12.02% in 1935, 12.14% in 1934.

The Secretary applied for permission to hand in to the Council's Solicitor a list of the Ratepayers who had failed so far to pay their Rates.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise and direct that a list of all Ratepayers in No. 13/15 Collecting District who have failed to pay their Poor Rates up to this date be handed to our Solicitor with instructions to take immediate steps for the recovery of the outstanding rates on the aforementioned list.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond ;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ;

Resolved—Having regard to the terms of the last paragraph of the Minister's letter of the 8th December, 1936, Ref. No. G 236486/1936, that our Secretary be hereby instructed to issue advertisements in the three weekly papers circulating in the County inviting applications for the position of Poor Rate Collector in 13/15 Collecting District on the same terms and conditions as that position was advertised last year, such conditions in the advertisement having been first modified so as to be in keeping with the Council's recent resolution which states that a knowledge of Irish is not essential and does not give preference to any candidate.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Daniel Somers ;

Seconded by " D J Kehoe ;

Resolved—That the two Deeds of Transfer in connection with the disposal by the Council's Treasurer of 4½ Land Bonds to the value of £22 0 0 (£11 each) registered in the Council's name in respect of Poor Rates payable by the Irish Land Commission on holdings in Nos. 2 and 19 collecting districts be now executed, and that the Seal of the Council be attached thereto and witnessed by the Presiding Chairman.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " Daniel Somers ;

Resolved—That, pursuant to the letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister, dated the 5th April, 1937, the sum of £850 be borrowed from the National Bank, Ltd., to defray expenditure on certain road works for the relief of unemployment in the County, said sum to be repaid within three years with interest at the rate of one-half per cent. under the Irish Banks' Rate varying subject to minimum of £4 per cent. 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.

The Seal of the Council was accordingly affixed to the Mortgage, and the same was witnessed by the Chairman of the Council.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " Daniel Somers ;

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 1937/1938 :—

Place of Meeting,	Hour	Summer Qc. 1937	Autumn Qc. 1937	Winter Qc. 1938	Spring Qc. 1938
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PROPOSALS COMMITTEE	12	Fri., July 23	Fri., Oct. 22	Fri., Jan. 28	Fri., Apl. 22
Courthouse, Wicklow					

COUNTY COUNCIL	12	Mon., Aug. 23	Mon., Nov. 22	Mon., Feb. 21	Mon., May 23
Courthouse, Wicklow					

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;

Seconded by " George Heatley ;

Resolved—That we hereby decide that the Annual Meeting of this Council shall be held on 28th June, 1937, at 12 o'clock, noon, subject to no legislation being enacted which will vary this date, in which event the fixing of a date for the Annual Meeting is to be under consideration again by this Council.

Passed.

The Secretary having read the special Notice issued to each Member of the County Council pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, in accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;

Seconded by " C M Byrne ;

Resolved—That the consent of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a Loan of £400 (Four Hundred Pounds) for the purpose of providing a Dispensary at Enniskerry in the Powerscourt Dispensary District.

Passed.

The Secretary having read the special Notice issued to each Member of the County Council pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, in accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;

Seconded by " C M Byrne ;

Resolved—That the consent of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a loan of Two Thousand Pounds (£2,000) for the purpose of providing a Dispensary Residence in the Newcastle Dispensary District.

Passed.

In the absence of Councillor Liam O Cleirigh consideration of the following Notice of Motion standing in his name on the Agenda was adjourned, the Council having first instructed the Secretary to see that no change was made in the scale of weekly payments to men employed on roads until such time as the matter had been fully considered and decided finally upon by the Council :—

I hereby give Notice that I shall move at the May Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the resolution passed at our meeting held on the 23rd November, 1936, to the effect that the fixed rate of wages for all men employed on works of road improvement or maintenance be 37/6 per week be rescinded, and that no variation in the men's wages take place until such rate has been discussed and been the subject of a further resolution of the Council—and, further, that Standing Order No. 34 be set aside so that effect may be given in resolution form to the terms of this Motion."

When the Council came to consider item No. 23 on the Agenda it was found that Councillor James Everett, T.D., was keeping an important engagement elsewhere, and, as a consequence, consideration of the following Notice of Motion standing in his name on the Agenda was adjourned :—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, shall move at the May Quarterly Meeting of this Council that such steps be taken, either by the provision of additional clerks in the County Secretary's Office, or by the appointment of a Pay Clerk, with a view to making arrangements that will ensure each man paid out of Rates or Grants employed on road maintenance or road repair receiving his wages weekly."

The Council had again under consideration a Notice of Motion to increase the annual amount allowed for travelling expenses to Assistant Surveyor P J Foley, B.E., which had been discussed at the Council's last meeting and adjourned.

Proposed by Councillor Daniel J Kehoe ;

Seconded by " Michael Mooney ;

Resolved—That Assistant Surveyor P J Foley, B.E., be allowed the same amount annually for travelling expenses as operates in the adjoining area, namely, £100.

A vote having been called for it was found the Members present voted as follow :—

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors James McCrea, J J Bourne, T J Birchistle, Daniel Somers, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ; P P O'Reilly, D J Kehoe, Michael Mooney, Michael Timmins, Edward Byrne, Major R Smith, M J Brennan, John Dunne, Miss M Kelly, and C M Byrne—15.

AGAINST—Councillors Wallace Hammond, Patrick Doyle (Wine-tavern) ; M M Gleeson, George Heatley, and D H Haskins—5.

The Chairman, thereupon, declared the Motion to have been passed, 15 Councillors having voted for it, and five having voted against it.

## COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,  
COURT HOUSE,  
WICKLOW,

5th May, 1937.

To/Wicklow County Council,  
Court House,  
WICKLOW.

A Chairde,

(1) I beg to report a serious collapse of the Road No. 262—Mullan Cross Roads to Ballinabarney, at Slievenamogh, where some sixty yards of the road has completely collapsed, and will require a probable expenditure of about £1,000 to restore. As this will entail a complete blocking of the road I consider that an application should be made to the Local Government Department to close this road from Mullan Cross Roads to the Three Roads at the junction with Road No. 263, for a period of at least three months.

At present it is not possible to trace the cause of the collapse, and the road is still continuing to sink. Preliminary work is in progress, seeking to find the origin and course of the water which has caused the collapse, and which appears to lie in the under stratum of the bog.

(2) A portion of the Road No. 853 has also collapsed at Annacorney, and the probable cost of repair will be about £15.

(3) Owing to the absolutely necessary work carried out by the Dublin Corporation, which involved the temporary closing of Road No. 19, at Kilcrouney Lane, an application had to be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, to authorise such closing of the road during the period required for the Dublin Corporation work. The Corporation will pay any expenses thereby occasioned.

(4) A complaint made by The O'Mahony, T.D., regarding Road No. 255, Borkill—Ballybrackmore, has been received. This road was repaired from time to time as far as the funds permitted, but owing to the "boilers" or "quags" that part of the road known as Borkill Lane was very bad, and owing to the pressure of other work, and the shortage of money, it was impossible to reach this portion of the road at the time, and the local residents had to repair the "boilers." At best this is a very poor road and it is wholly beyond our financial resources to widen and strengthen the road, and only such light repairs as may be required from time to time can be carried out.

(5) The works sought by the Blessington Fianna Fail Club, are (a) a curb to the footpath at Blessington—this work is included in the Road Fund Grant work now in progress, and in due time will be completed. (b) repairs to Carrig road—these will, and are, being carried out as far as our means permit.

(6) Many applications have been made to repair a number of roads which are not on the County—such applications have been forwarded to the Special Works Department of the Board Works, with a view to that Department including them in future Minor Relief Schemes.

(7) In reference to an application to erect a building as a weighbridge at Tinahely, I can not recommend the Council to permit any structure to be erected on the site originally indicated by Mr. Weir. I understand now however, that it is now proposed to erect this building as an extension of the present Market House, and if so I do not consider it would cause any obstruction.

(8) In reference to a memorial from Greystones, asking that certain roads be taken over and repaired by the County Council, I wish to state that no proposal was formulated on the Road Works Scheme to take over these roads. Until such a proposal is duly formulated on the Road Works Scheme in accordance with, and in the manner prescribed by law, no action can be taken by the County Council.

The proposal put forward in the Current Road Works Scheme, was not accepted by the County Council.

The part of the memorial regarding the dumping of refuse in laneways, appertains to the work of the County Board of Health.

(9) I have to report that owing to difficulties which arose in the Financial Year 1936-7, which neither the County Council nor I could possibly forecast, including one of the heaviest snow storms this county has ever experienced, it was found imperative to exceed the amount allowed by the Council's Road Works Scheme as adopted, by the sum of £48. I ask the Council to give their formal sanction to this additional expenditure.

Mise, le meas,

S. G. GALLAGHER,

County Surveyor.

ORDERS—Paragraph—(1)—Formal steps to be taken to close the road.

" (2)—Expenditure of £15 0 0 approved.

" (3)—Secretary's action in closing this road approved in the circumstances.

" (4)—No Order.

" (5)—Noted.

" (6)—County Surveyor's action approved.

" (7)—The Council is informed that the present temporary arrangements are working satisfactorily.

" (8)—Noted—the County Surveyor having undertaken to give the matter his further consideration.

" (9)—The over expenditure on County Roads of £48, or such other ascertained figure, is hereby approved and allowed in the special circumstances.

The Secretary submitted a memorial from twenty Ratepayers in Greystones requesting the Council to carry out certain works of improve-

ment on the following roads in that district:—

Kinlen Road.

Quarry Road.

Portland Road N.

Pavilion Road.

See Order on paragraph (8) of County Surveyor's printed Report.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT NO. 2.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,  
COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW,  
10th May, 1937.

To/Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
Wicklow.

A Chairde,

Mr O'Brien, of Grange Con, wishes to remove the kerbing beside his business place, in order to facilitate traffic going to his premises. I have had a conversation with Mr O'Brien and he is willing to extend the paved channel and repair the path where the kerbing is removed, and under the circumstances I consider that he may be granted the concession he requests.

Mise, le meas,

S. G. GALLAGHER,

County Surveyor.

ORDER—Permission granted.

Councillor W Hammond drew the Council's attention to the hardships involved owing to the periodical flooding at Quarry Street, Shillelagh. Further consideration of the matter was adjourned on the County Surveyor undertaking to report specially to the next meeting as to the cause of such flooding, and as to the steps that might be taken by the Council to remedy it.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by Daniel Somers;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the action of the County Secretary (in conjunction with the County Surveyor) in authorising the closing of Kilcrouney Lane (Road No. 19) for a period of seven days under Sealed Order issued by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health so as to enable Officials of the Dublin Corporation to carry out urgent repairs to the Water Main.

Passed.  
A communication dated 1st April, 1937, was submitted from The O'Mahony, T.D., together with a copy of a communication addressed by him on the same date to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, with reference to the condition of the roads in Ballybrack and Borkill districts.

The Council, having noted that this matter was reported on by the County Surveyor in Paragraph (4) of his printed Report, made no Order thereon.

A communication dated the 13th April, 1937, was submitted from Michael O Conchubhair, Hon Secretary, Blessington Fianna Fail Cumann, in which he gave details of certain works of road improvement that should be carried out in the Blessington area.

These matters were reported upon in Paragraph (5) of the County Surveyor's printed Report, and having regard to the terms of same no Order was made by the Council.

The Council re-considered an application from Mr Samuel Weir, Tinahely, for permission to erect a Market House and weighbridge on the Market Square, Tinahely, together with the following communication from the Tinahely Improvement Committee:—

TINAHELY IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE,

TINAHELY,

30/3/37.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

At a recent meeting of your Council as reported in the "Wicklow People" of the 13th inst., the question arose of the erection of a Market House on the Square, Tinahely, and according to the newspaper report the matter was referred to the Tinahely Development Association.

The old Market House which the public had access to for generations has been disposed of privately by the landlord to a trader who has converted it to his own private use. At present there is no accommodation for people to weigh or store their corn, potatoes or other farm produce which they may bring for sale to this market, where a big trade was carried on in past years.

The purchaser states that he is prepared to erect a suitable building as an alternative on the Market place, but the County Surveyor has objected. This is serious for the people of Tinahely, and a great inconvenience for farmers and others to be deprived of their market. Your Council has the authority in this matter and it is hoped that it will take immediate action so that the markets may be continued as usual.

Yours respectfully,

M. S. LYNCH,

Hon. Sec.

The Council noted that this matter had been dealt with in paragraph (7) of the County Surveyor's Report, and local Councillors having intimated that Mr Weir erected a temporary structure on each Market and Fair day and removed same immediately thereafter, no further Order in the matter was considered necessary.

The following resolution passed at a meeting of the West Wicklow Comhairle Ceanntair, Fianna Fail, at a meeting held on the 3rd January, 1937, was considered by the Council:—

"That this Comhairle Ceanntair protests against the appointment of Overseer in Donard-Dunlavin area under Unemployment Scheme Vote, 1936/37, as paragraph 11 of the L. G. Memorandum, SGA/202/E, appears to have been totally disregarded, and request the County Council to see that the Scheme is justly administered."

After some discussion, and having heard the views of the County Surveyor thereon, the following Order was made:—

ORDER—This is a matter purely for the Board of Works, and the County Council has no control over it.

A communication dated the 19th January, 1937, was submitted from Mr James Hargadon, Hon. Secretary, Avoca Tourist and General Development Association, in which his Association advocated the co-optation of a Representative of Avoca district on the County Council.

ORDER—No action taken, as there is no vacancy in that Area.

The Secretary having read the Notice of Vacancy in Wicklow County Council caused by the resignation of Mr J W Cooke, Main Street, Rathdrum, which had been circulated and published in the usual manner, it was

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by Daniel Somers;

Resolved—That we hereby co-opt Mr John P Kehoe, of Ballinapark, Kilbride, Wicklow, to fill the vacancy on this Council caused by the resignation of Councillor John W Cooke, Main Street, Rathdrum.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by Daniel Somers;

Resolved—That we hereby select and appoint Councillor John P Kehoe, of Ballinapark, Kilbride, Wicklow, to fill the vacancies on the Proposals and

Finance Committees caused by the resignation of Councillor John W Cooke, Main Street, Rathdrum.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by P P O'Raghallaigh ;

Resolved—That we hereby select and appoint Councillor Daniel J Kehoe, Weavers' Square, Baltinglass, to fill the vacancy on the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance caused by the resignation of Councillor J W Cooke, Main Street, Rathdrum.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by M J Brennan ;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr John P Kehoe, Ballinapark, Kilbride, Wicklow, as representative on the Wicklow Harbour Board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor John W Cooke, Main Street, Rathdrum.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by Daniel Somers ;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillor John P Kehoe, of Ballinapark, Kilbride, Wicklow, to fill the vacancy on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board caused by the resignation of Councillor John W Cooke, Main Street, Rathdrum.

Passed.

In connection with items Nos. 38 and 44 on the Agenda, i.e., the appointment of representatives on the County Wicklow Vocational Committee to fill vacancies caused by the resignation of Councillor John W Cooke, and the disqualification through non-attendance of Councillor Daniel Somers, the following resolution passed by that Committee on the 27th April, 1937, was submitted :—

Resolved—“That as there are two vacancies on this Committee due to the disqualification of Mr D Somers, and the resignation of Mr J W Cooke from the County Council, we request the County Council to consider the appointment of Very Rev M Kennedy, P.P., of Enniskerry, for one of the vacancies.”

The Council decided to refer the resolution back for further consideration by the County Vocational Education Committee, for the reason that Councillor Daniel Somers, who was present at the meeting, stated that no opportunity had been given him to explain why he was unable to attend meetings of the Committee during the period which led to his disqualification for non-attendance.

The Secretary read the Notice of Vacancy in Wicklow County Council caused by the death of Councillor John W Ryan, Main Street, Bray, which had been circulated and published in the usual manner.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by George Heatley ;

Resolved—That we hereby co-opt Mr Patrick D Kinsella, of 17 Florence Road, Bray, to fill the vacancy on Wicklow County Council caused by the death of Councillor J W Ryan, 79, Main Street, Bray.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Timmins ;

Seconded by M M Gleeson ;

Resolved—That we hereby select and appoint Councillor Michael Mooney, of Rathattan, Hollywood, to fill the vacancy on the Joint Committee of Management of Grangegorman Mental Hospital caused by the death of Councillor John W Ryan, 79, Main Street, Bray.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor George Heatley ;

Seconded by M M Gleeson ;

Resolved—That we hereby select and appoint Councillor Patrick D Kinsella, of 17, Florence Road, Bray, to fill the vacancy on the Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee caused by the death of Councillor J W Ryan, 79, Main Street, Bray.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by M J Brennan ;

Resolved—That we hereby select and appoint the following to fill the three vacancies on the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture caused by (a) the resignation of Mr Patrick Dwyer, Ballinacrow, Stratford-on-Slaney, and (b) the deaths of Messrs Laurence Murphy, Toghier House, Roundwood, and John W Ryan, 79, Main Street, Bray :—

Mr Patrick Carr, Ashtown, Wicklow.

Mr Nicholas Burns, Bel Air Hotel, Ashford.

Mr J J Bourne, M.C.C., Forttown, Tinahely.

Passed.

The following communication was submitted :—

WICKLOW COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

Bellavue House,

WICKLOW,

1/3/37.

A Chara, I have been directed by the County Library Committee to inform you that the following members have not attended meetings of this Committee for the past six months :—

Mr J J Bourne, M.C.C.

Mr J Everett, T.D., M.C.C.

Mr T Birthistle, M.C.C.

Mr D Condren, M.C.C.

Mr D Somers, M.C.C.

Mr McMahon, M.U.D.C.

Mr J Olohan, M.U.D.C.

le meas,

B REDMOND.

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

ORDER—This matter to be referred back to the County Librarian with a view to the seven members of her Committee referred to being given a opportunity of advancing their reasons for non-attendance at meetings of the Committee during the past six months.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea ;

Seconded by C M Byrne ;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Garda Patrick Casey (6732), Carnew, as Food and Drugs Inspector at Carnew to replace Garda E F O'Dwyer (1751) who has been transferred from that station.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea ;

Seconded by C M Byrne ;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Garda Joseph Nevin (2913), Newtownmountkenedy as Food and Drugs Inspector to replace Garda William McGrath (7139) who has been transferred from that station.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea ;

Seconded by C M Byrne ;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Garda James Canning (8120), Baltinglass, as Food and Drugs Inspector for that district, to replace Garda James Conway (5778) who, through illness, is unable to carry out his duties.

Passed.

The Council reconsidered correspondence, including the following letter, regarding the repair of the boundary fence between the Cow Park at Ballymarrogue and the lands of Mr Laurence Gahan, Kilquiggan, Coolkenno :—

IRISH LAND COMMISSION,  
UPPER MERRION STREET,  
DUBLIN,  
12 Nodlag, 1936.

A & R 74686/36,

Estate of I.L.C.—

Earl Fitzwilliam,

County Wicklow.

Rec. No. 2677.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 16th ultimo and previous correspondence regarding the boundary fence between the Cow Park at Ballymarrogue and the lands of Lawrence Gahan, Kilquiggan, Coolkenno, I am desired by the Land Commission to state that they are not prepared to repair this fence which is a matter for the Council and their neighbour, Mr. Gahan.

Mise, le meas,

P. T. EVANS.

Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
Wicklow.

ORDER—The entire correspondence to be referred to the Law Agent for special report.

The Council considered the following communication from the Department of Agriculture in respect of the urgent need to provide Swim Baths throughout the County to facilitate the operation of the Council's Sheep Dipping Scheme—

AN ROINN TALMHAIOCHTA,  
BAILE ATHA CLIATH,  
23rd April, 1937.

Sir,

I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state, for the information of your Local Authority, that a report has been received from a Departmental Veterinary Inspector who was recently deputed to make inquiries in the County Wicklow into the position with regard to sheep-dipping facilities.

It appears from the report that swim baths that would be available for public dipping are urgently needed in many parts of the County. The Inspector interviewed a number of owners in such districts and ascertained that in some instances the owners would be willing, on subsidy conditions, to erect swim baths according to specification on sites considered suitable heretofore, while in other cases owners expressed willingness, if allowed grants for the purpose, to repair and recondition existing baths. The Inspector, in each instance, advised the owner to communicate with the Local Authority in the matter.

The lack of adequate dipping facilities must, of course, militate against the satisfactory operation of the Sheep Dipping Scheme and I have, accordingly, to request that you will be good enough as to indicate what action your Local Authority proposes to take in regard to any applications that may have been addressed to them as a result of the Inspector's interviews with the owners in question. It will be understood, of course, that no payments should be made in this connection without the prior sanction of this Department, which can only be given in respect of baths which are on suitable sites, which have been satisfactorily erected or re-constructed or repaired as the case may be, and in respect of the public use of which the customary Form of Undertaking has been duly signed.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

W M BOWERS,

For Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Wicklow.

ORDER—Further consideration of this letter adjourned awaiting a special report thereon from the County Committee of Agriculture which body has already been supplied with a copy for that purpose.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by D H Haskins ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve and confirm the following resolution which was passed at the meeting of the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, held on the 8th March, 1937 :—

Resolved—That a similar Sheep Dipping Scheme to that in operation in 1936, be put into force for the year 1937.

That we recommend the appointment of the 20 Inspectors to supervise the operation of the compulsory Sheep Dipping Scheme for 1937, who acted in a similar capacity during the season 1936, and that the remuneration be fixed at £25 0 0 each—to cover all work in connection with the 1937 Scheme.

Passed.

A file of correspondence, including the following letter from the Department of Agriculture, was submitted in connection with the payment of £15 0 0 which had been made by the County Council to Mr William Toomey, B.L., Annacreevy, Enniskerry, in accordance with the terms of a resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, which body had not obtained a written undertaking from Mr. Toomey before the payment was recommended to the County Council that he would allow the sheep owners in his area the free use of the Swim Bath erected at the expense of the Council :—

AN ROINN TALMHAIOCHTA,  
BAILE ATHA CLIATH,  
29th April, 1937.

No. L. 218/37.

Sir,

With reference to your reply of the 22nd ultimo (with enclosures) to this Department's letter of the 6th idem regarding a payment of £15 to Mr. Wm. Toomey, Annacreevy, Enniskerry, which is included in your Local Authority's claim for recoupment in respect of expenditure under the Diseases of Animals Acts during the quarter ended 31st December last, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that in view of the circumstances of the case, he

regrets he cannot see his way to allow this item to rank for reconpment. The claim has been amended accordingly.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,  
W M BOWERS,  
for Secretary,  
The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond ;  
Seconded by James McCrea ;  
Resolved—That we hereby refer to our Solicitor the recovery, by such means as he deems advisable or suggests to this Council, of the £15 0 0 paid to Mr William Toomey, B.L., Annacrevy, Enniskerry, towards the erection of a Sheep Dipping Bath, he having refused to sign the usual undertaking to allow sheep owners generally to have the use of this Swim Bath.

Passed.  
When the Council reached items Nos. 52 and 53 on the printed Agenda, i.e. (1) To allow and make the Rates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1938, and to sign and Seal the Rate Books and Collectors' Warrants ; and (2) To sign and Seal Demands on the Urban District Councils, the Secretary reported that it had been found impossible to have the preparation of the Rate Books sufficiently advanced to allow of that being done at this meeting. Accordingly the Council adjourned these two items to a special meeting, the date of which would be fixed by the Chairman in consultation with the Secretary.

In connection with the Council's proposal to award a University Scholarship to Mr. Francis X. McNamara, of Maryville, Arklow, for the three years 1936/1937, 1937/1938, and 1938/1939, the following letter was submitted—  
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,  
G.20271/37.

CUSTOM HOUSE,  
Cill Mhanntain, DUBLIN,  
Martia 16, 1937.

A Chara,  
I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 10th instant, and to state that his functions in regard to the award of University Scholarships by local authorities concern only the rate in the £ to be levied for the purpose. The award of Scholarships in an individual case is a matter for the Council, acting in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Mise, le meas,  
J. COLLINS,  
T.C. an Runai.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,

The Secretary informed the Council that the effect of this letter was that if they desired to continue with the proposal and wished to avoid a surcharge they must be prepared to prove to the Government Auditor at a later stage that they had not in fact departed from the terms of their University Scholarship Scheme for the service of the year 1936/1937, as finally adopted, printed and published.

Having further considered the report from their Solicitor on the Courthouses (Provisions and Maintenance) Act, 1935, it was

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;  
Seconded by Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That, having received the considered opinion of our Solicitor that this County Council has no power whatsoever to give the use of any of the Courthouses at Arklow, Baltinglass, Bray, Tinahely or Wicklow for any purposes, we hereby instruct our Secretary to notify accordingly every applicant for the use of any of these buildings.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;  
Seconded by M J Brennan ;

Resolved—That we hereby execute (in duplicate) the Agreement required by Statute in connection with the Council's contribution of £50 during the financial year 1937/1938, to the funds of the Irish Tourist Association, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to this Agreement.

Passed.

The following resolution passed at a meeting of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee held on the 30th March, 1937, was submitted—

Resolved—That we, the Co. Wicklow Vocational Education Committee hereby award, subject to approval of the Wicklow County Council, and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, a marriage gratuity of £64 1's. 5d. to Mrs. Balfe (nee Sheehan) for her services as Domestic Economy Instructress during the four year's period 1932 to 1936, in accordance with Section 44 (4) of the Local Government and Public Health Act, 1925."

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea ;  
Seconded by J P O'Donnell ;

Resolved—That, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, we hereby approve of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee awarding a marriage gratuity of £64 13s. 5d., to Mrs. Balfe (nee Sheehan) for her services as domestic economy Instructress during the four year's period 1932 to 1936, in accordance with Section 44 (4) of the Local Government and Public Health Act, 1925.

Passed.

The following letter and enclosure received from the Clerk, Urban District Council, Bray, was submitted—

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL,  
TOWN HALL, BRAY,  
2adh Martia, 1937.  
P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
Secretary,  
County Council,  
WICKLOW.

A Chara,  
Enclosed herewith is a copy of an Order which has been made by the Council to acquire lands outside the Urban Area under the Acquisition of Land (Allotments) Act and I shall be glad if you will bring this before next meeting of the County Council and let me have their acquiescence in this land being acquired as stated. Though the name of the Representatives John W Ryan is put down as the occupiers of this land I believe it is at present vacant and not used by them.

Mise, le meas,  
S MacCATHMHAOIL,  
Cleireach an Bhaile.  
(Enclosure).

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

BRAY COMPULSORY PURCHASE (ALLOTMENTS) ORDER, 1937

ACQUISITION OF LAND (ALLOTMENTS) ACTS, 1926 to 1934.

Whereas the Bray Urban District Council (hereinafter referred to as the "Council") after making all reasonable efforts has failed to acquire by agreement under the Acquisition of Land (Allotments) Acts, 1926 and 1934, a sufficient quantity of land suitable for allotments and did at a meeting held on the 2nd day of March, 1937, resolve to acquire such land compulsorily :—

Now, therefore, the Council in exercise of the powers vested in them by Section 4 of the Acquisition of Lands (Allotments) Act, 1926, as amended by Section 6 of the Acquisition of Land (Allotments) (Amendment) Act, 1934, and by the enactments thereby applied hereby makes the following Order, that is to say :—

- 1 Subject to the provisions of this Order the Council is hereby authorised to take compulsorily for a term of 5 years for the purposes of the acquisition of Land (Allotments) Acts, 1926 and 1934, the lands described in the Schedule hereto which lands are coloured red on a map marked Bray Compulsory Purchase (Allotments) Order, 1937, and sealed with the Common Seal of the Council and deposited at the Town Hall, Bray.
- 2 Subject to such modifications as may be necessary having regard to the express provisions of the Acquisition of Land (Allotments) Act, 1926, including Section 4 of the said Act, as amended by Section 8 of the Acquisition of Land (Allotments) (Amendment) Act, 1934, and to any necessary adaptations the provisions of the Land Clauses Act (except Sections 127 to 132 of the Land Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845) as amended by the provisions contained in the Second Schedule to the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, and the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 to 1931, are hereby incorporated in this Order, and the provisions of those Acts shall apply accordingly.
- 4 This Order may be cited as the Bray Compulsory Purchase (Allotments) Order, 1937.  
The Schedule above referred to.

No. of Map Deposited at Offices of Council.	Quantity Description and situation of the Lands.	Owners or reputed owners.	Lessees or reputed Lessees.	Occupiers (except tenants for month or less than a month).
1.	2 Fields at junction of Killarney Rd. and Boghall Rd.—Town-lands of Oldcourt.	James Byrne, 40, Morehampton Road, Dublin.		Reps. John W. Ryan, 79 Main Street, Bray. (Temporary convenience letting.)
	10 acres 1 rood (Irish Plantation Measure).			

Given under the Common Seal of the Bray Urban District Council this 2nd day of March, 1937, in the presence of :—

(Sd.) GEORGE BYRNE Cathaoirleach. SEAL.  
(Sd.) S. MacCATHMHAOIL Cleireach an Bhaile.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;  
Seconded by W Hammond ;  
Resolved—That we hereby refer to our Solicitor for report to this Council the communication from the Town Clerk, Bray, with which he enclosed copy of an Order made by his Council for the acquisition of Lands outside the Urban Area under the acquisition of Lands (Allotments) Acts, 1926 to 1934.

Passed.  
The minutes of monthly meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee held on the 5th March and 16th April, 1937, were submitted.

A communication was submitted from the County Wicklow Library Committee containing the following resolution passed at the monthly meeting of that Committee, held on the 16th April, 1937 :—

Resolved—That we, the Members of the County Library Committee, consider the provision of adequate permanent premises an urgent necessity and especially in view of the notice now received from the landlord of our present temporary premises, advising us that he is not in a position to renew his yearly lease of these premises, we respectfully request the County Council to enable us to provide permanent headquarters for the County Library by raising a loan of £750, for the purpose of purchasing the premises known as Bellevue House, The Mall, Wicklow, owned by Mr O Stone, held on a 75 years lease from Wicklow U. D. C., ground rent, £8 10 3—P. L. V., £28."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor C M Byrne, and accepted :—

I hereby give notice that I shall move at the next Quarterly meeting of this County Council that steps be taken to raise a loan of £750 for the purpose of purchasing the premises known as Bellevue House, The Mall, Wicklow, as a County Book Repository and Library.

The Secretary reported that the County Analyst's Report in respect of the quarter which ended on the 31st March, 1937, was not yet available for submission, but he anticipated it would have reached the Council's Offices in time for the next meeting.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I hereby give notice that I shall move at the next meeting of this Council that the travelling expenses to our Assistant Surveyors, Mr J T O'Byrne, B.E., and Mr J P Caffrey, B.E., be increased from £145 per annum and £100 per annum to £175 and £175 respectively, as both the cost of travelling and the expenses of locomotion are steadily increasing."

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

"That the Councillors elected for each of the four County Local Electoral Areas be hereby set up as Committees, each in its own area, for the purpose of considering from time to time any List of defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants that may be received from the Irish Land Commission, and that these Committees be given the assistance of every officer of this Council; our Assistant Accountant, Mr W C Byrne, to act as Secretary in this connection where and when necessary."

### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

#### ABSTRACT OF CORRESPONDENCE.

Abstract of correspondence laid before the Spring Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 10th May, 1937.

#### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

30th November, 1936, Circular letter No. 118/36, enclosing copy of the Local Government Act, 1936, which Act extends for one year from the 23rd November, 1936 the time within which payments may be made by a Local Authority under the Local Government Act, 1933.

1st December, 1936, No. G.235531/36, Cill Manntain, sanctioning payment of a bonus to Rate Collectors in respect of the Warrants for the financial year ended 31st March, 1936, such payments not to wipe out the effect of any deductions in poundage imposed for the 1935-36 collection.

4th December, 1936, enclosing copy of a letter addressed to the Registration Officer in connection with the filling of the vacancy of Poor Rate Collector relative to the carrying out of registration duties for the preparation of the 15th Register of Electors.

9th December, 1936, Circular letter No. 203/201, intimating that arrangements may be made to give, during the Christmas period, one full week's work to all men employed under the Employment Schemes Vote, 1936/37.

15th December, 1936, No. G.247855/36, Cill Manntain, stating no objection would be raised to the payment of Poundage to Collector M Roche, and adding that so far as recovery of rates due is concerned, application might be made in selected cases, where such course is legally permissible, for mortgage judgments.

12th December, 1936, No. R/RU/203/33, stating that approval to proceed with amended scheme under the Employment Schemes Vote 1936/37, was forwarded on the 10th instant, and in connection with the Council's proposal to give two full weeks employment to each man on the lists supplied by the Employment Exchanges, the Council was referred to the terms of Circular letter, RU/203/201, of the 9th December, 1936.

14th December, 1936, No. R/RM/33, stating the Minister has consented to the proposal of Wicklow County Council to utilise anticipated savings on Main and County Roads generally in cases where the provisions for certain roads in the classes is running short.

15th December, 1936, No. R/RS/33, stating the Minister will raise no objection to the employment of two temporary clerks in the County Surveyor's Office in connection with the Conditions of Employment Act at 30/- per week each.

17th December, 1936, No. P.H.Circ.127/36, enclosing copy of the Sale of Food and Drugs (Milk) Act, 1936, Section 4 of which rectifies an error in Section 2 (1) of the Sale of Food and Drugs (Milk) Act, 1935.

17th December, 1936, No. P.H.Circ.126/36, forwarding copy of the Sale of Food and Drugs (Milk Sampling) Regulations, 1936, which prescribes different methods for sampling milk contained in closed receptacles and of milk in other containers.

18th December, 1936, No. G.249275/36, Cill Manntain, stating the Minister will raise no objection to the payment of remuneration to Mr. M O'Neill in connection with the investigation of rates declared temporarily uncollectible in Collector J J Doyle's area.

21st December, 1936, No. G.252277/36, Cill Manntain, intimating that the Minister has consented to Wicklow County Council borrowing by way of temporary overdraft a sum not exceeding £40,000 for the period ending 15th January, 1937.

21st December, 1936, No. Circ.135/36, setting out the precise procedure to be followed in regard to the provisions of Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, which requires the prior assent of a County Council to the exercise of borrowing powers by a Board of Health and Public Assistance under Public Health Acts or Poor Relief Acts.

21st December, 1936, No. S, conveying the Minister's sanction to the raising of a Loan by the County Council to defray their portion, £1750, on road works to be undertaken in the County for the relief of Unemployment.

4th January, 1937, No. A.253624/36, Cill Manntain (Fb), forwarding copy of the Auditor's Report on his Audit of the Accounts of the Wicklow County Committee of Agriculture for the two half-years ended the 31st March, 1936, together with attested Abstracts of Accounts.

4th January, 1937, No. A.251596, lgh. (B.R) forwarding copy of the Auditor's Reports on his Audit of the Accounts of the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board for the half-year ending 30th September, 1936, together with attested Abstracts of Accounts.

9th January, 1937, No. G.1498/37, Cill Manntain, consenting to the County Council borrowing by way of temporary overdraft a sum not exceeding £40,000 for the period ending 28th February, 1937.

14th January, 1937, No. A.689/37, Grangegorman M.H, forwarding copy of the Auditor's Report on his Audit of the Accounts of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital for the two half-years ending 31st March, 1936, together with attested Abstracts of Accounts.

15th January, 1937, No. R/RM/38, stating that in the circumstances represented by the County Surveyor the Minister will raise no objection to the amount by which the sum agreed to for preparation of road material towards the end of 1935/6 was exceeded.

18th January, 1937, G.2839/37, Cill Manntain, acknowledging receipt of the Council's communication of the 11th instant, and enquiring if the Council is yet in a position to state the probable duration of Collector Healy's illness, and if the appointment of a deputy is being considered.

22nd January, 1937, Sealed Order No. P.H.248075/1936, declaring the provisions of Section 49 of the Public Health Act, 1878, to be in force in the area of the County formerly known as Rathdown No. 2 Rural District.

3rd February, 1937, No. R/RS/83, referring to the Council's proposal to pay the annual travelling expenses to their Engineering Staff in 12 equal monthly instalments, and stating the Minister is not in favour of any departure from the existing arrangement for such payments.

5th February, 1937, No. 21/1937, reminding the Council that in the forthcoming financial year fisheries will continue to be exempt from rates.

6th February, 1937, No. G.9828/87, Cill Manntain, stating the Minister will raise no objection to the appointment of Mrs M Healy as Deputy Rate Collector for Nos. 5 and 6 Districts during the illness of Collector Frank Healy.

12th February, 1937, No. RU/203/33, intimating that Works No. U896 has been assigned to the Council's second scheme (£2,550) under the Employment Schemes Vote, 1936/37 (Roads—Rural).

15th February, 1937, No. G.11878/37, Cill Manntain, acknowledging receipt of the Council's communication relative to the appointment of Mrs M Healy, as Deputy Rate Collector for Nos. 5 and 6 Districts, and stating the position has been noted.

#### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

15th December, 1936, No. E.8080/36, offering no objection to the continuance of the temporary employment of Mr S Conway, V.S., as Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts in Rathdrum No. 2 Rural District during the further absence on sick leave of Mr. W. J. Richardson, V.S.

1st January, 1937, No. G.49/35, transmitting copies of the 46th memorandum as to names approved by the Minister in connection with margarine during the year ending 31st December, 1936.

2nd January, 1937, No. E.3769/36, acknowledging receipt of the Council's two resolutions relative to the granting of the special allowance of £50 to Mr. G P Byrne, Secretary, County Committee of Agriculture, for duties in connection with the Sheep Dipping Scheme, and requesting to be furnished with some further information relative to the constitution and duties devolving on such Committee. Further adding that the proposal of the Council to grant small allowances to owners of Sheep Dipping Baths will have attention.

5th January, 1937, No. E.3769/36, intimating the Minister will offer no objection to the apportionment of the sum of £25 for duties performed under the Sheep Dipping Scheme in Arklow-Avoca area as follows:—Mr. Thomas Keogh, £6, Mr. Andrew Fleming, £9 10s., Mr. Robert Johnston, £9 10s.

16th January, 1937, No. E.3769/36, stating it had been observed from the Minutes of the Committee of Agriculture that certain owners of subsidy sheep dipping baths had failed to sign the customary Form of Agreement, and asking if such agreements had since been completed.

4th February, 1937, No. E.3769/36, intimating the Minister will raise no objection to the Council's proposals:—

- (1) To pay special allowance of £50 to Mr. G P Byrne, for extra duties under Sheep Dipping Scheme during year commencing 27th August, 1936.
- (2) To pay an allowance of £1 per annum to owners of subsidy sheep dipping baths.
- (3) The allocation of £100 for the repair of swim baths next dipping season, provided that the owner of any bath so repaired signs the agreement securing the right of access thereto for dipping purposes.

#### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE.

23rd November, 1936, No. T.R.Q. 24/H., on the subject of the Control of Imports (Quota No. 4 Eighth Period) Order, 1936, which deals with the import of rubber boots and shoes.

#### FROM THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

15th December, 1936, intimating that certain untenanted Lands in the Townland of Baronstown Upper, formerly in the occupation of Mrs. Margaret McDonald, has, by virtue of the Land Acts, 1923-1936, become vested in the Irish Land Commission as from 3rd December, 1936.

#### FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF VALUATION.

23rd December, 1936, Form R.6, stating that Mr. C P Boyle of that Department will commence the Annual Revision of the Valuation of the County.

#### FROM THE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

10th December, 1936, forwarding copy of a letter from Mr. S Conway, V.S., regarding the apportionment of the amount allowed for the Arklow-Avoca Sheep Dipping Area.

10th December, 1936, enclosing, for transmission to the Department of Agriculture, copies of all reports received from the three Local Veterinary Inspectors on the work performed by them under the Sheep Dipping Scheme, during the Summer and Autumn Dipping periods 1936.

#### FROM THE COUNCIL'S LAW AGENT.

19th November, 1936, referring to an application for the committal of four children named Byrne to Industrial Schools and stating that there is no defence to the present application as the mother and stepfather of the children had been committed to prison.

26th November, 1936, reporting that at Danlavin District Court on the 23rd instant the District Justice had committed a youth, Patrick Flood, to Summerhill Detention Home, for one month.

27th November, 1936, reporting the proceedings at the District Court, Bray, on the 27th instant, when a boy, named Edward Gunning, was committed to an Industrial School, the father to pay 3/- per week towards the maintenance of the boy.

28th November, 1936, reporting the committal of four children named Byrne, to Industrial Schools at the Hacketstown District Court on the 26th instant.

#### FROM THE NATIONAL BANK, LTD., WICKLOW.

28th December, 1936, conveying the sanction of the Board of Directors to overdraft accommodation of £40,000 to the 15th January, 1937, and stating it will be necessary to have arrangements made before that date covering the future conduct of the Account.

25th January, 1937, sanctioning continuance of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £40,000 to the 28th February, 1937.

5th December, 1936, from Mr. W. J. Richardson, V.S., Pembroke Nursing Home, 4 Upper Pembroke Street, Dublin, stating he will not be able to resume duty for another month from the 3rd instant, and enclosing Medical Certificate to that effect.

7th December, 1936, from Thomas MacCathmhaoil, County Registrar, Courthouse, Wicklow, enclosing copy of letter received from the Department of Local Government relative to the appointment of Mr. Michael Roche to carry out the duties in connection with the preparation of the 15th Register of Electors and Jurors' Lists in No. 13/15 Collecting District.

7th December, 1936, from Mr. S. Conway, V.S., "Salem," Wicklow, stating he will continue to carry out the duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts, etc., in Mr. Richardson's District for a further month.

8th December, 1936, from Mrs. Thomas Keogh, Ballinvalley, Woodenbridge, applying for monies due to her husband in respect of work performed by him as Inspector under the Sheep Dipping Scheme.

9th December, 1936, from the Royal Sanitary Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1., inviting the Council to appoint delegates to the Health Congress to be held at Birmingham from July 12th to 17th, 1937.

14th December, 1936, from Mr. Seamus O Maicín, Kilmacoo, Avoca, acknowledging receipt of the Council's communication and enclosed resolutions, and intimating that he wished to withdraw his name as a candidate for the vacant position of Poor Rate Collector in No. 13/15 Collecting District.

23rd December, 1936, from the Agricultural Credit Corporation, Ltd., 2, Merrion Square, N., Dublin, C.7., enclosing Handbook in which is set forth particulars relating to the advancing of Loans by that Corporation.

8th January, 1937, from the Institution of Municipal and County Engineers, 84, Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1., inviting the Council to appoint representatives to attend the Sixty-fourth Annual General Meeting of the Institution to be held at Bournemouth from June 23rd to 26th, 1937.

12th January, 1937, from Major R. Smith, M.C.C., "Ye Nooke," Greystones, forwarding copy of a letter received by him from B. Kenna, Caretaker, Greystones Library, in which it is stated she had not received her salary in respect of the period ended 31st December, 1936.

20th January, 1937, from Dr. Wentworth Taylor, Bray, certifying that Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., County Surveyor, is confined to bed and will be unable to resume work for at least seven days from that date.

22nd January, 1937, from the Secretary, Dublin Trades Union Council, 44 Lower Gardiner Street, Dublin, forwarding copy of a resolution adopted by that Body calling attention to the unsatisfactory conditions of employment in the lower grades of the Civil Service and deploring the attitude of the Minister of Finance in the matter.

1st February, from the League of Prayer for the canonisation of Blessed Oliver Plunkett, Veritas House, 7, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin, asking for the Council's assistance in the cause of the canonisation of Blessed Oliver Plunkett, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland in the year 1681.

From the Library Association of Ireland, 53 Upper Mount Street, Dublin, copy of the Report on Public Library Provision in the Saorstát, 1935.

#### RESOLUTION FROM OTHER PUBLIC BODIES.

11th January, 1937, from Clare County Council, Resolution requesting the Minister for Education to alter the system under which Teachers may be appointed and retained in the service.

#### ABSTRACT OF CORRESPONDENCE.

Abstract of correspondence laid before the Spring Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on 10th May, 1937.

#### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

21st December, 1936, No. G.245582/36, Cill Mhanntain, sanctioning payment of a sum of £10 to Mr. H. J. Lynch, Rate Checker, in respect of extra duties performed by him during the financial year 1936/1937.

23rd February, 1937, No. G.13924/37, Cill Mhanntain, with reference to the Council's application for an extension of the time within which to adopt the Rate Estimates for the year 1937/1938, stating he is not prepared to grant the extension sought, but assents to such departure from the terms of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, as will enable the Council to adopt the Estimates by a date not later than the 8th March, proximo.

23rd February, 1937, intimating that the amount to be deducted from the Council's share in the Agricultural Grant in respect of unpaid Land Annuities in the County for the May/June, 1936, and November/December, 1936, gales is £12,716 7s. 2d.

26th February, 1937, No. G.14630/37, Cill Mhanntain, sanctioning a continuation of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £40,000 on the accounts of the County Council in respect of the period ending 31st March, 1937.

27th February, 1937, Circular letter No. 10/37, intimating to local authorities that loans may be obtained from the Local Loans Fund for the making of advances for the purposes of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

1st March, 1937, No. RGM/201/37, interim notification that a grant of £10,608 has been provisionally allocated for the upkeep of Main Roads in the County for the year 1937-1938, which sum represents 40% of the amount passed by the Council for the upkeep of Main Roads.

6th March, 1937, No. G.17366/37, Cill Manntain, forwarding copies of letters which the Minister has addressed to Collectors L. McDonnell, J. A. Doyle, E. Lynch, P. Burke, M. Roche, D. J. Kinsella and J. J. Doyle, relative to the backward condition of their collections, and stating the Minister has now decided to exercise his direct powers of suspension in relation to Collectors who continue unsatisfactory, and further, stating the position with regard to the Collectors, other than those mentioned above, will be taken up at the end of the present month.

16th March, 1937, No. G.20273/37, Cill Manntain, sanctioning the appointment of Mr. L. Wolohan to carry out the duties of Rate Collector for current financial year in No. 13/15 District—Mr. Wolohan's remuneration for the entire collection to be £50.

18th March, 1937, No. G.20268/37, Cill Manntain, acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution relative to the high rate of interest on loans.

24th March, 1937, No. G.23082/37, Cill Manntain, consenting to the Council borrowing by way of temporary overdraft a sum not exceeding £40,000 for the period ending 30th June, 1937.

3rd April, 1937, No. P.H. Cir. 60/37, enclosing copy of a circular letter issued to all Veterinary Inspectors for the supervision of Milk Supplies,

and stating it is hoped local authorities will facilitate their Veterinary Inspectors in attending the Refresher course on Clean Milk Production, etc.

5th April, 1937, No. S, enclosing copy of Sealed Order made by the Minister in connection with the Council's proposal to raise a loan of £850 to defray portion of the cost of certain road works for the relief of unemployment, and stating the Minister has sanctioned the raising of this Loan from the National Bank, Ltd., on the terms proposed.

5th April, 1937, No. R/RM/33, on the subject of the Council's proposal to pay weekly men employed on road works, and requesting to be furnished with a report regarding the extra assistance required to give effect to the proposals (a) to pay men on road relief schemes weekly, and (b) to pay all other road workers weekly also.

6th April, 1937, No. G.25454/37, Cill Manntain, intimating that provided Collector Murphy's (No. 10 Collecting District) warrant is closed by the date indicated in the Council's resolution the Minister will be prepared to favourably consider any proposals the Council may submit with regard to the Collector's poundage.

6th April, 1937, No. C.P.5/37, on the subject of the taking of samples of commodities supplied to local authorities by Contractors under the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Regulations, 1926.

9th April, 1937, No. P.H. 25138/37, Cill Manntain (Ae), approving of the appointment of Dr. Josephine Conway as locum tenens for a period of one week in January, 1937, during the absence on leave of Dr. Beckett, County M. O. H.

9th April, 1937, No. G.20593/37, Cill Manntain, stating the Minister will raise no objection to the assignment of duties of Rate Checker for the Rathdown District to Mr. Harry Lynch, at present checker for the Rathdrum District; that for the future these districts will be amalgamated for checking purposes, and asking the Council to send forward proposals as to the remuneration to be paid to Mr. Lynch.

26th April, 1937, IR/113, stating the Minister proposes to arrange a Conference of County Surveyors in Dublin from the 4th to the 6th proximo, inclusive, to enable the Surveyors to confer with Departmental Officials on matters relating to their work, and that arrangements should be made to facilitate Assistant Surveyors to attend this Conference also.

1st May, 1937, No. G.35629/37, Cill Manntain, enclosing copy of a communication addressed by the Minister to the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee sanctioning the payment of a marriage gratuity not exceeding £90 19 6 to Mrs. S. Killeen (née Lohan) formerly employed as Commercial Instructress under that Committee.

1st May, 1937, No. I/R 107/1, enclosing copy of Sealed Order made by the Minister authorising the temporary closing of portion of Road No. 19 (known as Kilmoney Lane from the 3rd to the 10th May, inclusive, for the purpose of enabling officials of the Dublin Corporation to scrape the Water Main.

#### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

1st January, 1937, No. 946/36, stating the Minister raises no objection to re-employment of the twenty Warble Fly Inspectors (with the exception of Mr. Thomas Keogh, Ballinvalley, Woodenbridge) for the ensuing season, and that the vacancy for a temporary Inspector in the place of Mr. Thomas Keogh should be advertised on the lines indicated in the Department's communication (E.9078/36) of the 18th instant.

23rd November, 1936, No. E.8599/36, requesting the Council to go closely into the question of the appointment of Inspectors for the forthcoming year under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, 1936, having regard to the experience gained last year, with a view to seeing if the arrangements in question can be improved.

15th February, 1937, No. L.503/37, intimating that the Minister has forwarded under separate cover a supply of Forms and Books for use under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, 1936, and detailing the manner in which such Forms and Books must be kept, and stating the Minister will be prepared to consider, where necessary, applications for authority to employ special clerical assistance for the purpose of recording and supervising the work done under the Order.

22nd February, 1937, No. E.9236/36, sanctioning payment to Veterinary Inspectors for work in connection with the Sheep Dipping Scheme, 1936, as follows:—

Mr. S. Conway, V.S.	£50.
Mr. S. Walshe, V.S.	£65.
Mr. W. J. Richardson, V.S.	£30.

and intimating that if it is the Council's intention to grant special remuneration to the officers for future work in this connection they will be each required to furnish a report at the end of each week of the work done, which reports were not regularly supplied during the past season; and stating that the lack of proper dipping facilities seriously hampers the effective operation of the Sheep Dipping Scheme.

26th February, 1937, No. L.475/37, sanctioning the appointment of twenty temporary Inspectors (including Mr. Matthew Devitt) under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, 1936, at an inclusive remuneration of £1 10s per week, and stating that the Minister considers, where necessary, steps should be taken with a view to ensuring that Inspectors will visit an increased number of stock owners weekly and take a keener interest in their work generally.

March, 1937, No. E.946/36, transmitting an extract from a Report furnished by a Departmental Veterinary Inspector on a visit made by him to cattle owners in the district for which Mr. Robert Johnson, Kilpoole, is Warble Fly Inspector, alleging that certain premises reported on by the Inspector had not been visited by him, and requesting to be furnished immediately with the Inspector's explanation.

13th April, 1937, No. S., intimating that a report had been received in the Department from the Gardaí that sheep scab was suspected to exist on the farm of John Hall, Park, Arklow, and requesting the Veterinary Inspector for the district to forward the usual report.

28th April, 1937, No. E.1834/36, enclosing copy of a letter addressed to the Department by Mr. Joseph Brazil, Solicitor, relative to the claim of Mr. Patrick Hartigan, Tober, Dunlavin, for £10 in connection with work done by him on erecting a sheep dipping bath subsequently abandoned, and stating that if it be decided to make a settlement the Council could obtain from the County Surveyor an estimate of the amount which could be regarded as reasonable for the work done.

30th April, 1937, No. L.1673/37, intimating that a Departmental Inspector was recently deputed to make local inquiries into the position with regard to sheep dipping facilities in County Wicklow, and had occasion to visit the premises of Mr. J. Collins, Coolmadra, Kneekennarrigan, where it was discovered that the waste dip from a small dipping bath contaminates a streamlet, and asking the Council to take due precautions for guarding against the pollution of water supplies, etc.

#### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

2nd March, 1937, No. 9/37, (Secondary Branch), notifying the Council that students desirous of competing for a University Scholarship, but who do

not satisfy the conditions as to pursuing an approved Course of Study at a Secondary School, may be admitted to the Department's Leaving Certificate Examination for the purpose of competing for these Scholarships.

16th March, 1937, (Secondary Branch) noting the Council's decision to abandon the Scheme of Scholarships from Secondary Schools to the University.

FROM THE COUNCIL'S LAW AGENT

19th February, 1937, reporting that at the Wicklow Circuit Court on the 10th February, the Judge made an award for the sum of £60 to cover two claims, together with one set of costs and expenses in the Malicious Injury Claims by Roger M Sweetman, Derrybawn, Glendalough.

FROM THE COUNTY WICKLOW COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

11th March, 1937, enclosing copy of a communication received from Mr A F Walshe, V.S., regarding the action taken by him relative to the failure of Mr O'Toole, Sheep Dipping Inspector, to attend dipping operations arranged by him on the 29th August, 1936.

Copy of Instructors' Reports on their activities during the year 1936.

FROM THE COUNCIL'S TREASURER, THE NATIONAL BANK, LIMITED, WICKLOW.

3rd March, 1937, intimating that the Board of Directors has sanctioned extension of overdraft accommodation of £40,000 up to 31st March, 1937, and stating the Board expects a considerable reduction in this figure in accordance with the arrangements made by the Council with the Minister.

11th March, 1937, acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution with regard to interest charged on loans, and stating same has been forwarded to the Board of Directors.

16th March, 1937, stating that the Board of Directors have intimated that no reduction in the rate of interest on loans is possible.

1st April, 1937, conveying the Board's sanction to overdraft accommodation not exceeding £40,000, to the 30th June, 1937.

18th February, 1937, from S G Gallagher, Esq., B.E., County Surveyor, enclosing medical certificate from Dr. W Taylor, which Certificate states Mr Gallagher is confined to bed and will not be able to resume duty for a few days.

22nd February, 1937, from the League of Social Justice, 27, Westmoreland Street, Dublin, forwarding copy of a resolution passed by the Dunlaoghaire Borough Corporation requesting the Government to give careful consideration to the proposals put forward by the League to end unemployment.

Teachan Tochar,  
Roundwood,  
24th February, 1937.

"To The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

Mrs Margaret R Murphy, Tochar, returns heartfelt thanks to the Secretary, Officials and Members of above for sympathy voted to her in her recent great sorrow."

1st March, 1937, from Assistant Surveyor P J Foley, B.E., 32, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin, enclosing a Certificate from Dr. J N Meenan, stating that he recommends Mr Foley to have a course of massage for a period of two weeks during which period he should only do indoor work.

Knocklinn,  
Bray,  
Co. Wicklow,  
March 2nd, 1937.

Dear Mr Healy,

Will you please convey to the Chairman and Members of the Wicklow County Council my sincere thanks for their very kind assurance of sympathy on the death of my brother,

I also appreciate very much the association of yourself and the Members of the Staff with the resolution.

Yours truly,  
GEORGE HEATLEY."

3rd March, 1937, from the Hy Ceinnselaigh Historical Society, Glin, inviting the Council to attend a Conference under the auspices of the Society to be held in the Athanaeum, Enniscorthy, on 29th March, 1937.

15th March, 1937, from the County Councils' General Council, 1/2, Cavendish Row, Dublin, intimating that the next meeting of the General Council will take place during Spring Show Week, and notice of matters to be placed on the Agenda should reach the Secretary before 22nd April.

18th March, 1937, from the General Manager, Irish Tourist Association, O'Connell Street, Dublin, C.S. noting that the Council has agreed to contribute the sum of £50 to the Association during the financial year 1937/1938, and hoping that next year the Council may be able to see their way to contribute a more substantial figure.

18th March, 1937, from the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1., inviting the Council to appoint Delegates to the 23rd Annual Conference to be held at Bristol, July 1st to 3rd, 1937.

18th March, 1937, from Mr. Robert Johnson, Kilpoole (Inspector under the Warble Fly Order) conveying his explanation in reply to a complaint from the Department of Agriculture relative to the discharge of his duties under the above Order.

19th March, 1937, from the C. E. O., County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, Technical School, Wicklow, stating that the provisions of Section 45 of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, were rigidly adhered to at the meeting of the Estimates Sub-Committee held on the 9th December, 1936, and in the event of the Demand Note being undated arrangements will be made by the Chairman and himself to complete it at the next meeting of the Committee.

"Ballyknockan,  
Ashford,  
Co. Wicklow.  
19/3/37.

Dear Mr. Healy,

I beg to acknowledge resolution of sympathy passed by your Council in our recent bereavement and to ask of you to convey to your Members our sincere gratitude and appreciation for their kind condolence.

Yours faithfully,  
(Mrs.) B. Kelly."

30th March, 1937, from Dr. G P G Beckett, County M. O. H., County Home, Rathdrum, forwarding copy of his report in respect of the year 1936.

30th March, 1937, from the Empire Staff Exchange, Valley View, Hillhead, Higher Brixham, bringing before the Council the movement for the exchange of staffs of organisations and business houses in the Dominions and corresponding organisations and business houses in the British Isles.

23rd April, 1937, from The City Engineer and Surveyor, Corporation of Dublin, Castle Street, Dublin, asking to be supplied with copy of the plan of new sheep washing troughs which are being erected within the catchment area of the Upper Liffey.

26th April, 1937, from the Hon. Secretary, Associated Republican and Labour Organisations, 12, St. Andrew Street, Dublin, enclosing copy of a resolution passed by these bodies repudiating that Ireland owes any allegiance to the English throne, and requesting that the Nation be disassociated from the present coronation ceremonies.

28th April, 1937, from the Royal Sanitary Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1, intimating that the celebration of Empire Health Week will commence on October 3rd, 1937.

30th April, 1937, from the City Engineer and Surveyor, Corporation of Dublin, Castle Street, Dublin, stating he is proceeding to close Kilmoney Lane on Monday, the 3rd proximo, assuming that the authority of the Minister has been received.

3rd May, 1937, from the C. E. O., Vocational Education Committee, Technical School, Wicklow, enclosing copy of a letter received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health sanctioning the payment of a marriage gratuity to Mrs S Killeen (Nee Lohan).

From the Library Association, Chaucer House, Malet Place, London, W.C.1, forwarding copy of a memorandum on the subject of Salaries of Chief Librarians.

RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER PUBLIC BODIES.

4th March, 1937, from Cobh Urban District Council, Town Hall, Cobh, calling upon the Government to provide a bounty on all greyhounds exported.

13th April, 1937, from the Dublin Corporation, City Hall, Dublin, requesting the Government to establish a modernised system of workshops for the industrious blind.

*City Council*  
*21/3/35*

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 14th June, 1937.  
The following Members attended:—  
Councillor Edward Byrne, Vice-Chairman, in the Chair.  
Councillors Liam O Cleirigh, John P Kehoe, P P O'Reilly, Denis Con-  
dren, John Dunne, James McCreagh, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy), James Everett,  
T.D., Thomas J Birthistle, P D Kinsella, Michael Mooney, Wallace Hammond,  
J J Bourne, Major R Smith, M M Gleeson, George Heatley, David H Haskins,  
Michael Timmins, and Miss Margaret Kelly.

#### BUSINESS.

- 1 To consider the claims for Rates stated to be irrecoverable, as received from the several Poor Rate Collectors
- 2 To adopt the Rates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1938, and to allow and make the same as assessed in the Rate Books.
- 3 To sign and Seal the Warrants for the several Poor Rate Collectors.
- 4 To sign and Seal Demands (Form 48) on the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray, and Wicklow for the year 1937/1938.
- 5 To re-fix a date for the Annual Meeting of the County Council in accordance with the provisions of a Bill recently introduced in the Dail proposing to extend the life of the present County Council.

#### IRRECOVERABLE RATES LISTS.

The Secretary submitted the following summary of the rates in respect of the financial year 1936/1937 claimed by the several Poor Rate Collectors to be either Irrecoverable or Temporarily Uncollectible:—

Collecting Dist. No.	Irrecoverable	Temporarily uncollectible	Claim Disallowed.
1	£37 8 0	£185 14 5	
2	1 18 5	207 14 5	
3	5 1 0	283 14 7	
4	20 7 3	249 16 10	
5	0 3 10	485 16 4	
6	9 1 2	1873 4 7	
7	168 11 10	53 0 4	
8	73 7 2	89 16 9	
9	10 8 7	1086 11 1	
10	0 16 4	205 5 5	
11	85 12 11	87 12 4	
12	28 15 7	779 5 6	
13/15	48 18 7	400 11 8	
14	7 18 0	128 19 0	
16	28 15 11	626 10 7	
17	58 11 5	448 6 5	
18	5 9 0	81 17 0	
19	1 7 11	331 3 4	
Totals	£592 12 11	£7605 0 7	

After each Collector's list had been carefully scrutinized by Members of the County Council representing the areas for which each Collector was responsible, it was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne,  
Seconded by " Liam O Cleirigh.  
Resolved:—That we hereby accept and approve the claims for Irrecoverable Rates submitted to us by our Poor Rate Collectors, and we direct our Secretary to deal with these claim according to our ruling made thereon to-day.  
Passed:—Councillor D H Haskins, dissenting.

The Secretary submitted the following communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health:—

ROINN RIALTAIS AITIULA AGUS SLAINTE PUIBLI,  
TEACH AN CHUSTUIM,  
G. 47783/37, BAILE ATHA CLIATH,  
Cill Mannain. Meitheamh 9, 1937.  
A Chara,

Adverting to your letter of the 1st instant, on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that pursuant to Article 3 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, he has sanctioned such departure from the terms of Article 86 of that Order as will enable the Wicklow County Council to comply with the requirements of the article referred to by a date not later than the 14th idem.

Mise, le meas,  
J. COLLINS,  
T. c. an Runai.

The Secretary.

Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;  
Seconded by " Liam O Cleirigh;

Resolved—That we now adopt the Rates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1938, and allow and make the same as assessed in the Rate Books, and that the Poor Rate Books and the Poor Rate Collectors' Warrants for the financial year ending on the 31st March, 1938, be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.  
Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;  
Seconded by " Miss Margaret Kelly;  
Resolved—That the Demand Form (48) on the Urban District Council of Arklow for the sum of £3021 19 4 determined to be demanded for the financial year ending on the 31st March, 1938, be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.  
Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;  
Seconded by " Miss Margart Kelly;  
Resolved—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District of Council Bray for the sum of £13852 13 3 determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1938, be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.  
Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;  
Seconded by " Miss Margaret Kelly;  
Resolved—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District Council of Wicklow for the sum of £3573 7 8 determined to be demanded during the financial year ending 31st March, 1938, be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.  
The Secretary pointed out in connection with item No. 5 on the Agenda he had received a circular letter dated the 10th June, 1937, No. P.80/37, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, together with a copy of the Local Elections Act, 1937, from which it was clear that the 28th June, 1937, the date appointed by the County Council on which their annual Meeting was to be held, was in no way affected by any provisions of the Act and would, consequently, remain unchanged.

#### UNPAID ANNUITIES.

The Secretary submitted the following letter received from the Irish Land Commission, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, together with the voluminous lists referred to therein.

IRISH LAND COMMISSION,  
UPPER MERRION STREET,  
DUBLIN.

Co. Wicklow. Letter No.539/37.  
A Chara, 9adh Meitheamh, 1937.

I am directed by the Land Commission to refer to your letter of the 18th ult., and to point out that instalments of annuity remaining unpaid on the 12th instant include these instalments payable in respect of the gales 1st May and 1st June, 1937.

At the present date such instalments would not normally come under the designation of " arrear " and it would not be practicable to include such cases in the statements asked for by your Council.

Schedules have been prepared giving particulars of all cases in arrear in respect of gales up to and including those of 1st November and 1st December, 1936, where the total amount of the debt shown is outstanding at the 5th June, 1936.

As these instalments are in course of collection through the County Registrar and State Solicitor it is probable that in a number of cases the arrears have been paid since the list was prepared.

The Schedules are being forwarded to-day under separate cover.

Mise, le meas,  
J. F. SCOTT.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
WICKLOW.

The following summary of the Lists was also submitted:—

List No.	Year of Act.	Lists.	Amount of arrears
1	1885	A. (only list)	£1673 13 10
2	1891	A.	3452 4 11
3	"	B.	64 2 5
4	1903	A.	18686 16 1
5	"	B.	7969 0 0
6	"	C.	9068 18 7
7	1909	A.	1740 2 11
8	"	B.	777 17 8
9	1923	A. (only list)	3640 14 5
10	1931	A.	1624 8 11
11	"	B.	4856 15 2
12	"	C.	385 3 8

Total £53,939 18 7

ORDER—Adjourned to meeting at which Councillor McCreagh's Notice of Motion on the subject is to be considered.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy);  
Seconded by " James McCreagh;

Resolved—That it be a direction to our Officers to see that all men employed on roads or road maintenance be given a holiday under pay on the date of the polling for the forthcoming Dail Elections.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;  
Seconded by " John Dunne ;

Resolved—That instructions be hereby given to our County Surveyor to allow Mr Haslam of Newtownmountkennedy to remove at his own expense the curbing on the footpath on the right hand side of the road leading to Dublin opposite his residence, so as to allow buses to park at that point, as we are assured that his doing so will not interfere with any rights enjoyed there by the public.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M Timmins ;  
Seconded by " M M Gleeson ;

Resolved—That this County Council is satisfied that the Poor Rate Collectors in their service spared no efforts to close the First Moieties of their Poor Rate Collections for the year 1936-1937—in respect of which we are very sorry to see certain deductions have been made from their Poundages for that Moiety by Order of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and we hereby appeal to the Minister to sanction a refund of such deduction to each Collector who closed his Second Moiety of the aforementioned year's Collection before the 31st May.

Passed.

A further communication dated the 11th June, 1936, received by the Secretary from Mr F McNamara, Maryville, Arklow, regarding his son's application for a University Scholarship based on the marks obtained by him at the Leaving Certificate Examination held in June, 1936, was submitted.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;  
Seconded by " Miss Margaret Kelly ;

Resolved—That all the documents that have a bearing on the application of Mr F McNamara, Maryville, Arklow, to the Council to vary the terms of the Council's University Scholarship Scheme for 1936 as printed, published, and circulated, and to award a University Scholarship to his son, Francis Xavier McNamara, on the marks obtained by him at the Leaving Certificate Examination held in 1936, be forwarded to the Council's Solicitor with a request that he furnish a special report and recommendation to the County Council thereon.

The Council adjourned to their next meeting consideration of a memorial dated the 12th June, 1937, received from Ratepayers in the Electoral Divisions of Ballingule and Rathdangan regarding the condition of the roads in their area.

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

" I hereby give Notice of Motion that I shall move at the Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council that the resolution passed by the Council at the meeting held on the 10th July, 1934, which resolution contained the original appointment of Councillor Liam O Cleirigh as one of their representatives on the Arklow Harbour Board be hereby rescinded, on the grounds that he no longer represents or presents the considered views of this Council at meetings of that Board and I shall further move that Councillor O Cleirigh's successor be appointed at the said Annual Meeting."

*Ed Byrne*  
*21/6/38*

The Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 28th June, 1937.

The following Members attended :—

Councillor O M Byrne, Chairman ;  
Councillors Miss Margaret Kelly, Daniel Somers, John P Keogh, Joseph Keenan, Denis Condren, P P O'Reilly, Joseph Jacob, Edward Byrne, James McCreagh, John Dunne, James Everett, T.D. ; Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ; Thomas J Birthistle, P D Kinsella, Michael Mooney, Wallace Hammond, J J Bourne, George Heatley, Major R Smith, Liam O Cleirigh, M J Brennan, J P O'Donnell, Michael Timmins, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern) ; Daniel J Kehoe, and M M Gleeson.

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 consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Denis Condren :—

" I hereby give notice of motion that I shall move at the Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council that the resolution passed by the Council at the meeting held on the 10th July, 1934, which resolution contained the original appointment of Councillor Liam O Cleirigh as one of their representatives on the Arklow Harbour Board be hereby rescinded, on the grounds that he no longer represents or presents the considered views of this Council at Meetings of that Board, and I shall further move that Councillor O Cleirigh's successor be appointed at the said Annual Meeting."

5 To select, appoint and continue in office such representatives as have been elected to any Committee or public Body nominated wholly or partly by this County Council.

6 To consider the state of the Council's finances and to take such steps in connection therewith as the Council may deem advisable.

7 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Library Committee at a meeting held on the 7th May, 1937 :

" That we respectfully request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to reconsider his decision communicated to us in a letter dated 16th July, 1935, G.115678/35, concerning the increase of salary to our County Librarian, which we voted to her by a resolution passed at our monthly meeting on the 5th July, 1935, and in view of the yearly increasing volume of work entailed by the expansion of library activities in the County and in consideration of the Librarian's efficient services during the past seven years, we again propose that the salary of Miss Brigid Redmond, County Librarian, be raised from April, 1st 1937, from £250 by £10 to £300, the figure at which it would have been two years ago, 1935, if an incremental salary scale of £250 by £10 to £300 had been adopted on the date of her appointment, January 1st, 1930."

8 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James McCreagh :—

" I hereby give Notice of Motion that I shall move at the next meeting of this Council—That the Councillors elected for each of the four Local Electoral Areas be hereby set up as Committees, each in its own area, for the purpose of considering from time to time any Lists of defaulting Land Purchase Annuityants that may be received from the Irish Land Commission and that these Committees be given the assistance of every officer of this Council ; our Assistant Accountant, Mr W C Byrne, to act as Secretary in this connection where and when necessary."

9 To reconsider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James Everett, T.D.—“I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, shall move at the May Quarterly Meeting of this Council that such steps be taken, either by the provision of additional Clerks in the County Secretary's Office, or by the appointment of a Pay Clerk, with a view to making arrangements that will ensure each man paid out of Rates or Grants, employed on road maintenance or Road Repair, receiving his wages weekly.”

10 To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding Employment Schemes in the current year, and to receive the County Surveyor's recommendations as to how the £4,200 (Grant £3,150, Council's contribution £1,050) might be most successfully employed for a scheme of road or footpath works.

11 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, together with copy of the draft sheep dipping Regulations for 1937 enclosed therewith :—

“Resolved—That, having considered the letter from the Department of Agriculture, dated the 12th May, 1937 (No. E.6111/35) we hereby approve and recommend to Wicklow County Council, for adoption the draft Sheep Dipping Regulations for 1937, forwarded by the Department with that letter, and we direct that the County Council be informed accordingly.”

12 To consider a letter from the Department of Agriculture, dated the 12th May, 1937, submitting a draft copy of specimen Regulations for use in the County under the new Sheep Dipping Order which the Minister proposes to issue.

13 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture on the 27th April, 1937 :—

“Resolved—That we recommend the following amounts to be paid to the Local Veterinary Inspectors, for work under the Sheep Dipping Scheme for 1937 :—

S. Conway	£80.
A. F. Walshe	65.
W. J. Richardson	30.”

14 To consider a Memorial signed by Ratepayers in the Electoral Divisions of Rathdangan and Ballygulle regarding the condition of the Roads in that area.

15 To consider Report from the Council's Solicitor on all the facts connected with the application of Master Francis X. McNamara to be awarded a University Scholarship on the result of the marks obtained by him at the Leaving Certificate Examination held in June, 1936.

16 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

17 To receive Reports from County Officers.

18 To consider official correspondence.

19 To consider general correspondence.

The Chair was taken by the outgoing Chairman, Councillor C M Byrne.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;

Seconded by “ Miss M Kelly ;

Resolved—That Councillor C M Byrne, of Ballykillavane, Glensally, be re-elected Chairman of Wicklow County Council for the ensuing year, and until his successor shall have been appointed.

Passed—Councillor Major R Smith dissenting.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by “ Michael Mooney ;

Resolved—That Councillor Edward Byrne, of 9 Florence Road, Bray, be re-elected Vice-Chairman of Wicklow County Council for the ensuing year, and until his successor shall have been appointed.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Denis Condren ;

Seconded by “ Thomas Birthistle ;

Resolved—That the resolution passed by the Council at the meeting held on the 10th July, 1934, which resolution contained the original appointment of Councillor Liam O Cleirigh as one of their representatives on the Arklow Harbour Board, be hereby rescinded, on the grounds that he no longer represents or presents the considered views of this Council at meetings of that Board ;

And that it be resolved, further, that Councillor Thomas Birthistle be hereby selected and appointed to fill the vacancy caused on Arklow Harbour Board by the resolution passed at this day's meeting, determining Councillor Liam O Cleirigh's position on that Board, and that Councillor Denis Condren continue unchanged as a Member of the Arklow Harbour Board to represent this County Council, both these representatives to hold office until their successors shall have been appointed.

The Secretary here submitted the circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated the 10th June, 1937, No. F.80/37, with which was enclosed copy of the Local Elections Act, 1937, and he also read to the Council sub-sections 1, 2 and 3 of Section 8 of that Act.

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

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors James McCrea, J J Bourne, Wallace Hammond, Thomas J Birthistle, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ; Denis Condren, P P O'Reilly, Michael Mooney, Martin Gleeson, Michael Timmins, Edward Byrne, George Heatley, John Dunne, P D Kinsella, James Everett, T.D., and Joseph Jacob—16.

AGAINST—Councillors Liam O Cleirigh, Daniel Somers, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern) ; Daniel J Kehoe, M J Brennan, Miss M Kelly, C M Byrne, J P Kehoe, and Joseph Keenan—8.

The Chairman declared the Resolution to have been passed, by sixteen votes for to nine against.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by “ George Heatley ;

Resolved—Having regard to the provisions of the Local Elections Act, 1937, we hereby select, appoint and continue in office until their successors shall have been appointed each and every representative who has been elected by this County Council on any Committee or Public Body nominated wholly or partly by this County Council, save and excepting Arklow Harbour Board, the Council's representation on which has been the subject of a special resolution passed at this day's meeting of Wicklow County Council, after due notice of same had been given beforehand to each Member of the County Council.

Passed.

At this stage mutual agreement was reached among the Members of the Council present that the other items of business on the Agenda still remaining to be transacted be adjourned to a meeting of the Council to be held on a date to be fixed by the Chairman.

*C M Byrne*  
*21/2/38*

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Tuesday, the 27th July, 1937.

The following Members attended :—

Councillor Edward Byrne, Vice Chairman in the Chair.

Councillors John P Kehoe, Daniel J Kehoe, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern), Denis Condren, M J Brennan, Joseph Jacob, James Everett, T.D., Patrick Doyle (Coolboy), P D Kinsella, D H Haskins, Wallace Hammond, Michael Timmins, J J Bourne, M M Gleeson, George Heatley, Maj. R Smith, P P O'Reilly, T J Birthistle and James McCrea.

The Secretary informed the Council that the Chairman, Councillor C M Byrne, had written stating he would be unable to be present at the meeting.

#### BUSINESS :

1 To consider Finance Committee's Report.

2 To pass a resolution continuing for a further year to the several students concerned the Scholarships awarded by the Council in approved Secondary Schools and in the National University.

3 To consider the state of the Council's finances and to take such steps in connection therewith as the Council may deem advisable.

4 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Library Committee at a meeting held on the 7th May, 1937 :—  
“That we respectfully request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to reconsider his decision communicated to us in a letter dated 16th July, 1935, G.115678/35, concerning the increase of salary to our County Librarian, which we voted to her by a resolution passed at our monthly meeting on the 5th July, 1935, and in view of the yearly increasing volume of work entailed by the expansion of library activities in the County and in consideration of the Librarian's efficient services during the past seven years, we again propose that the salary of Miss Brigid Redmond, County Librarian, be raised from April 1st, 1937, from £250 by £10 to £300, the figure at which it would have been two years ago, 1935, if an incremental salary scale of £250 by £10 to £300 had been adopted on the date of her appointment, January 1st, 1930.”

5 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James McCrea :—

“I hereby give Notice of Motion that I shall move at the next meeting of this Council—That the Councillors elected for each of the four Local Electoral Areas be hereby set up as Committees, each in its own area, for the purpose of considering from time to time any Lists of defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants that may be received from the Irish Land Commission and that these Committees be given the assistance of every officer of this Council ; our Assistant Accountant, Mr W C Byrne, to act as Secretary in this connection where and when necessary.”

6 To reconsider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James Everett, T.D.—“I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, shall move at the May Quarterly Meeting of this Council that such steps be taken, either by the provision of additional Clerks in the County Secretary's Office, or by the appointment of a Pay Clerk, with a view to making arrangements that will ensure each man paid out of Rates or Grants, employed on road maintenance or Road Repair, receiving his wages weekly.”

7 To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding Employment Schemes in the current year, and to receive the County Surveyor's recommendations as to how the £4,200 (Grant £3,150, Council's contribution £1,050) might be most successfully employed for a scheme of road or footpath works.

8 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, together with copy of the draft sheep dipping Regulations for 1937 enclosed therewith:—

"Resolved—That, having considered the letter from the Department of Agriculture, dated the 12th May, 1937 (No. E.6111/35) we hereby approve and recommend to Wicklow County Council, for adoption the draft Sheep Dipping Regulations for 1937, forwarded by the Department with that letter, and we direct that the County Council be informed accordingly."

9 To consider a letter from the Department of Agriculture, dated the 12th May, 1937, submitting a draft copy of specimen Regulations for use in the County under the new Sheep Dipping Order which the Minister proposes to issue.

10 To consider further correspondence from the Department of Agriculture on the subject of Sheep Dipping generally.

11 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture on the 27th April, 1937:—

"Resolved—That we recommend the following amounts to be paid to the Local Veterinary Inspectors, for work under the Sheep Dipping Scheme for 1937:—

S. Conway	£80.
A. F. Walshe	65.
W. J. Richardson	30."

12 To consider a Memorial signed by Ratepayers in the Electoral Divisions of Rathdangan and Ballyguile regarding the condition of the Roads in that area.

13 To consider Report from the Council's Solicitor on all the facts connected with the application of Master Francis X. McNamara to be awarded a University Scholarship on the result of the marks obtained by him at the Leaving Certificate Examination held in June, 1936.

14 To consider applications from the Chairman and the Honorary Secretary of Greystones and District Ratepayers' Association for the County Council's permission to the setting up by the Association of a Car Park with Attendant to facilitate Motorists visiting Greystones.

15 To consider an application from Miss Janie Doyle, Ballyconnell, Tullow, for damages caused as alleged by blasting operations at the Quarry near Ballyconnell.

16 To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health in which the Council is asked to take into further consideration the question of filling the existing vacant position of Poor Rate Collector.

17 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy):—

I hereby give notice that I shall move at the next meeting of this Council that the travelling expenses to our Assistant Surveyors Mr J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., and Mr J. P. Caffrey, B.E., be increased from £145 per annum and £100 per annum to £175 and £175, respectively, as both the cost of travelling and the expenses of locomotion are steadily increasing."

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

19 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

20 To receive Reports from County Officers.

21 To consider official correspondence.

22 To consider general correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Timmins,

Seconded by M. M. Gleeson.

Resolved:—That we hereby extend to our esteemed Colleague,

Councillor Michael Mooney, Rathdangan, Hollywood, the assurance of our sincere sympathy with him on the death of his brother.

Passed. Unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Timmins,

Seconded by M. M. Gleeson.

Resolved:—That we hereby extend to the relatives of the late

Surgeon James Owens, 33 Upper Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin, a well known County Wicklow man the assurance of our very sincere sympathy in their recent bereavement.

Passed Unanimously.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 1.

The usual fortnightly meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 16th July, 1937.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor D. H. Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors Major R. Smith, J. P. Kehoe, and M. J. Brennan.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the Reports received from the Rate Checkers on their checkings since the Committee's last meeting of the accounts of the several Poor Rate Collectors in the County.

Attention was drawn to the terms of the following resolution which was passed at the meeting of the County Council held on the 1st July, 1935:—

"Resolved—That each Overseer, Ganger, or Chargehand have his salary increased to the weekly figure he or his predecessor enjoyed when direct labour was previously in operation in the County—owing to the very considerable increase in his duties caused by the putting into force again of a Scheme of Direct Labour throughout the County on all roads."

ORDER—The Committee directed the County Surveyor to submit to them a Report as to how Overseer James Troy was affected by the terms of this resolution, and, further, as to what sum had been paid to him, or was due to him, on foot of the resolution.

The Secretary submitted communications dated 17th June, 1937, Ref. No. G.46106/37, Cill Mhanntain, and the 5th July, 1937, Ref. No. G.53461/37, No. G.46106/37, Cill Mhanntain, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health Cill Mhanntain, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health A. sanctioning an alteration in the scale of increments payable to Messrs. A. O'Connor and V. King, members of the Secretarial Staff in the Council's Offices. In the second letter, referred to, the Minister stated that he would raise no objection to the incremental scale being applicable in the case of Mr O'Connor as from the 1st April, 1937.

ORDER—The Committee in order to preserve the seniority status of these officials recommend the Council to fix the 1st April, 1937, as the date on which the new incremental scale is to operate in the case of Mr. A. O'Connor, and, further, fixed the 1st October, 1937, as the date on which the new incremental scale is to operate in the case of Mr. V. King.

The following application was submitted from Collector M. J. Roche (Nos. 12 and 14 Districts):—

21, Main Street,  
Arklow,

13th July, 1937.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
Wicklow.

1936-1937 Collection—Districts 12 and 14.

Dear Sir,

I beg to make application for a bonus of 1d. in the £ on my collection for the year 1936-1937 in Districts Nos. 12 and 14.

In a letter dated January 5th, 1932, the Minister for Local Government sanctioned the payment of this bonus to me, provided I carried out my duties satisfactorily. I have done everything in my power to make my collection for the past year a satisfactory one, notwithstanding the endless difficulties with which I was confronted. I wish also to add that my expenses for travelling, attending courts, correspondence, etc., were extremely heavy during this period.

Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL ROCHE.

ORDER—The Committee unanimously recommend that this bonus of 1d. in the £ be given to Collector Roche in respect of both districts, as has been done in preceding years, subject to the sanction of the Minister of Local Government and Public Health.

Signed:— DAVID H. HASKINS,

Chairman, Finance Committee.

Dated this 16th day of July, 1937.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne,

Seconded by James Everett, T.D.;

Resolved:—That Finance Committee's Report, as printed and circulated to each Member of the County Council, be, and it is hereby approved and adopted.

Passed Unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne,

Seconded by Major R. Smith

Resolved:—That the Reports received from the Principals of the several Secondary Schools concerned, as to the conduct and progress during the past scholastic year, 1936/1937 of the holders of Secondary Schools Scholarships awarded by the County Council, having been accepted by this Council as satisfactory, we hereby renew for the scholastic year 1937/1938 the Secondary School Scholarships awarded to each of the following:—

Seoirse MacNiocail, High Street, Wicklow.

Thomas McPartlan, 4 Seapoint Villas, Bray.

Kathleen Desmond, 3 Park Terrace, Arklow.

Mary Teresa Hanley, Tinahely.

Thomas B. M. Hennessy, Blessington.

John J. McGuirk, 7 Main Street, Bray.

Kevin Belton, Rathdrum.

Kathleen M. O'Kelly, Drummin, Annamore.

Mary Josephine Rawson, Coolfancy, Tinahely.

Julia Black, Station House, Shillelagh.

Bryan Henry Prosser, Enniskerry.

Patrick J. Kavanagh, 17 Condren's Lane, Arklow.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by D. H. Haskins;

Resolved—The required Certificate having been received from University College, Dublin, that each of the Council's University Scholarship holders during the scholastic year 1936/1937 has been well conducted and made satisfactory progress during that year, we hereby renew for the scholastic year 1937/1938 the University Scholarship awarded to each of the following:—

Miss Brigid Lawlor, Killalish, Kiltegan.

Michael McD. Fleming, Shillelagh,

subject to each holder of a University Scholarship producing a Certificate that he or she has passed the first University Examination. Further, that

Master Patrick M. R. Nolan, 48, Main Street, Bray, who won a Scholarship

from the Secondary School to the University at the Leaving Certificate Examination held in June, 1936, and who was granted permission to refrain from

making use of the scholarship during the year 1936/1937 so as to be able

to avail in that scholastic year of the second half of a scholarship won by

him at the Intermediate Examination held in June, 1935, be hereby

directed to take up the first year of his scholarship in the University in

the scholastic year 1937/1938.

Passed.

The Council proceeded to consider the state of their finances with

a view to taking such steps in connection therewith as might be deemed

advisable. Having heard the Secretary's detailed statement to the accom-

paniment of a warning that the day was fast approaching when the

Council would no longer be able to carry out their administrative duties

owing to the lack of funds to do so, and having discussed the entire mat-

ter at great length, it was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by D. H. Haskins;

Resolved—That the Minister for Local Government and Public

Health be approached with a view to receiving a deputation from Wicklow

County Council to discuss with him the financial paralysis to which the

Council's administrative functions have been brought by reason of the

withdrawal of such enormous sums over a period of four years from the

Agricultural Grant payable to the County Council annually, and with a

further object of endeavouring to ascertain by what means the finances of

the Wicklow County Council can be restored to normality before a com-

plete break-down in local administration in County Wicklow has been

reached—the following to form the Deputation to the Minister:—

The three T.D.'s, representing County Wicklow.

The Chairman, Councillor C. M. Byrne.

The Vice-Chairman, Councillor Edward Byrne.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee, Councillor D. H.

Haskins.

Councillor M J Brennan.  
Councillor J J Bourne.

Passed unanimously.

The following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Library Committee at a meeting of that Body held on the 7th May, 1937, was considered :-

Resolution—That we respectfully request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to reconsider his decision communicated to us in a letter dated the 16th July, 1935, G.115678/35, concerning the increase of salary to our County Librarian, which we voted to her by a resolution passed at our monthly meeting held on the 5th July, 1935; and in view of the yearly increasing volume of work entailed by the expansion of library activities in the County and in consideration of the Librarian's efficient services during the past seven years, we again propose that the salary of Miss Brigid Redmond, County Librarian, be raised from April 1st, 1937, from £250 by £10 to £300, the figure at which it would have been two years ago, 1935, if an incremental salary scale of £250 by £10 to £300 had been adopted on the date of her appointment, January 1st, 1930.

Proposed by Councillor Major R Smith ;

Seconded by " George Heatley ;

Resolved—That, having considered the resolution passed by the County Wicklow Library Committee on the 7th May, 1937, proposing to increase the salary of the County Librarian by £50 per annum, we hereby direct our Secretary to inform that Committee that having regard to the financial condition of the Council we are compelled to postpone this increase indefinitely; the County Librarian to be asked meantime if her Committee's resolution followed Notion of Motion, and to furnish this Council with statistical return covering the three years ended on the 31st March, 1937, showing the total sums expended by her Committee during each financial year, and the proportion expended on salaries of such annual sum.

Passed unanimously.

Having regard to the terms of the resolution passed at this day's meeting in relation to the state of the Council's finances, consideration of the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James McCrea on the Agenda was postponed to the next meeting of the Council :-

" That the Councillors elected for each of the four Local Electoral Areas be hereby set up as Committees, each in its own area, for the purpose of considering from time to time any lists of defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants that may be received from the Irish Land Commission, and that these Committees be given the assistance of every Officer of this Council; our Assistant Accountant, Mr W C Byrne, to act as Secretary in this connection where and when necessary."

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ;

Resolved—That such steps be taken, either by the provision of additional Clerks in the County Secretary's Office, or by the appointment of a Pay Clerk, with a view to making arrangements that will ensure each man paid out of rates or grants employed on road maintenance or road repair receiving his wages weekly.

Passed—and referred to Finance Committee for full report.

The Secretary submitted a communication dated the 12th June, 1937, No. RU/204/201, which contained the conditions under which the following grants would be made conditionally out of the Employment Schemes Vote, 1937/1938 (Roads Rural), Grant £3,150, subject to a local contribution by the Council of £1,050 making a total of £4,200 for expenditure before 31st March, 1938, on a Scheme of Road and/or footpath works; and further Grant of £525 subject to a local contribution by the Council of £175, making a total of £700 available for expenditure after the 31st March, 1938, so that the works on which the first mentioned sum of £4,200 is to be expended may be planned so as to facilitate continuity of employment in the areas affected after the 31st March, 1938.

The County Surveyor laid before the Council a short Report dated the 28th June, 1937, together with a long report dated the 27th July, 1937, in connection with these matters and proceeded to explain his recommendations as contained therein.

The Council decided to postpone consideration of the letter (with its accompanying documents on unemployment statistics) and of the County Surveyor's two reports to the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council to be held on the 23rd August, 1937, so as to allow of the Department's letter and enclosures being printed and circulated by the County Surveyor, with his two reports thereon dated the 28th June, 1937, and 27th July, 1937, in good time so as to allow of the County Councillors giving the entire matter their consideration before the Quarterly Meeting.

#### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,  
COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW,  
27th July, 1937.

To/Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
Wicklow.  
Gentlemen,

1 I find it will be necessary to retain the services of the temporary Clerks engaged on the compiling of the records required under the 1936 Employment Act for at least six weeks more.

Kindly give the required authority.

2 In reference to item No. 15 on the Agenda, no doubt certain small flint stones, which cannot now be picked off Miss Doyle's field, depreciated the tillage letting value and a payment of £3 would be reasonable for this season.

3 As it will be necessary to close the Road No. 234 at Drummin (Shillelagh Area) during the rebuilding of the bridge, I request that the County Secretary be authorised to take such steps as are required to obtain an order from the Minister for Local Government and Public

Health to do so.—The County Secretary will be duly informed when such an order is required.

4 I regret to report a Sudden Damage by the undercutting of the River wall at Road No. T.7, No. 5, near Bray. At the moment it is not possible to give an exact estimate of the cost, but I fear say about £400 may be required. As soon as possible exact particulars will be ascertained, and the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health obtained.

5 Regarding a memorial from the Electoral Divisions of Rathdangan and Ballingulee—item No. 12 on the Agenda, as much metal as could be provided from the Road Scheme was applied, and a large quantity was provided under the Relief Vote Grant. This latter metal has not yet been applied to the road, though efforts were made to bring a steam roller to the work. A further relief Vote Grant will be, I hope, available, and at a suitable time a light roller provided to utilise the material provided. Undoubtedly the roads are in a rough condition most unsuited to modern traffic.

Yours faithfully,

S. G. GALLAGHER,

County Surveyor.

ORDERS—Paragraph 1. Sanction is hereby given—the County Surveyor to obtain the required Departmental consent.

Paragraph 2. Miss Doyle to be offered compensation not exceeding £5 0 0, without prejudice, and at the discretion of the County Surveyor.

Paragraph 3. The County Secretary is hereby authorised to take the usual steps to close this Road No. 234, if and when necessary.

Paragraph 4. A sum not exceeding £400 to be expended as a Sudden Damage when the required conditions have been fulfilled.

Paragraph 5. Noted—the funds allowed to the County Surveyor are being expended as far as they go—the County Surveyor to report fully to our Quarterly Meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;

Seconded by " Denis Condren ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Agriculture, the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, and we also approve and adopt the Sheep Dipping Regulations referred to in that resolution, and we request the County Committee of Agriculture to enforce and give assent to them :

Resolved—That, having considered the letter from the Department of Agriculture dated the 12th May, 1937 (No. E.6111/35), we hereby approve and recommend to Wicklow County Council for adoption the draft Sheep Dipping Regulations for 1937, forwarded by the Department with that letter, and we direct that the County Council be informed accordingly."

Passed—Councillor M Timmins dissenting.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;

Seconded by " Denis Condren ;

Resolved—That the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the revised Regulations for the compulsory dipping of sheep under supervision at specified times and places which have been approved and adopted as follows by resolution passed by Wicklow County Council at the Special Meeting of that Body held this 27th day of July, 1937.

#### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER OF 1937

#### COUNTY WICKLOW SHEEP DIPPING REGULATIONS, 1937.

We, the Wicklow County Council, at our meeting held on the 27th July, 1937, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in us under the Agriculture Act, 1931, the Diseases of Animals (Ireland) Acts, 1894 to 1935, the Orders made thereunder and of every other power enabling us in this behalf hereby order as follows :-

1 All sheep in the Administrative Area of County Wicklow required to be dipped under the Sheep Dipping Order 1937, shall be caused to be dipped by the owner or person in charge thereof at such times and at such Dipping Stations as may be specified in a Notice signed by an Inspector of the Wicklow County Council, and served by post, or otherwise on the owner or person in charge of the sheep referred to in the Notice. It shall not be a compliance with these Regulations to dip sheep at any other times or places save those as prescribed in the Notice above referred to.

2 All sheep in the Administrative Area of County Wicklow shall be dipped under the supervision of a Dipping Inspector appointed by us under the Sheep Dipping Order of 1937, twice yearly (with an interval of not less than seven or more than fourteen days) in the period between the 1st August and the thirty first day of October, provided that in any case in which inclement weather renders dipping impossible on the date appointed, the dipping shall be carried out on the next day that the weather is suitable therefor without any further Notice being given by the Inspector.

3 (a) Where the County Council are satisfied that an owner or person in charge of sheep in the Area to which these regulations apply has in his possession or under his charge a proper swim tank the County Committee of Agriculture (acting for the County Council) may, subject to such conditions as they may think fit, allow the sheep of such owner to be dipped in such swim tank on such dates within the prescribed dipping period as may be appointed for the purpose by an Inspector of the County Council, and such dipping shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements of these Regulations, provided (1) the dip used is a dip approved by the Minister for Agriculture, and (2) the dipping has been supervised by and carried out to the satisfaction of the aforesaid Inspector.

(b) Any exemption given under this Article may at any time be withdrawn by the County Council.

(c) Application for such exemption should be addressed to the Secretary of the County Committee of Agriculture and must be made on or before the first day of August.

(4) Dip approved by the Minister for Agriculture shall be used in all cases except where exemption is granted under Article 4 (a).

5 Wherever required by an Inspector of the County Council an owner or person in charge of sheep in the area to which these Regulations apply shall accompany the Inspector to the mountain or place where such sheep graze, at such time as required by the Inspector, and shall collect all the sheep off such mountain or place.

6 An owner or person in charge of sheep in the Area to which these Regulations apply shall comply with all reasonable requirements of an Inspector of the County Council as to the collection and penning and dipping of all sheep in his possession or under his charge or on lands in his occupation, and shall afford all reasonable assistance and facilities that may be required for the dipping of all such sheep.

7 No sheep in the Area to which these Regulations apply shall be moved into or exposed for sale in any fair, market or sale-yard in the Area between the 1st day of September and the 31st day of October, unless they have been twice dipped in accordance with these Regulations after the 31st day of July previous, and are accompanied by a certificate of Dipping signed by an Inspector acting for the Wicklow County Council, which certificate shall be produced by the person in charge of the sheep on demand to any member of the Garda Síochána or an Inspector of the Minister for Agriculture or of the Wicklow County Council who may record on such Certificate of Dipping particulars of the sale of any such sheep at such fair or market or saleyard.

8 Any owner or person in charge of sheep in the Administrative Area of County Wicklow who fails to comply with any of these Regulations shall be deemed guilty of an offence against the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894.

These Regulations shall apply to the entire Area of the County of Wicklow and shall come into force on the 1st day of August, 1937.

IN WITNESS whereof the County Council of the County of Wicklow have hereunto set their Official Seal this 27th day of July, 1937.

P. T. HEALY,

L. S.

Clerk of the Local Authority  
under the Diseases of Animals Act.

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

Resolved—That we hereby request the Minister for Agriculture to restore the " Summer " Dipping Period in this County next year, as we are of the opinion that the scheme adopted this year will not be a success as we consider that the Summer Dipping Period is the more important one of the two and it is at that period when the best results from dipping would be secured.

Passed.

The following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture on the 28th June, 1937, was submitted:—

" Resolved—That in view of the fact that owing to the small number of Public Swim Baths available in the County, private Swim Baths have to be availed of for the purposes of the Sheep Dipping Order, this Committee is of opinion that the owners of private baths should be compensated for the use of their baths, as the dipping operations interfere with the owners' work and necessitate constant cleaning up of premises. The Committee suggests that a fee of £1 10s, per 500 sheep be paid for the use of private baths. This payment to cover two dippings."

ORDER—Approved and adopted, provided the terms of this resolution are first sanctioned by the Minister for Agriculture before any expenditure whatsoever is incurred thereunder.

The following communication from the Department of Agriculture was submitted:—

AN ROINN TALMHAIOCHTA,  
BAILE ATHA, CLIATH,

No. L.1673/37. 26th June, 1937.

Sir,

I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to advert to the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wicklow County Committee of Agriculture at a meeting held on the 25th ultimo and to state, with reference to the proposal in the matter, that the Minister cannot see his way to approve of Mr Conway being empowered to disburse money by way of allowances in respect of the reconstruction or repair of sheep dipping baths.

In all cases in which it is proposed to incur expenditure in connection with the reconstruction or repair of baths, particulars of the proposed expenditure should be submitted for the Minister's approval, together with a copy, duly signed, of the Form of Agreement securing right of access to the bath for dipping for sheep owners in the locality.

It is not the intention of the Minister to approve of any sites for public dipping until such sites have been pronounced suitable by one of his Inspectors.

As regards the erection of new subsidy baths the general procedure indicated in this Department's letter of the 18th instant addressed to the County Committee of Agriculture (copy enclosed) should be rigidly adhered to.

I am Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,  
W M BOWERS,  
for Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;  
Seconded by " James McCrea ;

Resolved:—That it be an instruction from this County Council to the County Committee of Agriculture, who are hereby empowered again this year to operate and control compulsory sheep dipping in the County that no expenditure of any kind whatsoever is to be incurred or recommended to this County Council for payment unless and until such proposed expenditure has been formally approved by the Minister for Agriculture following supervision by one of his Inspectors, if such supervision is in the Minister's opinion necessary.

Passed unanimously.  
A letter dated the 19th June, 1937, Ref. No. E.6111/35, was also submitted from the Department of Agriculture with which was enclosed advance copies of the new Sheep Dipping Order, 1937, and additional copies of the forms prescribed for use under that Order.

ORDER—The Secretary's action in referring these documents to the County Committee of Agriculture is hereby approved.

A further letter dated the 3rd July, 1937, Ref. No. L.2801/37, was submitted from the Minister for Agriculture in which he asked to be informed what arrangements it was proposed to make for the ensuing dipping period in regard to the appointment and remuneration of Dipping Inspectors in which connection regard should be had to the reduction in the duration of the former dipping season by almost eleven weeks and of imposing in that period two compulsory dippings as compared with three in previous years.

A letter dated the 15th July, 1937, No. E.9238/36, was submitted from the Department of Agriculture, following a report from Veterinary Inspector S Conway to the County Committee of Agriculture in connection with the sheep in Kilbride Camp area, containing a recommendation that the Minister for Defence be asked to erect a proper Swim Bath there so that adequate supervision might exist for the dipping of the huge number of sheep making use of this particular mountain grazing.

In this connection a letter dated the 17th July, 1937, was submitted from the Secretary to the County Committee of Agriculture who intimated that the Minister for Defence had been communicated with along the lines suggested by the Minister for Agriculture, and whose reply to the County Committee of Agriculture, dated the 21st June, 1937, was to the effect that he was unable to agree to provide the swim bath suggested.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;  
Seconded by " James McCrea ;

Resolved:—That we hereby approve and adopt, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Agriculture, the following resolution passed on the 27th April, 1937, by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture :  
Resolved—" That we recommend the following amounts to be paid to the Local Veterinary Inspectors, for work under the Sheep Dipping Scheme for 1937:—

S Conway, V.S.	£80
A F Walshe, V.S.	£65
W. J. Richardson, V.S.	£30."

these payments to be made strictly on the condition that each Veterinary Inspector is to furnish weekly to the County Committee of Agriculture for subsequent production and submission to the Minister for Agriculture complete and detailed reports as to the precise amount of travelling, supervision, etc., etc., carried out by each Inspector during the preceding week.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea ;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved:—That, confirming the resolution passed by the County Council at the meeting held on the 10th May, 1937, the following be re-appointed as Inspectors under the County Council's Time and Place for Dipping Sheep Regulations, 1934 (as amended this year):—

- 1 Matthew Devilt, Monameen, Greenane, Rathdrum
- 2 Andrew Fleming, Aughavannagh, Aughrim
- 3 Martin Fitzpatrick, Coollattin, Carnew
- 4 Thomas Kinsella, Muskeagh, Tinahely
- 5 Albert Fox, Bohilla, Kilmacanogue
- 6 James Kavanagh, Cloanshannon, Knockenarrigan
- 7 Patrick O'Toole, Monroe, Donard
- 8 William Healy, Clara, Rathdrum
- 9 Bernard Malone, Balinanams, Roundwood
- 10 Joseph Clancy, Ballygreen, Aughrim
- 11 Andrew Kavanagh, Knockfodda, Roundwood
- 12 John Roche, Carrigower, Kilpedder
- 13 William Carr, Knockraheen, Roundwood
- 14 Robert Johnson, Kilpoole, Wicklow
- 15 Patrick Murphy, Oakwood, Vallemount
- 16 George Miley, Knockadruce, Vallemount
- 17 Patrick Toomey, Lockstown, Vallemount
- 18 Peter Whelan, Killamoate, Rathdangan
- 19 John Byrne, Blackrock, Rathdangan
- 20 Hugh O'Keefe, Rathbawn, Hacketstown

each to be paid an inclusive sum (other than their postage expenses which will be refunded on production of properly vouched accounts) of Twenty-five Pounds (£25) to cover the sheep dipping period for the year 1937, as set forth in the Regulations, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Agriculture.

Passed.

A further letter dated the 14th July, 1937, Ref. No. E.2147/36, was submitted from the Department of Agriculture intimating that supplies of Sheep Dipping posters would be available to the Council and the Garda Síochána, but that the supply of suitable forms for use in connection with local Sheep Dipping Regulations in 1937, is a matter for the Local Authority concerned.

The Council adjourned to their Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 23rd August, 1937, consideration of a memorial signed by Ratepayers in the Electoral Divisions of Ballingule and Rathdangan regarding the condition of the roads in that area.

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In connection with item No. 13 on the Agenda, i.e. an application from Master F. X. McNamara to be awarded a University Scholarship on the result of the marks obtained by him at the Leaving Certificate Examination held in June, 1936, the following report from the Council's Solicitor was submitted:—

4, Church Street,  
WICKLOW.

8th July, 1937.

Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

I duly received your letter enclosing copy Resolution passed at Special Meeting of the County Council held on the 10th May last and I have also perused copy of University Scholarship Scheme, 1936, and results of Leaving Certificate Examination, with Report, dated 25th August, 1936, of Dr. Denis J. Coffey, President, University College, Dublin.

The County Council in exercise of the powers vested in them framed a Scheme for the award of Scholarships from Secondary Schools to the National University, Dublin, and the Scheme provided that these Scholarships would be awarded by the County Council on the recommendation of the Academic Council of the University College, Dublin, in respect of the results of the candidates for such scholarships at the Leaving Certificate Examination held in 1936, and in accordance with the terms of the Council's Scheme, as printed, circulated, and published.

The said Scheme, a draft of which was submitted to and approved by the President, University College, Dublin, provided, inter alia, that candidates "must obtain honours in two subjects at least (one of which shall be Irish)."

In due course the President of University College, Dublin, forwarded to the County Council his Report under the Scheme on the marks obtained by the several candidates at the Leaving Certificate Examination held in June, 1936, and the following is an extract from said Report:—

"The candidate Francis X. McNamara is not included in the recommendation on account of not having got Honours in Irish. His total was 1268, which would have placed him third if within the rule."

It will be observed from the Report that the candidate Francis X. McNamara failed to comply with the terms of the Council's Scheme.

I would also like to draw the attention of the Council to the fact that in the Report of the President of University College, Dublin, three other candidates succeeded in qualifying under the Council's Scheme, but the President reported that the Standard reached was not sufficiently high to warrant the award of Scholarships and consequently they were not in fact awarded Scholarships by the Council. Each of the said three candidates referred to obtained honours in two subjects, one of which was Irish.

One of the candidates has since claimed that he is entitled to a Scholarship, and the Council, if they grant a Scholarship to a candidate who did not qualify under their Scheme, leave themselves open to an action at the suit of any one or all of the three candidates, who, however, low the standard, did in fact, comply with the provisions of the Council's Scheme.

Having regard to the foregoing, in my opinion, the Council would certainly leave themselves open to a surcharge and the possibility of legal proceedings if they award a Scholarship to the candidate Francis X. McNamara, who has not complied with the provisions of the Council's Scheme, and I cannot advise the Council to award such Scholarship to Master McNamara.

Yours faithfully,  
J. BRAZIL.

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

A further communication from Mr. F. McNamara, Maryville, Arklow, dated the 26th July, 1937, in connection with his son's application having been submitted to the Council, it was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;  
Seconded by P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That having regard to the terms of the Special Report received from the Council's Solicitor in the matter we hereby direct that Master Francis X. McNamara be informed this Council regrets that they must refuse to award him a University Scholarship on the marks obtained by him at the Leaving Certificate Examination held in June, 1936.

Passed.

Applications were submitted from the Chairman and from the Honorary Secretary, Greystones and District Ratepayers' Association for the County Council's permission to the setting up by that Association of a car Park with attendant to facilitate motorists visiting Greystones. In this connection the Secretary reported that he had been advised by the Council's Solicitor that this application should have been addressed to the Chief Commissioner, Garda Siochana, under the provisions of the Road Traffic Act, 1933, and that he had so notified the Honorary Secretary to the Association.

No Order.

No order was made upon the application of Miss Janie Doyle, Ballyconnell (Vide item No. 15 on the Agenda) for compensation for damages caused, as alleged, by blasting operations at the Quarry near Ballyconnell, as this matter had been already dealt with as an item in the County Surveyor's Report.

Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond;  
Seconded by Major R. Smith;

Resolved—Having regard to the terms of the letter dated the 12th July, 1937, No. G.46107/37, Cill Maanntain, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and to the unanimous recommendation of our Finance Committee, we hereby decide to enlarge Collecting District No. 14 by adding thereto the districts hitherto known and described as 13/15 (for which the late Mr. William J. Quinn was collector) on the condition that Mr. Michael J. Roche—who has informed our Secretary that he is agreeable to this course and who is the present Collector for No. 14

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District—accepts a Poundage of 7d. for the whole of the enlarged district, and hands to our Secretary his resignation (which our Secretary is hereby empowered to accept) of his present position as Collector for No. 12 district, together with all the collection Books in his possession relating to that district on the date that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health accords his sanction to the person appointed by the County Council as Poor Rate Collector for No. 12 District, our Secretary to take steps to have the appointment of a Collector for No. 12 District made at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on the 23rd August, 1937, a copy of the draft advertisement, which is to contain the usual terms and conditions, to be submitted before publication to the Minister for his approval—a knowledge of Irish not to be deemed to be essential—vide the Councils Resolution passed at the Meeting held on 8th March, 1937).

Passed unanimously.

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report to the Council:—

"I hereby give notice that I shall move at the next meeting of this Council that the travelling expenses to our Assistant Surveyors, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., and Mr. J. P. Caffrey, B.E., be increased from £145 per annum and £100 per annum to £175 and £175, respectively, as both the cost of travelling and the expenses of locomotion are steadily increasing."

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by James McCrea;

Resolved—That Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, be granted to the following subject to the reports from the Garda Siochana in respect of their applications being satisfactory:—

Ellen Fleming, Barnardarrig, Redcross.  
William Quinn, Main Street, Baltinglass.  
Hugh P. Doyle, Mill Street, Baltinglass,  
Patrick Maguire, Hotel Munster, Quinsboro' Road, Bray.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Patrick Doyle (Coolboy);

Resolved—That we accede to the request of Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health, and hereby grant him holidays from the 1st to the 31st August, 1937, both days inclusive, and, further, we hereby appoint Dr. Josephine Conway, "Salem," Wicklow, to act as his locum tenens for the aforementioned period at a remuneration of Seven Guineas (£7 7s.) per week, together with adequately vouched travelling expenses.

Passed.

An application dated the 26th July, 1937, was submitted from Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., in which he asked for leave of absence from the 8th August, 1937, for a period of three weeks.

ORDER—Granted.

The following application was submitted from the County Surveyor:—

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,  
COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW,  
27th July, 1937.

To/Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
WICKLOW.

Gentlemen,

I find it absolutely necessary to obtain a rest, and I therefore request leave of absence on vacation from the 31st July to 17th August and that during my absence each Assistant Surveyor be authorised and directed to attend to urgent and routine matters requiring attention in their areas.

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

ORDER—Granted—The Assistant Surveyors to discharge all duties in their respective areas during the County Surveyor's absence.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Major R. Smith, and accepted by the Chairman:—

I hereby give Notice of Motion that I, or some Councillor for me, shall move at the next regular meeting, that this Council raise a loan of £2,000 for the purpose of reconstructing the curbstones and footpaths in concrete in Greystones area.

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

"I hereby give notice that at the Quarterly Meeting of this Council to be held on the 22nd November, 1937, I will move—That the consent of the County Council to the borrowing by Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of £2,400 in connection with the proposed extension of the Arklow Burial Ground, be and is hereby given."

The Chairman received a communication dated the 21st July, 1937, from James Roomey, Ballymaconey, Rathdangan, in which representations were made regarding the manner in which unemployed men are treated in that area.

ORDER—To be reported on by the County Surveyor in his printed Report to the August Quarterly Meeting of the Council.

The Chairman received a communication dated the 9th July, 1937, from James Hickey, Borklebeg, Kiltegan, in which representations were made regarding the alleged unsatisfactory method of employment of men on road work in that area.

ORDER—To be reported on by the County Surveyor in his printed Report to be submitted to the August Quarterly Meeting of the Council.

*Ed. Byrne*  
27/7/37

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 23rd August, 1937.

The following Members attended :—

Councillors C M Byrne, Edward Byrne, Miss Margaret Kelly, P P O'Reilly, John Danne, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); P D Kinsella, Michael Mooney, Wallace Hammond, J J Bourne, Major R Smith, Liam O Cleirigh, Daniel J Kehoe, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); Denis Condren, Thomas J Birthistle, Michael Timmins, M M Gleeson, James McCrea, Joseph Keenan and M J Brennan.

At the opening of the meeting, in the absence of the Chairman, the Chair was occupied by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Edward Byrne. After the first six items of business on the agenda had been dealt with the Chair was taken by the Chairman, Councillor C M Byrne.

#### 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 applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 9 To consider applications for Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
- 10 To consider applications for Licences under the Explosives Act, 1875.
- 11 To appoint a Poor Rate Collector for No. 12 (Dungansstown) Collecting District in accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisement.
- 12 To execute the necessary Warrants for the new Poor Rate Collector for No. 12 District, and for Collector Michael Roche, whose No. 14 district has been enlarged by the addition thereto of the Collecting District formerly known as No. 13/15.
- 13 To consider a renewed application by the Secretary for an increase in the number of the Council's permanent clerical staff.
- 14 To consider County Surveyor's Report.
- 15 To receive the County Surveyor's Report on the memorial submitted by Ratepayers in Rathdangan and Balinguile Electoral Divisions regarding the condition of the roads in that area.
- 16 To receive a report from the County Surveyor regarding the alleged unsatisfactory method of employment of men on road work in the Rathdangan

area referred to in the letter dated the 9th July, 1937, received from Mr James Hickey, Borklebeg, Kiltegan.

17 To receive the County Surveyor's Report regarding the manner in which unemployed men are stated to be treated in the Rathdangan area as referred to in a letter dated the 21st July, 1937, from Mr James Rooney, Ballymaconey, Rathdangan.

18 To consider a circular letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the expenditure of a grant of £3,150 allocated out of the Employment Schemes Vote 1937/1938 Roads (Rural) on condition that the Council contributes an additional sum of £1,050, and also to consider the question of expending after the 1st April, 1938 a proposed Grant of £525 on condition that the Council makes a contribution of £175; this total sum of £700 to be used to facilitate continuity of employment in the areas affected and relieved by the grant of £3,150, and to consider the County Surveyor's two reports already submitted in that connection.

19 To receive the County Surveyor's Report regarding a communication from Mr A J Hobson, Rathcoyle House, Kiltegan, who states that a serious break in the road at Mullen, near Balinguile, has affected the stream of water hitherto used by him to drive a turbine.

20 To receive copy of the County Surveyor's Report regarding the kerb removal and parking place at Newtownmounkennedy which was asked for by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

21 To consider a communication from Messrs Lane, Joynt & Walker, Solicitors, 4, St. Stephen's Green N., Dublin, C 2, in which legal proceedings against the County Council are threatened, on behalf of Mr Treacy, Ballyedmonduff, Sandymount, Co. Dublin, in respect of an accident to one of his lorries on the 24th March, 1937, by reason, as alleged, of the condition of the road at the Lamb, Tinode.

22 To consider a grievance submitted by the "Larry Murphy" Cumann, Fianna Fail, Toghher, that when the roads are being tarred in that area no provision is made on the sides for horse traffic.

23 To consider the following adjourned Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Liam O Cleirigh :—

"I hereby give notice that I shall move at the May Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the resolution passed at our meeting held on the 23rd November, 1936, to the effect that the fixed rate of wages for all men employed on works of road improvement or maintenance be 37/6 per week be rescinded, and that no variation in the men's wages take place until such rate has been discussed and been the subject of a further resolution of the Council—and, further, that Standing Order, No. 34 be set aside so that effect may be given in resolution form to the terms of this Motion."

24 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Major K Smith :—

"I hereby give notice of motion that I, or some Councillor for me, shall move at the next regular meeting that this County Council raise a loan of £2,000 for the purpose of reconstructing the curbsides and footpaths in concrete in Greystones Area."

25 To receive the resignation of Mr S G Gallagher, B.E., from the position of County Surveyor and to take such steps in connection therewith as the Council may deem advisable.

26 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James McCrea :—

"That the Councillors elected for each of the four County Local Electoral Areas be hereby set up as Committees, each in its own area, for the purpose of considering from time to time any List of defaulting Land Purchase Annuity holders that may be received from the Irish Land Commission, and that these Committees be given the assistance of every Officer of this Council; our Assistant Accountant, Mr W C Byrne, to act as Secretary in this connection when and where necessary."

27 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor C M Byrne :—

"I hereby give notice that I shall move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that steps be taken to raise a loan of £750 for the purpose of purchasing the premises known as Bellevue House, The Mall, Wicklow, as a County Book Repository and Library."

28 To approve of the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Library Committee on the 7th February, 1935, in respect of which the Council's sanction was not previously applied for by that Committee :—

"That we hereby appoint Miss Brigid Kenna, Killinearrig, Greystones, to the temporary, non-pensionable position of Branch Library Attendant at Greystones Library, at a salary of £30, subject to the sanction of County Council."

29 To approve of the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Library Committee at the meeting of that Body held on the 13th August, 1937 :—

"We respectfully request the sanction of the County Council to the appointment of Miss Jean Byrne, 53 Ferrybank, Arklow, to the temporary non-pensionable position of Library Attendant at Arklow Branch Library, at a salary of £25 per annum, the appointment to date retrospectively from April 1st, 1936, and to be terminable on either side by one month's Notice."

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

31 To consider County Analyst's Reports.

32 To consider a communication from the Department of Agriculture in which is outlined the procedure adopted for the purpose of putting in force the provisions of the Noxious Weeds Act, 1936.

33 To receive the Solicitor's report on the Order made by Bray Urban District Council regarding the acquisition of lands outside that Urban Area under the Acquisition of Lands (Allotments) Acts, 1926 to 1934.

34 To receive the Solicitor's Report on the Council's obligations regarding the maintenance of fences of the Cow Park at Ballymarrogue.

35 To receive a communication from the Minister for Justice regarding the question of the fuller co-operation of the Garda Síochána in the enforcement of the Cinematograph Act, 1909.

36 To receive a letter from Mr Edward Cloney, Hon. Secretary, Enniskerry Vocational Education Committee, in which complaint is made that adequate provision is not being made for Vocational classes in Enniskerry District during the coming year.

37 To reconsider a communication dated the 1st March, 1937, from the Secretary to Wicklow County Library Committee in which it was intimated that seven members of that Committee had not attended meetings for the previous six months.

38 To consider a communication from Mr Peter Lawler, Secretary Ballycoogue Fianna Fail Cumann, asking for better Polling facilities for future elections in his area.

39 To receive and inspect all reports, summaries, etc., submitted by the Inspectors during the 1937 treatment period under the provisions of the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, 1936.

40 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

41 To receive Reports from County Officers.

42 To consider official correspondence.

43 To consider general correspondence.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee, which fell through on the 23rd July, 1937, in the absence of a quorum, was held at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 30th July, 1937.

The following Members were present :—

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman.

Councillors Major R Smith, M J Brennan and James Everett, T.D.

The Minutes of previous meetings were read, confirmed, and signed.

The Committee, having examined the Proposals for payment by the Proposals Committee, recommend same to the County Council for payment as follows :—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE — £7,777 4 6

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 DECEMBER, 1937.

To the County Board of Public Assistance — £12,530 5 0

The Committee, having examined the annual demand received from the County Board of Health, recommend the County Council to make the following transfers on foot of same :—

HALF-YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1938.

To the County Board of Public Health—£13,196 10 0.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the reports received from the Assistant Rate Checkers on their checkings since the Committee's last meeting of the Accounts of the several Poor Rate Collectors in their districts.

The Secretary submitted the following letter in connection with the Council's proposal at their meeting held on the 10th May, 1937, to enlarge the area (formerly known as Rathdrum Rural District) for which Assistant Checker Mr Henry Lynch is responsible by adding thereto the area formerly known as Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, the Assistant Rate checking in which had been resigned by Mr P Cunniam :—

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G.46108/37.  
Cill Mauntain.

Meitheamh 9, 1937.

A Chara,

Adverting to previous correspondence regarding the appointment of Mr H J Lynch, Rate Checker, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to draw your attention to this Department's letter of the 9th April last, and to state that under the Council's present proposal Mr Lynch would be remunerated by two different methods, viz :—

(1) a scale of 10/- per 100 ratings in the Rathdrum area, with in addition an office allowance of £13 per annum.

(2) £40 per annum in respect of Rathdown No. 2 District.

There would appear to be no advantage in keeping two separate bases of remuneration in existence for the amalgamated area, and the Minister would be glad if the Council were to give the matter their further consideration and fix the remuneration for the amalgamated districts.

Mise, le meas,

J. COLLINS,

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The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

The Committee, having satisfied themselves that for the area formerly known as Rathdrum Rural District Mr Lynch was paid an inclusive remuneration of £57 10s per annum, and that for the additional area formerly known as Rathdown No. 2 Rural District the Council at their meeting held on the 10th May, 1937, decided to pay Mr Lynch an inclusive sum of £40 per annum, hereby recommend the County Council to pay an annual inclusive salary of £100 in respect of all duties to be discharged by Mr Lynch as Assistant Rate Checker in the newly created and enlarged district.

The Secretary submitted the Notice of Motion which had appeared on the Agenda for the Special Meeting of the County Council held on the 27th July 1937, in which it was proposed to increase the travelling expenses of Mr J T O'Byrne, B.E., from £145 per annum to £175 per annum, and to increase the travelling expenses allowed to Mr J P Caffrey, B.E., from £100 per annum to £175 per annum, which Notice of Motion was not moved, but instead was referred to the Finance Committee for Report.

The Committee adjourned this matter pending consideration of such re-organisation scheme as will be necessary having regard to the fact that the County Surveyor had declared his intention of resigning his position at a very early date.

The Committee had under consideration the following resolution passed at the Special Meeting of the Council held on the 27th July, 1937, and adjourned further discussion on the matter to the Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee which is fixed to take place on Friday, the 22nd October, 1937 :—

"Resolved—That such steps be taken, either by the provision of additional clerks in the County Secretary's Office, or by the appointment of a Pay Clerk, with a view to making arrangements that will ensure each man paid out of rates or grants employed on road maintenance or road repair receiving his wages weekly."

Signed :— DAVID H. HASKINS,  
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Dated this 30th July, 1937.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;

Seconded by " Miss Margaret Kelly ;

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

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;

Seconded by " Miss Margaret Kelly ;

Resolved—That the Quarterly transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance be now signed.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;  
Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ;  
Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's payments, as approved by the County Council, be now signed.

Passed.

## PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for payments chargeable to the various areas, amounting to £7777 4s. 6d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

## PROPOSALS COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of your Proposals Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Wednesday, the 18th August, 1937.

The following Members attended :—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman.

Councillors Major R Smith, M J Brennan and J P Kehoe.

The Committee received only one Tender for printing, providing and supplying the books, forms, notices, stationery circulars, etc., etc., required by the County Council and the County Registrar and their respective offices as the same may be ordered during the three years commencing 1st October, 1937 and ending 30th September, 1940.

The Tender was from the following :—

The County Printing Works Ltd., Wicklow. @ £597 2 8d. per annum.

The Committee recommends the County Council to accept the Tender of the County Printing Works Ltd., Wicklow at the sum of £597 2 8d.

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 the 1st October, 1937 and ending 30th September, 1940.

Firm Tendering. Amount of Tender.

The Manager, "Wicklow People,"  
A1 North Main St., Wexford. @ 6d. per line.

The Manager, "Leinster Leader,"  
Naas, Co. Kildare. @ 6d. per line.

The Manager, "East Coast Express,"  
The Mail, Wicklow. @ 6d. per line.

ORDER :—The three Tenders approved and accepted at 6d. per line for such advertisements as are required and ordered by the County Secretary and County Registrar.

Signed :— DAVID H. HASKINS,  
Chairman, Proposals Committee.

Dated this 18th August, 1937.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne,

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Coolboy).

Resolved :—That we now Seal the Tender accepted at the sum of £597 2 8d. per annum by the Proposals Committee for the County printing for a period of three years commencing the 1st October, 1937, and further, we ratify the acceptance of Tenders for advertising for the same period from the "Wicklow People," "East Coast Express," and the "Leinster Leader" proprietors at 6d. per line.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That the applications for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts be now signed and sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

There were no applications for licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, the Cinematograph Act, 1909, and the Explosives Act, 1875, for submission to the Council.

Before the Council proceeded to appoint a Poor Rate Collector for No. 12 (Dunganstown) Collecting District in accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisement the Secretary read the following letter :—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH

G.6562/37.

CUSTOM HOUSE,

Cill Mauntain.

DUBLIN.

Lughnasa 5, 1937.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 29th ultimo, on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that pursuant to Article 94 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, he has sanctioned the amalgamation of Districts 13, 14 and 15 so as to form one district, and the assignment of the collection for the new area to Collector Michael Roche, at present Collector for Nos. 12 and 14 areas. The above sanction is conditional on Mr. Roche resigning in writing the Collectorship for the No. 12 area, the resignation to become operative as from the date the new appointee takes up duty.

I am to add that the terms and conditions proposed for the filling of the post in the No. 12 area are approved, and I am to request that the enclosed Query Forms be completed and retransmitted in duplicate to this Department.

Mise, le meas,

J. COLLINS,

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The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,

The following advertisement which was published in two weekly issues of the "Wicklow People" and in two weekly issues of the "East Coast Express" was submitted :—

23 AUG 1937

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

## TEMPORARY POOR RATE COLLECTOR WANTED.

The above-named Council will, at their Quarterly Meeting to be held on Monday, the 23rd August, 1937, consider applications from persons over twenty-one years of age suitable for the position of Poor Rate Collector in No. 12 Collecting District, which comprises the Electoral Divisions of Dunganstown East, Dunganstown West and Dunganstown South, at a remuneration of sevenpence (7d) in the pound collected and lodged to credit of the County Council within each financial year. No Poundage will be paid unless each Moiety of the annual Warrant is lodged within its respective half-year. For the year 1937/1938 the Warrant is £8,387 0 2. Certain fees prescribed under the Electoral Act, 1923, as amended by the Jurors Act, 1927, amounting approximately to £8 per annum will also become payable if the duties imposed under these Acts be satisfactorily performed. Irrecoverable Rates approved by the County Council will be refunded the Collector.

The duties of the office will be those prescribed under Article 103 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925.

The appointment will be subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and will be probationary for the first year's collection. The standard of education of the candidate must be such as to satisfy the County Council. Applications should be on the forms obtainable from the undersigned, and must be lodged in the Council's Offices not later than 11 a.m. on Monday, the 23rd August, 1937, accompanied by adequate testimonials from citizens of undoubted standing, such as Public Representatives, Professional Men, Clergymen or Bank Managers.

Each applicant must give in his form of application the names and addresses of not less than four solvent Sureties willing to enter into the prescribed form of Fidelity Bond for the due performance of the Collector's duties as prescribed in the Public Bodies Orders in a sum of £4,500.

It is to be clearly understood that this position is part-time and non-pensionable.

Candidates must be in attendance in the Council Chamber at 12 o'clock, noon, on the date of the meeting, and must be prepared, if there is any doubt as to age, to submit Birth Certificates if called upon to do so by the Council. A schedule showing the disqualifications imposed by Article 96 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, will be forwarded to each person requiring a form of application.

By Order,  
P. T. HEALY,  
Secretary to the County Council.

County Council Offices,  
Courthouse,  
WICKLOW.

Dated this 10th day of August, 1937.

The Secretary reported that the only application received in reply to this advertisement was one from Mr. William Colclough Byrne, Ballyvaltron, Kilbride, Wicklow, which application he placed before the Council, together with the three testimonials attached thereto.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;  
Seconded by " P D Kinsella ;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr. William Colclough Byrne, Ballyvaltron, Kilbride, Wicklow, as Poor Rate Collector for No. 12 Collecting District, at a Poundage of Sevenpence (7d) in accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisements, subject to the approval of the Department of Local Government and Public Health and we hereby approve of the four following as his Sureties :—

- (1) Mrs. Catherine Byrne, Farmer, Ballycapple, Kilbride, Wicklow.
- (2) John Vickers, Farmer, Kilmurry, Redcross, Wicklow.
- (3) Myles Doyle, Provision Merchant, 49 Lower Main Street, Arklow.
- (4) Daniel Byrne, Farmer, Ballinacarrig, Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;  
Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That we now execute and Seal the necessary Warrants for the new Poor Rate Collector for No. 12 District, and for Collector Michael Roche whose No. 14 District has been enlarged by the addition thereto of the Collecting District formerly known as No. 13/15.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;  
Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That in compliance with the request of our Secretary for an increase in the number of the Council's permanent Clerical Staff we hereby request our Finance Committee to take into consideration and report to this Council on a Scheme for the complete reorganisation of the clerical work in the Secretary's Offices and in the County Surveyor's Offices.

Passed—The Secretary is hereby authorised to employ such temporary staff as he requires.

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## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Printed and circulated for the information of County Councillors in accordance with the Order of the Council made at the Special Meeting of that Body, held on 27th July, 1937.

Department of Local Government and Public Health,  
(Roads),  
Custom House,  
DUBLIN,

12th June, 1937.

RU/204/201.

Employment Schemes Vote, 1937/38.  
Roads (Rural).

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to the letter, addressed to you on the 6th March last, relative to the grant of further moneys for the provision of employment during the current financial year, and I to inform you that a grant of £3,150 has been allocated to your Council subject to a local contribution of £1,050 for a scheme of road and/or footpath works.

The grant is subject to the conditions : (a) that labour shall be recruited through the local Employment Exchange from the lists furnished of those in receipt of Unemployment Assistance, preference being given to suitable applicants in the order of their scales of Unemployment Assistance—applicants on the highest scales being first employed ; and (b) that all unskilled labour shall be employed on a rotational basis in accordance with the existing regulations or such other regulations as may be prescribed from time to time.

The location of the selected works shall be based on the requirements of the unemployment position as indicated by the Department.

Work shall not be put in hands until a letter approving of the proposed works has been received.

The work must be carried out by direct labour and the unskilled labour content of the works, excluding the cost of carters, gangers and supervision, must be satisfactory.

In the selection of road works, special consideration should be given to roads of tourist importance. The question of approval may be affected if this is not done.

Accordingly, if your Council desire to avail of the grant, I am to request that you will be so good as to arrange for the submission, as soon as possible, of a scheme providing for a gross expenditure of £4,200.

It is desired that the works be carried out within the current financial year. This, however, will result in the disemployment of large numbers of workmen in March next and to obviate such occurrence arrangements are being made to project works into the financial year 1938/39 by means of supplemental schemes. As in the case of this year's schemes County Councils will be informed of the proposals for Employment Schemes on roads for the year 1938/39 in time to enable the Councils to make provision for the local contributions in their estimates for that year. Subject, therefore, to the necessary funds being provided by the Dail, grants on foot of the allocations for 1938/39 will be released at the beginning of that financial year to enable Employment Schemes on roads to be continued beyond the 31st March, 1938. In the case of County WICKLOW the amount of grant which it is proposed to release for this purpose on foot of the allocation for 1938/39 is £525, subject to a local contribution of £175, and accordingly, a supplemental scheme for an expenditure of £700 should be submitted. The supplemental scheme should be prepared in conjunction with the scheme for the current financial year so that the works may be planned to facilitate continuity of employment after the 31st March next in the areas affected.

Detailed instructions regarding the preparation and submission of schemes as well as a copy of the special Unemployment Assistance, Census relating to your area are enclosed. A supply of forms No. 11, O.D. 1 and O.D. 2 is being forwarded under separate cover.

Schemes providing for the carrying out of works in the Electoral Divisions underlined in the Unemployment Assistance Census are specially desired

Mise, le meas,  
J. Hurson,  
Runai.

Te/The Secretary,  
County Council Offices,  
WICKLOW.

COUNTY WICKLOW.

UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE CENSUS.

(The figures given for the Electoral Divisions are exclusive of the figures relative to towns of 200 or more population situated in such Electoral Division).

Area : County Borough Urban Area Town or Electoral Division :	Maximum number recorded at any census as being eligible for Unemployment assistance
(1)	(2)
Bray	253
Arklow	255
Wicklow	159

OTHER TOWNS WHERE POPULATION EXCEEDS 200

(The minimum No. of U. A. recipients which will entitle a town to inclusion in the scheme is 12).

Anghrim	11
Baltinglass	66
Blessington	3
Carnew	17
Delgany	5
Dunlavin	24
Enniskerry	2
Greystones	6
Kilcoole	41
Newtownmountkennedy	16
Oldcourt Park	10
Rathdrum	12
Rathnew	50
Tinahely	8

RURAL DISTRICTS.

(The minimum number of U. A. recipients which will entitle an Electoral Division to inclusion in the Scheme for County Wicklow is 12).

BALTINGLASS No. 1 R.D.

District Electoral Divisions.

Baltinglass	14
Baltinglass	33
Blessington	12
Burgage	6
Donaghtmore	10
Donard	26
Dunlavin	16
Eadestown	5
Hartstown	7
Hollywood	24
Humewood	14
Imael North	10
Imael South	10
Kilbride	1
Lackan	24
Lugglass	16
Rahdangan	20
Rathsalagh	7
Stratford	32
Talbotstown	26
The Grange	15
Tober	18
Togher	12
Tuckmill	7

Area : County Borough, Urban Area Town or Electoral Division :	Maximum number recorded at any census as being eligible for Unemployment assistance
(1)	(2)

RATHDOWN No. 2 R.D.

District Electoral Divisions.

Delgany	18
Enniskerry	5
Greystones	2
Kilnacanogue	7
Powerscourt	13

RATHDRUM R.D.

District Electoral Divisions.

Altidore	7
Arklow Rural	24
Aghum	10
Ballinacash	20
Ballinacor	5
Ballinderry	9
Ballyarthur	12
Ballycullen	4
Brockagh	10
Calary	3
Cronebane	25
Dunganstown E.	5
Dunganstown S.	5
Dunganstown W.	9
Ennereilly	7
Glendalough	1
Glenealy	12
Kilbride	15
Kilcoole	3
Killiskey	14
Knockrath	8
Moneystown	6
Newcastle Lr.	17

RATHDRUM R.D. (Contd)

District Electoral Divisions

Newcastle Upr.	27
Oldtown	7
Avoca	29
Rathdrum	17
Togher	18
Troopertown	3
Wicklow Rural	10

SHILLELAGH R.D.

District Electoral Divisions.

Aghowle	28
Ballingate	21

SHILLELAGH R.D.

District Electoral Division.

Ballinglen	9
Ballybeg	10
Carnew	17
Coolattin	1
Coolballintaggart	28
Coolboy	7
Cronelea	8
Killballyowen	9
Killinure	12
Kilpipe	13
Money	6
Rath	9
Shillelagh	24
Tinahely	16

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**EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME, 1937-38.****ROADS (RURAL) SCHEMES.**

Instructions to County Surveyors for submitting proposals for Road Works on the standard forms.

**BASIS OF ALLOCATION.**

- 1 The allocation for Roads (rural) schemes for the current year is designed to provide for all E.Ds. (rural) and non-urbanised towns populations of 200 or more, in which the number of U.A. recipients as recorded in the latest U.A. Census available, is not less than the minimum number prescribed for the county.

**SUBMISSION OF SCHEMES ON STANDARD FORMS.**

- 2 A separate form (O.D.1.) is to be submitted in duplicate for each work, and a summary of the schemes for each county is to be submitted in duplicate of form O.D.2.

A form 11 should also be submitted for each work and should be accompanied by a brief specification, detailed estimate and tracing showing the location of the works proposed.

**TOWNLAND—E.D. MAP.**

- 3 The particular Electoral Division in which a work falls must be quoted on the Form O.D.1. It can readily be ascertained by reference to the special Townland Electoral Division maps which have already been supplied. Further copies of the maps may be obtained on request.

**AREA OF RECRUITMENT.**

- 4 Where an ample number of Unemployment Assistance workmen are available in the Electoral Division or group of Divisions in which a work falls, recruitment should generally be confined to that Electoral Division or group of Divisions; but if there are not sufficient workmen, or if the work is near the boundary of the E.D. adjoining E.Ds. or portion of them may be included for the purpose of recruitment but subject, of course, to the general restriction that workmen should not be asked to come more than a reasonable distance to the work.

**MAXIMUM SUM AVAILABLE FOR AN E.D. OR TOWN**

- 5 The distribution of the allocation for each county must be based on the special census of U.A. recipients (copies of which are supplied and the maximum expenditure (i.e. the complete cost of the work including cost of labour, materials, etc.) permissible in any Electoral Division, or non-urbanised town, shall be the product of the number of U.A. recipients in that E.D. or non-urbanised town and the special factor which has been fixed for the county (i.e. the number of Unemployment Assistance recipients multiplied by the County factor). The factor for County Wicklow is 7.

**GROUPINGS OF E.DS. WHEN SELECTING WORKS.**

- 6 For the purpose of selecting works two or more E.Ds. may be grouped together if it is found convenient to do so, provided always that the site of the work is within a reasonable distance of the U.A. recipients residing in the E.Ds. concerned.

**MINIMUM NUMBER OF U.A. RECIPIENTS.**

- 7 Proposals should not be put forward for any area in County Wicklow in which the number of Unemployment Assistance recipients is less than:—

(a) for non-urbanised town of 200 or more population ... 12

(b) for E.Ds. (rural areas) (or groups of E.Ds. as in No. 6 above), including villages of less than 200 population ... 12

**SCHEMES FOR NON-URBANISED TOWNS.**

- 8 Non-urbanised towns with a population of 200 or over which contain twelve or more U.A. recipients, as per the Census Return referred to are to be included in the scheme, and work should be provided for all these areas if possible.

No change from last year's instructions

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**CO-ORDINATION OF ROADS (RURAL) SCHEMES AND MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.**

- 9 It is intended that Roads (rural) Schemes and Minor Employment Schemes should, between them, cover all E.Ds. which contain more than the specified minimum of U.A. Recipients. County Surveyors should not attempt to make a pro rata distribution of the Roads (rural) funds for their county over All E.Ds., but should deal with a limited number of E.Ds. and should endeavour to provide for each one with which they deal its full complement of work.

Cases will arise where, owing to the large number of U.A., recipients in an E.D. it will not be possible to provide under the Roads (rural) Scheme the full amount required, and arrangements will be made by the Office of Public Works in such cases to provide the balance by way of Minor Employment Schemes. Attention is directed to those E.Ds. which have been underlined in the special Census Return provided; and County Surveyors are requested to provide Roads (rural) Schemes in the first instance for these areas, so far as it may be possible to do so, the reason being that suitable proposals for Minor Employment Schemes have not, so far, been received for them.

**PREVENTION OF OVERLAP WITH ROAD FUND WORKS.**

- 10 Proposals should not be put forward for any area in which works financed from the Road Fund will be in progress during the Winter, except to the extent to which they may be required to supplement expenditure from that source. For the purpose of keeping within the maximum expenditure for any area, Road Fund work in any E.D. may be reckoned at 50% of the full value of that portion of it which will be in progress from November to March.

**PREFERENCE FOR SCHEMES WITH HIGH UNSKILLED LABOUR CONTENT.**

- 11 Where there is a choice of useful and suitable Road Schemes in the same area, those which yield the largest amount of unskilled labour (EXCLUSIVE OF CARTERS AND GANGERS) should be selected.

**TOURIST ROADS.**

- 12 Subject to the foregoing regulations, preference must in every case be given to works on roads of tourist importance.

12th June, 1937,  
Copies of County Surveyor's Reports on foregoing as submitted to the Council at their Meeting held on 28th June, 1937, and their Special Meeting held on 27th July, 1937.

**REPORT No. 1.**

28th June, 1937,  
To The Wicklow County Council,  
Court House,  
WICKLOW.

Gentlemen,

The Minister for Local Government wishes that road work be carried out under the Employment Schemes Vote 1937/38 Roads (Rural) to be such work as may, with profitable results, be continued, carried out and financed by similar Grants as that now indicated, it being probable that for some years to come that these Grants are likely to be repeated.

In selecting the works to be carried out it is imperative that the amounts to be expended in any area must be in a definite proportion to the number of Unemployment recipients as shown in the Special Unemployment Assistance Census furnished by the Department and of large unskilled labour content.

Having regard to the works which might be undertaken, I suggest that the road improvement works already started under previous similar Grants be continued and additional works provided in other areas, due regard being taken to the Resolution of the County Council of 22nd February, 1937, as far as compatible with the requirements indicated as being necessary to comply with the conditions indicated in the Ministry's letter to the County Council of 12th instant, and the letter of instructions to me of the same date.

The present works already started under previous similar Grants are at Ballyconnell and at Liscolman, at Raheen and Eldon Bridge towards Grange Con at Dunlavin and Rathsallagh, at Stratford, at Rathnew, at Kilcoole, Delgany and Pretty Bush, at Rathdangan and at Avoca.

Yours faithfully,

S. G. GALLAGHER,

County Surveyor.

## REPORT No. 2.

County Surveyor's Office,  
Court House, Wicklow,  
27th July, 1937.

To/Wicklow County Council,  
Court House,  
WICKLOW.

Gentlemen,

In further reference to the proposed Employment Schemes Vote (1937/38), Roads Rural, after consideration of certain explanatory amendments of the Instructions, and assuming that you are prepared to accept the proposed Grant and provide the supplemental sum required to carry on the works after 31st March, 1938, I suggest that the undernoted road works be undertaken on the three years basis, indicated in the Ministry's letter of 12th June, 1937.

(1) Road No. 221, Glenashouke Road, giving employment to U.A. recipients in Shillelagh E.D., Ballingate E.D. and Carnew Town. The maximum sum allowable for this work, according to the special instructions laid down by the Department of Local Government and Public Health, being £434, per annum.

(2) Roads Nos. 273 and 270, Woodfield-Talbotstown, giving employment according to instructions to U.A. recipients in the E.D. of Talbotstown and the E.D. of Humewood. Maximum sum allowable £280, per annum.

(3) To continue road improvement already partly undertaken under previous Grants on Roads Nos. 284 and 307—viz. Raheen-Grange Con-Rathsallagh and Dunlavin, giving employment according to instructions to U.A. recipients in Baltinglass Town, Baltinglass E.D., Stratford E.D., The Grange E.D., Dunlavin Town, Dunlavin E.D., Tober E.D. and Donard E.D. The maximum sum allowable being £1,610, per annum.

(4) To improve road No. 48—Kilcoole to Newtownmountkennedy, giving employment according to instructions, to U.A. recipients in Kilcoole Town, Newtownmountkennedy Town and the E.D. of Newcastle Upper. The maximum sum allowable being £588, per annum.

(5) To continue work already started under previous Grants on Road No. 98 at Rathnew, giving employment according to instructions to Rathnew Town. The maximum sum allowable being £350, per annum.

(6) To continue work on Road No. 42, Delgany-Pretybush and Kilquade, already undertaken under previous Grant, giving employment to U.A. recipients in Delgany E.D. The maximum sum allowable being £126, per annum.

(7) To continue work at Rathdrum, Road No. 127, giving employment to U.A. recipients, according to instructions, in Rathdrum Town and Rathdrum E.D. The maximum sum allowable being £203, per annum.

(8) To improve Road No. 260 at Rathdangan, giving employment, according to instructions to U.A. recipients in Rathdangan E.D. The maximum sum allowable being £140, per annum.

(9) To improve road No. 190—Arklow-Coolgraney, giving employment, according to instructions to U.A. recipients in Arklow (Rural) E.D. The maximum sum allowable being £168, per annum.

(10) To improve Road No. 60, Togher to Lough Dan, giving employment to U.A. recipients in Togher E.D. The maximum sum allowable being £126, per annum.

The above schemes Nos. 1 to 10, involve an expenditure of £4,025, and includes all non urbanised Towns eligible, and all those Electoral Divisions which are indicated in the Minister's Instructions as having a prior claim, except two, viz.—Blessington E.D. and Hollywood. As the Liffey Hydro Electric Works and the Blessington Sewerage Schemes should be, and no doubt will be in progress in these areas, I consider that it would be reasonable to omit them and to include Ballyguile E.D. in scheme No. 8 at Rathdangan, making a total maximum expenditure of £238 per annum in this area, and rendering it possible to do some tangible and badly needed road improvement.

Also Group No 7, could be increased by £76, which (though less than the maximum) would enable Ballinaclesh E.D. to share and make a reasonable attempt at Road Improvement.

Of course these proposals are tentative, as the Minister for Local Government and Public Health requires, and must be satisfied, that the unskilled labour content (i.e. total cost, excluding carting, gangers and materials) must be a satisfactory percentage of the total. On analysis this may lead to some alterations in the site of proposed works.

As all roads in County Wicklow can be called Tourist Roads, this requirement fulfils itself.

Definite instructions have been given that no pro-rata distribution over all Electoral Divisions be attempted, and it is intimated that where it is not possible to provide for all U.A. recipients under these Roads (Rural) Schemes, the Office of Public Works may make arrangements to provide for the balance by way of Minor Employment Schemes.

The supplemental proposals will be added to the Schemes when the definite schemes involving the expenditure of this £4,200 on the rotational basis, or other prescribed basis, etc., have been decided on by you.

Yours faithfully,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by Patrick Doyle (Coolboy);

Resolved:—That the £4,200 (of which £3,150 is grant and £1050 is to be rates) be expended on the roads set forth by the County Surveyor in his printed Report No. 2 (which has been printed and circulated to each Member of this Council)

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond;

Seconded by J J Bourne;

That one of the roads to be selected for the expenditure of portion of the £4,200 (Grant £3,150, Rates £1,050) be the one from Shillelagh to Coollatin instead of the Glenashouke Road, No. 221.

After considerable discussion the Amendment was withdrawn by the consent of the Council and the original motion was declared by the Chairman to have been passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by Edward Byrne;

Resolved:—It is hereby resolved that the Council of the County of Wicklow make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for a Grant of £3,150 towards the cost of carrying out a third scheme of road and/or footpath works which is being undertaken by the Wicklow County Council with a view to the provision of employment for unemployed persons, and it is further requested that the Minister in pursuance of Section 6 (1) of the Local Authorities (Financial Provisions) Act, 1921, as extended, will issue a Certificate to that effect so that any money borrowed for the carrying out of the work shall not be reckoned as part of the debt of the said County for the purposes of any enactment limiting their powers of borrowing; and, further, that application be made to the Minister for a further Grant of £525 to be devoted to completing the works undertaken by the original and larger Grant of £3,150—conditional on the Council raising a sum of £175 in the 1938/39 Estimates for the same purpose—the Minister to be asked to issue a similar Certificate in this case also.

Passed.

The following letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health was considered:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,

(ROADS),

SGQ/201/37,

CUSTOM HOUSE,

DUBLIN.

18adh Lughnasa, 1937.

Road Improvement Grant—1937/38.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state for the information of the Wicklow County Council, that a sum of £10,000 has been provisionally allocated to the Council out of the above-mentioned Grant for Main Road Improvement as follows:—

1	T.61. Bray-Laragh. Between Killough and Ballyramon—widen, regrade, strengthen and surface in Creophalte.	5,000
2	L.19A. Killaveaney-Carnew; between Coolroe and Kilcavan—widen, shape, strengthen, surface and surface dress.	4,600
3	To provide and erect a 20-ton Weighbridge	400
	Total	£10,000

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 to which the Grant relates. If an official contractor is not appointed for a particular commodity, the sanction of the Minister must be obtained before any orders are placed for the supply of such a commodity. In applying for sanction, information should be supplied as to the quantity to be ordered, the price at which the material is to be obtained, and the reason for selecting the particular material.

The following are the conditions referred to in the previous paragraph:—

1 The Grant will 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 on behalf of the Minister 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.

(c) 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.

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4 The arrangements regarding employment are as set out in Circular Letter SGA/202 of the 22nd November, 1935.

5 Forms No. 11 enclosed should be completed by the County Surveyor and forwarded to this Office, accompanied by brief specifications, detailed estimates and tracings.

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 specification as well as to the 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.

7 Work, which is being carried out by direct labour, is not to be started until the Minister has notified approval to the proposal.

Mise, le meas,  
J. HURSON,  
Runai.

The Secretary  
County Council,  
WICKLOW.

ORDER—Expenditure set forth in the above communication is hereby approved—the County Surveyor to proceed with the work.

The Secretary again submitted a memorial dated the 12th June, 1937, received from Thomas Whelan, Rathdangan, purporting to be signed by 127 workmen in that area in which it was pointed out the roads in that district were being neglected and starved under the Roads Works Schemes annually adopted by the Council.

ORDER—See paragraph 8 of the County Surveyor's printed Report No. 2, and the following copy of a communication to the County Surveyor from Assistant Surveyor P J Foley, B.E., in respect to one of the signatories, William Foley:—

32-33 Lower Abbey Street,  
DUBLIN, C.8.

Dear Sir,

In reply to the complaint by William Foley, Killamoate, Rathdangan, Kiltegan, this man has never made any application to me at any time, and as I am solely responsible for the employment of men on the roads, his complaint should have been addressed to me in the first instance.

I replied in respect of Garrett Reilly's case to Mr Healy.

Yours faithfully,  
P J FOLEY.

S G Gallagher Esq.,  
County Surveyor,  
Courthouse,  
WICKLOW.

The Secretary again submitted two communications dated the 9th July, 1937 from James Hickey, Borklebeg, Kiltegan, representing on behalf of the unemployed of Rathdangan area that the method of employment on road work there is most unsatisfactory.

ORDER:—See paragraphs 2 and 8 of the County Surveyor's Report No. 2, and the following communication to the County Surveyor from Assistant Surveyor P J Foley, B.E.:—

32-33 Lower Abbey Street,  
DUBLIN, C. 8.

Dear Mr. Gallagher,

In reply to the complaint made to the County Secretary about the employment of men in the Rathdangan area, my only reply is that Keogh recruited whatever men were available, and it is useful to know that when dealing with the Minor Relief Scheme in Muckduff, we were unable to obtain men although that Minor Relief was being carried out in that area.

With reference to the second letter signed by James Rooney, the same remarks will apply.

I have employed such persons as I have considered necessary to complete the damage at Mullan, and whoever said there was a £1,000 award for it is misinformed. All the stone was provided locally except the material for the concrete bed, and this was brought from the nearest limestone pit. I think you will agree that local gravel would not be suitable for concrete. Certainly if suitable pits could be got in the district, they would be very welcome, but both your examination and mine proved fruitless even as far back as 1920.

Yours faithfully,  
P J FOLEY.

S G Gallagher Esq.,  
County Surveyor,  
Courthouse, WICKLOW.

The Council had under consideration again two communications dated the 21st July, 1937, from James Rooney, Ballymaoney, Rathdangan, in which it was pointed out that the unemployed men in that area are not receiving a fair share of work and that if certain gravel pits and quarries were operated much unemployment would be relieved.

ORDER:—See Paragraph 8 of the County Surveyor's Printed Report No. 2.

The Secretary submitted again the communication dated the 23rd June, 1937 from Mr A J Hobson, of Rathcoyle House, Kiltegan, in which he stated that a serious break in the road at Mullion, near Ballingule affected seriously the stream of water hitherto used by him to drive a turbine.

The following Report from the County Surveyor was submitted:—

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,  
COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW,  
23rd July, 1937.

P T Healy Esq.,  
Co. Secretary,  
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,  
I return letter dated the 23rd June, 1937, from Mr Hobson, Rathcoyle, through no act of the Wicklow County Council, or its Officers, the water now passes under the road and travels some unknown course

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underground—The water must be diverted before the road can be made good. After the reinstatement it may be possible to return the water to its original course on the East side.

Yours faithfully,  
S G GALLAGHER

No Order.

The following Report asked for by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health was submitted by the County Surveyor regarding the kerb removal and the establishment of a parking place in the street of Newtownmountkenedy by Mr. Haslam opposite his premises:—

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,  
COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW,  
14th July, 1937.

The Secretary,  
Department of L. G. & P. H.,  
(Roads),  
Dublin.

Re: Curb removal and parking place at  
Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy.

A Chara,

In response to the request of the Minister for Local Government I submit a report on the resolution of the County Council passed on the 14th June, 1937 (copy enclosed).

On the 14th June I was sent for and informed by the Chairman that the Council proposed to pass said resolution. I considered it proper to point out to the Council (verbally, since no opportunity was given for a written report) that I considered it very unwise and dangerous to allow the removal of a curbing or narrowing of a footpath in the immediate vicinity of a Place of Public Worship as it was a matter of common knowledge that persons before and after attending Worship loitered about the road outside the Place of Worship, greeting and chatting with friends, this being one of the few opportunities given (in country parts) for such meetings, and that being the fact it was essential to give these people the refuge afforded by a curbed footpath, especially in places where there was a large volume of vehicular traffic.

I further informed the Council that I was under the impression that the appointing of parking places was not wholly a matter to be decided by the County Council alone, but that if at any time a parking place was to be formed in Newtown I considered it would be possible to have such a place on the South West of the Street, south of the southern end of the Courthouse.

The Council thought fit to disregard my protest and passed the Resolution.

I submit a report from my Assistant, dated the 17th June, from which it would appear that the curb was removed on the evening of the 14th June. In view of the Council's resolution I did not consider that I could take any action.

I have since seen motor-cars parked on the de-curbed footpath. Obviously when cars are parked on the footpath they prevent the free use of the footpath as such. It is only fair to say that, except on special occasions, the footpath is not much used.

I submit a sketch plan supplied by Mr. Haslam last November and I have indicated thereon in blue pencil the location of the curbing, etc., which was removed. As for Mr. Haslam's letter of the 18th November (also enclosed) I did not consider his suggestion reasonable or necessary and that his statement appeared to me to be somewhat exaggerated at least.

The Courthouse is not the County property and undoubtedly is not only an eyesore but a dangerous obstruction.

I do not know what may be Mr. Haslam's title or right to appropriate the site of the Parking Place, and during the discussion at the passing of the resolution some person (I do not know who) stated that the Civic Guards approved of the proposal—whether such is the fact I do not know except that I was not approached by the Civic Guards in connection with this matter, and if any communication or application was sent to the Secretary, County Council, he certainly would have referred it to me.

Mise, le meas,  
S G GALLAGHER,  
County Surveyor,

NO ORDER.

The Council considered a communication dated the 21st July, 1937, from Messrs Lane Joynt & Walker, Solicitors, 4, St. Stephen's Green N., Dublin, C.2, in which legal proceedings against the Council are threatened on behalf of Mr Treacy, Ballyedmondduff, Sandymount, Co. Dublin, in respect of an accident to one of his lorries on the 24th March, 1937, by reason, as alleged, of the condition of the road at the Lamb, Tinode, together with the following report to the County Surveyor in that connection from Assistant Surveyor, P J Foley, B.E.:—

26th July, 1937.

To/S G Gallagher, Esq., B.E.,  
County Surveyor,  
WICKLOW.

Dear Sir,

With reference to Treacy v. Wicklow County Council, I wish to inform you that a quag occurred near Tinode gate last winter following the snow-storm, and temporary repairs were made immediately. In addition to that, I had sign posts put up warning the traffic of danger.

One lorry drove into the hole, and as an act of courtesy, we allowed our hired roller to pull the lorry out. With the least possible delay the road was repaired and subsequently steam-rolled, and my opinion is that this is a case for non-feasance.

I have discussed the matter with the Ganger and he informs me that no complaint was made to him of any damage to a lorry, nor to Redmond, the Charge Hand, except that on one day a lorry stopped and showed Redmond a broken wheel, but there was no evidence that it had occurred at this point.

You and I know well the care taken by sand lorries on this road. I might further add that during that period the roller gang were working quite close to where the quag occurred. It cost approximately £48 to repair.

Yours faithfully,

P. J. FOLEY,

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;

Seconded by Miss Margaret Kelly ;

Resolved—That we hereby refer to our Solicitor to defend in any manner he may deem advisable the legal proceedings threatened by Messrs. Lane Joynt & Walker, Solicitors, 4, Stephen's Green, N., Dublin, C 2, on behalf of their client, Mr Treacy, Ballyedmondduff, Sandford, Co. Dublin, in respect of an accident to one of his lorries on the 24th March, 1937, by reason, as alleged, of the condition of the road at the Lamb, Tinode.

Passed.

The Co. Council referred to the Co. Surveyor a communication dated the 21st July, 1937, from Mr Denis J Byrne, Secretary, Larry Murphy Cumann, Fianna Fail, Roundwood, in which attention is drawn to a grievance suffered by horse-drawn traffic owing to the tarring of the whole surface of part of the Bray Road, suggesting that a few feet should be left on either side to facilitate horse-drawn traffic.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Liam O Cleirigh :

Seconded by P. P. O'Reilly ;

Resolved—That the rate of wages of 30/- per week hitherto paid to road workers in the area formerly known as Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, and the rate of wages of 32/6 per week hitherto paid to road workers in the areas formerly known as Rathdrum Rural District and Shillelagh Rural District—be increased to 32/6 per week in Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, and to 35/- in the area known as Rathdrum and Shillelagh Rural Districts as from the 20th September, 1937, and that the resolution passed on the 23rd November, 1936, by this Council on this question of wages be hereby rescinded.

A vote having been called for and certain Councillors having left the room, as a protest, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows :—

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors Liam O Cleirigh, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ; P. P. O'Reilly, Daniel J Kehoe, Miss M. Kelly, C. M. Byrne, and Joseph Keenan—7

AGAINST THE MOTION—Councillors James McCrea, Denis Condren, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern) ; Edward Byrne, M. J. Brennan, John Duane—6.

The Chairman thereupon declared the Motion to have been passed by seven votes to six.

At this stage Councillor Liam O Cleirigh challenged the accuracy of the Minutes printed and circulated in respect of the Annual Meeting of the County Council which was held on the 28th June, 1937, in connection with the resolution passed at that meeting by sixteen votes to eight, in which resolution the Council determined the appointment of Councillor Liam O Cleirigh as their representative on Arklow Harbour Board and appointed Councillor Thomas Birthistle to fill the vacancy on the said Board caused by such determination. Councillor O Cleirigh alleged that the majority of the Councillors did not hear the second part of the resolution read, were not aware of its contents, and that it was seconded by Councillor Birthistle thereby rendering it null and void.

The Chairman pointed out that the accuracy of these Minutes should have been challenged at the next following meeting of the County Council, held on the 27th July, 1937. Certain Councillors having stated that they were aware of the contents of the resolution and the Secretary having ruled that the Minutes were a true and accurate record of what took place at the meeting the Council refused to take any further action in the matter.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith ;

Seconded by Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That this County Council raise a loan of £2,000 for the purpose of reconstructing the curbstones and footpaths in concrete in Greystones area.

Passed.

The County Surveyor's resignation as handed to the Secretary was submitted to the Council as follows :—

"Wentworth,"

Novara Avenue,

Bray,

14th August, 1937.

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

Gentlemen,

It is with sincere regret I have to inform you that the burthen of years, and the ever increasing responsibilities of the position, compel me to resign my position as your County Surveyor, which I hereby do as from the 30th September, proximo.

I would ask you to fix my retiring allowance on as generous a scale as may be found to be permissible.

I do not, of course, know what steps the Council propose to take towards the appointment of my successor, but as I am naturally anxious that my resignation shall affect the County Work of road construction and maintenance as little as possible I feel coerced to say that (if such a course appeals to the Council) I am prepared to continue as County Surveyor after the 30th September proximo until the date my successor is prepared to take up the duties of the position.

Believe me, gentlemen, I shall never cease to feel grateful for the kindly considerate way each and every Member of Wicklow County Council has treated me during the many long years I have enjoyed in your service.

Yours sincerely,

S. G. GALLAGHER,

ORDER—Adjourned to end of financial year.

The Secretary submitted the following communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in connection with the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Council proposing to send a deputation to discuss with the Minister the serious condition of the Council's finances :—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,  
CUSTOM HOUSE,  
DUBLIN.

G. 647/37.  
Cill Manntain,  
Lughnasa 7, 1937.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to the resolution adopted on the 27th ultimo by the Wicklow County Council requesting him to receive a deputation to discuss by what means the finances of the Wicklow County Council can be restored to normal.

The Minister does not think that any purpose would be served by meeting the proposed deputation. The Department discussed the matter with representatives of the County Council on previous occasions and pointed out the consequences that would follow the Council's action in making no provision in the three years preceding the 31st March last for the less of revenue due to the absorption of part of the government grants in the Land Purchase Guarantee Fund on account of the failure of purchase annuitants to meet their half-yearly payments. The considerations put before the representatives of the Council on these occasions had no effect in altering the Council's policy. The Council must now endeavour to collect their revenues for this year as early as possible, and to impress on ratepayers that the maintenance of the County Services depends on prompt payment of the rates. It would be of no service to the Council to give any ground for the belief that there is some way out of their difficulties other than the levying and collection of sufficient rates to meet their liabilities.

Mise, le mess,

J. HURSON,

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

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In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea ;

Seconded by Liam O Cleirigh ;

That the Councillors elected for each of the four County Electoral Areas be hereby set up as Committees, each in its own area, for the purpose of considering from time to time any List of defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants That may be received from the Irish Land Commission, and that these Committees be given the assistance of every officer of this Council ; our Assistant Accountant, Mr W. C. Byrne, to act as Secretary in this connection when and where necessary.

After a long discussion this Motion was withdrawn with the consent of the Council, the consensus of opinion being, that the Council had no powers vested in them which might be used to give effect to the terms of this Motion.

"Ardeairn,"

Wicklow,

23rd August, 1937.

Dear Sir,

Would you be good enough to place this application for my annual leave of absence before the Chairman and members of the Council at their meeting this day ; the period being from the 13th proximo to the 13th day of October, 1937, or to suit the County Surveyor's convenience.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BRYNE,

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

Secretary,

County Council,

Courthouse,

WICKLOW.

ORDER—Granted,

FROM : J. P. CAFFREY,

To : P. T. Healy, Esq.,

August 23rd, 1937.

Dear Sir,

I wish to apply to the Council for one week of my annual leave from the 28/8/37 to 4/9/37 and the balance of my annual leave to be taken by arrangement with Mr Gallagher at such times as will be suitable to the various works on hand.

Yours faithfully,

J. P. CAFFREY.

ORDER—Granted.

The Secretary pointed out to the Council that the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of the Chairman, Councillor O. M. Byrne, infringed Standing Orders and consequently must be ruled out of order :—

"I hereby give notice that I shall move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that steps be taken to raise a loan of £750 for the purpose of purchasing the premises known as Bellevue House, the Mall, Wicklow, as a County Book Repository and Library."

After some discussion the Motion was withdrawn and the following new Notice of Motion was handed in by the Chairman, Councillor O. M. Byrne :—

"I hereby give notice that I shall move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council—That steps be taken to raise a loan of £750 for the purpose of purchasing the premises known as Bellevue House, The Mall, Wicklow, as a County Book Repository and Library—and, further, that Standing Order No. 34 be set aside so that effect may be given in resolution form to the terms of this Motion."

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea ;

Seconded by Liam O Cleirigh ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve, confirm and adopt the following resolution passed by the County Library Committee at a meeting of that Body, held 7th February, 1935 :—

"That we hereby appoint Miss Brigid Kenna, Killincarrig, Greystones, to the temporary non-pensionable position of Branch Library Attendant at Greystones Library, at a salary of £30 0 0."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea ;

Seconded by Liam O Cleirigh ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve, confirm and adopt the appointment referred to in the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Library Committee at the meeting of that Body, held on the 13th August, 1937, regarding the appointment of a Library Attendant at Arklow Branch Library concerning which no previous communication had reached this Council :—

"We respectfully request the sanction of the County Council to the appointment of Miss Jean Byrne, 53, Ferrybank, Arklow, to the temporary non-pensionable position of Library Attendant at Arklow Branch Library, at a salary of £25 per annum, the appointment to date retrospectively from April 1st, 1936, and to be terminable on either side by one month's notice."

Passed.

The Minutes of proceedings of monthly meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee held on 4th June, 1937, 9th July, 1937, and 30th July, 1937, were submitted.

**QUARTERLY REPORT.**

**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 31/3/1937.

Articles submitted for Analysis.	Date Received.	No.	From	Result of Analysis.
New Milk	22-1-37	1	Newtown, Guard McGrath	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	"
Sugar	"	1	"	"
Tea	"	1	"	"
New Milk	23-1-37	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	"
New Milk	28-1-37	1	Co. Home, Rathdrum	"
New Milk	"	1	"	"
New Milk	1-2-37	1	Co. Hospital	"
New Milk	"	1	Co. Fever Hospital	"
Port Wine	15-2-37	1	Carnew, Guard Dwyer	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Whiskey	"	1	"	"
New Milk	"	1	"	"
Rum	19-2-37	1	Newtown, Guard McGrath	Not Genuine
Whiskey	"	1	"	"
Port Wine	"	1	"	Genuine
New Milk	25-2-37	2	Co. Home, Rathdrum	"
New Milk	26-2-37	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	"
New Milk	"	1	Fever Hospital	"
New Milk	"	1	Co. Hospital	"
Whiskey	10-3-37	1	Greystones, Guard Dwyer	"
Dipping	"	1	"	"
New Milk	"	1	"	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Whiskey	19-3-37	2	Roundwood, Sgt. Mahony	"
New Milk	20-3-37	1	"	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Jam	"	1	"	"
New Milk	30-3-37	1	Fever Hospital	"
New Milk	"	1	Co. Hospital	"
Water	20-1-37	1	Co. Board of Health (P. J. Foley)	Hardness
Water	21-1-37	1	Co. Board of Health (Dunlavin, Dr. Lyons)	"
Water	20-2-37	1	Co. Board of Health (Graigue, Kiltegan)	Condemned
Water	"	1	Co. Board of Health (Kilmoat, Rathdangan)	"
Water	8-3-37	1	Co. Board of Health (Rathnew W.W.)	Passed
Drugs	2-1-37	3	Bray No. 1 Dispensary	Genuine
"	5-1-37	3	Baltinglass	"
"	"	3	Baltinglass District Hospital	"
"	12-1-37	4	Kiltegan Dispensary	"
"	20-1-37	3	Arklow	"
"	22-1-37	3	Aughrim	"
"	25-1-37	3	Bray No. 1	"
"	"	3	Coolattin	"
"	28-1-37	3	Co. Hospital	"
"	2-2-37	3	Wicklow	"
"	"	3	Hospital, Rathdrum	"
"	4-2-37	3	Delgany, Dispensary	"
"	1-3-37	3	Bray No. 1	"
"	"	3	Kerrybank	"
"	6-3-37	3	Co. Fever Hospital	"
"	"	3	Co. Home, Rathdrum	"

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 32 ; Drugs, 49 ; Waters, 5. Total 86. Number Adulterated—1 Rum, 1 Whiskey. 2 Waters Condemned.

Date 13-4-37.

Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

**QUARTERLY REPORT.**

**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 30/6/1937.

Articles submitted for Analysis.	Date Received.	No.	From	Result of Analysis.
New Milk	15-4-37	1	Co. Home	Genuine
New Milk	22-4-37	1	Rathdrum, Guard Sweeney	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Whiskey	"	1	"	"
New Milk	24-4-37	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	Not Genuine
New Milk	5-5-37	1	Co. Hospital	Genuine
New Milk	"	1	Co. Fever Hospital	"
New Milk	18-5-37	2	Dunlavin, Guard Laverty	"
Cheese	"	1	"	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
New Milk	20-5-37	1	Hospital, Baltinglass	"
New Milk	21-5-37	1	Newtown, Guard Nevin	"
Tea	"	1	"	"
Whiskey	"	1	"	"
Port	"	1	"	"
Cocoa	"	1	"	"
New Milk	25-5-37	3	Greystones, Guard Dwyer	"
Port Wine	"	1	"	"
New Milk	28-5-37	1	Co. Hospital	"
New Milk	"	1	Fever Hospital	"
New Milk	"	2	Co. Home	"
New Milk	4-6-37	8	Arklow, Guard O'Reilly	6 Gen. 2 not Gen
Buttermilk	"	1	"	Genuine
Butter	"	3	"	"
New Milk	9-6-37	8	Bray, Guard Staunton	6 Gen. 2 not Gen
New Milk	"	3	Aughrim, Guard Lee	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	"
New Milk	10-6-37	5	Bray, Guard Staunton	"
New Milk	12-6-37	2	Rathdrum, Guard Sweeney	"
Butter	"	1	"	"

Butter	16-6-37	2	Blessington, Guard Brennan	"
Margarine	"	2	"	"
Ice Cream	17-6-37	4	Bray, Guard Staunton	"
Butter	21-6-37	4	Shillelagh, Guard Cannay	"
New Milk	"	1	"	"
Whiskey	"	2	"	"
New Milk	24-6-37	4	Blessington, Guard Brennan	"
Breadsoda	"	2	"	"
Flour	"	2	"	"
New Milk	"	2	Roundwood, Sgt. Mahony	"
Sugar	"	1	"	"
Tea	"	1	"	"
Whiskey	"	1	"	"
New Milk	25-6-37	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	"
New Milk	28-6-37	1	Fever Hospital	Genuine
New Milk	"	1	Co. Hospital	"
New Milk	29-6-37	4	Wicklow, Guard Bergin	3 Gen. 1 not Gen
Drugs	2-4-37	3	Dunlavin Dispensary	Genuine
"	6-4-37	3	Bray No. 1	"
"	"	3	Blessington	"
"	10-4-37	3	Newcastle	2 Gen. 1 not Gen
"	14-4-37	3	Rathdrum	Genuine
"	21-4-37	3	Bray No. 1	"
"	30-4-37	3	District Hospital, Baltinglass	"
"	7-5-37	3	Aughrim Dispensary	"
"	"	3	No label	"
"	10-5-37	3	Wicklow	"
"	"	3	No label	"
"	13-5-37	3	Avoca	"
"	15-5-37	3	Tinahely	"
"	20-5-37	3	Arklow	"
"	10-6-37	3	Co. Home	"
"	"	2	Co. Fever Hospital	"
"	14-6-37	3	Delgany Dispensary	"
"	19-6-37	3	Bray No. 1	"
"	23-6-37	3	Co. Hospital	"
Water (Rathnew)	2-4-37	1	Co. Board of Health	Condemned
Water (U.D.C.)	5-4-37	2	Wicklow U.D.C.	1 Passed, 1 Condemned
Water (Coolboy)	1-6-37	1	Co. Board of Health	Passed
Water (Newcastle)	10-6-37	1	Co. Board of Health	Passed

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 93 ; Drugs, 56 ; Waters, 5. Total 154. Number Adulterated—6 New Milks, 1 Drug, 2 Waters Condemned.

Date 16/7/1937.

Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

The Secretary submitted for the general information of Members of the Council and others the following communication and notice received from the Department of Agriculture :-

AN ROINN TALMHAOICHTA,  
BAILE ATHA CLIATH,  
26th June, 1937.

E. 5853/37.

**NOXIOUS WEEDS ACT, 1936.**

Sir,

I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to enclose for the information of your Council copies of a notice issued to the press relative to the principal provisions of the above-mentioned Act. It will be observed that this Act is now in operation in every county and that the necessary inspections of lands will be undertaken by the Garda Síochána.

The Minister anticipates that under the new Act the destruction of noxious weeds on agricultural land will be effectively and generally carried out and he trusts that your Council will be so good as to co-operate in this matter by having special instructions issued with a view to having any noxious weeds on lands, including roadsides, for which the Council is responsible destroyed in good time this year so as to prevent their producing seeds.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant  
P. MURRAY.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
Wicklow.

ORDER—Noted.

The following Report was received from the Council's Solicitor on the copy of the Bray Compulsory Purchase (Allotments) Order, 1937 :-

4, Church Street,  
WICKLOW,  
10th June, 1937.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th inst. enclosing letter dated the 3rd March, 1937, received by you from Mr. J. McCall, Town Clerk, Bray, and copy of Bray Compulsory Purchase (Allotments) Order, 1937.

As the land proposed to be acquired is situate outside the Bray Urban Area the consent of the County Council is necessary.

In my opinion, the Wicklow County Council should give their consent to the acquisition by the Bray Urban District Council of the said plot, as the County Council will not incur any liability or obligation whatsoever by doing so. I return Mr. McCall's letter and Copy Order.

Yours faithfully,  
J. BRAZIL.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
County Secretary,  
Courthouse,  
WICKLOW.

ORDER—Consent given.

The Secretary submitted the following Report from the Council's Solicitor in respect of the maintenance of fences of the Cow Park at Ballymarrogue :

4, Church Street,  
WICKLOW.

2nd June, 1937.

Wicklow County Council  
re Cow Park at Ballymarrogue.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 29th ultimo to hand.

On the 11th February, 1935, the County Council considered the Opinion of Mr. M. J. Ryan, K.C., and decided to make no order, but directed that the half-yearly annuities were not to go through the Council's Accounts, but lodged in the Bank for transfer to the Account of the Irish Land Commission on the date received.

As the Agreement (form Q) already executed by the Council is null and void and the Council have not executed the new form of Agreement (R) with Scheme referred to therein, in my opinion the Council are not obliged to see that the fences are kept in repair.

I suggest the Irish-Land Commission should be informed that as the Council did not at any time agree to act as Trustees of a pasturage and tillage Scheme the new form of Agreement (R) together with the Scheme referred to in paragraph 8 of said Agreement handed to you by Mr. Bastow was not executed by the Council and accordingly the Council have not undertaken the duties and responsibilities of Trustees for the Cow Park.

Yours faithfully,

J. BRAZIL.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
County Secretary,  
Courthouse,  
WICKLOW.

ORDER—Adopted.

A circular letter dated the 18th June, 1937, was submitted from the Minister for Justice in which it was stated that the Cinema Act, 1909, should be enforced in a more uniform and effective manner if the Garda Síochána assisted therein and consequently he proposed to issue instructions to the Garda Síochána to prosecute in future in any offences in the Act which they may detect.

ORDER—Noted, Wicklow County Council is prepared to agree to the arrangements indicated in this letter.

The Council referred to the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee a communication dated the 24th June, 1937, which was submitted from Mr. Edward Cloney, Hon. Secretary to Enniskerry Vocational Education Committee in which that Committee complains that adequate provision is not being made for Vocational Classes in Enniskerry district.

No further letter having been received on the subject from the County Librarian the Council adjourned to a future meeting the re-consideration of a communication dated the 1st March, 1937, from the Secretary, Wicklow County Library Committee, in which it was intimated that seven members of that Committee had not attended meetings for the previous six months.

The Council adjourned to a future meeting consideration of a communication dated the 27th July, 1937, from Peter Lawler, Secretary, Ballycogue Fianna Fáil Cumann, Clouwilliam, Woodenbridge, asking to have a polling booth in Ballintemple School for the convenience of voters in that district.

The Secretary submitted for inspection by members of the Council all reports, summaries, etc., received from the Inspectors during the 1937 treatment period under the provisions of the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, 1936.

ORDER—Noted.

DISTRIBUTION OF AGRICULTURAL GRANT.

The Secretary submitted for inspection by members of the Council all the forms and notices, etc., returned by the Minister for Industry and Commerce and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health (National Health Insurance Section) regarding claims made in respect of the financial year 1937/1938, for distribution of Agricultural Grant received from farmers of over £20 Poor Law Valuation on Land in respect of workmen continuously employed by them from the 1st January, 1936, up to and including 31st December, 1936.

ORDER—Received and considered; no action to be taken by our Secretary in connection with these Forms.

The following letter and Schedules were submitted by the Council's Solicitor in connection with the Schemes operated by the Council under the Seeds and Fertilizers Supply Acts, 1932 and 1933:

4, Church Street,

WICKLOW.

21st August, 1937.

To: The Presiding Chairman

and Members of

Wicklow County Council.

Seeds and Fertilizers Supply Act,

1932 & 1933 Schemes

Gentlemen,

You will remember that a considerable time ago you directed that I be handed lists of all persons to whom advances had been made under the above Acts and who had failed to recoup the County Council the sums paid for seeds and fertilizers in their names.

I now submit Schedules (attached) showing the condition of these collections in respect of each year, and I have only to add that little purpose would appear to be served by pursuing the persons concerned further.

Perhaps under these circumstances the Council may deem it advisable now to write off the outstanding sums as irrecoverable. Legal proceedings have not been instituted in any case and I fear that if they were no useful purpose would be served. However, I am prepared to do whatever the Council may direct in connection with these matters.

Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH BRAZIL.

1932 Scheme

Collected

£ s d

1 12 11

6 7 0

1 0 0

4 17 2

19 19 11

72 9 9

£109 6 9

1932 Scheme—£855 14 8.

1933 Scheme

Collected

£ s d

5 15 0

66 6 0

42 8 6

79 6 4

18 14 4

£212 10 2

1933 Scheme—£318 11 3

Total £1174 5 11.

ORDER—Unpaid balance to be written off after claim has been submitted to the Department.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

### ABSTRACT OF CORRESPONDENCE.

Abstract of correspondence laid before the Summer Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, the 23rd August, 1937.

#### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

10th May, 1937, notifying that the Minister has nominated Mr T. Cullen, Garrylough, Screen, Co. Wexford, to act as Appointed Officer for the purposes of the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous) Acts, 1932/6, for the rural areas in County Wicklow and the Urban Areas of Arklow and Wicklow.

29th May, 1937, No. IR/107/1, forwarding a copy of the Order made by the Minister authorising the temporary closing of Road No. 262—between Mullan Cross Roads, to Ballinabarny Gap, and the three roads at Ballingule.

31st May, 1937, No. RS/33, sanctioning the Council's proposal to increase the travelling expenses payable to Mr P. J. Foley, B.E., to £100 per annum from £70 per annum.

9th June, 1937, No. G.48530/37, Cill Manntain, according sanction to the Council's proposal awarding a marriage gratuity of £64 13 5 to Mrs. Balfe (nee Sheehan) formerly Domestic Economy Instructress under the County Vocational Education Committee.

17th June, 1937, No. G.46106/37, Cill Manntain, approving of the Council's action altering the incremental scale in the cases of Messrs A. O'Connor, and V. King of the Council's Secretarial Staff.

18th June, 1937, No. P.H. 26506/37, Cill Manntain (Pg), transmitting copies of Orders made by the Minister (1) determining the District Electoral Division of Killoole as the area of charge for the purpose of providing and maintaining a dumping ground at Killoole; and (2) determining the expenses incurred, or which may be incurred by the Board of Health for the purpose of removing house refuse from premises in Killoole to be special expenses, and fixing the District Electoral Division of Killoole as the area of charge for same.

28th June, 1937, No. R.G.M./201/37, confirming the interim notification of the provisional allocation of a sum of £10,608 towards the upkeep of Main Roads in the County in the current financial year 1937/38.

2nd July, 1937, No. G.54342/37, Cill Manntain, sanctioning overdraft accommodation not exceeding £50,000 for the period ending 31st July, 1937.

5th July, 1937, No. G.53461/37, Cill Manntain, stating the Minister would raise no objection to the new incremental scale being applicable in the case of Mr A. O'Connor, as from the 1st April, 1937.

9th July, 1937, No. G.56291/37, Cill Manntain, stating the Minister would raise no objection to the payment of poundage to the following Collectors who have closed their Warrants for the year ended 31st March, 1937:—L. McDonnell, J. A. Doyle, E. Lynch, P. Burke, P. J. Doyle, P. Mulligan, Mrs. K. Doyle, W. P. Murphy, J. J. McCa'l, Michael R. che (Districts 12 & 14), P. J. O'Byrne, T. Fleming and J. J. Doyle, and intimating that any penalties imposed in respect of the first moieties must be maintained.

22nd July, 1937, Circular Letter No. 27/4/37, intimating that the Minister has given a general sanction relative to the remuneration of Poor Rate Collectors in the current financial year in respect of services rendered in connection with the rate relief to occupiers of Agricultural Land at amounts similar to those which operated under Circular Letter of the 19th September, 1934, (No. 24118/34).

28th July, 1937, No. G.64681/37, Cill Manntain, conveying the Minister's sanction to overdraft accommodation not exceeding £50,000 for the period ending 31st August, 1937.

28th July, 1937, No. G.64681/37, Cill Manntain, sanctioning overdraft accommodation not exceeding £40,000 from the 1st September to the 30th September 1937.

5th August, 1937, No. P.H.65259/37, Cill Manntain (Ae), approving of the appointment of Dr. J. Conway, at a remuneration of £7 7s. per week, together with vouched travelling expenses, as substitute for Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County M. O. H. during the latter's absence on annual leave from the 1st to the 31st inst.

11th August, 1937, No. G.64704/37, Cill Manntain, sanctioning the payment of the sum of £40 to Mr L. Wolohan, for work performed by him in connection with the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, 1936.

#### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

30th July, 1937, No. L.2801/37, conveying the Minister's approval to (1) the County Wicklow Sheep Dipping Regulations as adopted by the County Council at their meeting held on the 27th July, 1937, with some suggested slight amendments; (2) the appointment of twenty Sheep Dipping Inspectors at a remuneration of £25 each to cover the sheep dipping period in 1937.

#### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

7th May, 1937, No. 4300-37 (Technical Instruction Branch), relative to the consideration by the Estimates Sub-Committee, the Vocational Education Committee, of the annual scheme for the financial year 1937/38, and stating that sub-section (3) of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, does not deliberately lay down a quorum for a meeting of the estimates sub-committee, and, further, intimating that the Demand of the full Vocational Education Committee for the financial year 1937/38 remains a legal demand.

3rd June, 1937 (Office of National Education) enclosing copy of a circular letter regarding the examination for the award of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools.

#### FROM THE GENERAL VALUATION OFFICE.

21st July, 1937, Form R.6., notifying that Mr J. R. McGrath, of that Department will commence his Annual Revision of the Valuation of the County Wicklow about the 22nd instant.

#### FROM THE COUNCIL'S TREASURER, THE NATIONAL BANK, LIMITED, WICKLOW BRANCH.

7th July, 1937, acknowledging receipt of the Council's application for overdraft accommodation of £50,000 which had been transmitted to the Board of Directors, who replied drawing attention to the undertaking of the Finance Committee that steps would be taken to reduce the indebtedness of the Council after the first quarter 1937, and stating that

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they did not understand why the Council's requirements had been increased rather than decreased in the meantime, and asked further particulars as to the reason for the application now under consideration.

10th July, 1937, intimating that the Council's application for overdraft accommodation of £50,000 would be re-considered by the Board of Directors on the following Wednesday and the result would be conveyed to the Council in due course.

17th July, 1937, stating the Board of Directors have sanctioned overdraft accommodation not exceeding £50,000 to the 31st July, 1937.

4th August, 1937, conveying the sanction of the Board of Directors to overdraft accommodation not exceeding £50,000 to the 31st August, 1937, and to overdraft accommodation not exceeding £40,000 from the 1st to the 30th September, 1937.

#### FROM THE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

3rd July, 1937, No. 3009/37, stating the financial position of the Public Assistance Board is very bad, and asking, if at all possible, to forward an instalment on account of Demand, and, further, requesting a transfer to the Public Health account to meet pressing accounts from the Irish Land Commission.

5th July, 1937, with further reference to the financial condition of the Board of Health and Public Assistance, and stating that the Department had intimated that no advance could be made on foot of the Loan for the erection of 707 cottages unless the Loan Account is cleared at the time the advance is requested.

#### FROM THE COUNTY WICKLOW VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

12th May, 1937, enclosing copy of a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health intimating that the Minister will be prepared to signify his approval to the award of a marriage gratuity not exceeding £64 13 5 to Mrs. K Balfe provided the assent of the County Council is obtained.

#### FROM THE COUNCIL'S SOLICITOR.

7th June, 1937, reporting that the adjourned hearing of the N. S. P. C. C. to have five children named O'Toole committed to an Industrial School was struck out, at Wicklow District Court on the 2nd inst.

17th June, 1937, reporting that the committal of a child named Michael Lynham to Industrial School, it having been proved to the satisfaction of the District Justice at Wicklow District Court on the 16th inst. that both parents of the child were dead.

24th June, 1937, reporting that at Newtownmountkennedy District Court held that day the District Justice committed a boy named William Doyle to Carriglea Industrial School, but that the Justice, however, refused to make an Order in the case of a boy named James Barry.

28th June, 1937, reporting that at Bray District Court on the 25th instant applications were heard for the committal of two boys named John Joseph and Patrick Vickers to an Industrial School, but that the Justice refused to make an Order in the case of John Joseph Vickers and ordered Patrick Vickers to be committed to Carriglea Industrial School.

9th July, 1937, acknowledging receipt of a communication enclosing letter from the Supt. Garda Siochana, Bray, relative to his intention to apply at Newtownmountkennedy District Court on the 22nd instant to have three boys named Patrick Kearns, Francis Kelly and John Bourke, committed to Industrial Schools.

#### FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

21st May, 1937, forwarding statement on the question of Roads Finance and Administration, which subject had been under consideration at the Spring Meeting of the General Council.

22nd May, 1937, writing on the subject of the Insurance of carters under the National Health and Unemployment Insurance Acts, and forwarding copy of an agreement which, if completed in each case, would obviate the necessity to insure carters under these Acts.

3rd June, 1937, transmitting copy of resolution recommending the Minister for Education to hold an Inquiry into how far the Universities and constituent Colleges have adjusted their programme to meet the policy of national reconstruction.

8th May, 1937, from the Secretary, Dublin Trades Union Council, 44, Lower Gardiner Street, Dublin, forwarding copy of a resolution adopted on the 4th instant advocating the carrying out of all house building schemes by means of direct labour.

13th May, 1937, from the Secretary, Gaelic League, 14, Parnell Square, Dublin, intimating that the Executive Committee of that Body had adopted the resolution passed by the County Councils' General Council relative to the position of Universities in relation to the policy of national reconstruction, and asking the County Council to pass a similar resolution.

14th May, 1937, from the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, Tavistock House N., Tavistock Square, London, W.C.7, intimating that the Annual Conference of the Association will be held on July 1st, 2nd and 3rd at Bristol, and requesting the Council to appoint Delegates.

14th May, 1937, from the Secretary, Tipperary (N.R.) County Council Courthouse, Nenagh, enclosing a statement compiled by him from information received from each County Council in An Saorstát relative to the period which elapses between the working date and the date of payment in the cases of men employed on road maintenance.

14th June, 1937, from the Secretary, Dublin Mercantile Association, 3, Burgh Quay, Dublin, C.5, drawing the Council's attention to the advantages offered members of the Association and inviting the Council to become subscribers.

13th July, from the Electricity Supply Board 60/62 Upper Mount Street, Dublin, C.18, stating it is not possible to supply the Council with copies of the Maps and Book of Reference in connection with the Poulaphuca Water Supply and Hydro Electric Scheme, but that these documents are available in the Civic Guard Barracks at Blessington.

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Tinoran,  
Baltinglass,

Dear Sir,

I wish to thank you sincerely for the expression of sympathy you sent me.

Please convey to the Secretarial Staff and Council my deep appreciation of their kindness.

Yours faithfully,  
HENRY OWENS.

2. 8. '37.

Tinoran,  
Baltinglass.

Dear Sir,

Thank you sincerely for the expression of sympathy you sent me. Please convey to Council and Members of Secretarial Staff my deep appreciation of their kindness.

Yours faithfully,  
MATTHEW OWENS.

4th August, 1937, from the Secretary, University College, Dublin, noting that the Council has renewed the University Scholarships held by Miss Bridget Lawlor, Kiltegan, and Mr Michael McD Fleming, Shillelagh, and also that Mr Patrick M R Nolan, of 48, Main Street, Bray, is to take up his scholarship in the coming year.

Invitation from James Barry, Hon. Secretary, The Library Association of Ireland, 53, Upper Mount Street, Dublin, to the Annual Conference held at Dundalk, from 26th to 30th June, 1937.

Copy of Report of the County Librarian on the County Library Conference held at Dundalk from 26th to 30th June, 1937.

*Coll Byrne*  
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The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 22nd November, 1937.

The following members attended :—

Councillor C M Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors Edward Byrne, Liam O Cleirigh, Margaret Kelly, Daniel Somers, John P Kehoe, James Everett, T.D.; James McCreagh, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); Joseph Jacob, Thomas J Birthistle, D H Haskins, Michael Mooney, George Heatley, Major B Smith, P P O'Reilly, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); Michael Timmins, M M Gleeson, Daniel J Kehoe, J J Bourne, Wallace Hammond and M J Brennan.

**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 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 applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 9 To consider applications for Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
- 10 To consider applications for Licences under the Explosives Acts, 1875.
- 11 To appoint a Food and Drugs Inspector at Carnew to replace Garda Patrick Casey who has been transferred from that Station.
- 12 To appoint a Food and Drugs Inspector at Baltinglass to replace Garda James Canning who had been transferred from that Station.
- 13 To receive the Report of the Local Government Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of the Wicklow County Council for the two half-years ended 30th September, 1936.
- 14 To consider County Surveyor's Report.
- 15 To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the Council's application for a Grant towards the cost of constructing a new road from Dunbur to Magherymore and towards the cost of constructing a second new road from Ardnary to Sallemount.
- 16 To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the Council's proposal to raise a loan of £2,000 for the purpose of re-constructing the footpaths in Greystones area.
- 17 To consider a communication from Mr William Toomey, B.L., Sub-Sheriff, Annacreevy, Enniskerry, requesting the County Council to erect proper Pounds at Bray, Wicklow and Baltinglass, and to receive the County Surveyor's Report thereon.
- 18 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee at the meeting of that Body, held 28th September, 1937 :—

"Resolved—That we recommend the Wicklow County Council to elect Mr J W Cooke, of Rathdrum, a member of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee in place of the County Council member of the same name, resigned."

19 To consider a communication dated the 27th October, 1937, from the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, requesting the County Council to re-appoint on that Committee Councillor Daniel Somers, who was disqualified for non-attendance.

20 To consider a resolution passed by the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee at the meeting of that Body, held 28th September, 1937 :—

"Resolved—That the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee requests the Wicklow County Council to re-open with the Local Government Board the question of £3 000 loan for the purpose of making a special grant to the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee under Section 51 of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, for the purpose of providing and equipping a new Technical School at Rathdrum."

21 To re-consider a communication dated the 1st March, 1937, from the Secretary to Wicklow County Library Committee in which it was intimated that seven Members of that Committee had not attended for the previous six months.

22 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor C M Byrne :—

"That steps be taken to raise a loan of £750 for the purpose of purchasing the premises known as Bellevue House, The Mall, Wicklow, as a County Book Repository and Library—and, further, that Standing Order No. 34 be set aside so that effect may be given in resolution form to the terms of this Motion."

23 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Denis Condren :—

"I hereby give notice that at the Quarterly Meeting of this Council to be held on the 22nd November, 1937, I will move—That the consent of the County Council to the borrowing by Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of £2 400 in connection with the proposed extension of the Arklow Burial Ground, be and is hereby given."

24 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture on the 14th September, 1937 :—

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay Messrs D J Cogan, Laragh, and Joseph Keenan, Rosndwood, £15 0 0 each, for erection of Public Sheep Dipping Baths, which have been passed by the Department's Veterinary Inspector and certified for payment.

Also payment to the "Monument Press" for printing Certificate and Note Books, £14 0 0."

25 To consider correspondence which has passed in connection with a claim for payment of the sum of £4 15s., together with £2 2s. costs and expenses following the death of three sheep after dipping, the property of Mr Thomas Flood, the Rocks, Grange Con.

26 To consider correspondence with the Irish Land Commission regarding the boundary fence between the Cow Park at Ballymarrogue and the lands of Laurence Gahan, Kilquiggan, Coolkenno.

27 To consider County Analyst's Report.

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

29 To re-consider a communication from Mr Peter Lawler, Secretary, Ballycoogue, Fianna Fáil Cumann, Clonwilliam, Woodenbridge, asking to have a Polling Booth in Ballintemple School for the convenience of voters in that district.

30 To consider what steps should be taken to cope with the extraordinarily heavy bus and lorry traffic which is likely to be diverted from County Kildare Roads on to County Wicklow Roads during the course of operations in connection with the Poulaphuca Hydro Electric and Water Scheme.

31 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

32 To receive Reports from County Officers.

33 To consider official correspondence.

33 To consider general correspondence.

In the absence of the Chairman the Chair was taken by Councillor Edward Byrne, Vice Chairman, at the opening of the Meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Timmins;

Seconded by D J Kehoe;

Resolved—That we have heard with regret of the death of Mr. Frank Healy of Knockieran, Blessington, our Poor Rate Collector for Nos. 5 and 6 Collecting Districts, and we tender to his wife and family our very sincere sympathy.

Passed unanimously.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

The usual fortnightly meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 8th October, 1937.

The following Members attended :—

Councillor Major R Smith, Presiding Chairman;

Councillors Joseph Jacob and M J Brennan.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the reports received from the Assistant Rate Checkers on their checkings since the Committee's last meeting of the accounts of the several Poor Rate Collectors in their areas.

The Secretary also submitted, for the Committee's information, the following letter addressed by him to John J Doyle, The Bakery, Carnew, Poor Rate Collector for No. 19 District, and reported that a copy of this letter had been forwarded also to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and to the Assistant Rate Checker for the District, Mr Michael O'Neill :—

Courthouse,  
Wicklow,

4th October, 1937.

Mr John J Doyle,  
Poor Rate Collector,  
Carnew.

Dear Sir,  
I have now completed the monthly Rate Return for the month of September and have forwarded copy of same to the Local Government Department. This Return shows a sum of £218 10 9 collected and lodged by you since you received your Books on the 19th July out of a total warrant of £4,453 odd. In other words there was on the 30th September 95% of your warrant outstanding. This is the highest percentage outstanding in any Collecting District in the County with the exception of one district where no Rate Collector has been appointed. The Report of your checking, dated the 2nd October instant, has come to hand this morning and this report shows £198 1 3 lodged during the last fortnight, which is approximately one-third of the sums shown

to be collected by each of the other two Collectors during the same fortnight in the Shillelagh area. Last year and previous years a series of warning letters were written you during your Collection. It is not my intention to carry on a similar correspondence this year. I have no doubt you understand your duties by now. Unless you make substantial lodgments before your next checking date, on or about the 16th instant, and bring your collection into line with those in other areas I will have your books taken up and shall suspend you pending consideration by the County Council.

Yours faithfully,

P. T. HEALY.

ORDER—The Committee approve of the Secretary's letter and of his proposed action.

Signed: R. SMITH, Major,  
Presiding Chairman, Finance Committee.

Dated this 8th October, 1937.

Proposed by Councillor Major R Smith ;  
Seconded by " Joseph Jacob ;  
Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as printed and circulated to each Member of the County Council, be, and it is hereby approved and adopted.  
Passed.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 2.

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 noon, on Friday, the 22nd October, 1937.

The following Members were present :—  
Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman ;  
Councillors J P Kehoe, Major R Smith, M J Brennan, and C M Byrne.  
The Minutes of previous meetings were read, confirmed and signed.  
The Committee having examined the proposals for payments by the Proposals Committee recommend same to the County Council for payment as follows :—

#### PROPOSALS COMMITTEE—£11886 6 6.

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, 1938.

To the County Board of Public Assistance—£11630 5 0.  
The Secretary submitted, as usual, the reports received from the Assistant Rate Checkers on their checkings since the Committee's last meeting of the accounts of the several Poor Rate Collectors in their Districts, together with the following letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health :—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,  
CUSTOM HOUSE,  
G.83467/37. DUBLIN,  
Cill Mhanntain (Fa). 12adh Deire Foghmuir, 1937.  
A Chara,

Adverting to your letter of the 4th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to transmit herewith for your information a copy of a letter addressed to Collector J J Doyle.

Mise, le meas,

J. COLLINS,

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Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

(enclosure).

G.83476/37.  
Cill Mhanntain (Fa). 11adh Deire Foghmuir, 1937.  
A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has had before him the monthly Rate Returns for Wicklow County, and he is concerned about the particularly unsatisfactory state of the collection in your district. It has been observed that although the current year's warrants were issued to you in July last no lodgment had been made on foot thereof by the end of August. Furthermore, while in the case of the other collectors in the County who took up their warrants before the 31st July an average amount of approximately 30% of the current year's assessment has been lodged, a sum of £4232, representing over 95% of your total warrant for 1937/38 is still outstanding.

The Minister has already had occasion to comment on the unsatisfactory manner in which you have carried out your duties, in previous years, and in view of the disregard of the warnings issued he can see no advantage in allowing you to continue in the post of Rate Collector. Before determining what action is called for, he will await any explanation which you may wish to offer for your failure to carry out your duties properly. Such explanation should be submitted to this Department not later than the 18th instant, failing which the Minister will take action without further notice.

Mise, le meas,

J. COLLINS,

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J J Doyle, Esq.,  
The Bakery,  
Carnew.

The Secretary reported that owing to the exceedingly backward condition of the Poor Rate Collection in No. 19 district, for which Collector J J Doyle, The Bakery, Carnew, is responsible, he had found it necessary to take up his collection Books on the 18th October, 1937, for special checking in the Council's Offices, and he submitted the following statement in that connection.

#### No. 19 Collecting District.

Total of amounts in abstracts of sums collected and lodged	£768 2 4
Discount allowed under the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928	7 17 8
Amount still uncollected	3677 5 6
Total amount of Warrant	4453 5 6
Amount of Abstracts	768 2 4
Treasurers Receipts	762 13 5
Amount collected but not lodged	5 8 11

The following letter from Collector J J Doyle was also submitted :—

Main Street,  
Carnew,  
15th October, 1937.

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

Dear Sir,

I beg to reply to your letter re the state of Rate collection in my area and to point out to you that owing to the very late harvest of this year has been responsible for such. As I have on another occasion informed you that my area is definitely composed of grain, wheat, and beet, and just now the several farmers are been cashed for same. I am sure that by the end of this present month my collection will not alone be equal to any in the County, but better. My lodgment this week will prove the above statement.

Further, I am now on my second visit in the area and have issued warnings that on and after the 30th of this month my books will be handed over to my Solicitor for collection.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

JOHN J DOYLE,  
R. C.

The Committee, after close examination of all the facts, instructed the Secretary to return the collection Books to Mr J J Doyle, with a direction that he be informed that if the Secretary found it necessary for any cause to take up his collection books again the Committee will recommend the Council to remove him from Office. The Collector to be informed, further, that the condition of his collection will be the subject of a special examination at the Committee's next meeting.

The following return showing the condition of the Poor Rate Collection in the County on the 30th September, 1937, was examined by the Committee:—

District No.	Collectors' Warrants			Amount collected to date			Discount allowed			Amount not collected		
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
1	7480	6	6	2234	18	7	9	13	4	5385	14	7
2	4429	11	3	1253	13	0	1	8	5	3174	9	10
3	3513	14	2	750	4	11	1	4	6	2762	4	9
4	4984	9	2	726	15	0	0	1	7	4257	12	7
5	2422	0	10	171	12	7	0	0	8	2250	7	7
6	8210	19	1	688	14	3	0	11	7	7571	13	3
7	16392	2	7	6704	11	6	7	2	4	9680	8	9
8	4495	8	10	2113	9	5	2	6	10	2379	12	7
9	16703	8	10	6317	16	9	30	18	6	9354	18	7
10	5166	9	4	2341	8	10	3	0	2	3122	0	4
11	8801	10	10	2897	5	2	28	12	4	5875	13	4
12	8857	0	2	1365	15	3	1	4	11	7020	0	0
13/15	8033	17	9	20	16	1	—	—	—	8013	1	8
14	4494	7	1	971	8	10	1	18	11	8520	19	4
16	8998	12	6	2123	13	9	29	10	10	6840	7	11
17	6139	2	4	941	15	0	4	17	8	5192	9	8
18	5964	17	2	1389	6	10	15	9	6	4560	0	10
19	4453	5	6	218	10	9	3	2	8	4231	12	1
Totals	£127871	3	11	£33186	16	6	£140	19	9	£94513	7	8

The following application was received from Mr John O'Rourke, of the Council's clerical staff in the County Surveyor's Offices :—

County Surveyor's Office,  
Courthouse, Wicklow,  
21st October, 1937.

To/The Chairman and Members,  
Finance Committee,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
WICKLOW.

Gentlemen,

Under the terms of my appointment in your service, I am entitled to an annual increment of £7 10s, which is to continue until a maximum of £200 per annum is reached. This increment, I understand, was fixed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, the Council having originally fixed the figure at £10 per annum.

I beg to apply to have the annual increment increased from £7 10s to £10, and in this respect I would like point out that the County Council have already recognised in the similar cases of two other members of the clerical staff, that the increased cost of living makes such an increase absolutely necessary.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN O'ROURKE.

ORDER—The Committee recommend the Council to accede to this request as from the date when the next increment falls due for payment, i.e.—on the 1st January, 1938.

The Secretary pointed out that the next item of business before the Committee was to consider the draft Scheme for the re-organisation of the clerical staff in the Secretary's and County Surveyor's Offices, as requested by resolution of the Council, and in this connection he submitted the following Report :—

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse,  
WICKLOW,

22nd October, 1937.

To/The Chairman and Members  
of the Finance Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

Some years ago I applied to the County Council to have the number of members of your Clerical Staff increased in consequence of the ever increasing volume of work imposed upon your offices with which your present staff found themselves quite unable to cope. The Council deferred consideration of this application but empowered me to engage such temporary clerical assistance as might be required from time to time.

I might here point out that the employment of temporary clerical assistance is not viewed favourably by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health unless such temporary clerical assistance is engaged on work of a non-recurring nature. My application came forward again for consideration at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council held on the 23rd August, 1937, when the following resolution was passed :—

Resolved—That, in compliance with the request of our Secretary for an increase in the number of the Council's permanent Clerical Staff we hereby request our Finance Committee to take into consideration and report to this Council on a scheme for the complete re-organisation of the clerical work in the Secretary's Offices and in the County Surveyor's Offices.

Passed—The Secretary is hereby authorised to employ such temporary staff as he requires.

At the present moment the Council have in their employment, attached to the County Surveyor's Offices, three temporary clerks.

One a girl—since the 17th June, 1935, part-time, engaged for two days in each week at a cost to the County Council (including insurance stamps) of ... 11 2

The Second—a girl, whole-time since the 3rd May, 1937, at a cost to the County Council per week (inclusive of Insurance stamps) of ... 1 11 4

The Third—a boy whole-time since the 3rd May, 1937, at a cost to the County Council (inclusive of Insurance stamps) of ... 1 11 6

Total cost per week—for County Surveyor's Office 3 13 10

The Council have also in their employment, attached to the County Secretary's Offices, four temporary clerks.

(1) a girl, since June, 1924, whole-time, at a cost to the County Council (inclusive of Insurance stamps) of ... 1 9 4

(N.B. This girl has recently left the Council's service and been replaced by another girl, temporarily.)

(2) A girl, since September, 1926, whole-time, at a cost to the County Council (including Insurance stamps) of ... 1 9 4

(3) A girl, since the 18th October, 1937, whole-time, at a cost to the County Council (including Insurance stamps) of ... 1 13 0

(4) A girl, since the 18th October, 1937, whole-time, at a cost to the County Council (including Insurance stamps) of ... 17 10

Total cost per week for County Secretary's Offices 24 19 6

Total cost per week for temporary clerks in both Offices ... 28 13 4

I recommend that six clerks be appointed permanently, two of these clerks to be attached to the County Surveyor's Offices, the other four to be attached to the County Secretary's Offices, two of the latter four being to replace the clerks engaged temporarily for so many years, so as to comply with the expressed wishes of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in the matter of clerical assistance.

I suggest £80 per annum as a commencing salary for each of these clerks, with an annual increment of £10 for good service until a maximum salary of £150 per annum is reached. I suggest also that these six positions as shorthand writers and typists be filled in strict accordance with the terms of the circular letter No. 69, dated the 25th May, 1936, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and that the subjects for the examination be IRISH (oral and written), ENGLISH, ARITHMETIC, TYPEWRITING, and SHORTHAND, and that the candidates securing the first six places be appointed to the positions, provided always that no candidate is to be deemed eligible for appointment who has not at least secured Pass marks in each of the five subjects, and who, however successful she or he may be in the other three subjects, has failed to secure 40% of the total marks allotted to each of the subjects SHORTHAND AND TYPEWRITING.

It will be noticed I have recommended that each of the six persons to be appointed shall prove at the proposed examination that he or she is a thoroughly efficient shorthand-writer typist, and I do so on economic grounds, and for the reason that the work in your offices is not kept in water tight sections, the practice hitherto being for each assistant to do whatever work he or she may be given. The standard mentioned in the Minister's circular is the Sixth Standard for Shorthand-writer Typists; should, however, the Council decide that only two Shorthand-writer Typists be appointed and that the other four be Junior Clerical Officers, then, as the Standard for the latter is higher (i.e. Intermediate; Subjects:—History and Geography replacing Shorthand and Typewriting) the salaries will require to be fixed at, say, £120 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 for satisfactory service to £200 per annum.

It is for the Council to decide the age limits, and also whether the positions are to be open to both girls and boys who themselves or their parents have been resident in the County for the three years ended 31st December, 1936.

The Council can reduce very considerably the cost to the Rates of the Examination if they charge each candidate an entrance Fee of Ten Shillings.

Yours faithfully,  
P. T. HEALY,  
County Secretary.

ORDER—Further consideration of this matter is hereby adjourned to the next Quarterly Meeting of the Committee. The Secretary's Report to be printed in full in this Committee's Report and circulated to each Member of the Council in the meantime.

An application dated the 6th October, 1937, was received from Mr Martin O Maguire, K.C., 49, Sandford Road, Clonskea, Dublin, to have the agricultural Grant allowance on his holdings at Cornagower and Brittas in the County Wicklow varied and increased in the circumstances which he set forth in his letter.

The Secretary submitted in this connection a letter on the subject from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, Custom House, Dublin, which bears the date 15th October, 1937, Ref. No. G.84504/37, Cill Mhanntain.

After careful consideration of all the documents and facts the Committee regret they find themselves unable to recommend that the decisions arrived at when assessing the rates on Mr Maguire's holdings should be altered or varied.

Signed:— DAVID H. HASKINS,  
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Dated this 22nd October, 1937.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;  
Seconded by J P Kehoe;  
Resolved—That Finance Report Committee's No. 2, as printed and circulated to each member of the County Council, be, and it is hereby approved and adopted.  
Passed.

### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 3.

The usual fortnightly meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon on Friday the 5th November, 1937.

The following Members attended:—  
Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman;  
Councillors M J Brennan, Major R Smith, and J P O'Donnell.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the reports received from the Assistant Rate Checkers on their checkings since the Committee's last meeting of the accounts of the several Poor Rate Collectors in their areas.

The Committee examined the following return showing the condition of the Poor Rate Collection in the County as it stood on the 31st October, 1937:—

District No.	Collectors' Warrants	Amount collected to date	Discount Allowed	Amount not collected
	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
1	7480 6 6	3375 15 7	27 2 8	4077 8 3
2	4429 11 3	1824 9 3	12 2 6	2592 19 6
3	3513 14 2	1121 14 0	10 14 5	2381 5 9
4	4984 9 2	1402 4 1	12 0 1	3570 5 0
5	2422 0 10	227 19 9	2 0 7	2192 0 6
6	8210 19 1	891 9 2	9 0 7	7310 9 4
7	16392 2 7	8736 9 5	31 16 4	7623 16 10
8	4495 8 10	2289 12 4	7 5 0	2198 11 6
9	15708 8 10	7697 17 2	30 13 6	7974 18 2
10	5466 9 4	2702 2 3	8 12 4	2755 14 9
11	8301 10 10	4004 8 9	28 12 4	4263 9 9
12	8387 0 2	2914 18 0	11 8 5	5460 18 9
13/15	8033 17 9	2104 19 0	4 3 5	5924 15 4
14	4494 7 1	2112 10 0	6 18 5	2374 18 8
16	8998 12 6	4202 3 9	29 10 10	4766 17 11
17	6139 2 4	1966 2 4	16 1 9	4156 18 3
18	5964 17 2	2242 12 0	29 13 8	3692 11 6
19	4453 5 6	1431 3 9	7 17 9	3013 19 0
Total	£127871 3 11	£51248 15 7	£285 9 7	£76336 18 9

A communication dated the 22nd September, 1937, was submitted from the Secretary to the Congress Council, 84, Eccleston Square, Westminster, London, S.W.1., extending an invitation to the County Council to appoint a delegate or delegates to the Ninth Public Works, Roads and Transport Congress and Exhibition (1937) to be held in the Royal Agricultural Hall, London, N., from the 15th to the 20th November, 1937, both days inclusive, a fee of one guinea being payable for each delegate appointed.

The Committee appointed the County Surveyor, Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., to attend the Congress, and gave him the leave of absence required for doing so—it being understood that the Delegate's fee and his travelling expenses would be refunded to him out of the Road Fund by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on his submitting to the Minister a comprehensive Report on the proceedings at the Congress.

The following application was submitted by Messrs. A. O'Connor and V. King, of the Council's Clerical Staff:—

5th November, 1937.

To/  
The Chairman and Members  
of the Finance Committee.  
Gentlemen,

When entering the service of Wicklow County Council we were called upon to provide a Personal Fidelity Bond for the sum of £100 each with an Insurance Company, and we did so in due course. We would now respectfully ask the County Council to be allowed to substitute for the aforementioned Personal Fidelity Bonds with an Insurance Company Personal Fidelity Bonds with two Sureties for the same amount, i.e. £100.

Yours faithfully,  
A. O'CONNOR,  
VINCENT KING.

The Secretary having reported that each of these officials had a Bond with an Insurance Company in the sum of £500 in addition to the Personal Fidelity Bonds above referred to, the Committee granted the application and instructed the Secretary to have the necessary Bonds prepared by the Council's Solicitor, duly executed, stamped and registered at the expense of the County Council.

Signed: DAVID H. HASKINS,  
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Dated this 5th day of November, 1937.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;  
Seconded by Major R Smith;  
Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 3, as printed and circulated to each member of the County Council, be, and it is hereby approved and adopted.  
Passed.

### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 4

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 19th November, 1937.

The following Members attended:—  
Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman;  
Councillors Major R Smith, J Everett, T.D.; M J Brennan, and J P O'Donnell.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the reports received since the Committee's last meeting from the Assistant Rate Checkers on their checkings of the accounts of the several Poor Rate Collectors in their areas.

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

#### PROPOSALS COMMITTEE—£196 7 11

The Committee had under consideration the following resolution passed by the County Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that body held on the 26th October, 1937:—  
Resolved—That we recommend the Wicklow County Council to

pay the following amounts to the Local Veterinary Inspectors for work under the Sheep Dipping Scheme:—

S Conway, V.S.	£30
A F Walshe, V.S.	65
W J Elchardson, V.S.	30

Passed.

**ORDER**—The Committee recommend the Council to pay these amounts subject to sanction being obtained beforehand from the Minister for Agriculture.

The Committee had also under consideration the following resolution passed by the County Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that body held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 1937:—

“Resolved—That we recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay our Secretary, Mr G P Byrne, £50 per year, same as last year for extra work under the Sheep Dipping Scheme.

Passed.”

**ORDER**—The Committee recommends the Council to pay this sum subject to the sanction being obtained beforehand of the Minister for Agriculture.

The Committee had under consideration the following further resolution from the County Committee of Agriculture passed at the Meeting of that body 26th October, 1937:—

“Resolved—That, we recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the balance of £15 each to the Sheep Dipping Inspectors.

That in the case of Mr Robert Johnson we recommend that he be paid £8 10s and that Mr Kavanagh be paid £16 10s.

Passed.”

**ORDER**—The Committee desire to report that the balance of £15 due to each of the 19 Sheep Dipping Inspectors has been ordered for payment at this day's meeting of the Committee.

The Committee recommend in accordance with the terms of the resolution that Mr Robert Johnson be paid £8 10s to remunerate him for duties discharged by him as Sheep Dipping Inspector up to the date of his accident, and that Mr Andrew Kavanagh, Knoekfodda, Roundwood, be paid the sum of £16 10s to remunerate him for the duties discharged by him in Mr Johnson's area from the date on which the latter met with his accident, subject in the case of each payment to the necessary sanction of the Minister for Agriculture having first been obtained.

The Committee have heard with regret of the death on the 15th November, 1937, of Mr Frank Healy of Knockiernan, Blessington, the Council's Poor Rate Collector for Nos. 5 and 6 Collecting Districts.

After careful examination of all the facts and figures in relation thereto the Committee, adopting the recommendation of the Secretary who has gone fully into the matter—and who has satisfied himself that it would make for efficiency if the huge area contained in Nos. 5 and 6 districts was divided—strongly urge the County Council to enlarge No. 4 district in which the present Collector is Mr Patrick Burke, Merginstown, Dunlavin, by adding thereto No. 5 collecting district, which comprises the Electoral Divisions of Hollywood, Lugglass and Togher on the usual terms and conditions and at a Poundage of 7d in the £.

The Committee further recommend the Council to invite by public advertisement applications from candidates for the position of Poor Rate Collector in No. 6 Collecting District which comprises the Electoral Divisions of Lackan, Bargee, Kilbride and Blessington, on the usual terms and conditions and at a poundage rate of 7d in the £.

It is further suggested that a meeting of the Council be held as early as possible to make this appointment as the Council's finances have naturally been seriously interfered with by the regrettable illness and death of Mr Frank Healy.

Signed: DAVID H. HASKINS,  
Chairman, Finance Committee.

19th November, 1937.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;  
Seconded by Major R Smith;

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

Several Councillors criticised the final paragraph of the Report in which it was recommended that Collecting district No. 5 be added to Collecting district No. 4 and that No 6 district be advertised as a separate and individual district. A discussion took place in which the suggestion was made that No. 5 collecting district be not added to No. 4 but that a separate appointment of a Collector be made for that district apart altogether from the separate appointment for No. 6 collecting district which was recommended by the Finance Committee.

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

**FOR THE MOTION**—Councillors Thomas J Birthistle, Michael Mooney, Martin Gleeson, Michael Timmins, Edward Byrne, George Heatley, Major R Smith, James Everett, T.D., and D H Haskins—9.

**AGAINST**—Councillors James McCrea, Daniel Somers, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); P P O'Reilly, D J Kehoe, J P Kehoe, and Joseph Jacob—8.

The Presiding Chairman declared the Motion passed by 9 votes to 8, and the Report was accordingly approved and adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;  
Seconded by Michael Timmins;

Resolved—That the Quarterly transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance be now signed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;  
Seconded by Michael Timmins;

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

**PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.**

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy);  
Seconded by Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for

payments chargeable to the various areas, amounting to the sum of £11886 6 6 (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 Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals for payments chargeable to the various areas amounting to the sum of £196 7 1 (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

At this stage the chair was vacated by the Vice-Chairman, and taken by the Chairman, Councillor C M Byrne.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by M Mooney;

Resolved—That the applications for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts be now signed and sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy);

Seconded by C M Byrne;

Resolved—That our Secretary is hereby instructed to issue a Licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, to William Morrissey, Aughrim, provided a satisfactory report on the applicant and his premises is received from the Superintendent, Garda Siochana.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by P Doyle (Coolboy);

Resolved—That the Licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act hitherto held by Mr George Rushton in respect of his premises at Bridge House, Lower Street, Rathdrum, be transferred to Mr Albert Farrar, Bridge House, Lower Street, Rathdrum, who has acquired the premises.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by M Timmins;

Resolved—That a Licence under the Explosives Act, 1875, be issued to Mrs Jane Lawler, The Green, Dunlavin, for the sale of squibs and slabbangs, no objection having been offered to the grant of such a Licence by the Garda Siochana.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Major R Smith;

Seconded by James McCrea;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Garda Thomas Doyle (5090), Carnew, as Inspector under the Food and Drugs Acts for that area to replace Garda Patrick Casey who has been transferred from that station.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M Timmins;

Seconded by M M Gleeson;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Garda James Conway (5778) as Food and Drugs Inspector at Baltinglass to replace Garda James Canning who has been transferred from that station.

Passed.

#### AUDITOR'S REPORT.

73863/37.

17th August, 1937.

I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Wicklow County Council, including the Accounts of the County Library Committee, for the two half-years ended 30th September, 1936.

Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded herewith.

Following is a comparative table of the rates raised for the years:—

	1935/6	1936/7	1937/8
In respect of Roads (Rate in £)	80d.	81d.	89d.
“ “ “ Co. Services “	32½	32½	55
“ “ “ Poor Relief “	31½	35½	36
“ “ “ Health District Charges “	11½	12	14½
	105½	110½	144½

The increase of 8d. in the £ in estimates for 1937/1938 as compared with 1936/37 in respect of Roads was mainly due to a considerably increased provision for the maintenance of County Roads. An abnormal credit in the former year of a sum of £700 previously provided for the repayment of a proposed loan subsequently not taken up and provision in 1937/38 for yearly repayment charges of a new proposed loan for construction of a sea road connecting the existing coast roads between Wicklow and Arklow contribute to account for the balance of the increase.

Provision has been made in the 1937/38 estimates under the head of County Services to the extent of £20,000 (the approximate equivalent of 1/7½d in the £) to meet an accumulated deficiency in Agricultural Grant for which no provision was made in previous years. There was an increase in the demand of the Grangeorman Mental Hospital which necessitated an increase in rate of approximately 2½d in the £, and an increase in the Demand for Vocational Education which required an additional rate of about ½d in the £. These increases, along with some other minor items, account jointly for the increase in rate of 22½d in the £ for County Services in the financial year 1937/38 as compared with the previous year.

The balance of the total increase in the General Rate for 1937/1938 is due mainly to the increased Demand made by the Board of Health for Health District Charges, the increase in rate for Poor Relief amounting to only ½d in the £.

The following table shows the amounts of rates carried forward and struck off for the years:—

	1934/35	1935/36	1936/37.
Recoverable Rates carried forward	£ 4,833	£ 4,718	£ 6,504
Irrecoverable Rates struck off Re-funds and discount	1,644	1,543	1,560

At the 31st March, 1937, there was an uncollected balance of £756 11 10 due to the Council in respect of seeds and fertilizers supplied under the Seeds and Fertilizers Supply Acts, 1932 and 1933.

All Insurance renewal premiums have been paid to date.  
(Sgd) S. O. h-EALUIGHTHE, Inghiucoir,

Do'n Aire Rialtais Aiteamhla  
agus Slainte Phuilibhche.

ORDER—The Council considered the Report very satisfactory.

The Secretary reported with regret the death on the 15th instant of Mr Frank Healy, Knockiern, Blessington, who was Poor Rate Collector for Nos. 5 and 6 collecting districts, and mentioned that the arrangements suggested for the continuation of the collections in these two districts had been dealt with already by the Council in Finance Committee's Report No. 4.

The County Surveyor, Mr S G Gallagher, B.E., Wentworth, Novara Avenue, Bray, submitted a Medical Certificate dated the 22nd November, 1937, from Dr. Wentworth Taylor to the effect that the County Surveyor was confined to bed suffering from the result of an accident to his leg consequent upon a fall which he had that morning.

The hope was unanimously expressed by the Council that the County Surveyor might soon be restored to good health again.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,  
COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW,

12th November, 1937.

To/Wicklow County Council,  
Court House,  
WICKLOW.

A Chairde,

(1) I beg to report that eight out of ten of the works to be carried out under the Relief Vote Grant, started on 8th instant. The remaining two will start on the 29th instant. Every care is being taken to comply with the instructions issued by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, in connection with such works.

(2) The Road Fund Grant Work on the Carnew-Killaveney road started on 25th October, and the work will soon be in full operation.

(3) A complaint was received relating to Road No. 272, Ballinroan to Kilsha. This road has been reasonably repaired, and the working way widened to the width provided for in the Road Schedule, Form 19—i.e. to 9 feet.

(4) A petition has been received regarding a proposed Bridge at "The Slash," near Tinahely, and as a request has been made by the local County Councillor to do this work, the matter will be incorporated in the Provisional Road Works Scheme, 1938/39, which will come before you for consideration in due course.

(5) A complaint or request has been received from the Irish Farmers' Federation, at Annacurra, requesting that the Road No. 200, from Annacurra Cross to the R. C. Church be steamrolled. I will estimate for this work in the Road Scheme, and should you provide for the expenditure this work can be carried out.

(6) Various applications have from time to time been received asking for lanes, etc., to be repaired as Minor Employment works. Such applications have been forwarded to the Special Works Department, Board of Works, which alone have the powers to provide for such Grants.

(7) A complaint has been received from a Mr Edward Kenny, Tigroney, Avoca, stating that he has not been employed, and that certain other men have been continually in employment. I find the men complained of all satisfactory, and see no reason to make any alteration. When work is available, Mr Kenny will be employed.

(8) Owing to the necessity of keeping the road passable, I find it advisable to include all the unexpended balances in Main Road Groups, and all balances in County Road Groups as one item in expenditure, so that these balances can be expended where most urgently required.

Mise, le meas,  
S. G. GALLAGHER,  
County Surveyor.

ORDER—Approved and adopted—The County Surveyor to be informed that the Council approved of the proposal in paragraph 8 to transfer unused balances from one group to another provided that no Main Road balances were used on County Roads or no County Road balances were used on Main Roads.

A letter dated the 18th November, 1937, was submitted from Mr William Stewart, Secretary, Ennereilly Labour Club, in which the Council was asked to make provision for the usual relief work on roads prior to Christmas.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;  
Seconded by James McCrea ;

Resolved—That we hereby decide to expend a sum of £3,000 for the purpose of relieving the unemployment so prevalent throughout the County, the said sum of £3,000 to be taken out of the road Estimate for the service of the year 1938/1939 ; and this sum set aside by the Council to be expended on preparing metal for use in the said financial year, this proposal, of course to be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local

Government and Public Health—the County Surveyor to have the £3,000 expended over the entire County, as equitably as he can find possible.

Passed.

Two communications were submitted from eleven carters working in Baltinglass and district who informed the Council that they had gone on strike against the present low rate allowed for piece work, namely 8d. per ton per mile, as owing to the high cost of living they found it impossible to keep a horse and cart on their earnings, which were stated to be seven and eight shillings for five days of the week and about four shillings for the Saturday.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;

Seconded by Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ;

Resolved—That our County Surveyor's attention be drawn to the fact that it is the wish of the County Council that a carter be paid 10/- per day for his own service and the use of his horse and cart, and that where piece work is being paid for, each of the journeys should be paid for at a figure that will allow a carter to earn approximately 10/- per day.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Liam O Cleirigh ;

Seconded by J J Bourne ;

Resolved—That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be strongly urged to give a grant to Wicklow County Council to be expended before Christmas in giving relief on road works in the areas of the County in which there is at present much distress in consequence of unemployment.

Passed.

The following letter was read :—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,  
(Roads).

CUSTOM HOUSE,  
DUBLIN.

R/RG/33.

30adh D Foir, 1937.

A Chara.

With reference to the application of Wicklow County Council for a grant towards the cost of construction of new road from the end of County Road No. 104 on Dunbur Upper, through Kilpoole Lower, Kilpoole Upper and Magherymore to connect with County Road No. 102 and to construct a new road between the south termination of Road No. 161 on Arinary connecting with County Road No. 178 on Salleymount, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he would be glad to be furnished with a preliminary plan and estimate for the works in question. The estimate should provide for the necessary improvement of the existing roads. On receipt of these documents the Council's application will receive further consideration.

Mise, le meas,  
J HURSON,  
Rural.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
WICKLOW.

ORDER—The County Surveyor to supply, with the least possible delay, to the Department the plans, estimates, etc., required.

A letter was submitted from Mr Richard Riekman, Secretary, Greystones Branch, Workers' Union of Ireland, complaining of conditions of employment of certain of the members of that Branch under which a walk of four miles to the work offered under a Rotational Relief Scheme would be necessary for a weekly wage which would be less than the wage operating in their own district.

The Council instructed the Secretary to obtain a report for the County Council from the County Surveyor on the facts which have led up to this complaint, and to forward a copy of such report to the Minister for Industry and Commerce with the request that such steps be taken by his Department as will make it unnecessary for men to walk four miles to their work, particularly when such work is in an area where a lesser scale of wages operates.

The Council considered the following letter :—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,  
(Roads).

CUSTOM HOUSE,  
DUBLIN.

R/RB/33.

3 adh M. Foir, 1937.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 27th ultimo with subjoined copy of a resolution passed by your Council regarding a proposal to raise a loan of £2,000 for the purpose of reconstructing the footpaths in the Greystones area and I am to state that the Minister is not prepared to consider any proposal for loans to Wicklow County Council pending a review of the financial position of the Council after the close of the current financial year.

Mise, le meas,  
J. HURSON,  
Rural.

The Secretary,  
County Council Offices,  
Wicklow.

ORDER—The County Surveyor is hereby directed to place on the Provisional Road Works Scheme for 1938/1939 a proposal to expend the sum of £2,000 on the footpaths in Greystones and district.

Proposed by Councillor W Hammond ;  
Seconded by M Mooney ;

"That it is the considered opinion of this Council that all major road reconstruction work should be deferred until the County Roads be put in a passable and safe condition by essential widening and toning up; and inasmuch as such roads are being more and more used for motor traffic, we instruct our County Surveyor to represent to the proper authorities the absolute need for making available for this purpose—together with the rate struck for same—the amount annually devoted to reconstruction for at least a period of three years."

After some discussion the motion was withdrawn by the Proposer and an Order was made instead that the County Surveyor be directed to prepare and issue to each Member of the Council before the next meeting a report setting forth his views on the most advantageous method of reconstructing and maintaining County Roads in future, more particularly, from the point of view of having as many as possible of these County Roads classified as Main Roads, and the expenditure thereon subject to recoupment in that relation so as to relieve the burden of upkeep on the Poor Rates as much as possible.

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

"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next meeting of the Council that we revert to the contract system for the upkeep of County Roads as from 1st April, 1938."

#### POUNDS.

The Council considered the following letter which had been received from the Under Sheriff:—

Annacreevy,  
Enniskerry,  
Co. Wicklow,  
22nd October, 1937.

Dear Sir,

I require the County Council to erect a proper Pound in Bray Wicklow and Baltinglass. They are now required for the Flying Squad for keeping cattle seized.

Yours faithfully,  
WILLIAM TOOMEY.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
WICKLOW.

In this connection the Secretary reported that he had written to the Clerks of the Urban District Councils of Bray and Wicklow, with a view to the Council entering into some working arrangement which would allow of the Pounds in these two towns being used for the purpose indicated in the Under Sheriff's letter, and he submitted the reply received from the Clerk of Bray Urban District Council. No reply had been received from the Clerk, Wicklow Urban District Council.

He mentioned also that he had communicated with the County Surveyor on the subject whose report had been printed and circulated to the Members of the Council as follows:—

### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

#### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,  
COURT HOUSE,  
WICKLOW,

12th November, 1937.

To/Wicklow County Council,  
Court House,  
WICKLOW.

A Chairde,

The County Secretary has informed me that the Sub-Sheriff has requisitioned you to provide proper pounds in Bray, Wicklow and Baltinglass. The Sub-Sheriff has informed me that these three pounds would each be required to accommodate twenty cattle and also provide stalls for two horses. They would further require to provide a loft to hold fodder, and be equipped with a water supply.

As you do not own any land or site on which to erect a pound I examined the pound in Bray. This pound is the property of the Bray Urban Council, and even if some arrangement could be made with that Council, the space available would be too small to provide the accommodation required. I also examined the pound in Wicklow, which is the property of the Wicklow Urban Council, and as in the case of Bray I consider the space available is insufficient. In Baltinglass, some years ago, you proposed to use as a pound, a yard at the rear of Baltinglass Court House, but some question as to title arose, and objections were made that the proposed use of this yard as a pound would be prejudicial to public health. Under the circumstances, I could not recommend you to so utilise this yard.

No stalls or food store is available in the pounds in Bray or Wicklow, nor was any such store contemplated in Baltinglass.

As you do not own suitable or possible sites in any of these places, I suggest that your Law Agent ascertain by advertisement, or otherwise, the persons willing to rent or sell suitable sites to you, and as any pound erected by you must be certified by the Sub-Sheriff as a proper pound and equipped to his satisfaction, I suggest that the Sub-Sheriff be asked to definitely state his minimum requirements as to size (i.e. dimensions), equipment, etc.

In as much as the keeping of twenty cattle and two horses for even one day in an urbanised town, or a non-urbanised town such as Baltinglass, will entail the accumulation of a certain amount of solid and liquid manure, I consider the location of such pounds in these residential areas is objectionable from a sanitary point of view.

As soon as you are in a position to indicate to me the proposed sites, I shall examine them and design the necessary works. The probable cost will depend on the area, location of the site, and the requirements of the Sub-Sheriff. Regard must also be given to the fact that you will

be responsible for the cost of the maintenance of the structures so erected.

Mise, le meas,  
S. G. GALLAGHER,  
County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;  
Seconded by M J Brennan;

Resolved—That with a view to complying with the request of the Under Sheriff to have proper Pounds erected at Bray, Wicklow and Baltinglass, we hereby instruct our County Surveyor to advertise for suitable sites in these three towns and to report fully the result of his investigations in that direction to each Member of the County Council before the next meeting.

Passed.

A letter dated the 15th October, 1937, was received from the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee in which the following resolution passed by that Body on the 28th September, 1937 was embodied:—

"Resolved—That we recommend the Wicklow County Council to elect Mr J W Cooke of Rathdrum, a member on the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee in place of the County Council member of the same name, resigned."

ORDER—Consideration adjourned to the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council.

The following communication was also considered:—

COUNTY WICKLOW VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE,  
Technical School,  
WICKLOW,

Ref. No. 1069-37. 27th October, 1937,  
A Chara,

In reply to yours of the 18th instant re Mr Somers, I have to inform you that at a meeting of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee held on the 26th inst, a letter of explanation for non-attendance received from Mr Somers was read and the following order made:—

"That Mr. Somers's explanation be accepted and the County Council be requested to re-appoint him a member of this Committee."

I beg to draw your attention to the fact that Mr Somers's disqualification, as required by the Vocational Education Act, has already been carried out.

Mise, le meas,  
H. PAINTING,  
Chief Executive Officer.

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

The Secretary having mentioned that in a further letter dated 13th November, 1937, from the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, it had been pointed out that in the case of Councillor Somers, who was disqualified under Section 11, paragraph 3, of the Vocational Education Act 1930, that as the one year term of disqualification terminated in June, 1937, he is now eligible for re-election, it was

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

Resolved—With a view to giving effect to the recommendation received from the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee we hereby re-appoint on that Committee Councillor Daniel Somers who was disqualified for non-attendance over a year ago.

Passed.

The Council adjourned to their next Quarterly Meeting consideration of the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee at the Meeting of that Body held on the 28th September, 1937, which appeared as item No. 20 on the Agenda:—

"Resolved—That the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee requests the Wicklow County Council to re-open with the Local Government Board the question of £3,000 Loan for the purpose of making a special grant to the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee under Section 51 of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, for the purpose of providing and equipping a new Technical School in Rathdrum."

The Secretary reported that in pursuance of the Order of the Council on the letter dated the 1st March, 1937, from the Wicklow County Library Committee intimating that the following seven members had not attended meetings for the previous six months:—

J J Bourne, M.C.C.; James Everett, T.D., M.C.C.;

T J Birthistle, M.C.C.; Denis Condren, M.C.C.;

D Somers, M.C.C.; M McMahon, U.D.C.; J Olohan, U.D.C.;

he had written to the County Librarian on the 29th May, 1937, stating that it was the view of the Council the seven members indicated should be given an opportunity to advance their reasons for non-attendance.

No reply having been received in this connection from the County Library Committee the Council concluded that the explanations referred to had been accepted by that Committee and directed that no further action in connection with the matter need be taken by the County Secretary,

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;  
Seconded by T Birthistle;

Resolved—That it is the considered opinion of Wicklow County Council that the meetings of the County Library Committee should in future be held at 4 o'clock, p.m., in the evening of the last Tuesday of each month instead of at 2 o'clock, p.m., on the first Friday in each month, and we ask the County Library Committee to give effect to our wishes in this connection.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;  
Seconded by T Birthistle;

Resolved—That Standing Order No 34 be set aside for the purpose of considering the following Motion:—

"That steps be taken to raise a loan of £750 for the purpose of

purchasing the premises known as Bellevue House, The Mall, Wicklow, as a County Book Repository and Library."

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was further

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " T Birthistle ;

Resolved—That steps be taken to raise a loan of £750 for the purpose of purchasing the premises known as Bellevue House, The Mall, Wicklow, as a County Book Repository and Library, subject to the following conditions :—(1) that the loan be first sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health ; (2) that repayment of the loan be spread over a period of 25 years ; (3) that the raising of this loan is not to cause any additional charge on the rates in future and that consequently all annual charges connected with this loan are to be deducted from the amount to be transferred to the County Library Committee annually by the County Council ; and (4) that the entire cost of all alterations that may be required in the building be met out of a free grant from the Carnegie Trust.

The Secretary informed the Council that he had given careful consideration to every document which had reached him in connection with this proposal and he recommended the Council to refer the matter back to the County Library Committee for further consideration, or, alternatively, to refer the proposal to the Finance Committee for full investigation and report, as it was his considered opinion that having regard to all the facts the scheme suggested was not workable.

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

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors James McCrea, Liam O Cleirgh, J J Bourne, Wallace Hammond, T J Birthistle, Daniel Somers, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ; Patrick Doyle (Winetavern) ; P P O'Reilly, Daniel J Kehce, Michael Mocney, Martin Gleeson, Michael Timmins, Edward Byrne, M J Brennan, James Everett, T.D. ; C M Byrne, and J P Kehoe—18.

AGAINST THE MOTION—Councillor Miss Margaret Kelly—1.  
The Chairman thereupon declared the Motion to have been carried 18 members having voted for it and one against.

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Denis Condren, as item No. 23 on the Agenda, was withdrawn with the consent of the Council and a new notice of motion for a larger sum was handed in at this meeting by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy).

At this point in the Council's proceedings, the Chairman, Councillor C M Byrne, had to leave for the purpose of keeping an engagement—the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Edward Byrne, having previously left the meeting, it was

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " J McCrea ;

Resolved—That the Chair be taken by Councillor Daniel Somers.

Passed.

The Secretary in submitting the following communication from the Department of Agriculture drew the Council's attention to the fact that not one of the fifteen applications referred to in this communication was addressed to his offices, and consequently he accepted no responsibility whatsoever for any delays that may have taken place in relation to the establishment of sheep dipping swim baths in any district, nor was there ever any delay in his offices in attending to correspondence dealing with any subject. He had satisfied himself by enquiry that the persons who complained to the Department's Inspector of inattention to their letters had addressed their communications to the County Committee of Agriculture, which body had been entrusted year after year with the entire administration of the Sheep Dipping Orders and regulations in the County. In these circumstances he suggested that the Department's letter should be handed over to the County Committee of Agriculture for attention :—

AN ROINN TALMHAIOCHTA,  
BAILE ATHA CLIATH,  
19th November, 1937.

L.4435-37.

Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of sheep dipping arrangements in Co. Wicklow I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that a Departmental Inspector who has recently been making enquiries into the working of the sheep dipping scheme has reported to the following effect :—

1. The local Sheep Dipping Inspector for the Toghher Lacken district states that three swim baths are required in his district, viz. at Toghher, Baltiboy and Shroughan, respectively. It is understood that applications for subsidies to erect baths have been addressed to the County Council by Mr Laurie of Carrig, Rathdrum, who has a number of sheep grazing at Ballinagee, and by Mr Fitzpatrick of Blackditches, but that they have received no reply thereto.

2. The local Sheep Dipping Inspector, Mr James Kavanagh, stated that Mr Richard Lynch, of Ballyeddin, applied to the County Council for a grant to erect a bath on a site on Ballyeddin Mountain but had received no reply. The Departmental Inspector has reported on this site as being suitable.

3. Mr P Whelan, local Dipping Inspector, informed the Departmental Inspector that the undermentioned persons had applied for grants in respect of the reconstruction of existing baths but had received no reply from the County Council, viz. :—

John Gillespie, Borkle, Kiltegan.  
George Driver, Mongaduff, Rathdangan.  
P Doyle, Slieveagh.

4. Sheep Dipping Inspector A Fleming, of Aughavannagh, stated that in his district persons had applied for grants for the erection of new baths but had received no reply, viz. :—

Terence Clancy, Sheana.  
L O'Toole, Aughavannagh.  
Luke O'Kennedy, Toberloona Mountain,

and that William Alexander, Cappagh, and Michael Lynch, Ballymanus, had applied for grants for the reconstruction of existing baths and had likewise received no reply. It is stated that swim baths are required in the neighbourhood of the premises of each of these applicants. It is understood that an application to which no reply had been received was also made by Mr James Nolan, Stratford Lodge.

5. With regard to the district of Dipping Inspector Patrick Twomey, the Departmental Inspector reports that Mrs Walsh, Ballysmuttan, Mr Miloy-Balfé, Lugragan, and Mr William Eustace, Ballyfolan, Brittas, had each applied for a grant to construct a new bath but had received no reply thereto. The Departmental Inspector points out that this district borders the Counties of Dublin and Kildare and that it is most important that baths should be erected in the places where the three applicants in question reside.

The Minister will, accordingly, be glad to learn what action the Local Authority propose to take in regard to each of the applications referred to above.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W M BOWERS.

For Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.  
WICKLOW.

ORDER—The Secretary's suggestion was adopted and he was instructed to forward the Department's letter to the County Committee of Agriculture for immediate attention.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;

Seconded by " W Hammond ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve and adopt the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body held on the 14th September, 1937 :—

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay Messrs D J Cogan, Laragh, and Joseph Keenan, Roundwood, £15 0 0 each for erection of Public Sheep Dipping Baths which have been passed by the Department's Veterinary Inspector and certified for payment."

Also payment to the " Monument Press " for printing Certificates and Note Books, £14 0 0.

Passed.

The following letter was considered :—

The Rocks,

Grange Con,

23rd August, 1937.

To/  
The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

Sir,

In accordance with notice served on me by Mr. P. J. O'Toole, Dipping Inspector, I sent 130 sheep and lambs to Ballymore Creamery for purpose of being dipped on the 29th August. They were dipped in a mixture of Cooper's Dip prepared by your Inspector and under his supervision.

I regret to inform you that two lambs have since died. I say they died from effects of this dipping. I have had the dead animals examined by a V.S. on my behalf. I also notified the Sergeant in charge of Dunlavin Givic Guard Station and through him Mr Walshe, V.S., Carlow.

The value of the two animals is about 55/-. I request the County Council to compensate me in full for the loss of those lambs and in addition to pay V.S. fees for attendance.

Thomas Flood.

ORDER—The Council approved and confirmed the Secretary's action in refusing to accept any liability whatsoever for the loss stated to have been suffered by Mr. Flood in consequence of the dipping of the sheep on the 19th August, 1937.

The Council adjourned to their next Quarterly Meeting consideration of correspondence which had passed with the Irish Land Commission regarding the broken down boundary fences between the Cow Park at Ballymarrogue and the lands of Laurence Gahan, Kilquiggan, Coolkenno,

#### QUARTERLY REPORT.

#### 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 30/9/1937.

Articles submitted for Analysis.	Date Received.	No.	From	Result of Analysis.
New Milk	1-7-37	1	Baltinglass, Guard Canning	Genuine
Tea	"	1	"	"
Sugar	"	1	"	"
Cheese	2-7-37	1	Carnew, Guard Casey	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Sugar	"	1	"	"
Tea	"	1	"	"
Tea	3-7-37	1	Newtown-Mt-Kdy., Gd.Nevin	"
Sugar	"	1	"	"
Brandy	"	1	"	"
Sherry	"	1	"	"
Ginger Wine	"	1	"	"
New Milk	17-7-37	2	Co. Home	"
New Milk	29-7-37	1	Baltinglass District Hospital	"
New Milk	31-7-37	3	Dunlavin, Guard Laverty	"
Sugar	"	1	"	"
Tea	"	1	"	"
Rice	"	1	"	"
New Milk	3-8-37	1	Co Hospital	"
New Milk	"	1	Fever Hospital	"
Butter	4-8-37	3	Greystones, Dept. of Agric.	"
Butter	5-8-37	4	Wicklow, Dept. of Agric.	"
Butter	6-8-37	4	Rathnew, Dept. of Agric.	"
Butter	7-8-37	4	Bray, Dept. of Agric.	"
Butter	9-8-37	4	Rathdrum, Dept. of Agric.	"
Butter	23-8-37	4	Arklow, Dept. of Agric.	"
New Milk	24-8-37	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	"
New Milk	30-8-37	4	Greystones, Guard O'Dwyer	"
Whiskey	"	1	"	"
New Milk	1-9-37	1	Fever Hospital	"
New Milk	"	1	Co. Hospital	"

New Milk	11-9-37	3	Newtown-Mt.-Kdy., Gd. Nevin	"
Tea	"	1	"	"
Whiskey	"	1	"	"
New Milk	23-9-37	2	Co. Home	"
New Milk	24-9-37	2	Baltinglass, Guard Canning	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Milk	28-9-37	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	"
New Milk	30-9-37	2	Wicklow, Guard Bergin	"
Butter	"	2	"	"
Drugs	3-7-37	3	Bray No. 1 Dispensary	Genuine
"	9-7-37	3	Coolattin	"
"	13-7-37	3	Baltinglass	"
"	17-8-37	3	Bray No. 1	"
"	24-8-37	3	Powerscourt	"
"	14-9-37	3	District Hospital, Baltinglass	"
"	20-9-37	3	Dunganstown Dispensary	"
"	"	3	Delgany	"
"	22-9-37	3	Newcastle	"
"	"	3	Wicklow	"
"	23-9-37	3	Rathdrum	"
Water (Ticknock, Rathnew)	9-7-37	1	Co. Board of Health	Condemned
Water (Rathrather's Hollywood)	31-7-37	1	Co. Board of Health	Condemned
Water (Ballinacrow Stratford-on-Slaney)	17-8-37	1	Co. Board of Health	Condemned

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 70 ; Drugs, 33 ; Waters, 3. Total 106. Number Adulterated—3 Waters Condemned. Date 15/10/1937.

Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

Following consideration of the County Analyst's Report the Council instructed the Secretary to write to the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochana, Bray, requesting him, if possible, to issue an order to ex officio Inspectors of Food and Drugs in the County to acquaint every person from whom a sample was purchased for analysis with the result of such analysis as disclosed in the County Analyst's Report as soon as same reaches the Inspector.

Minutes of monthly meetings of the County Wicklow Central Library Committee were received.

The Council made an order that no further action be taken by the Secretary in respect of a communication dated the 27th July, 1937, received from Mr Peter Lawlor, Secretary, Ballycoogue Fianna Fáil Cumann, Clonwilliam, Woodenbridge, in which the Council was asked to have a Polling Booth in Ballintemple School for the convenience of voters in that district.

The Secretary was further instructed to ask the Returning Officer, Mr William Toomey, B.L., Annacreevy, Enniskerry, to facilitate the voters in Ballycoogue at all future Parliamentary Elections so that they might vote in a booth to be set up in Ballintemple National School.

Proposed by Councillor P P O'Reilly ;

Seconded by " M Mooney ;

Resolved—That we hereby direct our County Surveyor to make a thorough investigation into the possibility of extraordinary heavy bus and lorry traffic being diverted from the County Kildare roads on to County Wicklow roads during the course of operations in connection with the Poulaphuca Hydro Electric and Water Supply Scheme, and to furnish a full report thereon to each Member of the County Council before the next meeting.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P P O'Reilly ;

Seconded by " M Mooney ;

Resolved—That having considered a request signed by a large number of Ratepayers and Quarry owners in the areas of Ballyknocken, Lacken, etc., to the effect that on account of the Ballinahoun Road and the bog road leading to the quarries being in the district to be submerged under the Hydro Electric Scheme, we call upon the Dublin Corporation and the Electricity Supply Board for an assurance that the remaining road—that from Ballyknocken via Lacken to Blessington, will be reconstructed and steam rolled, free of cost to the Wicklow County Council, to provide for the traffic of the district, including the transport of stone from the quarries.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M J Brennan ;

Seconded by " J P Kehoe ;

Resolved—Having regard to the extraordinary difficulties which confronted the Poor Rate Collectors in closing their 1936/37 warrants we hereby decide to grant their application and to pay to each Collector the difference in poundage fees between those he, or she, received in respect of the 1931/32 Collection and the fees he, or she, has been paid for the 1936/37

Collection, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health having been first obtained to such payments.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor L O'Clairigh ;

Seconded by " C M Byrne ;

Resolved—That this Council requests their Law Agent to give his opinion on the legality or otherwise of the resolutions on the minutes purporting to appoint Councillor T J Birthistle as their representative on Arklow Harbour Board, seeing that the resolution was never read or put to any meeting of this Council.

Passed.

A letter dated 20th November, 1937, was submitted from Mr. Thomas Timmins, Secretary, Roundwood Branch of the Irish Labour Party in which complaint was made respecting the manner in which carters are employed from outside areas to do the carting which Roundwood carters might reasonably expect to be employed at.

ORDER—The County Surveyor to submit a printed Report to each Member of the County Council on this subject before the next Quarterly Meeting.

A communication dated the 19th November, 1937, purporting to be signed by seven residents at Belan Street Upper, Baltinglass, was submitted in which they asked the Council to see to the cleaning of Belan Street Upper regularly with the other portions of the town, and alleging that it is usually left unclean for a considerable time—sometimes for one year and even more.

ORDER—Referred to the County Surveyor for his information and suitable action.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy), and accepted by the Chairman :—

"I hereby give notice that at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council to be held on the 21st February, 1938, I will move—That the consent of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a loan of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds (£2,500) being for the acquisition of land and enclosure of same for the purpose of providing additional burial accommodation at Arklow Cemetery."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor P P O'Reilly and accepted by the Chairman :—I hereby give notice that at the Quarterly Meeting of this Council to be held on the 21st February, 1938, I will move—

"That the consent of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a loan of One Thousand One Hundred Pounds (£1,100) for the purpose of carrying out the proposed water supply scheme at Lackan."

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

"I hereby give notice that at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council to be held on the 21st February, 1938, I will move—That the consent of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a loan of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds (£2,500) for the purpose of carrying out the proposed sewerage scheme at Roundwood."

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

### ABSTRACT OF CORRESPONDENCE.

Abstract of correspondence laid before the Autumn Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 22nd November, 1937.

#### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH.

16th August, 1937, intimating that a sum of £297 14 7 representing Wicklow County's share in the Estate Duty Grant had been diverted to the Commissioners of Public Works in part discharge of loan arrears due by Wicklow Board of Health, and further that a sum of £3,546 9 9 representing a further instalment of Agricultural Grant for the current year had been lodged to credit of the County Council—£1,123 10 3 having been diverted to the Irish Land Commission in respect of arrears of Loan Instalments due by the Board of Health.

25th August, 1937, No. F.62876/37, Cill Mhanntain, intimating that the net expenses in connection with the preparation of the Fifteenth Register of Electors was £907 7 5 and that when all payments have been made a claim for recoupment of portion of the expenditure should be made to the Department.

25th August, 1937, No. G.72516/37, Cill Mhanntain conveying the Minister's sanction to the appointments on a temporary non-pensionable basis of Miss Jean Byrne, 53, Ferrybank, Arklow, as Library attendant at Arklow, and of Miss Bridget Kenna, Killinearrig, Greystones, as Library attendant at Greystones, with remuneration at £25 and £30 per annum respectively.

27th August, 1937, Circ. No. 116/37, on the subject of advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, intimating that the Minister should be furnished with particulars of the employment and income of intending borrowers.

1st September, 1937, No. A.72809/37, Igh. Co. B.R. enclosing Auditor's Report on his audit of the Accounts of the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board for the half-year ended 31st March, 1937, together with attested Abstract of Accounts.

2nd September, 1937, No. A.73511/37, Cill Mhanntain (Fb), forwarding copy of the Auditor's Report on his audit of the accounts of the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture for the two half-years ended 31st March, 1937, together with attested Abstracts of the Accounts.

6th September, 1937, No. A.63511/37, Cill Mhanntain (Ac) forwarding copy of the Auditor's Report on his audit of the Accounts of the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance for the two half-years ended 30th September, 1936, together with attested Abstracts of the Accounts.

15th September, 1937, No.G. 75501/37, Cill Mhanntain, sanction-

ing the appointment of Mr William C Byrne as Rate Collector and returning Form of Queries.

17th September, 1937, No. R/RU/33, acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution proposing to increase road workers' wages, and stating, in view of the financial position of the Council, he cannot agree to any departure from the rules and regulations of the Public Bodies Orders to enable the approved road expenditure for the current year to be exceeded.

20th September, 1937, No. G.75683/37, Cill Mhanntain, sanctioning an inclusive remuneration of £100 per annum to Mr H J Lynch, Rate Cuecker for Rathdown No. 2 and Rathdrum former Rural areas.

21st September, 1937, No. G.78625/37, Cill Mhanntain, raising no objection to the expenditure incurred in connection with the rate apportionment and preparation of credit notes for the financial year 1937/1938.

21st September, 1937, No. R/RS/33, inquiring whether the County Surveyor has withdrawn to offer to retire, and has agreed to continue in office up to the end of the financial year.

1st October, 1937, No. R/RS/33, stating that the County Surveyor's letter in above connection which accompanied the Secretary's letter of the 29th ultimo has been noted.

1st October, 1937, No. G.80071/37, Cill Mhanntain, conveying sanction to overdraft accommodation not exceeding £50,000 up to the 31st October, 1937.

5th October, 1937, No. AGQ/33, approving of the £4,600 scheme of road improvement proposed to be carried out by the County Council under the terms of the letter (SGQ/201) relative to Road Improvement Grant, 1937/38.

7th October, 1937, No. G.83247/37, Cill Mhanntain, returning the Bond of Collector W C Byrne, and stating same has been noted.

11th October, 1937, No. RU/204/33, intimating that the Minister has approved of the scheme of road works proposed to be carried out with the aid of £3,150 Grant from the Employment Schemes Vote, 1937/38, Roads (Rural), and £1,050 from Rates, and assigning Works No. U.901 thereto, also, stating the usual conditions relating to the recruitment of labour will obtain in the case of this Grant.

16th October, 1937, No. IR/107/1, forwarding Sealed Order made by the Minister authorising the closing of that portion of Road No. 234 situated between the three roads on Park and Drummin and south-west three roads on Raheenraney.

22nd October, 1937, No. IR/111, stating it has been represented to the Department that the County Surveyor in each County should be authorised to attend the Public Works, Roads and Transport Congress and Exhibition to be held in London from the 15th to the 20th November, 1937, provided suitable arrangements can be made for the carrying out of his duties, and on receipt of a statement of the County Surveyor's travelling and subsistence allowances they may be charged against this year's Road Improvement Grant.

22nd October, 1937, No. G.80071/37, Cill Mhanntain (Fa), sanctioning overdraft accommodation not exceeding £45,000 on the accounts of the County Council for the period ending 31st December, 1937.

22nd October, 1937, No. F.108/1937, enclosing copy of circular issued to the Registration Officer relative to the preparation of the Sixteenth Register of Electors.

#### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

2nd July, 1937, No. L.1673/37 (addressed to County Committee of Agriculture) sanctioning payment of £15 to Mr. D. J. Cogan, Laragh, towards the erection of a sheep dipping swim bath.

12th August, 1937, No. L.1673/37 (addressed to the County Committee of Agriculture) offering no objection to the payment of £15 subsidy to Mr. Joseph Keenan, Roundwood, towards the cost of erection of a sheep dipping swim bath.

17th August, 1937, No. L.674/37, stating that repairs to existing Sheep Dipping Baths or erection of new baths involving expenditure of public funds should not be undertaken by Local Authorities until the proposed repairs, sites or plans of baths have been inspected by Departmental Inspectors and approved by the Minister.

23rd August, 1937, reporting that samples of butter taken by an Inspector of the Department under the Foods and Drugs Acts in Greystones, Wicklow, Rathdrum, Rathnew and Bray, were found on analysis to be genuine.

9th September, 1937, No. G.2286/35, intimating that samples of butter taken by an Inspector of the Department at Arklow were found on analysis to be genuine.

14th September, 1937, No. L.3787/37, approving of Mr W J Richardson, V.S., acting as locum tenens for S Conway, V.S., for duties under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order and Diseases of Animals Acts, during the latter's absence on leave from the 11th to the 18th instant.

14th September, 1937, No. L.1673/37, advertising to the payment of £15 to Mr William Toomey, B.L., in respect of a swim bath erected by him and stating that as Mr Toomey has now completed the prescribed Agreement the payment in question may be included in the next claim for recompment submitted by the Council.

20th September, 1937, No. L.1673/37, returning the Agreement signed by Mr. W Toomey, B.L., and stating same is deemed to be satisfactory.

30th September, 1937, No. L.3595/37, stating that the Slaughter of Animals Acts, 1935, does not apply to Animals slaughtered under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, but if the Local Authorities decide to purchase humane killers for use under the Order the cost of same will be allowed to rank for recompment from the General Cattle Diseases Fund.

22nd October, 1937, No. L.1637-37, complaining of the unnecessary delay in the erection of swim baths on the premises of sixteen persons named therein.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (Secondary Branch).

8th November, 1937, stating the Minister is prepared to sanction the renewal for the School year 1937/38 of the Scholarships awarded by Wicklow County Council to twelve children, and returning School Managers' Reports.

#### FROM THE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

21st September, 1937, forwarding copy of resolution appointing Sheep Dipping Inspector Andrew Kavanagh, Knockfodda, Roundwood, to carry out the duties under the Sheep Dipping Regulations in Mr Robert Johnson's district—Mr Johnson being incapacitated owing to an accident.

#### FROM THE LAW AGENT,

7th September, 1937, intimating that the application for the committal to an industrial school of a boy named Peter Hall, Tinnahask, Arklow, had been withdrawn.

18th September, 1937, reporting that the District Justice refused to make an order for the committal of three boys, Patrick Kearns, Francis Kelly and John Burke, to industrial schools at the hearing of the applications at Bray District Court on the 17th instant.

17th August, 1937, reporting that in the cases under the Food and Drugs Acts against Job R Kearon and Catherine Kavanagh on the 16th instant at Arklow the District Justice applied the Probation of Offenders Act in both cases on payment of £1 4s expenses, and enclosing cheque for £1 4s representing the expenses in the case of Mr Kearon.

#### FROM THE COUNCIL'S TREASURER, THE NATIONAL BANK, LTD.

8th October, 1937, conveying the sanction of the Board of Directors to overdraft accommodation not exceeding £50,000 on the accounts of the County Council for the period during 31st instant.

23rd October, 1937, conveying the sanction of the Board of Directors to overdraft accommodation of £45,000 to the 31st December, 1937.

#### FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

1st November, 1937, intimating that the next meeting of the General Council will be held on the 7th December, 1937.

10th September, 1937, from Mr E McDonagh, Chairman, Arklow Branch, I.T. & G.W.U., 10, St. Brigid's Terrace, Arklow, enclosing copy of a circular letter relative to the removal from the Arklow Harbour Board by Wicklow County Council of their representative Mr Liam O Cleirigh.

#### ORDER—Read.

18th September, 1937, from The O'Mahony, T.D., Grange Con, drawing attention to the state of the road from Cullen's Cross, Kelsha, to Ballinroan and the branch leading to Kilranelagh Graveyard.

18th September, 1937, from Grangegorman Mental Hospital Committee, Dublin, N.W.5, forwarding copy of resolution passed by the Committee that unless the amount due by Wicklow County Council on foot of the annual demand is paid before the next meeting of the Committee application will be made to the Minister to issue a mandatory order in the matter.

14th October, 1937, from S G Gallagher, B.E., County Surveyor, stating, with reference to a complaint relative to the bridge at Scorlox Leap, stating that he had instructed Mr Foley to clear any boulders which would obstruct the flow of water underneath the bridge.

27th September, 1937, from Same, in reference to the query from the Local Government Department regarding his resignation and stating he is prepared, in order to avoid any breach of continuity in the work appertaining to the County Surveyor to carry on to the best of his ability.

17th October, 1937, from Mrs Mary A Nolan, 48, Main Street, Bray, intimating that her son Patrick M R Nolan, who was awarded a Scholarship to the University under the County Council's Scheme, has entered Roscrea seminary as a novice and would not, therefore, avail of the Scholarship, and thanking the Council for their kindness and consideration in allowing the Scholarship to be postponed.

30th October, 1937, from Dr. J M Clearkin, Blessington, Medical Certificate stating Collector Frank Healy, Knockieran, Blessington, is seriously ill and unable to resume duties until further notice.

8th November, 1937, from Messrs Scammell, Ltd., Watford West, Herts, enclosing leaflets illustrating the utility of the Scammell Street Washer in connection with air raid precautions.

#### RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER PUBLIC BODIES.

19th August, 1937, from Sligo County Council, Courthouse, Sligo—resolution calling for the abolition of the Local Appointments Commission.

6th September, 1937, from Dublin County Council, 11, Parnell Square, Dublin—resolution calling for the abolition of the Local Appointments Commission.

8th September, 1937, from Limerick City Council, Town Hall, Limerick—resolution calling upon the President of the Executive Council to introduce legislation whereby Old Age Pensioners in receipt of small allowances be entitled to the full 10/- per week Old Age Pension without deduction.

8th September, 1937, from Cork County Borough Council, Town Hall, Cork—resolution calling for the introduction of legislation nationalising all fire fighting services in the Saorstát.

8th October, 1937, from Mallow Urban District Council, Council Offices, Mallow—resolution calling for the immediate unconditional release of all Republican prisoners.

23rd October, 1937, from Limerick County Council, 82/83, O'Connell Street, Limerick—resolution advocating an allowance of at least £1 per day and reasonable travelling expenses to all members of County Councils in the Saorstát.

*W C Byrne*  
21/2/38

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 17th January, 1938.

The Members present were:—

Councillor C M Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors Miss Margaret Kelly, Daniel J Kehoe, M M Gleeson, J J Bourne, J P O'Donnell, D H Haskins, Wallace Hammond, Major R Smith, Joseph Jacob, James McCreagh, Edward Byrne, James Everett, C.D.; Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); John Dunne, P O'Reilly, John P Kehoe, T J Birthistle, Michael Timmins, George Heatley, P D Kinsella, Daniel Somers, M J Brennan, Joseph Keenan, Michael Mooney, Liam O Cleirigh, Patrick Doyle (Wine-tavern); and Denis Condren.

The following is a copy of the special notice sent to each Member of the County Council convening the meeting:—

### SEANAD ELECTORAL (PANEL MEMBERS) ACT, 1937.

(Notice of the election of electors to the Seanad members electorate by a Council).

To.....

of.....

being a member of the Council of the County of Wicklow,

This is to inform you that pursuant to Section 37 of the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act, 1937, an election by the above-named Council of seven persons to the electorate for the first Seanad election will take place forthwith and that you are entitled to vote at the election and to be a candidate if duly nominated.

Your attention is called to the following directions:—

1. Only members of the Council may be candidates.
2. Any two members of the Council may nominate a candidate.
3. A nomination can only be accepted in writing on a nomination paper in the prescribed form.
4. Nomination papers can be obtained by members of the Council on application to me.
5. Nomination papers must be duly completed and delivered or sent by post to me at

The Offices of Wicklow County Council,  
Court House,  
Wicklow.

6. The last day for receiving nominations is the 13th day of January, 1938.

7. On that day I will attend at the place mentioned above from eleven o'clock in the forenoon to one o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of receiving nominations and accepting or rejecting nominations received by me.
8. Any nomination paper which is not duly completed or which is not actually received by me before one o'clock in the afternoon of the last day for receiving nominations will be rejected.

The voting at the election will take place at a meeting of the Council to be held at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 17th day of January, 1938, which meeting you are hereby summoned to attend.

If the number of candidates for whom nominations are accepted does not exceed seven the election will not be contested, no voting will be necessary and the election meeting will not be held. In such case a further notice will be given you cancelling the summons to the election meeting.

Signed—P. T. HEALY,  
County Secretary.

Dated this 5th day of January, 1938.  
County Council Offices,  
Court House, Wicklow.

### SEANAD ELECTORAL (PANEL MEMBERS) ACT, 1937.

The following letters indicating the steps to be taken by the Wicklow County Council with a view to giving effect to the provisions of the above Act were submitted:—

Copy/

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,  
CUSTOM HOUSE,  
DUBLIN,  
1st January, 1938.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to transmit for your information a copy of the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act, 1937, and to direct your attention to the provisions of section 37 with respect to the election by county and county borough councils of members to the Electorate for the purposes of the forthcoming election of members to Seanad Eireann.

Regulations have been made by the Minister this day, for the conduct of the above-mentioned election up to and including the transmission of the Ballot papers to the Seanad Returning Officer, by whom the votes are to be counted. The text of the Regulations will be issued at the earliest possible date but the preliminary steps indicated below require to be taken in advance, having regard to the limited time available.

1. After consultation with the Chairman of the Council you must fix a day and hour for the holding of the election meeting. The day must not be later than the 31st January, 1938, and must not be earlier than ten clear days after the date of this circular. In fixing the day due regard should be had to the time reasonably required by members to obtain, complete and lodge nomination papers on or before the last day for nominations.
2. You must leave, or deliver by post, at the usual place of abode of every member of the Council a notice of the election on the attached form. The last day for nominations, referred to in the form, is a day to be fixed by you and must be a day not later than three clear days nor earlier than five clear days before the date fixed for the election meeting. If no more than seven nominations have been accepted at the expiration of the time for receiving nominations, the election meeting is not to be held. Provision is made in the Regulations for the issue of a notice to that effect to each member.
3. A supply of nomination papers must be provided, and a form of nomination paper furnished to every member of the Council who applies therefor. A form of nomination paper is attached.

An acknowledgment of this circular is requested together with a copy of the notice issued to members of the Council.

Mise, le meas,

J. Hurson,

To the County Secretary

" " Town Clerk of the

County Borough.

Department of Local Government and Public Health,

Custom House,

Circular No. F.4/38.

DUBLIN,

6th January, 1938.

A Chara,

With reference to Circular Letter No. F.1/38, of the 1st instant I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to enclose a copy of the Seanad Electorate (Councils) No. 1 Regulations, 1938, and a copy of an Order dated the 30th December, 1937, appointing Mr Wilfrid Brown to be the Seanad Returning Officer. The address of the Seanad Returning Officer is Room 103, Leinster House, Dublin.

The envelopes referred to in Article 8 (1) and 8 (2) of the Regulations, together with an envelope containing a specimen of the official mark required by Article 7 (6) to be placed on the ballot papers should be enclosed in a covering envelope and sent by registered post to the Seanad Returning Officer.

The ballot taken should be in the same form as is prescribed in Articles 32 and 33 and the Fifth Schedule to the Local Elections Order, 1928, except that the words "Election to Seanad Electorate, 1938," and the name of the appropriate county or county borough should be substituted for the words on the back of the said prescribed form. Care should be taken to see that the names and addresses of the candidates are accurate and given in full as the

ballot paper is the only means by which the Seanad Returning Officer can identify the persons elected to the electoral roll by the councils of counties and county boroughs.

An acknowledgment of the receipt of this circular is requested.

Mise, le meas,  
J. HURSON,  
Rural.

To the County Secretary,  
" " Town Clerk of the County Borough.

The Secretary reported that the following twelve members of the Council had been duly nominated.

Bourne, Jacob J, Forttown, Tinahely.  
Brennan, Malachy J, Roundwood.  
Byrne, Christopher M, Ballykillavane, Glenealy.  
Byrne, Edward, 9, Florence Villas, Bray.  
Haskins, David H, Two Mile Water, Wicklow.  
Kelly, Miss Margaret, 8, Eglinton Road, Bray.  
Kinsella, Patrick D, 17, Florence Road, Bray.  
McCrea, James, Carnew.  
O Cleirigh, Liam, 25, Upper Main Street, Arklow.  
O'Reilly, Peter P, Ballyknocken, Blessington.  
Smith, Robert, "Ye Nooke," Burnaby Estate, Greystones.  
Timmins, Michael, Baltinglass.

and that in consequence an election based on the Proportional Representation System would now be required at that day's meeting. Accordingly, the full Council of twenty-eight being present, he handed each Councillor a ballot paper on which to vote with a view to the election of seven of the twelve members on the Electoral Panel above referred to.

When the voting had been completed and the twenty-eight ballot papers had been taken up by the County Secretary, acting as Returning Officer for the purposes of this election, the twenty-eight ballot papers were placed in an envelope which was duly sealed and posted immediately to Wilfrid Brown, Esq., Seanad Returning Officer, Room 103, Leinster House, Dublin, who would communicate to the Council the result of the election at as early a date as was practicable.

This, the Secretary informed the Council, completed the business of the Special Meeting.

*Cell Byrne*  
*21/1/38*

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12.45 p.m., on Monday, the 17th January, 1938.

The following members were present:—

Councillor C M Byrne, Chairman;  
Councillors Miss Margaret Kelly, Daniel J Kehoe, M M Gleeson, J J Bourne, J P O'Donnell, D H Haskins, Wallace Hammond, Major R Smith, Joseph Jacob, James McCrea, Edward Byrne, James Everett, C.D.; Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); John Dunne, P P O'Reilly, John P Kehoe, T J Birsthistle, Michael Timmins, George Heatley, P D Kinsella, Daniel Somers, M J Brennan, Joseph Keenan, Michael Mooney, Liam O Cleirigh, Patrick Doyle (Wine-tavern); and Denis Condren.

SUMMONS.

To: Each Member  
of Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.45 p.m., on Monday, the 17th January, 1938, for the purpose of considering the following urgent matters:—

- (1) To consider the proposed Road Works Scheme for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1939, as prepared by the County Surveyor (copy of this Scheme has already been forwarded to you).
- (2) To select and appoint a temporary Poor Rate Collector for No. 6 (Blessington) Collecting District.
- (3) To sign and Seal the Warrants for the newly appointed Collector for No. 6 District.
- (4) To sign and Seal the 1937/1938 Warrants for Mr. Patrick Burke, whose Collecting District was enlarged by the addition thereto of No. 5 (Hollywood) Collecting District.

The Members of the Council are hereby requested to attend.

Le meas mor,

Is mise,

P. T. HEALY,

County Secretary.

Dated this 10th January, 1938.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " T Birsthistle;

Resolved—That we hereby extend to our esteemed colleague, Councillor Denis Condren, the assurance of our very sincere sympathy with him on the recent death of his mother.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " Wallace Hammond;

Resolved—That we hereby extend to Mr Eugene Byrne, of Coolbeg, Rathnew, and the members of his family, the assurance of our sincere sympathy with them on the recent bereavement caused by the death of their mother.

Passed unanimously.

The Council proceeded to consider the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the service of the financial year ending on the 31st March, 1939, which had

been prepared by the County Surveyor, and copy of which had been forwarded to each member of the County Council a week ago.

After a protracted discussion, it was  
Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;  
Seconded by " James McCrea ;

Resolved—That we hereby adjourn consideration of the Provisional Road Works Scheme for 1938/1939 to a special meeting of this Council to be held on the 31st January, 1938, or such later date as the Chairman may appoint, so that we may have the results of the Deputation to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health from the Irish County Councils' General Council, as it is perfectly clear to the Members of this Council that the Ratepayers are absolutely unable to shoulder the burthen that the adoption of the Provisional Road Works Scheme now before us would entail.

Passed—The Vice-Chairman, Councillor Edward Byrne, dissenting.

**APPOINTMENT OF A POOR RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 6**

(BLESSINGTON) DISTRICT.

The following advertisement which was published in two issues of the "Leinster Leader" and "Wicklow People" was submitted:—

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

Temporary Poor Rate Collector Wanted.

The above-named Council will, at a special meeting to be held on the 17th day of January, 1938 consider applications from persons over twenty-one years of age suitable for the position of Poor Rate Collector in No. 6 Collecting District, which comprises the Electoral Divisions of Blessington, Burgage, Kilbride and Lackan, at a remuneration of 7d. in the Pound collected and lodged to credit of the Co. Council within each financial year. No poundage will be paid unless each Moiety of the annual Warrant is lodged within its respective half-year. For the year 1937/38 the Warrant is £8,210 19 1d, including arrears carried forward. Certain fees prescribed under the Electoral Act 1923, as amended by the Jurors Act, 1927, amounting approximately to £14 per annum will also become payable if the duties imposed under these Acts be satisfactorily performed. Irrecoverable Rates approved by the County Council will be refunded the Collector.

The duties of the office will be those prescribed under Article 103 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925.

The appointment will be subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and will be probationary for the first year's collection. The standard of education of the candidate must be such as to satisfy the County Council. Applications should be on the forms obtainable from the undersigned, and must be lodged in the Council's Offices not later than 11 a.m. on Monday, the 17th January, 1938, accompanied by adequate testimonials from citizens of un doubted standing such as Public Representatives, Professional Men, Clergymen or Bank Managers.

Each applicant must give in his form of application the names and addresses of not less than four solvent sureties willing to enter into the prescribed form of Fidelity Bond for the due performance of the Collector's duties as prescribed in the Public Bodies Orders in a sum of £4,500.

It is to be clearly understood that this position is part-time and non-pensionable.

Candidates must be in attendance in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on the date of the meeting, and must be prepared, if there is any doubt as to age, to submit birth certificate if called upon to do so by the Council. A schedule showing the disqualifications imposed by Article 96 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, will be forwarded to each person requiring a form of application.

By order,

P. T. HEALY,

Secretary to the County Council.

County Council Offices,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dated this 4th day of January, 1938.

The Secretary reported that three applications were received in reply to this advertisement from:

- (1) Mrs Mary Healy, Knockiernan, Blessington.
- (2) James Kelly, Harristown, Hollywood.
- (3) Patrick Dunne, Ballasize, Ballymore-Eustace.

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

FOR MRS. MARY HEALY—Councillors James McCrea, Liam O Cleirigh, T J Birthistle, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); Denis Condren, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); D J Kehoe, M M Gleeson, Michael Timmins, M J Brennan, Miss M Kelly, P D Kinsella, D H Haskins, J P Kehoe, and Joseph Keenan—15.

FOR JAMES KELLY—Councillors J J Bourne, W Hammond, Daniel Somers, P P O'Reilly, Michael Mooney, Edward Byrne, George Heatley, Major R Smith, John Dunne, James Everett, C.D.; O M Byrne, Joseph Jacob, and J P O'Donnell—13.

FOR PATRICK DUNNE—Nil.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mrs Mary Healy of Knockiernan, Blessington, as Poor Rate Collector for No. 6 (Blessington) Collecting District at a Poundage of Sevenpence (7d) in accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisements, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and we hereby approve of the four following as sureties:—

Patrick Healy, Ballinascollogue, Manor-Kilbride.  
Patrick Fitzsimons, Ballylow do.  
James Fitzsimons, Oldcourt do.  
Mrs Esther Walsh (Widow), Scurloxeap do.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " M J Brennan;

Resolved—That we now execute and Seal the necessary Warrants for the new Poor Rate Collector for No. 6 (Blessington) Collecting District.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " Denis Condren;

Resolved—That we now execute and Seal the necessary Warrants for Mr Patrick Burke, whose collecting district has been enlarged by the addition thereto of No. 5 (Hollywood) Collecting District.

Passed.

*C.M. Byrne*  
27/1/38

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 7th February, 1938.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor C M Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors Edward Byrne, Liam O Cleirigh, J P Keogh, Daniel J Kehoe, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); P P O'Reilly, James McCrea, Joseph Jacob, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); Thomas J Birthistle, D H Haskins, P D Kinsella, Michael Mooney, Michael Timmins, J J Bourne, George Heatley, Major R Smith, Miss Margaret Kelly, John P O'Donnell, Wallace Hammond, James Everett, T.D.; and M J Brennan,

**SUMMONS.**

To/ Each Member  
of Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 7th February, 1938, to transact the following special business:—

To receive, discuss and make Orders upon the proposed Road Works Scheme for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1939, as prepared by the County Surveyor (copy of which Scheme has already been forwarded to you), consideration of which was adjourned from the Special Meeting of the County Council held on Monday, the 17th January, 1938.

The Members of the Council are hereby requested to attend.

Le meas mor,

Is mise,

P. T. HEALY,

County Secretary.

Dated this 31st January, 1938.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we have heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. James Byrne, Ballinderry, Rathdrum, who was for a number of years a valued member of Wicklow County Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " D H Haskins;

Resolved—That we have heard with regret of the death of Mrs. James Connolly, who was a native of County Wicklow, and we tender to her relatives the assurance of our sympathy.

Passed.

The Secretary referred to the resolution passed at the Special Meeting of the Council which was held on the 17th January, 1938, when

the Provisional Road Works Scheme for 1938/1939, was previously considered by the Council, copy of which resolution had been forwarded in due course to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, whose reply as under he submitted:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,  
(Roads).

R/RGM/33.

CUSTOM HOUSE,

DUBLIN.

21<sup>st</sup>h Eanáir, 1938.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> instant forwarding copy of a resolution adopted at a special meeting of your Council held on the 17<sup>th</sup> instant relative to the consideration of the provisional road works scheme for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1939, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that it may be taken that the basis of allocations of the Road Maintenance grants from the Road Fund will not be altered in respect of the coming financial year.

Mise, le meas,

J. HURSON,

Rúnaí,

The Secretary,  
County Council Offices,  
WICKLOW.

The Secretary read the following communication:—

THE IRISH FARMERS' FEDERATION.

Secretary,

Miss E. F. Bobbett,

Springfield,

Kilbride,

WICKLOW,

28<sup>th</sup> January, 1938.

Dear Mr. Healy,

My Committee desire to send a Deputation to the Road Board Meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> February, and also to the meeting of the County Council on 21<sup>st</sup> February.

Would you kindly let me know at what hour these meetings commence. Hoping my application is in time.

Yours faithfully,

ELIZABETH F. BOBBETT,

County Secretary.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,  
Wicklow.

The following Members of a deputation from the Irish Farmers' Federation were present and, with the consent of the Council, submitted their views as to the amounts which the County Council ought to raise by way of rates for upkeep and maintenance of Main and County roads during the financial year 1938/1939. They submitted that the Ratepayers of the County expected a reduced rate in the ensuing year and were quite unable to shoulder the burthen of a rate heavier or even as heavy as the rate assessed for the year 1937/1938:—

Mr. John Driver, Ardinary, Brittas Bridge, Wicklow.

William McDonald, Dunganstown, Wicklow.

Edward Dunne, Ballygahan, Avoca.

J. Dowse, Kilcavan, Carnew.

A Hadden, Johnstown, Tinahely.

The Council proceeded to consider the Provisional Road Works Scheme as prepared and submitted by the County Surveyor in respect of the financial year which will end on the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1939. The following Summary shows the expenditure contemplated by the County Surveyor during that financial year:—

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATE.

	1938-1939.	£	s	d
<b>MAIN ROADS,</b>				
(A). Repairs—Trunk and Link Roads, (comprising the Main Roads in Bray Urban Area, and the Main Roads in Groups A to N).	66,965	0	0	
(B). Contingencies—(Page 19—Part of)	500	0	0	
(C). Loan Repayments—(Page 20—Part of)	928	0	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£68,393</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>COUNTY ROADS.</b>				
(A). Repairs—(Comprising the County Roads in Groups A to N)	88,734	0	0	
(B). Contingencies—(Page 19—Part of)	500	0	0	
(C). Loan Repayments—Page 20—Part of)	919	0	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£90,153</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>GROSS TOTAL FOR ESSENTIAL WORKS, MAIN AND COUNTY</b>	<b>£158,546</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

Proposed by Councillor Major R Smith;

Seconded by " M J Brennan;

Resolved—That £1,327 be allowed for expenditure on Special Repairs to the Main Road Footpaths in Greystones; and that a further sum of £673 be allowed for expenditure on Special Repairs to County Road Footpaths in Greystones.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor T J Birthistle;

Seconded by " M Timmins;

Resolved—That this County Council decides not to consider the Councillors' Proposals for New Works as set out on Pages 22, 23, 24 and 25 of the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the service of the year 1938/39.

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

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors Liam O Cleirigh, J J Bourne, Wallace Hammond, Thomas J Birthistle, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); Michael Mooney, Michael Timmins, George Heatley, Major R Smith, P D Kinsella, D H Haskins, C M Byrne, J P Kehoe, and J P O'Donnell—14.

AGAINST THE MOTION—Councillors James McCrea, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); P P O'Reilly, Daniel J Kehoe, Edward Byrne, M J Brennan, Miss M Kelly, James Everett, T.D.; and Joseph Jacob—9.

The Chairman thereupon declared the Motion passed as a resolution by 14 votes to 9.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " P D Kinsella;

"That we hereby allocate the sum of £12,000 for expenditure on Main Roads in County Wicklow during the ensuing financial year which will end on the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1939 (out of which sum of £12,000 we have already allocated certain sums in the Provisional Road Works Scheme opposite certain items therein) and, having first made provision for contingencies and repayment of loans out of the first mentioned figure, we hereby empower and direct the County Surveyor to apportion the balance of the said sum of £12,000 over the roads in the several Main Road Groups in like manner to previous years."

As an amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy);

Seconded by " Liam O Cleirigh;

Resolved—That the County Council decide to expend the same sum on Main Roads as was set aside for expenditure on such Roads for the year 1937/1938.

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

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors James McCrea, Liam O Cleirigh, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); Patrick Doyle (Winetavern) P P O'Reilly, D J Kehoe, Edward Byrne, M J Brennan, Miss M Kelly, James Everett, T.D.; C M Byrne, J P Kehoe, and Joseph Jacob—13.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT—Councillors J J Bourne, Wallace Hammond, Thomas J Birthistle, Michael Mooney, Michael Timmins, George Heatley, P D Kinsella, D H Haskins, and J P O'Donnell—9.

The Chairman thereupon declared the Amendment to have been passed as a resolution by 13 votes to 9.

The original motion was declared by the Chairman to have been lost on the same voting, i.e., only 9 having voted for it and 13 having voted against it.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " James McCrea;

Resolved—That we hereby allocate the sum of £20,000 for expenditure on County Roads in County Wicklow during the ensuing financial year which will end on the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1939 (out of which sum of £20,000 we have already allocated certain sums in the Provisional Road Works Scheme opposite certain items therein) and, having first made provision for contingencies and repayment of loans out of the first mentioned figure, we hereby empower and direct the County Surveyor to apportion the balance of the said sum of £20,000 over the roads in the several County Road Groups in like manner to previous years.

As an amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " George Heatley;

"That we allocate the sum of £17,000 for the upkeep and maintenance of County Roads during the year 1938-1939."

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

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors Wallace Hammond, T J Birthistle, Michael Mooney, Michael Timmins, George Heatley, P D Kinsella, D H Haskins, C M Byrne, J P Kehoe, and J P O'Donnell—10.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT—Councillors James McCrea, Liam O Cleirigh, J J Bourne, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); P P O'Reilly, D J Kehoe, Edward Byrne, M J Brennan, Miss Margaret Kelly, James Everett, T.D.; and Joseph Jacob—12.

The Chairman thereupon declared Councillor Haskins' Amendment to have been lost 10 Councillors having voted for it and 12 having voted against.

A further amendment to the original Motion was

Proposed by Councillor T J Birthistle;

Seconded by " M Timmins;

"That we allocate the sum of £17,500 for the upkeep and maintenance of County Roads during the year 1938-39."

A Vote having been called for it was found the Members present voted as follow on Councillor T J Birthistle's Amendment:—

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors J J Bourne, Wallace Hammond, Thomas J Birthistle, Michael Mooney, Michael Timmins, George Heatley, P D Kinsella, D H Haskins, and J P O'Donnell—9.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT—Councillors James McCrea, Liam O Cleirigh, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); P P O'Reilly; D J Kehoe, Edward Byrne, M J Brennan, Miss Margaret Kelly, James Everett, T.D.; C M Byrne, J P Kehoe, and Joseph Jacob—13.

The Chairman declared Councillor Birthistle's Amendment to have

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been lost 9 Councillors only having voted for it and 13 having voted against.

The original Motion submitted by Councillor James Everett, T.D., was then put to the meeting and declared by the Chairman to have been passed as a resolution on the same voting, i.e., 13 Councillors voting for it and 9 voting against.

The following Summary represents the financial provision made by the County Council for Main and County Road improvements and Maintenance during the financial year which will end on the 31st March, 1939;—

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATE.

1938-1939.

MAIN ROADS.

(A). <u>Repairs</u> —Trunk and Link Roads (comprising the Main Roads in Bray Urban Area and the Main Roads in Groups A to N)	£26,572 0 0
(B). <u>Contingencies</u> —(Page 19 Part of)	500 0 0
(C). <u>Loan Repayments</u> —(Page 20 Part of)	928 0 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£28,000 0 0</b>

COUNTY ROADS.

(A). <u>Repairs</u> —Comprising the County Roads in Groups A to N	£18,581 0 0
(B). <u>Contingencies</u> —(Page 19 Part of)	500 0 0
(C). <u>Loan Repayments</u> —(Page 20 Part of)	919 0 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£20,000 0 0</b>
<b>GROSS TOTAL FOR ESSENTIAL WORKS MAIN AND COUNTY</b>	<b>£48,000 0 0</b>

*C. M. Byrne*  
*21/2/38*

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 21st February, 1938.

The following members were present:—

Councillor C. M. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors Liam O Cleirigh, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); Daniel J Kehoe, P P O'Reilly, Joseph Jacob, Edward Byrne, James Everett, T.D.; Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); Thomas J Birthistle, David H Haskins, P D Kinsella, Michael Timmins, Wallace Hammond, J J Bourne, J P O'Donnell, Miss Margaret Kelly, George Heatley, M J Brennan, James McCrea and Major R Smith.

BUSINESS:

- 1 To confirm and sign Minutes of previous meetings.
- 2 To consider Finance Committee's Reports.
- 3 To sign Quarterly transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance.
- 4 To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's payments.
- 5 To consider proposals for payments from the Proposals Committee.
- 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 sign applications for refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 9 To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 10 To consider applications for Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
- 11 To consider applications for Licences under the Explosives Acts, 1875.
- 12 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J J Bourne:—  
"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council—That we revert to the contract system for the upkeep of County Roads, as from the 1st April, 1938."
- 13 To pass a resolution formally approving and adopting the Road Works Scheme for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1939.
- 14 To consider County Surveyor's Report.
- 15 To consider a communication from Mr. James Lennon, Secretary, Coolboy Labour Club, requesting the County Council to erect a hut in Coolroe Quarry in which workmen might have their dinner on wet days.
- 16 To receive a Report from the County Surveyor relative to the complaint of Mr Thomas Timmins, Secretary, Roundwood Labour Party, respecting the manner in which carters are employed from outside areas which Roundwood carters might reasonably expect to be employed at.
- 17 To consider a communication from Mr Leeson Neale, Rath House, Tullow, complaining that water from the back road near his premises comes down his avenue which is almost destroyed as a result and intimating that unless same is attended to immediately he will place the matter in the hands of his Solicitor.

18 To consider a communication from Rev. W. F. Boyle, Bushey Park, Enniskerry, Secretary, Powerscourt Parish Select Vestry, stating it has been represented to the Vestry that the Road Authorities are willing to straighten a dangerous turn between Annacreevy and Glasskenny provided no indemnity was required by the owner, and intimating that the Select Vestry, who are concerned with the land in question will make no such demand.

19 To make such arrangements as the Council may deem advisable for the operation of the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, 1936, in the County during the year 1938.

20 To appoint a Warble Fly Inspector (who shall also act as Sheep Dipping Inspector) in the area formerly known as Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, to replace Mr Albert Fox, Bohilla, Kilmacanogue, who has refused to discharge the duties at the same remuneration received by him in previous years.

21 To appoint a Food and Drugs Inspector at Shillelagh to replace Sergeant P. Canney (4255), who has been transferred from that Station.

22 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee at the meeting of that Body, held on the 23rd September, 1937:—

"Resolved—That we recommend the Wicklow County Council to elect Mr. J. W. Cooke, of Rathdrum, a Member of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee in place of the County Council member of the same name, resigned."

23 To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, forwarding a list received from the Department of Justice showing Courthouses requiring repairs, and requesting to be informed in due course of the action taken thereon.

24 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, at the meeting of that Body, held on the 26th October, 1937:—

"Resolved—That we ask the Wicklow County Council to make an additional contribution to the funds of the Committee of £150 for the year 1938/1939."

25 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held 25th January, 1938:—

"Resolved—That we hereby request the County Council to pay Mr. John Foley, Coolbawn, Aughrim, the sum of £15 subsidy for the erection of a new Swim Bath the sanction to which is given in the Department's letter of the 12th January, 1938 (No. L 4435/37)."

26 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy):—

"I hereby give notice that at the next Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council to be held on the 21st February, 1938, I will move that the consent of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a Loan of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds (£2,500) being for the acquisition of land and enclosure of same for the purpose of providing additional burial accommodation at Arklow Cemetery."

27 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor P P O'Reilly:—

"I hereby give notice that at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council, to be held on the 21st February, 1938, I will move that the consent of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a Loan of One Thousand One Hundred Pounds (£1,100) for the purpose of carrying out the proposed water supply Scheme at Lackan."

28 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne:—

"I hereby give notice that at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council, to be held on the 21st February, 1938, I will move that the consent of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a Loan of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds (£2,500) for the purpose of carrying out the proposed sewerage scheme at Roundwood."

29 To consider a communication from Miss E F Bobbett, Secretary, Irish Farmers' Federation, Springfield, Kilbride, Wicklow, forwarding copy of a resolution passed by her Committee asking the Council to extend the period for the collection of the 1937/1938 Rates to the 30th June, 1938.

30 To consider correspondence with the Irish Land Commission regarding the boundary fence between the Cow Park at Ballymarrogue, and the lands of Laurence Gahan, Kilquiggan, Coolkenno.

31 To receive the Law Agent's Report asked for in connection with the resolution passed by the County Council on the 28th June, 1937, rescinding the appointment of Councillor Liam O Cleirigh as a representative from the County Council on Arklow Harbour Board and appointing Councillor T J Birthistle to fill the vacancy.

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

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.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;  
Seconded by " D H Haskins;

Resolved—That the minutes of previous meetings, as printed and circulated to each member of the County Council be now confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Passed.  
The Minutes of previous meetings were thereupon signed as correct by the Chairman.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

### FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

A Special Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 3rd January, 1938.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors Joseph Jacob, Major R Smith, and J P Kehoe.

The Secretary submitted the following letter in which the death was reported of Mr. Patrick Furlong, Cornaan West, Rathdangan, who had been employed by the County Council as Assistant Rate Checker of the accounts of the

Poor Rate Collectors for the six collecting districts in the area which was formerly known as Balinglass No. 1 Rural District:—

### AN GARDA SIOCHANA

Superintendent's Office,  
Balinglass,  
30/12/37.

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

Report re death of Patrick Furlong,  
Cornaan West, Rathdangan, Co. Wicklow.

A Chara.

I beg to inform you that the above named died suddenly at his residence on the 25/12/37.

I understand that Deceased was a Rates Checker employed by the Wicklow County Council, and as you may not be aware of his death, this report is made for your information.

Mise, le meas.

J. H. REYNOLDS, Ceann.

The Secretary pointed out that it was imperative on the Committee to make arrangements, even if only of a temporary character, to have the checking of the Poor Rate Collector's Accounts in the above mentioned area continued by some person in the Council's employment with practical experience of the work of Rate Checking, as this particular work was very involved and highly responsible.

The Committee made the following Order:—  
As this work of checking is already in considerable arrear, the Secretary is hereby instructed to make arrangements forthwith with Mr. Henry J. Lynch, the present Assistant Rate Checker for the adjoining area, for the discharge of all the duties of checking the Poor Rate Collector's Accounts in the late Mr. Furlong's area until such time as the Council may make permanent arrangements; Mr. Lynch to submit his account in due course for the extra duties placed on him.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the reports received from the Rate Checkers since the Committee's last meeting on their checkings of the accounts of the several Poor Rate Collectors in their areas.

Signed:— DAVID H. HASKINS,  
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Dated this 3rd day of January, 1938.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

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

### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2

The usual fortnightly meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 14th January, 1938.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors Major R Smith, M J Brennan, and James Everett, C.D.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the reports received from the Assistant Rate Checkers since the Committee's last meeting on their checkings of the accounts of the several Poor Rate Collectors in their areas, and also the following schedule showing the condition of the Poor Rate Collection as it stood on the 31st December, 1937.

District No.	Collectors' Warrants			Amount collected to date			Discount Allowed			Amount not collected		
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
1	7480	6	6	3611	8	8	27	2	8	3842	0	2
2	4429	11	3	2050	13	11	12	2	6	2366	14	10
3	3513	14	2	1449	0	3	10	14	5	2053	19	6
4	4984	9	2	2041	0	0	12	0	1	2931	9	1
5	2422	0	10	366	1	0	2	0	7	2053	19	3
6	3210	19	1	1535	12	0	9	0	7	6668	6	6
7	16392	2	7	9037	4	1	31	16	4	7323	2	2
8	4495	8	10	2343	19	11	7	5	0	2144	3	11
9	15703	8	10	8769	11	7	30	13	6	6903	3	9
10	5466	9	4	3007	16	1	8	12	4	2450	0	11
11	8301	10	10	4361	9	9	28	12	4	3911	8	9
12	8387	0	2	3760	1	0	11	8	5	4615	15	9
13/15	8033	17	9	4123	15	8	7	6	9	3902	15	9
14	4494	7	1	2317	8	11	6	18	5	2139	19	9
16	8998	12	6	4625	7	8	29	15	5	4343	9	10
17	6139	2	4	2905	15	10	16	1	9	3217	4	9
18	5964	17	2	2699	12	7	29	13	8	3065	10	11
19	4453	5	6	1908	5	4	7	17	8	2537	2	6
Total	£127871	3	11	£61118	18	5	£28	17	5	£66468	8	1

The Secretary reported that in pursuance of instructions given to him at the meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 3rd January, 1938, he had interviewed Mr H J Lynch, regarding the checking of the accounts of the Poor Rate Collectors for the six collecting districts in the area formerly known as Balinglass No. 1 Rural District.

He submitted the following communication from Mr. Lynch and urged the Committee to recommend the Council to appoint Mr. Lynch permanently to discharge the duties referred to. In this connection the Secretary stated that under the Public Bodies Orders it was mandatory on the Council to appoint

a Rate Inspector for the entire County and Mr. Lynch who was the selection of the Local Appointments Commission for the position of Rate Checker, had, since his appointment on the 31st March, 1933, discharged all the duties of the position to the entire satisfaction of the Secretarial Staff. It was of paramount importance to the Council's best interests to appoint a man permanently who had a thorough knowledge of the duties, and who would discharge them efficiently:—

4, Terenure Road North,  
DUBLIN,  
13th January, 1938.

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

Dear Sir,  
Referring to our conversation to-day regarding checking Rate Collectors Books for Baltinglass district, I beg to say I have carefully considered the question of remuneration from both the Council's point of view and my own the Council having been very decent to me in recently appointing me Checker to Rathdown District along with Rathdrum.

Checking Baltinglass District would necessitate two days each fortnight. To get there the fare, return, would be 6/- each day, leaving Dublin at 9 a.m., arriving back at 8.30 p.m. Dinner and tea would be necessary each day, and to cover these expenses and allow a reasonable remuneration for my services, I respectfully submit the least I could ask for in justice to the Council and myself would be £60 per annum.

Yours faithfully,  
H. Lynch.

The Committee directed the Secretary to instruct Mr. Lynch to continue discharging the duties of the position of Rate Checker in the Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Area at a remuneration of £60 per annum, which sum is to cover all expenses incurred in connection with the position.

It is the unanimous opinion of the Committee that no better man could be found for appointment to this position permanently.

Signed: DAVID H. HASKINS,  
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Dated this 14th day of January, 1938.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;  
Seconded by " M J Brennan;

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

As an Amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor M Timmins;  
Seconded by " P Doyle (Winetavern);

Resolved:—That Report No. 2 from the Finance Committee be approved and adopted as printed and circulated subject to the modification that Mr. Michael Byrne, of Rathcoyle, Kiltegan, be appointed as the permanent Deputy Checker for the area formerly known as Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District.

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

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors James McCrea, Liam O'Cleirigh, J J Bourne, Wallace Hammond, T J Birthistle, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); P P O'Reilly, D J Kehoe, Michael Timmins, George Heatley, Major R Smith, Miss M K-ily, C M Byrne and J P O'Donnell—15.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT—Councillors Edward Byrne, M J Brennan, P D Kinsella; James Everett, T.D.; D H Haskins and Joseph Jacob—6.

The Chairman thereupon declared the Amendment to have been carried by 15 votes to 6.

The original Motion was then put and declared to have been passed, as modified, and the Report is hereby approved and adopted as modified.

Following the passing of the Amendment by 15 votes to 6 it was Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond;

Seconded by " D J Kehoe;

Resolved:—That Mr. Michael Byrne of Rathcoyle, Kiltegan, be paid the sum of £60 per annum for discharging the duties of Rate Checker for Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District to which we have appointed him to-day in a previous resolution.

Passed.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

### FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 3.

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 28th January, 1938.

The following members were present:—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors M J Brennan, James Everett, T.D.; and Major R Smith.  
The Minutes of previous meetings were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the reports received from the Assistant Rate Checkers on their checkings since the Committee's last meeting of the accounts of the several Poor Rate Collectors in their areas.

The Committee, having examined the proposals for payments by the Proposals Committee, recommend same to the County Council for payment as follows:—

#### PROPOSALS COMMITTEE—£8065 4 10.

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

#### QUARTER ENDING 30th JUNE, 1938.

To the County Board of Public Assistance—£12,741 10 0.

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

#### HALF-YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1938.

To the County Board of Public Health—£15,680 0 0.

## COUNTY COUNCIL'S FIRE INSURANCES.

The Secretary pointed out that the agreement entered into with the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company, Ltd., of 28, Dame Street, Dublin, covering the period of five years would terminate on the 31st March, 1938, and that consequently it was imperative on the Committee to arrange for a continuation of the twelve Policies covered by the Agreement.

The Committee were unanimous in recommending the County Council to invite Tenders for these Policies through the medium of published advertisements in the Press in good time to have the new Policies succeed the existing Policies in the interregnum.

Signed:—DAVID H. HASKINS,  
Chairman, Finance Committee

Dated this 28th day of January, 1938.

Proposed by Councillor Major R Smith;  
Seconded by " M J Brennan;

Resolved:—That Finance Committee's Report No. 3, as printed and circulated to each Member of the County Council, be, and it is hereby approved and adopted.

Passed.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 4.

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 11th February, 1938.

The following members attended:—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors M J Brennan, Major R Smith, J P O'Donnell, Joseph Jacob, James Everett, T.D.; and C M Byrne.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the reports received since the Committee's last meeting from the Assistant Rate Checkers on their checkings of the accounts of the several Poor Rate Collectors in their areas.

#### ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS.

Additional Proposals were recommended to the County Council for payment as follows:—

#### PROPOSALS COMMITTEE—£273 0 2.

The Secretary submitted a further communication dated the 8th February, 1938, from Mr F McNamara, Maryville, Arklow, in which he again applied to have a University Scholarship awarded to his son, Master F X McNamara, on the marks obtained by him at the Leaving Certificate examination held in June, 1936. This application was accompanied by copy of Case submitted by Messrs M J O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Arklow, to Mr R G Leonard, K.C., regarding the legality or otherwise of the Council's action in refusing to award the before-mentioned University Scholarship following their interpretation of the provisions of their published University Scholarship Scheme.

The Committee, after some discussion, were unanimous in making the following Order:—

Apart from the prospect of the Ratepayers being confronted with an increased Rate for the year 1938/1939, and from the fact that this application has been refused at least twice already by the County Council (on the last occasion on the considered opinion of the Council's Law Agent), the Committee, in compliance with Standing Orders, have adjourned consideration of this application until one year has elapsed from the date that similar application was last considered by the Council.

The Secretary drew the Committee's attention to an application submitted by him to the last Quarterly Meeting of the Committee in which he pointed out the necessity of considerably enlarging the Secretarial staff so that the ever increasing work of the County Surveyor's Office and his own Office might be kept up to date, and he again submitted his report in that connection dated the 22nd October, 1937, which report appears in full on pages 8 and 9 of the printed minutes of proceedings at the County Council's Quarterly Meeting held on the 22nd November, 1937.

Having regard to the state of the Council's finances, and the possibility of the Ratepayers having to face an increased rate in the financial year 1938/39, the Committee, after considerable discussion, adjourned the further consideration of the Secretary's application for twelve months for economic reasons.

The Committee strongly recommend the Council to authorise and empower the Secretary to employ in the meantime such temporary clerical assistance as he may require from time to time.

Signed—DAVID H. HASKINS,  
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Dated 11th February, 1938.

Proposed by Councillor Major R Smith;  
Seconded by " M J Brennan;

Resolved:—That Finance Committee's Report No. 4, as printed and circulated to each Member of the County Council, be, and it is hereby approved and adopted:—

As an Amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Liam O'Cleirigh;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Coolboy);

"That the portion of the Finance Committee's Report No. 4 dealing with Master McNamara's application for a University Scholarship be deleted."

The Council's Solicitor having been consulted at the end of a protracted discussion he read his considered Opinion dated the 8th July, 1937, which had been submitted to and considered by the Council at their meeting held on 27th July, 1937, and also the resolution passed at that meeting refusing to grant the Scholarship to Master Francis X. McNamara.

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

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors James McCrea, Liam O'Cleirigh, J J Bourne, T J Birthistle, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); D J Kehoe, P D Kinsella and C M Byrne—9.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT—Councillors Wallace Hammond, P P O'Reilly, Michael Timmins, Edward Byrne, George Heatley, Major R Smith, M J Brennan, Miss M Kelly, James Everett, T.D.; D H Haskins and Joseph Jacob—11.

The Chairman thereupon declared the Amendment to have been passed only 9 Councillors having voted for it and 11 having voted against.

The original Motion to adopt the Report, as printed and circulated as then put to the meeting and declared to have been passed by 11 votes to 9.

Proposed by Councillor Major R Smith ;

Seconded by " M J Brennan ;

Resolved—In accordance with the recommendation of our Finance Committee's Report No. 3, we hereby request our Secretary to instruct our Insurance Broker, Mr. Thomas Fleming, to prepare and submit a draft advertisement to be published in the Press inviting tenders for all the Insurances at present with the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company, Ltd., 28, Dame Street, Dublin, whose agreement in that connection terminates next month so that the new Policies may have been issued before the existing Policies expire.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne ;

Seconded by " Liam O Cleirigh ;

Resolved—That the Quarterly transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance be now signed.

Passed.

#### PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Councillor Liam O Cleirigh ;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Winetavern) ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for payment chargeable to the various areas, amounting to the sum of £3065 4 10 (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

#### ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS.

Proposed by Councillor Liam O Cleirigh ;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Winetavern) ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing additional Proposals for payment, chargeable to the various areas, amounting to the sum of £273 0 2 (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman) and order same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " Liam O Cleirigh ;

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 by the Proposals Committee and consequently no contracts to be sealed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " Liam O Cleirigh ;

Resolved—That the applications for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts be now signed and sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " D H Haskins ;

Resolved—That the Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, to the following be hereby renewed by our Secretary:—

Mrs Annie S Miller	Blessington
Thomas Ellison	Shillelagh
Terence Finnegan	Abbey Street, Wicklow
S V Delahunt	Do. Do.
Garnet B Hopkins	Main Street, Wicklow
William R Carson (Heitons)	23, Main Street, Bray
Thomas M Barker	Coolboy, Tinahely
James Craul	Oldcourt, Manor-Kilbride
James Healy	Rathdangan
James Lawler	Railway Hotel, Dunlavin
Patrick Hoxey	Knockenarrigan, Dunlavin
Patrick J Graham	Knockananna
John W Hanbidge	Dunlavin
Thomas Heiton & Co., Ltd.	28, Main Street, Bray
Frederick J Sutton, Ltd.	Rathdrum
Arthur Hennessy	Blessington
William F Murphy	Aughrim
Arthur R H Pasley	Tinahely
Thomas Annesley	50, Main Street, Arklow
Robin Haskins	Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow
Joseph Walsh	Rathdrum
Peter J Bradshaw	Shillelagh
Thomas Pierce	Tinahely
William Saul	18, Main Street, Rathdrum
Thos. Whitten (E H Murdoch)	32, Main Street, Bray
Patrick Maguire	Hotel Munster, Quinsboro' Road, Bray
Thomas F Phelan	Aughrim
James Belton	Killiskey, Ashford
Bernard J Mulhall	Annaeorra
John Briscoe	Kiltegan
Edward Dowse	Carnew
Samuel Correll	Carnew
Thomas P Doyle	Commercial House, Baltinglass
James McCrea	Carnew
Arthur J Boyers	Tinahely Co-operative Society, Tinahely
Thomas Walsh	Tinahely
Michael Hayes	Roundwood
William Wynne	Kyle, Kiltegan
James Urell	Newcastle
Patrick Thorpe	Kilquiggan, Tullow
F J Loughran	Delgany
William Quinn	Main Street, Baltinglass

Hugh P Doyle	Mill Street, Baltinglass
William Morrissey	Aughrim
Albert Farrar	Bridge House, Rathdrum
Malachy J Brennan	Vartry House, Roundwood
D J Cogan	Laragh, Rathdrum
John Synnott	Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy
E V Briscoe	Ballinalea, Ashford
E L O'Higgins	Main Street, Dunlavin
John Synnott	Ashford Hotel, Ashford
Michael Tutty	Hollywood
Mrs Mary Toomey	Hollywood
William B Kidd	Moyné, Ballinglen
Denis O'Sullivan	Mill Lane, Carnew
H F Cope	Main Street, Baltinglass
Edwin Doyle	Stanley Stores, Greystones
William Redmond	Coolkenno

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Winetavern) ;

Seconded by " D J Kehee ;

Resolved—That the Licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, hitherto held by Mr Robert Spain, Donard, be transferred to Mr T Moynihan, Donard, who has taken over the house and business formerly the property of Mr Spain.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Major R Smith ;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ;

Resolved—That we hereby empower our Secretary to issue a Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, to Mr. John Hipple, Coolagad, Greystones, for the premises known as the "Picture House," Greystones.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " Liam O Cleirigh ;

Resolved—That we hereby grant the renewal of Licences under the Explosives Act, 1875, to the following for the year ending 5th November, 1938, for the sale and storage of mixed explosives and Gunpowder:—

Thomas F Phelan	Aughrim
Samuel Weir & Sons	Tinahely
Olive H Parr	Dunlavin
William Saul	18, Main Street, Rathdrum
M J Doyle & Sons (per T P Doyle)	Main Street, Baltinglass
James McCrea	Carnew
Hugh P Doyle	Mill Street, Baltinglass
M J Brennan	Vartry House, Roundwood
E V Briscoe	Ballinalea, Ashford

Passed.

Councillor J J Bourne withdrew, with the Council's consent, the following Notice of Motion which stood in his name as item No. 12 on the Agenda as he understood the County Surveyor proposed to have a certain number of roads in the Road Works Scheme repaired and maintained during the forthcoming year by means of sub-contracts:—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council—That we revert to the Contract System for the upkeep of County Roads as from the 1st April, 1938."

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;

Seconded by " George Heatley ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve, confirm and adopt for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1939, the Road Works Scheme prepared by the Council at the meeting of that Body held on the 7th February, 1938—the County Surveyor to be hereby empowered to enter into sub-contracts for the upkeep and maintenance of such Roads in the above Scheme as he may select as suitable.

Passed.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,  
COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW,  
16th February, 1938.

To/Wicklow County Council,  
Court House,  
WICKLOW.

A Chairde,

I submit a list of the Road Works proposed under the Liffey Power Development Act, 1936.

There is no reasonable objection to the new Bridges and Road Works. However, it should be noted that the direct communication between Ballyknocken and Vallemount will be cut off and traffic diverted over Road No. 356. This will entail about one mile additional in the journey between Ballyknocken and Vallemount.

When the Select Committee of the Dail were considering previous Bills submitted for the Liffey Development this question was fully considered and it would appear that the only reasonable way out was the new route via Road 356. (Work No. 13).

There appears to be no power given to either the County Council, or County Surveyor to object to the proposed Road alterations and the Minister for Local Government would also appear to have no power to interfere, except that he may, on the application of the Minister for Industry and Commerce, assess under certain circumstances a portion of the cost of Bridge Works on the County Council. Also, the Minister for Local Government can dispense with any road, bridge or work which is to be constructed in lieu of any road or bridge submerged.

I have made enquiry into the statement that traffic from other Counties

will be directed over County Wicklow Roads and I cannot find any reason for or probability of such diversion.

Ample provision is made to prevent obstruction to the traffic on roads during the construction of the works. The cost of repairing any damage done by reason of extra traffic on the roads can be recovered by the County Council in the usual manner from the parties responsible for such traffic.

It must be remembered that the Act authorizing the works required for the Liffey Development is now an actual fact and can not be altered unless by an amending Act.

I wish to acknowledge the courtesy of the Chief Engineer, Mr. MacDonald of the Electricity Supply Board in giving me particulars of the new Bridges and roads to be constructed.

Mise, le meas,

S. G. GALLAGHER,  
County Surveyor.

Schedule of Proposed road alterations in connection with  
the River Liffey Development.

Road Work No. 1. at Crosseoolharbour Co. Road 371. This is to be constructed on an embankment near the existing road, and the width surfaced will be similar in width to the existing road. It will have a freeboard of 3ft. above the highest water level in the Reservoir. There will be no interference with traffic or closing down of the existing road until the new road is completed.

Road Work No. 2. Haylands and Holyvalley, Co. Road 371. This road will not be interfered with and the only work visualised is strengthening and re-conditioning of the existing culvert. Traffic will not, therefore, be interfered with.

Road Work No. 3. at Butterhill Road 374, this will be similar to road work No. 1.

Road Work No. 4. at Rundle Bridge Road 874, this will be similar to road works Nos. 1 and 3.

Road Work No. 5. New Blessington Bridge, this will consist of a reinforced concrete bridge and approach banks.

Road Work No. 6. at Burgage House, T42, No. 385, this will consist in raising the existing road and pointing and strengthening the existing culvert. It is anticipated that half the width of the road will be completed at a time and that the existing road may require a slight amount of widening to take the traffic while the other half is being raised. Fencing and all necessary precautions will be taken to permit of safe traffic over the first half of the road completed while the second half is being raised. The road formation level will have 3ft. freeboard above the highest water level and will be surfaced in tar macadam.

Road Work No. 7.—Burgage Bridge, Co. Road 385, as in the case of the other bridges, the existing Burgage Bridge and road approaches to same will not be interfered with until the new bridge and approach roads are complete and taking traffic.

Road Work No. 8. at Russborough and Brusselstown T42 No. 386. Only a slight amount of work will be necessary on this road, comprising raising level by pitching and metaling. Half the width of the road will be done at a time.

Road Work No. 9. at Russborough T42 No. 386. The road surface will be above water level and the works will comprise strengthening of the existing retaining walls or providing a new retaining wall in concrete.

Road Work No. 10. near Ballinahoun and Valleymount, Co. Road 358, this will consist in building a new road and bank having a freeboard of 3ft., and traffic along the existing road will not be interfered with until the new road has been completed.

Road Work No. 11. Co. Road 358 is Humphreystown Bridge, New Bridge and walks leading to same.

Road Work No. 12. new road at Baltyboys, this approach road will be completed before interfering with the existing roads.

Road Work No. 13. at Carrigacurra Co. Road, 356, this comprises of widening and steam-rolling the road as far as Ballyknocken, and it is not at present proposed to regrade this road.

All of the Bridges are designed for Ministry of Transport loading, double line of traffic, and are to be built in reinforced concrete.

The following roads practically will be completely flooded—

Part Co. Road No. 359—Baltyboys to 3 roads and branch.

362—branch over Baltyboys Bridge.

375—Ballyknocken-Valleymount.

373—Burgage to Burgage Moyle.

355—Lockstown to Humphreystown.

S. G. GALLAGHER,  
County Surveyor.

ORDER :—Received and Noted.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,  
COURT HOUSE,  
WICKLOW,

17/2/38.

Wicklow County Council.

A Chairde,

In reference to a complaint from the Greystones Branch of the Workers' Union regarding the Relief Vote Grant work No. 6, I submitted a report to your Secretary on the 30th December, this report will be found in the correspondence to be considered at this meeting.

It will be necessary to provide a machine for mixing the materials for the creophalte work on the Road Fund Grant for the Long Hill. I

request permission to purchase this plant, which will be useful and necessary for future Road Improvement Work.

I regret that I am not in a position to suggest any alteration in your present system of Road Maintenance. In the Road Scheme, I submitted estimates for certain roads which I considered you could reasonably maintain by contract, but as you were not in a position to authorize the expenditure of the sum I suggested, I think your best course would be to include the amounts authorized, in the sum allocated for the group in which these roads appear and direct the County Surveyor to let these roads by sub-contract. Certain roads at present maintained out of revenue, after suitable legislation, might reasonably be included in a class designated as Tourist Roads and be maintained with the help of Grants, similar to the Main Roads. Such as the Road 180, Avoca to Ticknock, Roads 102, 105, 108, Marlton, Brittas, Jack White's and Ballinacarrig, to Wolfan's Bridge, Roads 21 and 22, Herbert Road and Boghall Road, roads No. 7 and 11—Enniskerry to Glencree, Roads 19 and 16, Enniskerry to Powerscourt Waterfall Gate, Road No. 113, Coolbeg and Deputy's Pass, Road 190 to Arklow to Coolgreaney, Road 134, Aughrim to Aughavanna, Roads 320—Whitestown to Glen Imaal, Roads 307, 305, 308, 284—Dunlavin to Colbinstown—Grange Con and Raheen, Road 337, Dunlavin to Hollywood Cross, Road 279 Bawnogue to Irongrange—Road 276, 252—Balttinglass, McNeil and Ballyconnell Oaks Cross Roads, Roads 231, 216—Shillelagh, Coollattin, Tinahely, 214 Coolboy, Crosspatrick.

Generally it is wholly impossible properly to repair and maintain roads subject to motor traffic unless such roads are rolled and treated with some form of surface dressing. The old system of spreading broken stone is useless, wasteful and a nuisance to modern traction, even when the stone is broken sufficiently small, the result is a weak easily tracked road.

The term Main Road (either Trunk or Link) is misleading though of the roads above mentioned the roads Nos. 7, 11, 102, 180, 307, 305, and 308, 190 and 221 might possibly be treated as Main Roads.

I wish to remind you that in deference to your ruling on 28rd of August last I withdrew, until the beginning of the Financial Year starting on 1st April next, my application for superannuation and my resignation which otherwise became effective on 30th September.

I now renew my application for superannuation and request you to accept my resignation as from 30th April next or such earlier date as you may decide. I respectfully suggest that you make suitable arrangements for the discharge of the duties appertaining to the position of County Surveyor after the date on which you decide to determine my holding office as County Surveyor.

I understand from the County Secretary that this matter will be further considered at a Special Meeting of the County Council.

Regarding Items on Agenda :—

No. 15. Applications to erect shelter at Coolroe Quarry for Workmen, this a reasonable request and a temporary shelter could be erected.

No. 16. A letter signed by the local carters in Roundwood has been received, repudiating the statements made by Mr Thomas Timmins.

No. 17. Arrangements are being made to remove cause of Mr Neal's complaint.

No. 18. In view of possible improvements, Annacreevy and Glasskenny at some future date the generous offer of the Select Vestry should be noted and recorded.

No. 23. The list from the Department of Justice regarding the repairs to Courthouses is being investigated.

The complaint regarding Arklow is to my opinion not reasonable as the presence of stones, etc., in yard does not interfere with the holding of Courts. Any repairs necessary will be carried out if required to facilitate conveniences of the Justice.

Tinahely Courthouse—arrangements are being made to have suitable repairs carried out.

Bray Courthouse—I do not consider white washing of walls of yard essential to the facilities of holding Courts of Justice. Any incidental repairs are carried out as required.

Blessington Courthouse—is only a rented premises, some time ago efficient oil lamps were provided and unless the Council go to the expense of providing Electric Light no alterations can be made. I understand most of the rooms in the rented premises have been let by the owner to private persons.

Dunlavin Courthouse—a rented premises. Any repairs to the structure are carried out as required and the alteration to the Bench is not in my opinion necessary.

Newtownmountkennedy—a rented premises, the person owning the place should instal modern sanitary arrangements, the present arrangements are reported as primitive. I consider that the Council should have a legal opinion as to the liabilities for repair of these structures especially when they are used for purposes other than the holding of Courts of Justice.

Mise, le meas,

S. G. GALLAGHER,  
County Surveyor.

ORDERS :—Paragraph (1) Noted.

" (2) To be purchased.

" (3) See Resolution approving Road Works Scheme and the further resolution.

(4) (5) (6) Consideration adjourned to the Special Meeting in March.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea ;

Seconded by Michael Timmins ;

Resolved :—That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to classify the County Roads mentioned in the County Surveyor's Report as Main Roads along with the following Roads :—

Road No. 230 from Carnew Bridge to Deerpark.

Road No. 221 from Main Road Carnew/Shillelagh Road to County

Carlow bounds at Glenashouk.

Road from Rathdangan to Woodfield Cross, Balttinglass.

Passed.

An undated letter was received from Mr. Joseph O'Brien, Secretary to Rathdrum Labour Club, in which the Council was asked to receive a deputation relevant to certain complaints which his branch wish to make regarding the manner in which carting was done in the Rathdrum area in connection with the drawing of stones to Ballinderry Road.

Having heard the views of the County Surveyor, and of Assistant Surveyor, J T O'Byrne, B.E., and no deputation having presented themselves, the Council made the following Order thereon:—

Noted; No action taken.

The Council considered a communication dated 3rd January, 1938, from Mr. James Lennon, Hon. Secretary, Labour Club, Coolboy, Tinahely, in which the Council was requested to erect a hut in Coolroe Quarry in which workmen might have their dinner on wet days.

ORDER—Granted; see County Surveyor's Report.

A letter dated the 28th January, 1938, was submitted from Mr. D H Doyno, Agent and Secretary, Coollatin Estate Office, Shillelagh, in which he drew attention to the deplorable condition of the Shillelagh-Coollatin Road.

ORDER—Referred to the County Surveyor with the request that he make a special effort on this road. The Department of Local Government and Public Health to be requested by him to classify this road as a Main Road.

The Secretary submitted again a communication dated the 20th November, 1937, containing complaints from Thomas Mr Timmins, Secretary, Roundwood Labour Party, respecting the manner in which carters are employed from outside areas which Roundwood carters might reasonably be expected to be employed at.

No Order was made on this communication—the County Surveyor having in his printed Report stated when dealing with the letter from Mr. Timmins that a further letter signed by the local carters in Roundwood had been received by him repudiating the statement made by Mr. Timmins.

A communication dated the 18th January, 1938, was submitted from Mr. Leeson Neale, Rath House, Tullow, in which he complained that water from the back road near his premises comes down his avenue which is almost destroyed as a result, and intimating that unless same is attended to immediately he will place the matter in the hands of his solicitor.

No Order was made on this letter—the County Surveyor in his printed Report having stated that arrangements are being made to remove the cause of Mr. Neale's complaint as far as possible.

The Council considered a communication from the Rev. W. F. Boyle, of Bushey Park, Enniskerry, Secretary, Powerscourt Parish Select Vestry, stating it has been represented to the Vestry that the Road Authorities are willing to straighten a dangerous turn between Annavey and Glaskenny provided no indemnity was required by the owner, and intimating that the Select Vestry, who are concerned with the land in question, will make no such demand.

In this connection the Council found themselves in agreement with the recommendation in the County Surveyor's printed Report that in view of possible improvements at some future date on the road in question the generous offer of the Select Vestry should be noted and recorded.

#### WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER, 1936.

The Secretary submitted letters in above connection from the Department of Agriculture, Dublin, C.17, dated the 18th January, 1938, No. L.199/38, and 18th February, 1938, No. L.75/38.

Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond;

Seconded by Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby re-appoint the following nineteen persons to act as temporary inspectors under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, 1936, during the treatment period which commences on the 1st March, 1938:—

- 1 Matthew Devitt, Monameen, Greenane, Rathdrum.
- 2 Andrew Fleming, Aghavannagh, Aughrim.
- 3 Martin Fitzpatrick, Coollatin, Carnew.
- 4 Thomas Kinsella, Muskeagh, Tinahely.
- 5 James Kavanagh, Cloanshannon, Knockenarrigan.
- 6 Patrick O'Toole, Monroe, Donard.
- 7 William Healy, Clara, Rathdrum.
- 8 Bernard Malone, Baltinanima, Roundwood.
- 9 Joseph Clancy, Ballygreen, Aughrim.
- 10 Andrew Kavanagh, Knockfodda, Roundwood.
- 11 John Roche, Carrigower, Kilpedder.
- 12 William Carr, Knockraheen, Roundwood.
- 13 Robert Johnson, Kilpoole, Wicklow.
- 14 Patrick Murphy, Oakwood, Vallemount.
- 15 George Miley, Knockadruce, Vallemount.
- 16 Patrick Toomey, Lockstown, Vallemount.
- 17 Peter Whelan, Killamoate, Rathdangan.
- 18 John Byrne, Blackrock, Rathdangan.
- 19 Hugh O'Keefe, Rathbawn, Hacketstown.

These temporary appointments to be under exactly the same terms and conditions of last year, the remuneration to be £1 10 per week, inclusive, and the appointments may be terminated by a week's notice in writing on either side. It is to be clearly understood that each Inspector is to carry out all duties or instructions given to him by the Minister for Agriculture or by any Officer of his Department or by any official of the County Council.

A notification dated the 11th February, 1938, having been received from Mr. Albert Fox, Bohilla, Kilmacanogue, to the effect that he is not prepared to act as Inspector for the coming period at the same remuneration as in previous years we hereby further resolve that Mr. John King, junior, of Killough, Kilmacanogue, be appointed as temporary inspector for the Garda sub-districts of Bray and Enniskerry on exactly the same

terms and conditions and with the same salary as the other inspectors in the County.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond;

Seconded by Patrick Doyle (Coolboy);

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Garda Joseph Behan (642), Shillelagh, as Food and Drugs Inspector for that area to replace Sergeant P. Canny (4235), who has been transferred from that station.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by P P O'Reilly;

Resolved—That it be an instruction to our Secretary to summon a meeting of the Finance Committee for Wednesday, the 2nd March, 1938, at 12 o'clock, noon, to consider his Estimates for the service of the financial year 1938/1939, and, further, he is hereby instructed to convene a special meeting of the County Council for Monday, the 14th March, proximo, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of receiving the Finance Committee's Report, and adopting the Poor Rates for the service of the aforementioned financial year.

Passed.

At this stage the Council adjourned the remaining business to the Special Meeting to be convened for the 14th March, 1938, as Councillors had to leave to catch trains, buses, etc., for their respective homes, and it was then after 6 p.m.

*C. M. Byrne*  
23/5/38

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 14th March, 1938.

The following members were present :—

Councillor Edward Byrne, Vice-Chairman, in the Chair ;  
Councillors Major R Smith, J J Bourne, Michael Timmins, J P O'Donnell, P D Kinsella, Thomas J Birthistle, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); Joseph Jacob, John Dunne, James Everett, T.D.; James McCrea, Joseph Keenan, P P O'Reilly, Daniel J Kehoe, J P Kehoe, Liam O Cleirigh, Miss Margaret Kelly, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); D H Haskins, Michael Mooney, George Heatley, Denis Condren, M J Brennan, and C M Byrne.

#### BUSINESS.

1 To take such action as the Council may deem advisable after considering the letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health stating it is necessary for the Council to consider the Road Works Scheme for 1938-1939 in detail and to allocate definite sums for particular roads or groups of roads, and that it is irregular to allocate lump sums for the upkeep of Main and County Roads without any regard to the case of individual roads and the recommendations of the County Surveyor in the matter.

2 To take into consideration again the communication from the County Surveyor dated the 14th August, 1938, in which he expressed a desire to resign his position.

3 To consider (a) a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, dated the 25th ultimo, intimating that Estate Duty Grant for the year 1937/38 to the extent of £1,745 18 4, and that Agricultural Grant to the extent of £8,830 14 6 is being withheld from the Council and devoted to repayment to the Guarantee Fund under the Land Purchase Acts to meet arrears of Annuities uncollected; and (b) to decide the proportion of the huge amounts withheld from these Grants during the five years ending 31st March, 1938, to meet arrears of Land Purchase Annuities which shall be included by our Secretary in the Rates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1939.

4 To consider Finance Committee's Report on the Estimates for the service of the year 1938/1939.

5 To consider the Estimates (Forms 42 and 43) and pass a resolution adopting same and determining the rates in the pound to be levied by means of the poor rate for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1939; and, further, to determine the amount to be demanded from each Urban District in the County in respect of that year.

6 To receive tenders for the Council's Insurances that expire at or towards the end of March, instant, and to select and accept a suitable tender therefrom.

7 To decide what action, if any, shall be taken regarding the huge

reductions in 1938/1939 in the Poor Law Valuation of the Great Southern Railways Company's holdings.

8 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee at the meeting of that Body, held on the 28th September, 1937:—

Resolved—That we recommend the Wicklow County Council to elect Mr. J. W. Cooke, of Rathdrum, a Member of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee in place of the County Council member of the same name, resigned.

9 To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, forwarding a list received from the Department of Justice showing Courthouses requiring repairs, and requesting to be informed in due course of the action taken thereon.

10 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body held on the 30th November, 1937:—

Resolved—That the grant of £7 0 0 for reconstruction of Swim Bath be paid by the Wicklow County Council to Patrick Toomey, Carriglineen, Rathdrum.

11 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held 25th January, 1938:—

Resolved—That we hereby request the County Council to pay Mr. John Foley, Coolbawn, Aughrim, the sum of £15 subsidy for the erection of a new Swim Bath the sanction to which is given in the Department's letter of the 12th January, 1938 (No. L 4435/37).

12 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy):—

"I hereby give notice that at the next Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council to be held on the 21st February, 1938, I will move that the consent of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a Loan of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds (£2,500) being for the acquisition of land and enclosure of same for the purpose of providing additional burial accommodation at Arklow Cemetery."

13 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor P P O'Reilly:—

"I hereby give notice that at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council, to be held on the 21st February, 1938, I will move that the consent of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a Loan of One Thousand One Hundred Pounds (£1,100) for the purpose of carrying out the proposed water supply Scheme at Lackan."

14 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne:—

"I hereby give notice that at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council, to be held on the 21st February, 1938, I will move that the consent of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a Loan of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds (£2,500) for the purpose of carrying out the proposed sewerage scheme at Roundwood."

15 To consider a communication from Miss E F Bobbett, Secretary, Irish Farmers' Federation, Springfield, Kilbride, Wicklow, forwarding copy of a resolution passed by her Committee asking the Council to extend the period for the collection of the 1937/1938 Rates to the 30th June, 1938.

16 To consider correspondence with the Irish Land Commission regarding the boundary fence between the Cow Park at Ballymarrogue, and the lands of Laurence Gahan, Kilquiggan, Coolkenno.

17 To receive the Law Agent's Report asked for in connection with the resolution passed by the County Council on the 28th June, 1937, rescinding the appointment of Councillor Liam O Cleirigh as a representative from the County Council on Arklow Harbour Board and appointing Councillor T J Birthistle to fill the vacancy.

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

19 To consider County Analyst's Report,

20 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

21 To receive Reports from County Officers.

22 To consider official correspondence.

23 To consider general correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Coolboy);

Resolved—That we hereby extend to our Insurance Broker, Mr. Thomas Fleming, Shillelagh, the assurance of our sincere sympathy with him on the great loss he has recently sustained by the death of his daughter, Eileen.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by " Thomas J Birthistle;

Resolved—That we have heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. George Kearon, of Arklow, who was for a number of years a valued Member of Wicklow County Council and we extend our sincere sympathy to the members of his family.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle;

Seconded by " Daniel J Kehoe;

Resolved—That we hereby extend our sincere sympathy to the relatives and friends of Mr. John Cunningham, Brewer's Hill, Dunlavin, by whose death a big loss has been sustained in the Sporting and Gaelic circles of this county.

Passed.

#### ROAD WORKS SCHEME, 1938/39.

The Secretary submitted the following letter:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH  
(ROADS),

R/RGM/33. CUSTOM HOUSE,  
DUBLIN.

22nd Feabhra, 1938.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 8th instant and enclosure, relative to the expenditure proposed to be incurred on roads during the coming financial year, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that it is irregular to allocate lump sums for the upkeep of main and county roads without any regard to the needs of the individual roads and the recommendations of the County Surveyor in the matter.

I am to point out that when the estimates furnished in the provisional road works scheme are not being accepted by the Council it is necessary for the Council to consider the scheme in detail and to allocate definite sums for particular roads or groups of roads for the upkeep of which proposals were included in the Provisional Road Works Scheme.

Accordingly, I am to request that you will be so good as to take the necessary steps to have the provisional scheme considered in the manner outlined above.

Mise, le meas,  
J. OWENS,  
a/s. Runai.

The Secretary,  
County Council Offices,  
WICKLOW.

The Secretary, also submitted a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated the 8th March, 1938, Ref. No. RU/205/4, in which the Council was informed in connection with Employment Schemes (Roads Rural) that a grant of £4,300 had been allocated to the County subject to a local contribution of £1,550 and that these figures would include the grant of £525 notified in his communication dated the 25th January, 1938, Ref. No. RU/205/1, conditional on the Council making a local contribution of £175.

The Council directed the Secretary to include in the Estimates for the service of the year 1938/39 a further sum of £1,375 which, with the £175 already included therein, would comply with the Minister's requirements before the Council could be allocated the Grant of £4,300 notified in the above communication.

Proposed by Councillor Major R Smith ;  
Seconded by P D Kinsella ;

Resolved—That having considered the Departmental letter dated the 22nd February, 1938, Ref. No. R.G.M./83, on the subject of the Road Works Scheme for the service of the financial year 1938/39 we hereby approve and adopt the Scheme as submitted to the Department by our Secretary, with the figures shown therein opposite the groups and individual Main and County Roads.

Passed.

#### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S RESIGNATION.

The Council proceeded to consider the resignation, dated the 14th August, 1937 (Vide page 29 of the printed minutes of the Council's Quarterly Meeting, held on the 23rd August, 1937), received from Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., in which he asked permission to resign his position as County Surveyor, and also the following further communication in that connection :—

FROM : S. G. Gallagher, County Surveyor, WICKLOW.  
TO : P. T. Healy, Esq., County Secretary, WICKLOW.  
10th March, 1938.

Re : Co. Surveyor's Resignation.

Dear Sir,

To prevent any misunderstanding I wish to inform you that, after taking advice, I do not consider that I will be able to discharge or accept any responsibility for carrying on the work appertaining to the position as County Surveyor after the 30th April next.

Yours faithfully,  
S. G. GALLAGHER,

Proposed by Councillor P D Kinsella ;  
Seconded by Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ;

Resolved—That we hereby accept, with regret, the resignation of our County Surveyor, Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., as from the 30th April, 1938, and we ask our Finance Committee to take the question of his superannuation into consideration and to recommend to him the fullest Retiring Allowance it may be found possible to give him.

Passed.

In the discussion which followed the passing of the above resolution the Secretary informed the Council that the vacant position of County Surveyor must be filled by the appointment of a suitable person recommended by the Local Appointments Commission.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;  
Seconded by Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ;

Resolved—That we hereby decide to promote our Assistant Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., to the permanent position of County Surveyor in succession to Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., our Finance Committee to make a recommendation at a later meeting as to his salary and the terms on which he is to hold office.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ;  
Seconded by James McCreia ;

Resolved—That the duties of Assistant Surveyor in the area of the County vacated by the appointment of Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., as County Surveyor, as and from the 30th April, 1938, be discharged temporarily by Assistant Surveyor Mr. J. P. Caffrey, B.E., of the adjoining area, the Finance Committee to recommend to us the salary and other terms relating to this temporary appointment.

Passed.

At this stage the Chairman of the County Council, Mr. C. M. Byrne, entered the room and took the Chair.

The following letter was read to the Council in connection with item No. 8 on the Agenda :—

Department of Local Government and Public Health  
Custom House,  
Dublin,  
25th Feabhra, 1938.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the draws upon the Guarantee Fund under the Land Purchase Acts in respect of arrears of annuities in Wicklow County for the May/June 1937 and November/December 1937 gales exceeded the repayment to the Guarantee Fund of arrears of annuities at previous gales by a sum of £10,576 7 10 and there will accordingly be a deduction of this amount from the balance of local taxation grants payable for the present financial year.

This amount will be met by the County Share (including Urban Districts) in the Estate Duty Grant for 1937/38, to the extent of £1745 13 4 and the balance, viz., £8830 14 6 is chargeable against the Agricultural Grant.

After deduction of this amount the balance of the Agricultural Grant for the current financial year will be £8,559 5 6 and this sum will be payable early in March, less any deductions that may be necessary in respect of loan instalments in arrear to the Commissioners of Public Works by the County Council or the Board of Health.

Mise, le meas,  
J HURSON,  
Runai.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

After a prolonged discussion the following Motion was

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ;  
Seconded by Major R. Smith ;

“That we, the Wicklow County Council, hereby decide to raise no sum in the estimates for the year 1938/39 to recoup the funds for the sums withheld of Estate Duty Grant and from the Agricultural Grant and devoted to the sinking fund under the Land Purchase Acts to replace unpaid annuities.”

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

#### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Finance Committee's Report on the Rate Estimates for the service of the financial year ending

31st March, 1939.

A Special Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Wednesday, the 2nd March, 1938, for the purpose of considering the above referred to Estimates.

The following members attended :—

Councillor Major R Smith, Presiding Chairman ;  
Councillors James Everett, T.D. ; M J Brennan, and Joseph Jacob.

The Chief Clerk and Accountant, Mr. L. Wolohan, informed the Committee that the Secretary regretted he was unable to be present at the meeting as he had been summoned to appear in the Dublin Circuit Court, Courthouse, Green Street, Dublin, at 10 45 a.m., on the same day to give evidence in the case of “The People of Ireland at the suit of the Attorney General v. James Gately.”

The Accountant submitted on the prescribed Explanatory Tables the Annual Estimate of the amounts which the Secretary believed should be raised as General Charges and as Separate Charges during the financial year ending 31st March, 1939, to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council and for the sums demanded in respect of that period by the Subsidiary Bodies.

He also submitted the following Report :—

#### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Rates Estimates for the Service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1939

To/

The Chairman and members of  
Wicklow County Council.

A Chairde,  
I submit herewith Explanatory Tables showing very clearly the full particulars of my annual estimate of the amounts which, in my opinion, will be required during the financial year ending 31st March, 1939, to provide for the liabilities and requirements of Wicklow County Council, and to meet also the Demands of the other Public Bodies in the County financed by Wicklow County Council.

The following are the amounts asked for by these Subsidiary Bodies :-

	£	Increase over the figures raised for the year 1937/1938.
County Board of Health	81860	£4967
County Board of Assistance	49366	1045
Joint Committee of Grangegorman Mental Hospital	20203	266
County Vocational Education Committee	3548	—
County Committee of Agriculture	2226	3
County Library Committee, including proposed loan	812	66

Gross Totals 107515 6347  
 The County Committee of Agriculture has submitted a resolution asking the Council to transfer to the Committee in the ensuing financial year, 1938/1939, a sum of £150 being the same amount as was transferred during the current financial year, 1937/1938. This resolution will come before the Council in due course, and the amount is included in the above sum of £2,226.

The County Council has no power to vary the Demands from the Board of Health, or from the Board of Public Assistance, or from the Joint Committee of Management of Grangegorman Mental Hospital.

Section 43 (as amplified by Part II of the Third Schedule) of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, makes it mandatory on the County Council to transfer during the financial year 1938/1939, whatever sum be demanded by the County Vocational Education Committee provided the sum so demanded does not exceed the proceeds of a Rate of 3d. in the £.

Section 36 (1) of the Agricultural Act, 1931, makes it mandatory on the County Council to transfer to the County Committee of Agriculture the proceeds of a 2d. Rate over the whole of the County (excluding any Urban Districts comprised therein), and the same Section states that the County Council may also, if they so think fit, raise in any local financial year an additional sum equal to not more than a rate of 1d. in the £ and may transfer the proceeds of such additional 1d. Rate to the County Committee of Agriculture.

A contribution was made by the County Council during the current financial year 1937/1938 to the Irish Tourist Association of £50, and a similar sum is now included in the Estimates. The Act in question permits the County Council to levy a rate not exceeding 1d. in the £ for the purpose.

Year after year when submitting my Estimates I have felt it my duty to draw attention to the most unsatisfactory condition of the Council's finances and I regret to have to do so again on this occasion. For a considerable time past the County Council has been carrying out its administrative duties with the assistance of an overdraft. The Council has not been made aware yet of the amount that will be withdrawn from the Agricultural Grant during the current financial year 1937/1938. I have already intimated to the Council on several occasions that if for any reason the above referred to overdraft be refused, Local Government Administration throughout the County will immediately collapse. I submit for very earnest consideration, copy of the resolution which was passed at the Special Meeting of the Council held on the 1st September, 1936 :-

"Resolved—We, the Wicklow County Council, realising that the state of our finances a short time ago made it impossible to transfer to the County Board of Health and Public Assistance the monies due on foot of the Annual Estimate and Demands without considerable extension of the County Council's overdraft accommodation, which at the moment is limited to £40,000 due to the withholding of over £40,000 from Agricultural Grants during the three financial years which ended on the 31st March, 1936, to meet unpaid Land Purchase Annuities, hereby undertake when striking the rates for the service of the financial year 1937/1938 to make adequate financial arrangements to reduce our overdraft to within reasonable limits."

In the rate assessment for the current year 1937/1938 a sum of £20,000 was included to meet in part the deficiency in Grants arising from non-payment of land annuities I estimate that 31st March next the balance of this deficiency in respect of agricultural grant alone will be approximately £35,075 and I have included this sum in my Estimates. Apart altogether from the serious loss to the Council's finances through withheld payments of Grants I consider it my duty to submit for your very serious consideration to the ever increasing amount of rates being carried forward year after year as temporarily uncollectible. Commencing the current year the total under this heading had reached £7695. I fear the greater part of this sum will never be collected. Only a sum of £500 has so far been raised to meet this loss. I have now entered £3,500.

It should be borne in mind that Agricultural Grants withheld, and rates carried forward, are both part of the actual requirements of the Council, and are not only a direct loss to the amount of their own total but in fact, the Council is obliged to pay interest at 4% per annum on them, through the medium of overdraft, so long as they remain outstanding, or so long as adequate provision is not made in the Estimate to meet the loss.

The following are the General Rates which I suggest should be struck for the service of the forthcoming financial year 1938/1939 :-

Roads	3 11
County Services	6 5 1/2
Poor Relief	3 3 1/4
Health District Charges	1 10

Gross Total 14 7 3/4

Were it not for a very large reduction in the Valuation Lists, just

received from the Commissioners of Valuation in the total Poor Law Valuations of Great Southern Railway holdings the rate in the £ would be somewhat less than the figures shown in the Valuation Lists for the purpose of comparison, the General Rates assessed on Other Hereditaments during the current year and the figures for previous years :-

Year ended 31st March, 1931	9 4 1/2
1935	8 7
1936	8 9 1/4
1937	9 2 1/2
1938	12 0 1/2

All the figures in the explanatory Tables are set forth in great detail, and they speak for themselves. I do not think there is any further item therein which calls for special comment from me.

Le meas mor, P. T. HEALY,  
 County Secretary.

Dated this 17th February, 1938.

The Accountant submitted the following letter which had been received by the Secretary from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in respect of arrears of Land Purchase Annuities :-

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,  
 Custom House,  
 Dublin,  
 25adh Feabhra, 1938.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the draws upon the Guarantee Fund under the Land Purchase Acts in respect of arrears of annuities in Wicklow County for the May/June, 1937, and November/December, 1937, gales exceeded the repayments to the Guarantee Fund of arrears of annuities at previous gales by a sum of £10,576 7 10d, and there will accordingly be a deduction of this amount from the balance of local taxation grants payable for the present financial year.

This amount will be met by the County share (including Urban Districts) in the Estate Duty Grant for 1937/1938 to the extent of £1,745 13 4, and the balance, viz. : £8,830 14 6 is chargeable against the Agricultural Grant.

After deduction of this amount the balance of the Agricultural Grant for the current financial year will be £8,559 5 6, and this sum will be payable early in March, less any deductions that may be necessary in respect of loan instalments in arrear to the Commissioners of Public Works by the County Council or the Board of Health.

Mise, le meas,  
 J. HURSON,  
 Runai.

The Secretary,  
 Wicklow County Council,

The terms of the report and the foregoing letter and each figure on the Explanatory Tables relating to General Charges (as already printed and circulated to each Member of the County Council) having received the most careful consideration, and the Accountant's explanation as to the basis upon which each figure appearing in the Tables was arrived at having been received, the Committee made the subjoined modifications under the following headings in the printed and circulated Estimates, as will be observed by a comparison of the figures on the revised and modified Explanatory Tables which each County Councillor will receive with a copy of this report :-

Sub heading of service	Allowed by Committee	Increase or decrease on Secretary's figures
<b>B. COUNTY SERVICES.</b>		
Repairs to Courthouses.	£100	—£600
To enlarge County Registrar's strong room and build new strong room for County Council purposes.	Nil	—£400
Part of £7,605 carried forward into 1937/38 Warrants.	£500	£3,000
Election Expenses	Nil	—£1,400
(This amount has been struck out in the belief that there will be no Local Government Elections held in the year 1938/1939).		
Deficiencies in Agricultural Grants for years 1933/34 to 1937/38 (inclusive) being amounts actually included in Rate Books.	Nil	—£35,075
(In deleting this item for Agricultural Grant from the Estimates the members of the Committee wish it to be clearly understood that this matter should in their opinion be placed before a full meeting of the Council for further consideration).		
County circulating Library Scheme	£657	—£50

(This decrease represents an un-sanctioned increase of £50 per annum to the County Librarian).

Proposed loan of £750 for the purchase of Library building calculated at 4% for a term of 10 years. Nil —£105

(This amount was struck out by the Committee because the terms of the Council's resolution proposing to raise this loan have not been complied with).

To meet Estimated loss on the Seed Supply Schemes for the years 1932 and 1933. Nil —£670

Other expenditure—miscellaneous. £255 —£251

C. POOR RELIEF.

Amount required to reduce Debit balance in the Council's Ledger. Nil —£2,500

The Accountant submitted a letter dated the 31st January, 1938, enclosing the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture on the 26th October, 1937:—

“Resolved:—That we ask the County Council to make an additional contribution to the Committee of £150 for the year 1938/1939.”

It will be observed from the Explanatory Tables that your Committee have included this sum of £150 in the Estimates for the forthcoming year and have recommended the Council to sanction same.

The Accountant submitted also a communication dated the 3rd January, 1938, from the Irish Tourist Association, O'Connell Street, Dublin, C.8, applying for the inclusion as in previous years of rate for Tourists purposes under the Tourists Traffic (Development) Act, 1931.

The Committee have included in the Estimates for 1938/39 the same amount as was raised for this purpose in the Estimates for 1937/38, i.e., £50, and they recommend the Council to approve of their action in doing so.

The Committee enclose herewith a revised printed copy of the Estimate already circulated to each Councillor, and they have shown thereon the figures modified as beforementioned in this Report. They recommend that these modified figures be approved and adopted by the Council for the purpose of calculating the rates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1939.

The Committee's recommendation in this Report, if adopted by the Council, will have the effect of reducing the rates suggested in the Secretary's Report to the following figures:—

A. ROADS	3	14
B. COUNTY SERVICES	3	14
C. POOR RELIEF	3	1
D. HEALTH DISTRICT CHARGES	1	10
	11	11

These rates are based on the figures in the Explanatory Tables now being sent you. When the Urban proportions have been ascertained and Form 42 has been completed it is likely that the total General Rate will work out at some slight difference to the above figures—possibly it will be slightly less.

The system of relief of Rates on Agricultural Land with which the Council and the Ratepayers are now familiar remains unchanged in respect of the forthcoming financial year. The use of Credit Notes has been abandoned by the Council under the terms of their own resolution. Ratepayers should understand, therefore, that all relief by way of Agricultural Grant will be included in the official Demand Notes and Receipts issued from the Council's Offices.

Signed—R. SMITH, Major,  
Presiding Chairman, Finance Committee.

Dated this 2nd day of March, 1938.

The following letter was submitted:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH  
CUSTOM HOUSE,  
DUBLIN,

Feabhra 25, 1938.

G.7499/2/38.  
Cill Mhanntain.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 22nd instant, and enclosure, and to state that pursuant to Article 3 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, he sanctions such departure from the terms of Article 77 (2) of the Order as will enable the meeting of the Finance Committee under that Article to be held by a date not later than the 2nd March, 1938, and such departure from the terms of Articles 78 and 79 of the Order as will enable the Wicklow County Council to consider and adopt the Estimates by a date not later than the 14th March, 1938.

Mise, le meas,  
J. COLLINS,  
T. c. an Runai.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor Major R Smith;  
Seconded by D H Haskins;

Resolved—That the Report on the Estimates for the service of the

year 1938/1939 submitted by our Finance Committee be hereby approved and adopted as printed and circulated to each member of this Council, the Rate in the £ on Other Hereditaments for the ensuing year to be fixed at 11/2 in accordance with the modifications made in the Estimates at this meeting.

Passed,  
Proposed by Councillor Major R Smith;  
Seconded by D H Haskins;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm, adopt and Seal the Estimates (Forms 42 and 43) now submitted to us, as amended, and determine the Rates in the £ to be levied in the County by means of the Poor Rate for the service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1939, as follows:—

GENERAL CHARGES	
Construction and maintenance of Roads	3 2
County Services	3 0
Poor Relief	3 0
Board of Health Charges	1 10
Total Rate on Other Hereditaments	11 2

SEPARATE CHARGES	
Baltinglass No. 1 R.D.—Water Supplies	3
Rathdown No. 2 R.D.—Water Supplies	6
Delgany Parish—Sewerage	6
Greystones E.D.—Lighting	13
Rathdrum R.D.—Water Supplies	6
Newcastle Dispensary District—Water and Sewerage	2
Wicklow Dispensary District (Rural Portion)—Water	3
Annamoe Dispensary District—Water	4
Former Shillelagh R.D.—Water and Sewerage	5
Part of Enniskerry E.D.—Lighting	2
Avoca and Ballyarthur E.D.'s—Lighting	0
Blessington E.D.—Lighting	2
Carnew E.D.—Lighting	1
Donard E.D.—Lighting	1
Genely E.D.—Lighting	0
Newcastle Upper E.D.—Lighting	1
Rathdrum E.D.—Lighting	3
Timahely E.D.—Lighting	1
Wicklow Rural E.D.—Lighting	1
Rathdangan E.D.—Lighting	1
Delgany E.D.—Lighting	2
Humewood E.D.—Lighting	1
Aghowle (Shillelagh) E.D.—Lighting	2
Grange E.D.—Lighting	1
Wicklow Harbour	3
Tramway Employees—Commutation of Pensions	4
Baltinglass Union Loans	1
Naas No. 2 Union Loans	1
Baltinglass No. 1 District Pensions	1

Passed,  
Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;  
Seconded by M J Brennan;

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 of the financial year ending 31st March, 1939, as follows:—

	Arklow	Bray	Wicklow
	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
Roads	569 18 9	2764 2 3	554 3 4
County Services	747 3 5	2964 3 9	666 0 2
Poor Relief	1348 1 0	6901 13 6	1302 7 11
Board of Health Charges	88 16 0	452 17 0	81 17 0
Separate Charges	154 16 0		984 3 6
	£2908 15 2	£13082 16 6	£3588 11 11

Passed.  
In connection with the Council's resolution passed at their meeting held on the 21st February, 1938, proposing to have the Poor Rate Collection Accounts in the area formerly known as Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District checked by Mr. Michael Byrne, Rathcoyle, Kiltegan, the Secretary submitted the following letter:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,  
CUSTOM HOUSE,  
G 8537/38. DUBLIN.  
O'H Mhanntain. Marta 12, 1938.

A Chara,  
With reference to your letter of the 1st instant, and enclosures, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to draw your attention to previous correspondence on the subject of amalgamation of rate checking districts, and to state that he is not prepared to sanction the proposed appointment of Mr. Byrne.

In dealing with the question of Rate Inspection and checking in County Wicklow it has been the aim of this Department to establish a centralised and unified system under the control of a single officer. It was contemplated that if any of the existing checkers should resign or otherwise cease to hold office his district would be amalgamated with the other checking districts in the county. Steps should now be taken to extend the area of one or other of the remaining Checkers so as to include that of the late Mr. Furlong.

Mise, le meas,  
J. COLLINS,  
T.C. an Runai.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

ORDER—The Minister to be asked to re-consider his decision in this connection.

INSURANCES.

The Council's Insurance Broker, Mr. Thomas Fleming, Shillelagh, who was present at the meeting, submitted the following Report on the tenders received for certain of the Council's Insurance business in response to published advertisements:—

14 MAR 1938

SHILLELAGH,

Co Wicklow,

11-2-1938,

To/

Ser., County Council,  
WICKLOW.

A Chara,

I herewith submit report on Tenders for Insurances as per advt. in Daily Press in accordance with Council's instructions issued on 25-2-1938.

Three Co's have tendered in compliance with the terms of advt. One other Company also tendered but does not comply with the terms of the advt.

The quotations from the three tariff Co's are herewith attached. As the Tender of the Hibernian Insurance Co. is equal to the lowest, and as they are at present the Council's Insurers, I accordingly recommend continuing the Council's Insurance with the Hibernian Insurance Co. for a further period of five years. The Council's interests cannot be better served than by a Tariff Co. and the Hibernian Insurance Co. have been entrusted with those Insurances for over 25 years.

The fourth Tender is from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Co., Ltd., which is not a tariff Co. Their Tender for Fire Insurance is on their own Fire Insurance Co. the remainder tendered for are on behalf of a non-tariff Co.

The tender is incomplete as one important item is not tendered for, they show a reduction on the Hibernian Tender of £50 8 8. This Co., the Public Bodies Mutual, do not pay any commission, their tenders are strictly net. By the terms of my appointment with the Council I have refunded annually to the Council Commission amounting to the sum of £49 14 2. By deducting this refund from £50 8 8 it would show a total saving of fourteen shillings and sixpence per an. to the Rates.

I cannot recommend departure from Tariff Co's protection for such a petty sum.

THOMAS FLEMING,  
Council's Insurance Broker.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;  
Seconded by " Michael Timmins ;

Resolved—That having inspected the Tenders for the sixteen items of the County Council's Insurances, as advertised, and, further, having considered the Report on these Tenders submitted from our Broker, Mr. Thomas Fleming, we hereby accept the Tenders received from the Hibernian Insurance Co., Dame Street, Dublin, for a further period of five years.

Passed.

As an amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor M J Brennan ;  
Seconded by " Liam O Cleirigh ;

That we re-advertise the sixteen items of the Council's Insurances and that Tenders be accepted from non-Tariff Insurance Companies as well as tariff Insurance Companies.

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

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors Liam O Cleirigh, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern) ; P P O'Reilly, D J Kehoe, M J Brennan, Miss M Kelly, C M Byrne, and J P Kehoe—8.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT—Councillors James McCrea, J J Bourne, T J Birtistle, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ; Denis Conden, Michael Mooney, Michael Timmins, Edward Byrne, George Heatley, John Dunne, P D Kinsella, James Everett, T.D. ; D H Haskins, and Joseph Jacob—14.

The Chairman thereupon declared the Amendment to have been lost 8 Councillors only having voted for it and 14 having voted against.

A further Amendment was

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;  
Seconded by " Liam O Cleirigh ;

That as the Tenders are alike which have been received from the Hibernian Insurance Co. and from the Insurance Corporation of Ireland we hereby give the Council's Insurances for the sixteen items advertised to the Insurance Corporation of Ireland for a period of five years.

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

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors Liam O Cleirigh, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern) ; D J Kehoe, M J Brennan, Miss M Kelly, James Everett T.D. ; C M Byrne and J P Kehoe—8.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT—Councillors James McCrea, J J Bourne, T J Birtistle, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ; Denis Conden, Michael Mooney, Michael Timmins, Edward Byrne, George Heatley, John Dunne, P D Kinsella, D H Haskins and Joseph Jacob—13.

The Chairman thereupon declared the Amendment to have been lost only 8 Councillors having voted for it and 13 having voted against it.

The original motion to accept the Tender from the Hibernian Insurance Co., Dame Street, Dublin, was then put to the meeting and declared to have been passed.

The Secretary submitted a communication dated the 3rd February, 1938, received from Miss Elizabeth F Bobbett, County Secretary, The Irish Farmers' Federation, Springfield, Kilbride, Wicklow, containing the following resolution which was stated to have been passed unanimously at meetings of the Federation held in Barniskey, Rathdrum, Ashford and Barnadarrig :—

"Resolution asking the County Council to extend the period for the collection of the 1937/38 Rates from the 31st March to the 30th June."

ORDER—The Council decided unanimously to extend the period for closing the Poor Rate Collections to the 30th April, 1938.

23/3/38

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 11th April, 1938.

The following Members attended :—  
Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman ;  
Councillors Miss Margaret Kelly, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern) ; John P Kehoe, P P O'Reilly, Daniel J Kehoe, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ; Edward Byrne, Joseph Jacob, James Everett, T.D. ; James McCrea, Thomas J Birtistle, P D Kinsella, D H Haskins, Michael Mooney, Wallace Hammond, J J Bourne, Michael Timmins, George Heatley, Major Robert Smith, M J Brennan, and J P O'Donnell.

## BUSINESS :

1 To take such action as the Council may decide on two communications from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health requesting the County Council to re-open the Estimates for the service of the year 1938-39 and to re-consider their decisions thereon with a view to making adequate provision for their expenditure and for reducing the overdraft from the Treasurer rendered necessary in consequence of deficiencies in Government Grants due to the non-payment of Land Purchase Annuities in the County.

2 To consider a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health stating that he would be prepared to approve of the appointment of Assistant Surveyor J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., as acting County Surveyor, but that the nomination of a person for the permanent appointment will rest with the Local Appointments Commissioners, and suggesting certain steps that should be taken by the County Council in that connection.

3 To confirm the Secretary's arrangements for carrying out the Rate Checking temporarily in the areas in the County formerly known as Baltinglass No. 1, Rathdown No. 2 and Rathdrum Rural Districts consequent upon the death of Mr. H. J. Lynch, Rate Checker, and to consider a further letter from the Local Government Department dated the 25th March, 1938, in respect of same.

4 To decide what action, if any, shall be taken regarding the huge reductions in 1938-1939 in the Poor Law Valuation of the Great Southern Railways Company's holdings.

5 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee at the meeting of that Body, held on the 28th September, 1937 :—

"Resolved—That we recommend the Wicklow County Council to elect Mr. J. W. Cooke, of Rathdrum, a Member of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee in place of the County Council member of the same name, resigned."

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Local Government and Public Health, forwarding a list received from the Department of Justice showing courthouses requiring repairs, and requesting to be informed in due course of the action taken thereon.

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13 To receive the Law Agent's Report asked for in connection with the resolution passed by the County Council on the 28th June, 1937, rescinding the appointment of Councillor Liam O'Cleirigh as a representative from the County Council on Arkiow Harbour Board and appointing Councillor T. J. Birthistle to fill the vacancy.

In above connection from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and he also reported to the Council that their application for sanction to the continuation of overdraft accommodation had been under consideration by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health who stated that before considering the question he would await notification of the action taken by the Council on his letter dated the 21st March, 1938, which is set forth in full underneath:

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,  
CUSTOM HOUSE,  
DUBLIN.

G.7499/4/38.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 16th instant, transmitting copy of the Estimates for 1938/39 as adopted by the Wicklow County Council.

The Minister notes that the Council have reduced the rates by 10½d. in the £ and have made no provision for a levy to make good the deficiencies in the Grants due to the non-payment of Land Annuities in County Wicklow.

The Estimates as adopted appear to be inadequate for the service of the year, and the Council will consequently be obliged to curtail expenditure, defer payments or increase the amount of temporary borrowing. The Minister desires to remind the Council that when he agreed in 1936 to increase the limit of temporary borrowing to £40,000 it was on the understanding that the Council would adopt measures to clear off the then existing overdraft within a reasonable time. In carrying out this understanding the Council did make some provision in the Estimates for 1937/38 to meet the deficit and this was accepted as an earnest of the Council's intention to wipe out the arrears gradually. An examination of the Estimate for 1938/39 does not show that any provision has been made to reduce the overdraft. A sum of £35,000 in the Estimates as prepared by the Secretary was struck out by the Finance Committee, not because such provision was unnecessary, but in order that the Council should decide the question. It appears, therefore, that temporary borrowing on a still larger scale will be required in the forthcoming year, unless the Estimates are revised. Even if such borrowing was sanctioned the Council can feel no assurance they would be able to raise the necessary funds and in this connection I am to refer to the letter of the 23rd December last from the Council's Treasurers on the subject of temporary accommodation. The Minister cannot sanction overdrafts without definite indication of the intention of the Council with regard to meeting them and in these circumstances he must request the Council to re-open the Estimates and reconsider their decision with a view to making adequate provision for their expenditure.

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J. COLLINS,

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The Secretary,  
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The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

The following further letter from the Minister was submitted by the Secretary:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,  
CUSTOM HOUSE,  
DUBLIN.

G.4498/2/88.

Cill Mhanntain.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he assents to a departure from the terms of Articles 78 and 79 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, so as to permit the County Council to hold a meeting not later than the 11th April for the purpose of reconsidering the Estimates.

An overdraft of £40,000 has been sanctioned up to that date.

Mise, le meas,

J. COLLINS,

T.C. an Runai.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

The Secretary submitted the following list of nine Notices of Motion which the County Council had been asked to pass with a view to authorising the County Wicklow Board of Health to raise loans corresponding with the amounts mentioned in each Notice of Motion:—

1 Arklow Cemetery	£2,500
2 Lackan Water Supply	1,100
3 Roundwood Sewerage Scheme	2,500
4 Aughrim Water Supply	1,000
5 Cottage Repairs	6,000
6 Tinahely Dispensary	260
7 Coolboy and Coolfancy Water Supplies	3,000
8 Kilmartin Burial Ground	800
9 Village Scheme—Labourers' Cottages	77,380

Total £94,490

Of these Notices of Motion Nos. 1, 2 and 3 had already appeared on Agendas submitted to meetings of the County Council but had not been reached and as a consequence they were now out of order, and fresh Notices of Motion would have to be served by County Councillors. No Notices of Motion had been handed in yet to the County Council in respect of Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 on the list.

It followed, therefore, that if Notices of Motion for these 9 prospective loans were served by County Councillors at the May Quarterly Meeting of the Council and if they were passed at the August Quarterly Meeting of the Council no repayment of principal and interest on foot of any of these loans was likely to be made during the financial year 1938/39.

It was in these circumstances that the County Secretary approached the officials of the County Board of Health and Public Assistance with a view, if possible, of having such financial provision as had been made in the Estimates adopted by the Board of Health for the year 1938/1939

taken into further consideration and the aforementioned estimate reduced accordingly.

He was pleased to be able to report that the officials of the Board of Health had met his proposals in a most friendly way and co-operated with him to the fullest possible extent.

Resolved—That the proposals submitted by the Secretary be and are hereby approved to the extent set out hereunder, and that the Estimate and Demand for the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance acting as a Sanitary Authority adopted on January 10th, 1938, be amended accordingly.

Further, that the Secretary of the Wicklow County Council be instructed to give effect to these amendments in the Rates to be adopted by that Body.

Board of Health General Charges levied on the Wicklow County Health District to be reduced by a sum of £4,020.

Separate Charges levied off the former Rural District of Baltinglass No. 1 to be reduced by a sum of £365.

Separate Charges levied on the former Rural District of Rathdrum to be reduced by a sum of £510.

Separate Charges levied on the former Rural District of Shillelagh to be reduced by a sum of £665.

Separate Charges levied on the Newcastle Dispensary District to be reduced by a sum of £200.

PASSED—Mr. J. Everett, T.D., dissenting.

The effect of this resolution would be roughly to reduce the Estimate of the County Board of Health for the service of the year 1938/39 by a sum equal to the proceeds of a Rate of 4d. in the £ on the County Health District.

The County Secretary drew the Council's attention to the fact that they had at their special meeting held on the 14th March, 1938, struck a General Charge Rate of 11/2 in the £ and he strongly urged them to increase this General Charge Rate at their meeting that day to 11/8 in the £, which 6d. increase together with the 4d. reduction in the Board of Health Estimate would have the effect of providing the proceeds of approximately 9d. in the £ for the purpose of ensuring that their overdraft accommodation during the financial year 1938/39 would not have to be increased above the highest figure it had reached during the financial year 1937/38.

The Council authorised and directed the Secretary to use the proceeds of the remaining 1d., approximately, to provide for the payment of the claim of Great Southern Railways Company for a refund of Rates paid in 1937/1938 consequent upon the exceedingly large First Appeal reductions made in the Poor Law Valuations of their holdings for the service of and year 1938/1939 and future years.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne; Seconded by D J Kehoe;

Resolved—That the condition of the Council's finances having rendered it necessary for the County Board of Health to revise and reduce the Estimate sent forward from that Body for the service of the financial year 1938/39 and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health having referred back to the County Council for further consideration their Estimates for the same financial year, we hereby rescind the resolution passed on the 14th March, 1938, adopting the Estimates on Forms 42 and 43, as amended, and now submitted to us, and we determine the Rates in the £ to be levied in the County by means of the Poor Rate for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1939, as follows, and we hereby authorise and direct our Secretary to make provision in the Estimates for the refund out of the increased Rate to the persons concerned of the amounts which may be found to be due consequent upon their Poor Law Valuations being altered by the Commissioner of Valuation on Appeal:

GENERAL CHARGES.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount (s. d.). Includes Construction and Maintenance of Roads (s. 21), County Services (s. 10), Poor Relief (s. 0), Board of Health Charges (s. 6), Total Rate on Other Hereditaments (s. 11).

SEPARATE CHARGES.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount (s. d.). Lists various districts and their respective charges for water supplies, sewerage, and lighting.

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

FOR THE RESOLUTION—Councillors James McCrea, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); P P O'Reilly, D J Kehoe, Edward Byrne, M J Brennan, Miss M Kelly, James Everett, T.D.; C M Byrne, J P Kehoe, and Joseph Jacob—12.

AGAINST—Councillors J J Bourne, Wallace Hammond, T J Birtistle, Michael Mooney, Michael Timmins, George Heatley, Major R Smith, P D Kinsella, D H Haskins, and J P O'Donnell—10.

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution to have been passed by 12 votes to 10.

Forms 42 and 43 showing the amendments therein rendered necessary by the passing of this resolution were submitted to the meeting by the Secretary and the amendments therein initiated by the Chairman on behalf of the Council.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); Seconded by Major R Smith;

Resolved—That we hereby call upon the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to devise a Scheme for operation in County Wicklow under which a certain abatement or allowance in his Demand for Poor Rates will be made to any Ratepayer who shows our County Secretary by the production of his Receivable Order that he has discharged promptly his obligation in respect of the matter of Land Purchase Annuities on his holding or holdings.

Further, we ask that this proposal be considered and given effect to by the Minister at the very earliest possible moment as no County in Ireland has been so severely handicapped financially by the non-payment of annuities and the withholding of Government Grants as has County Wicklow.

PASSED—Councillors Haskins and Timmins dissenting.

RESIGNATION OF THE COUNTY SURVEYOR—MR. S. G. GALLAGHER, B.E., as from the 30th April, 1938.

The following letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health was submitted:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH, (Roads), Custom House, DUBLIN, 29th March, 1938.

Resignation of County Surveyor.

A Chara, With further reference to your letter of the 15th instant, with enclosures, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he would be prepared to approve of the appointment of Mr. J. T. O'Byrne as Acting County Surveyor pending the permanent filling of the post.

The nomination of a person for the permanent appointment will rest with the Local Appointments Commissioners. The County Council should accordingly take the matter of the salary and conditions of appointment into consideration at an early date and submit their proposals for the Minister's approval before request is made to the Local Appointments Commissioners.

I am to suggest that the Council consult with the Board of Health and Public Assistance with a view to the formulation of a scheme under which the whole engineering service of the County would be controlled by the new County Surveyor. The Minister would arrange for one of the Department's Inspectors to meet a Committee of the Council and the Board to go into the matter.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Board.

Mise, le meas, J. HURSON, Runai.

The Secretary, County Council, WICKLOW.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;

Seconded by Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That having considered the letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated the 29th March, 1938, Ref. No. R/RS/38, we hereby confirm our proposal to promote our Assistant Surveyor Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., to the permanent position of County Surveyor as from the 1st May, 1938, when the present County Surveyor leaves that Office, and we would respectfully point out to the Minister that Mr. O'Byrne possesses every qualification necessary, and this Council is only making use of the powers of promotion to which they are entitled by the provisions of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926.

Passed. Before this resolution was passed the County Secretary again informed the Council that the vacant County Surveyorship can only be filled by the County Council appointing such suitable person as may be recommended to them by the Local Appointments Commissioners.

The Secretary submitted the following further letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in connection with the Council's proposal to appoint Mr. M. Byrne, Rathcoyle, Kiltegan, as Assistant Rate Checker for the area formerly known as Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District in succession to Mr. Patrick Furlong, deceased, which proposal the Minister in his letter dated the 12th March, 1938, Ref. No. G.8537/38. Cill Mhanntain, stated he was not prepared to sanction:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,  
CUSTOM HOUSE,  
G.8537/2/38. DUBLIN,  
Cill Mhanntain. 25th March, 1938.  
A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 18th instant on the subject of amalgamation of rate checking districts. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is not prepared to alter his decision on the matter as conveyed in this Department's letter of the 12th instant.

Mise, le meas,  
J. COLLINS,  
T.c. an Runai.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor M Timmins;  
Seconded by " W Hammond;

Resolved—That having considered the letters from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated the 12th and 25th March, 1938, on the subject of Rate Checking rendered necessary by the death of Mr P. Furlong and the subsequent death of Mr. H. J. Lynch—we hereby confirm our resolution passed at a recent special meeting appointing Mr. Michael Byrne as a temporary Rate Checker for the Area formerly known as Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M. Timmins;  
Seconded by " W. Hammond;

Resolved—That we hereby approve and confirm the Secretary's arrangements under which Mr. John O'Rourke of our permanent staff is carrying out temporarily the Rate Checking in the areas in the County formerly known as Rathdown No. 2 and Rathdrum Rural Districts, consequent upon the death of Mr. H. J. Lynch, Rate Checker.

Passed.

In connection with item No. 4 on the Agenda the Secretary submitted a statistical return showing that the Commissioner of Valuation had pursuant to the provisions of the Railways (Valuation for Rating) Act, 1931, reduced at his quinquennial revision the Poor Law Valuations of the holdings of the Great Southern Railways in the County Wicklow from £6007 15 0 to £4265 5 0.

The Council proceeded to consider item No. 4 on the Agenda with a view to deciding what action, if any, should be taken regarding the huge reductions in the 1938/39 Poor Law Valuations of the holdings of the Great Southern Railways Company.

The Secretary submitted a detailed schedule of these holdings showing (a) the Map and Reference Nos.; (b) the Townland in which they are situated; (c) the old Poor Law Valuations of the holdings, and (d) the new Poor Law Valuations of the holdings as now intimated by the Commissioner of Valuation for the service of the year 1938/39 and succeeding years.

He drew the Council's attention to the fact that the total Valuations before the revision amounted to £6,007 15s, and that the total of the Valuations of the holdings as now revised and reduced amounted to £4,265 5s, from which it followed that the Council would in future lose the rates on a total Poor Law Valuation of £1742 10, which had now been struck out of the Valuation Lists.

The Secretary further submitted the following letter from the Great Southern Railways Company:—

ACCOUNTANT'S OFFICE,  
BROADSTONE,

Ref. 1206/9/3. DUBLIN.  
9th April, 1938.

Dear Sir,  
Quinquennial Revision of Valuation  
Railways (Valuation for Rating) Act, 1931.

Arising from the revised valuations issued by the Commissioner of Valuation for the quinquennium commenced 1st April, 1937, you are requested to pay to this Company the sum of £1,327 1s. 5d. being rates paid for the year 1937/38 in excess of the sum which would have been payable if the valuation had originally stood as altered on appeal.

This application is made under Section 37 (n) of the Local Government (Adaptation of Irish Enactments) Order, 1899.

As the Company is being pressed under threat of distress in some cases to pay increased rates where the valuations have been increased, I must ask you to pay forthwith the amount herein demanded, viz: £1,327 1s. 5d.

Yours faithfully,  
HARTNELL SMITH.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
Wicklow.

ORDER—The Secretary is hereby directed and empowered to make provision out of the increase in the rates made in the Estimates to-day for the payment to the Company of such refund as may be found to be due to them.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy);

Seconded by " Miss Margaret Kelly;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr. J. P. Kehoe, Ballinapark, Kiltbride, Wicklow, to be a member of the County Vocational Education Committee in succession to Mr. J. W. Cooke.

Passed.

The Secretary again submitted the file of correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health with which was forwarded a list received by that Department from the Ministry of Justice showing certain Courthouses in the County requiring repairs and requesting to be informed in due course of the action taken by the County Council thereon.

The Secretary drew the Council's attention to the fact that the County Surveyor in the Estimates which had been submitted to the County Council for

the service of the financial year 1938/39 had asked for the sum of £700 to be devoted to such Courthouse repairs in the current financial year, but the Council, for economic reasons, had reduced this sum of £700 to £100 in the Estimates approved and adopted. He pointed out the necessity for restoring the £600 struck out.

ORDER—This matter to be referred to the County Surveyor for a full and complete report on the repairs which it was stated certain Courthouses required.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by " Miss Margaret Kelly;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the payment of £7 to Mr. Patrick Toomey, Carriglineen, as recommended in the resolution passed by the County Committee of Agriculture at their meeting held on the 30th November, 1937, as follows:—Resolved—That the Grant of £7 for re-construction of Swim Bath be paid by the Wicklow County Council to Patrick Toomey, Carriglineen, Rathdrum.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond;

Seconded by " D H Haskins;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held on the 25th January, 1938:—

Resolved—That we hereby request the County Council to pay Mr. John Foley, Coolbawn, Anghrim, the sum of £15 subsidy for the erection of a new swim bath the sanction to which is given in the Department's letter of the 12th January, 1938 (No. L 4435/37).

and we hereby direct that Mr. John Foley, Coolbawn, Anghrim, be paid the £15 subsidy which that resolution states he is entitled to.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by " Miss Margaret Kelly;

Resolved—That the organising and clerical work for the forthcoming period under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, 1936, be carried out under the supervision of our Chief Clerk and Accountant, Mr. L. Wolohan, on the same terms as for last year's period, i.e., an inclusive sum of £40.

Passed.

A claim was received from Mr. T. Kinsella, Muskeagh, Tinahely, for additional payment in respect of extra duties performed by him in respect of sheep dipping detention notices at the request of the Council's Veterinary Inspector A F Walshe, V.S.

ORDER—Referred to County Committee of Agriculture.

The following communication was submitted by the Secretary from the Warble Fly Inspectors in the employment of the County Council:—

Barry's Hotel,  
RATHDRUM,  
13/3/1938.

A Chara,

At a meeting of the Warble Fly Inspectors of the County held in Barry's Rathdrum, on 13/3/38, it was decided to write to the members of the Wicklow County Council re an increase of wages, and I, being the nearest Inspector to the Council Office, it was decided that I should deliver the following resolution:—

The meeting having considered the fact that we are required to work 6 days per week and provide our own means of travelling decided to ask that the Council grant the same wages as in other Counties.

It was also decided to ask the Council to reinstate Mr. Fox at an increase of wages.

Yours faithfully,

R. JOHNSON,

On behalf of all the Inspectors of  
the County of Wicklow.

ORDER—No action taken.

Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond;

Seconded by " D H Haskins;

Resolved—That with a view to complying with the terms of the resolution received from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture we hereby direct our Finance Committee to include in the Rate Estimates for the service of the year 1938/1939 an additional contribution of £150 from the Council to the Committee during the financial year.

Passed.

When the Council came to consider the following Notices of Motion standing on the Agenda as items 9, 10 and 11 the Secretary pointed out that no useful purpose would be served by proceeding with these Notices having regard to the fact that they were not moved at the Quarterly Meeting specified in the notices, i.e., the 21st February, 1938, and that consequently new notices of motion would have to be served before these matters could be considered:—

9 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy):—

"I hereby give notice that at the next Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council to be held on the 21st February, 1938, I will move that the consent of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a Loan of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds (£2,500) being for the acquisition of land and enclosure of same for the purpose of providing additional burial accommodation at Arklow Cemetery."

10 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:—

"I hereby give notice that at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council, to be held on the 21st February, 1938, I will move that the consent of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a Loan of One Thousand One Hundred Pounds (£1,100) for the purpose of carrying out the proposed water supply Scheme at Lackan."

11 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne:—

"I hereby give notice that at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council, to be held on the 21st February, 1938, I will move that the consent of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a Loan of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds (£2,500) for the purpose of carrying out the proposed sewerage scheme at Roundwood."

The Council had again under consideration a file of correspondence with the Irish Commission regarding the condition of the boundary fences be-

between the Cow Park at Ballymarrogue and the lands of Laurence Gahan, Kilquiggan, Coolkenno.

O DER—The Land Commission are hereby requested—before further action is taken by this Council—to send down an Inspector to inspect and report on boundary fences and the condition of the lands, a copy of the report to be sent in due course to this Council for consideration.

The following was submitted by the Council's Solicitor in connection with item No. 13 on the Agenda:—

4, Church Street,  
WICKLOW,  
9th February, 1938.

Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

I duly received your letter enclosing resolution passed by your Council at meeting held on the 22nd November last regarding the resolution adopted by the Council on the 28th June last rescinding the resolution appointing Councillor Liam O Cleirigh as one of the representatives of the County Council on the Arklow Harbour Board, and appointing Councillor Thomas Birthistle to fill the vacancy.

Having given the matter my careful consideration, I am of opinion that the resolution dated the 28th June, 1937, was duly put to the meeting, and was duly carried by a majority of 16 votes to 9, and the said resolution was legally passed.

I am further of opinion that the proper time to raise the question as to the reading of the resolution was at the time same was put to the meeting, and I do not think that Members who actually voted against the said resolution can now say that the said resolution was never put to the meeting.

Furthermore, objection to the minutes of the meeting of the 28th June, 1937, ought to have been made at the next following meeting, namely, the meeting held on the 27th July, 1937.

Yours faithfully,  
JOSEPH BRAZIL,

P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
County Secretary,  
Courthouse,  
WICKLOW.

The Council noted that the resolution adopted by the Council on the 28th June, 1937, was in perfect order and, following the legal opinion now submitted, it was ruled that any further discussion on this matter is to be held to be out of Order.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,

Courthouse, Wicklow,  
11th April, 1938.

To/Wicklow County Council,  
Court House,  
WICKLOW.

Gentlemen,  
I find it necessary to provide three Tar Boilers for patching. The cost of these machines will not exceed £60 0 0 delivered, and they are very urgently required.

I request permission to make the necessary purchase.

Yours faithfully,  
S' G. GALLAGHER,

County Surveyor.

ORDER—Expenditure agreed to subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Minutes of proceedings of monthly meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee were received.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;  
Seconded by Miss Margaret Kelly;

Resolved—Having regard to the provisions of the Pounds (Provision and Maintenance) Act, 1935, and to the fact that information has reached our Secretary that the Pound in Arklow is used for purposes identified with both the Urban District Council's area and the County Council's Rural area, we hereby instruct our Solicitor to make equitable arrangements under the provisions of the above Act for the support and maintenance of the above Pound.

Passed.

The following letter was submitted:—

THE IRISH LABOUR PARTY,

Roundwood,  
Co. Wicklow,

March 12th, 1938.

Sir,

In reply to statements published at your last meeting in a document alleged to be signed on behalf of carters in Roundwood area, I wish to state first that the list signed is by Road Workers employed by Co. Council and is not signed by any unemployed carters in Roundwood Area.

I did not refer to Moneystown, Glendalough or Rathdrum district so therefore it was not necessary for to get a document signed for men in that area.

I referred to Roundwood area, carters from Ashford were employed during January, 1938, and this week March, 1938, carters from Ashford again employed while carters are idle in this area.

I also wish to state that I sent no letter to the "Wicklow People" on November 27th, 1937, as the document stated. It was to the County Council Office and I challenge contradiction on that statement. The document also stated that no Ashford carter was employed for the past 4 years, in that area. That may be so but I challenge the Overseers to deny my statement.

If the Council have any doubts the Pay Sheets should remove the doubts. And it will not be necessary to send to each Road Worker a letter asking him to sign same to prevent an official being dismissed.

I am only looking for peace on behalf of my members and no side tracking will prevent me if I have to take another course from getting justice.

I remain,

Yours,

THOMAS TIMMINS, Sec.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor for report.

The following communication from the County Librarian was read:—

WICKLOW COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Bellevue House,  
Wicklow,

30th March, 1938.

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

A Chara,

At the monthly meeting of the Library Committee held on the 29th inst., I was directed to apply to the County Council for permission to attend a meeting of the County Council personally, in order to explain the position of the Library Committee with regard to the raising of a loan for the purpose of purchasing permanent headquarters for the Committee.

Is mise, le meas,

B. REDMOND,

County Librarian.

ORDER—Having regard to the fact that the provision made by the County Secretary in the Estimates for 1938/39 to meet the repayment of principal and interest of the proposed loan was struck out of the Estimates by the Council for economic reasons no order was made on this letter.

The following letter was submitted:—

THE IRISH FARMERS' FEDERATION.

Springfield,  
Kilbride, Wicklow,

2nd April, 1938.

A Chara,

The following resolution was passed at a meeting of the above, held in Rathdrum on the 25th March.

"That we ask the County Council to receive a small deputation at their next meeting to explain the hardships and loss to farmers by forcing them to sell immature stock to pay rates, and asking for an extension for payment of rates till 30th June, 1938."

Mise, le meas,

ELIZABETH F. BOBBETT,

County Secretary.

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

ORDER—The Council regret that they have no powers which might be used in extending the period for the collection of the 1937/38 rates to the date mentioned.

QUARTERLY REPORT.

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 31/12/1937.

Articles submitted for Analysis.	Date Received.	No.	From	Result of Analysis.
New Milk	1-10-37	4	Blessington, Guard Brennan	Genuine
New Milk	"	1	Fever Hospital	"
New Milk	"	1	Co Hospital	"
Sugar	2-10-37	1	Carnew, Guard Casey	"
Tea	"	1	"	"
Cocoa	"	1	"	"
Salt	"	1	"	"
New Milk	14-10-37	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	"
Tea	"	1	Newtown-Mt-Kdy., Gd. Nevin	"
Sherry	"	1	"	"
Flour	"	1	"	"
Milk	"	1	"	"
Breadsoda	"	1	"	"
Margarine	25-10-37	2	Wicklow, Guard Bergin	"
New Milk	"	2	"	"
New Milk	27-10-37	2	Co. Hospital	1 gen. 1 not gen
Tea	12-11-37	2	Bray, Guard Staunton	Genuine
Sugar	"	2	"	"
Butter	"	2	"	"
Margarine	"	2	"	"
New Milk	"	2	Co. Home	"
New Milk	17-11-37	4	Wicklow, Guard Bergin	"
New Milk	18-11-37	2	Rathdrum, Guard Sweeney	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
New Milk	26-11-37	4	Bray, Guard Staunton	"
New Milk	29-11-37	1	Fever Hospital	"
New Milk	30-11-37	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	"
New Milk	3-12-37	2	Carnew, Guard Doyle	"
New Milk	"	2	Greystones, Guard Dwyer	"
Port Wine	"	1	"	"
Tea	"	1	"	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
New Milk	4-12-37	1	Shillelagh, Guard Canney	"
Whiskey	"	3	"	"
Butter	"	2	"	"
New Milk	8-12-37	3	Aughrim, Sergeant Lee	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Sugar	"	1	"	"
Whiskey	10-12-37	1	Baltinglass, Guard Conway	"
New Milk	"	3	"	"
New Milk	13-12-37	4	Arklow, Guard O'Reilly	"
New Milk	"	1	"	"
Whiskey	"	1	"	"
Whiskey	15-12-37	4	Bray, Guard Staunton	"

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Articles submitted for Analysis.	Date Received	No.	From	Result of Analysis
Whiskey	15-12-37	1	Dunlavin, Guard Laverty	Genuine
Port Wine	"	1	"	"
Tea	"	1	"	"
Sugar	"	1	"	"
Tapioca	"	1	"	"
Sago	"	1	"	"
New Milk	"	3	"	2 gen. 1 not gen
Dripping	"	1	"	Genuine
Lard	"	1	"	"
New Milk	18-12-37	4	Blessington, Guard Brennan	"
Rice	"	2	"	"
Sugar	"	2	"	"
New Milk	"	3	Arklow, Guard O'Reilly	"
New Milk	"	2	"	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
New Milk	"	1	Rathdrum, Guard Sweeney	"
Cheese	"	1	"	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
New Milk	20-12-37	1	Co. Hospital	"
New Milk	"	1	Fever Hospital	"
New Milk	21-12-37	3	Wicklow, Guard Bergin	"
Buttermilk	"	1	"	"
New Milk	24-12-37	4	Bray, Guard Staunton	"
Whiskey	"	3	Roundwood, Sgt. Mahony	"
Tea	"	1	"	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Whiskey	28-12-37	1	Wicklow, Guard Bergin	"
Meal	"	2	"	"
Cheese	"	1	"	"
New Milk	30-12-37	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	"
New Milk	31-12-37	1	Carnew, Guard Doyle	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Tea	"	1	"	"
Drugs	1-10-37	3	Aughrim Dispensary	"
"	6-10-37	3	Sanatorium, Rathdrum	"
"	13-10-37	2	Co. Home, Rathdrum	"
"	"	3	Co. Hospital	"
"	16-10-37	3	Annamoe Dispensary	"
"	"	3	Kiltegan	"
"	"	3	Arklow	"
"	21-10-37	3	Bray No. 1	"
"	5-11-37	2	Avoca	"
"	"	6	Coolattin	"
"	20-11-37	3	Newcastle	"
"	24-11-37	3	Blessington	"
"	25-11-37	3	Delgany	"
"	30-11-37	3	Co. Fever Hospital	"
Drugs	30-11-37	3	Aughrim Dispensary	Genuine
"	"	3	Dunlavin	"
Water (Baltyboys Blessington)	3-11-37	1	Co. Board of Health (Mr. Foley)	Condemned
Water (Bachelors Walk Shillelagh)	"	1	Co. Board of Health (Dr. Beckett)	Passed
Water (Public Supply Shillelagh)	"	1	Co. Board of Health	Condemned
Water (Roundwood)	6-11-37	2	Co. Board of Health (Mr. Foley, B.E.)	2 Passed
Water (Spring No. 1 Ballymullagh)	4-12-37	1	Co. Board of Health	Passed

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 129; Drugs, 49; Waters, 6. Total 184. Number Adulterated—2 New Milks, 2 Waters Condemned.

Date 15/1/1938.

Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

#### ABSTRACT OF CORRESPONDENCE.

##### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH.

22nd November, 1937, No. SGQ., approving of the Scheme of Road Improvement at a cost of £5,400 proposed to be carried out by the Council under the terms of the Minister's letter SGQ/201 of the 18th August, 1937.

25th November, 1937, No. G.98006/37, Cill Mhanntain, requesting to be furnished with a map of the Rate Collection Districts in the County showing the number of ratings in each district.

25th November, 1937, No. G.98006/37, Cill Mhanntain, sanctioning expenditure not exceeding £15 13 6 on employment of temporary clerical assistance from the 18th October to the 30th instant.

30th November, 1937, No. R/RM/9, referring to the proposals of the Electricity Supply Board under the Liffey Reservoir Act, 1936, to erect new bridges, to replace existing bridges, the alteration and levelling of some existing roads, etc., which it was understood the County Surveyor had discussed with officials of the Board, and asking the Council's views on the proposals.

3rd December, 1937, No. R/RM/33, stating that having regard to the Employment Schemes on hand the Minister does not approve of the Council's proposal to expend £3,000 on the preparation of road materials for use in the year 1938/39.

4th December, 1937, No. P.H.9715/35, Cill Mhanntain (pg), transmitting copy of a Sealed Order made by the Minister determining the former Rathdrum Rural District as the area of charge for the purpose of extending and maintaining the water supply and sewerage system at Rathnew.

14th December, 1937, No. R/RM/33, consenting to the Council's proposal to utilise anticipated savings on Main and County Roads to be drawn upon in respect of roads in the respective classes the provision for which is running short.

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14th December, 1937, No. G.100644/37, Cill Mhanntain, agreeing to the temporary appointment for the current year of Mr Patrick Burke, as Collector for No. 5 Collecting District, intimating that the question of formal amalgamation of Nos. 4 and 5 districts can be deferred until the current warrant is closed, and adding that he offers no objection to the form of advertisement to be issued in connection with the filling of No. 6 District.

22nd December, 1937, No. G.102889/37, Cill Mhanntain, raising no objection to the arrangement to substitute Personal Sureties for an Insurance Company, proposed in regard to the Bonds of Messrs A O'Connor and V King.

22nd December, 1937, No. A.108779/37, Cill Mhanntain (Fb), enclosing copy of the Auditor's Report on his Audit of the Accounts of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee for the year ended 31st March, 1937, together with attested Abstract of Accounts.

23rd December, 1937, No. R/RS/33, sanctioning the proposal of the Council to increase to £10 the annual increment of Mr J O'Rourke, Clerk in the County Surveyor's Office as from the 1st January, 1938.

3rd January, 1938, No. G.107496/37, Cill Mhanntain, consenting to overdraft accommodation not exceeding £45,000 on the accounts of the County Council for the period ending 31st January, 1938.

7th January, 1938, No. R/RU/204/33, referring to the Council's application for a further grant for the purpose of providing employment on road work and stating there are no funds at present available from which a grant could be made.

11th January, 1938, No. RU/204, circular letter intimating that the Minister has decided to remunerate County and Assistant Surveyors in respect of special work entailed in connection with Roads (Rural) Schemes, 1937-38—the remuneration to be charged to the cost of the Schemes ½% being allowed to the County Surveyor and 1% being allowed to the Assistant Surveyor for each area affected.

18th January, 1938, No. G.99357/37, Cill Mhanntain, requiring further detailed information concerning the Council's proposal to raise a loan of £750 for the purpose of purchasing Bellevue House, Wicklow, and converting same into a County Library and Book Repository.

19th January, 1938, No. F.12/38, circular letter enclosing copy of the Seanad Electorate (Councils) No. 1 Regulations, 1938, and also copy of the Seanad Electorate (Councils) No. 3 Regulations, 1938.

25th January, 1938, No. RU/204/15, Circular Letter referring to the schemes of road works sanctioned under the Employment Schemes Vote and stating that arrangements should be made immediately for the submission of requisition forms for final payments.

26th January, 1938, No. 14/1938, Circular Letter referring to previous correspondence regarding the transmission to the Department of resolutions requiring Minister's sanction, and stating in many instances instructions have not been observed and in consequence there has been avoidable delay in the dispatch of business, and intimating that the transmission of a copy of the minutes of any meeting cannot be taken as an application for sanction to resolutions contained therein.

27th January, 1938, No. RU/204/16, referring to the increased scale of Unemployment Assistance payable and stating that in consequence it will be necessary to revise the number of day's employment per week to be given to men already engaged on Employment Schemes of Road Works under the Employment Schemes Vote, 1937/1938.

27th January, 1938, No. G.4181/38, Cill Mhanntain, sanctioning the appointment of Mrs Mary Healy as Poor Rate Collector for No. 6 (Blessington) Collecting District on the terms and conditions set out in the advertisement.

29th January, 1938, No. G.4438/38, Cill Mhanntain, consenting to overdraft accommodation not exceeding £45,000 on the accounts of the County Council for the period ending 28th February, 1938.

31st January, 1938, No. G.4438/38, Cill Mhanntain, stating that future applications for overdraft accommodation must be accompanied by a statement showing (1) amount of rates outstanding; (2) amount of any grants outstanding; (3) amount of revenue other than rates and grants outstanding; (4) amount due from Urban District Councils and (5) the estimated expenditure during the period of the overdraft.

8th February, 1938, Circular Letter No. 16/38, intimating that the amount of the Grant for the relief of rates on agricultural land for the coming financial year will be the same as that allowed in 1937-38, and that the grant will be applicable to the relief of rates in the same manner as in the current year.

8th February, 1938, No. G.5243/38, inquiring what action has been taken by the County Council regarding the Courthouse accommodation in County Wicklow which was referred to in the Department's letter of the 12th ultimo.

10th February, 1938, from Mr Seamus Murphy, General Inspector asking that arrangements be made for him to meet all the County Rate Collectors in the Council's Offices on Thursday, February, the 17th, at 12 noon, or 3 p.m. whichever is most suitable and further requesting that a return be prepared for each Collector giving full details relating to the collection in his area.

11th February, 1938, No. A.4143/38, forwarding copy of the Auditor's Report on his audit of the Accounts of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital for the two half-years ended the 31st March, 1937, together with attested Abstract of Accounts.

##### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

30th November, 1937, No. S.184-37, intimating that the Minister will be prepared to send Departmental Inspectors to assist local Veterinary Inspectors to assist in dealing with the recent outbreaks of sheep scab in the County, and intimating that no objection will be offered to the temporary employment of sheep dipping Inspectors on a daily basis to assist in dipping affected flocks.

13th December, 1937, No. P.1213-37, forwarding copy of a pamphlet dealing with the Government Control of Butter Prices.

23rd December, 1937, forwarding copy of Statutory Rules and Orders, 1937—Foot and Mouth Disease (Disposal of Swill) Order, 1937.

December, 1937, No. L.4910/37, offering no objection to the payment of Veterinary Inspectors for work under the Sheep Dipping Scheme during the current year as follows:—

S Conway, V.S. £30.  
A F Walshe, V.S. 65.  
W J Richardson, V.S. 30.

31st December, 1937, No. G.49/35, forwarding copies of a memorandum as to the name approved during the year 1937 by the Minister for use in connection with margarine.

##### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE.

15th December, 1937, No. E.B.218358, intimating that the Council's communication relative to the conditions of employment on an employment scheme in the Greystones district has been forwarded to the Office of Public Works (Special Works Branch), 51 Stephen's Green, Dublin, to whom any further communication on the subject should be addressed.

(Employment Exchange, Dunlaoghaire), referring to the refusal of

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six men to accept employment at Kilquade Quarry and asking to be furnished with particulars relating to the distance each had to travel to work, rate of wages paid, area in which each resides, area in which the work is in progress, etc.

20th January, 1938 (Employment Exchange, Dunlaoghaire), acknowledging receipt of correspondence which had passed between the Council's Offices and the Greystones Branch of the Workers Union of Ireland on the subject of the delay in the payment of Unemployment Assistance to certain applicants, denying that any member of the Department's staff had stated that such delay was due to lack of information from the Wicklow County Council, and expressing appreciation and thanks for the trouble the Secretary to the Wicklow County Council has always gone to in obtaining and supplying information required by the Department.

Copy of the Preliminary Figures, Census of Industrial Production, 1936.

#### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE.

7th February, 1938, No. 2/19331, requesting the Council to remove the restrictions on the movement of sheep at Coolmoney in view of the fact that the lettings of the Department's lands there will shortly expire and owners will be required to remove their stock.

25th January, 1938, from the Ordnance Survey Department, Dublin, forwarding price list and catalogue of maps and other publications of the Department.

#### FROM THE VALUATION DEPARTMENT.

28th December, 1937, Form 6, intimating that Mr C Boyle of that Department will commence the annual revision of the valuation of the County about the 29th inst.

#### FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SEANAD RETURNING OFFICER.

3rd February, 1938, forwarding a list of the names and addresses of the successful candidates at the election of electors in pursuance of Section 37 of the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act, 1937.

#### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

25th November, 1937, No. F/48583, referring to previous correspondence and pointing out to the Council the powers conferred under Section 17 of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1933, relative to the provision of scholarships, also forwarding copy of the Report of the Department.

#### FROM THE COUNCIL'S TREASURER, THE NATIONAL BANK, LTD., WICKLOW BRANCH.

23rd December, 1937, acknowledging receipt of copy of a communication addressed by the Council to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health requesting sanction to overdraft accommodation not exceeding £50,000 for the period ending 28th February, 1938, and intimating the Board of Directors are not prepared to consider this further increase at present.

8th January, 1938, conveying the sanction of the Board of Directors to overdraft accommodation of £45,000 to the 31st inst.

1st February, 1938, conveying the Directors' sanction to overdraft accommodation not exceeding £45,000 to the 31st March, 1938.

#### FROM THE COUNTY WICKLOW LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

16th December, 1937, intimating that in deference to the wishes of the Council future monthly meetings of the Library Committee would be held at 4 p.m. on the last Tuesday of each month.

#### FROM THE LAW AGENT,

29th November, 1937, reporting that the entire award in the case of Luke Thompson v. the County Councils of Carlow and Wicklow heard at Carlow Circuit Court on the 26th inst., was placed on the County Carlow and nothing on County Wicklow.

1st December, 1937, reporting the committal at Wicklow District Court held that day of a boy named John Mernagh, Ballyduff Lower, Ashford, to Carriglea Industrial School.

11th January, 1938, reporting the committal of two children named McNally to St. Anne's Industrial School by the District Justice at Bray District Court on the 7th instant.

5th February, 1938, forwarding the newly executed Personal Fidelity Bonds for Messrs A O'Connor and V King, duly stamped.

11th February, 1938, forwarding Bond and Warrant of Attorney in the case of Mrs Mary Healy, Poor Rate Collector for No. 6 Collecting District.

19th November, 1937, from the Engineer in Charge, Waterworks Department, Corporation of Dublin, Castle Street, Dublin, notifying the Council that two cast iron arterial water mains from Roundwood to the City are laid in the road near a quarry recently opened by the Council and that the Wicklow County Council will be held responsible for any damage that may be caused by blasting or other operations.

26th November, 1937, from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, Comely Park House, Dunfermline, outlining the conditions governing the grant of £300 to the County Library Committee.

Knockieran,

Blessington,

30th November, 1937.

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23rd November enclosing me copy of resolution passed by the Wicklow County Council at the Quarterly Meeting extending to me the sympathy of the Board and Secretarial staff on the death of my husband.

I shall be indeed grateful if you will convey my grateful thanks to

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the Board and Secretarial Staff, and permit me to offer you my thanks for your personal association with the resolution.

Yours sincerely,

M. HEALY.

3rd December, 1937, from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, Comely Park House, Dunfermline, thanking the Council for information relative to the financial position of the County Library Committee and stating that on the basis of the figures supplied it seems impossible to carry out the Trustee's condition to maintain the local book fund at £300 per annum and to comply with the terms of the resolution passed by the County Council relative to the purchase of permanent headquarters.

6th December, 1937, from the Secretary, Royal Sanitary Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1, inviting the Council to appoint delegates to attend the Congress to be held at Portsmouth from the 11th to 16th July, 1938.

From Mr E J H Hopkins, Solicitor, Main Street, Wicklow referring to previous correspondence on the subject of a Quarry the property of Mr Dowse which has been abandoned by the County Council and stating the Council's employees have left it in a very dangerous condition.

"The family of the late Mrs Condren thank you very sincerely for your kind sympathy in their sorrow."

81, Lower Main Street,

Arklow.

December, 1937.

December, 1937, from the National Council for the Blind of Ireland, 7, St. Andrew Street, Dublin, asking the Council to assist in raising funds to further the objects of the National Council.

28th January, 1938, from Patrick Kinsella, Court-keeper, Baltin-glass, reporting certain defects in the premises which require immediate attention.

January, 1938, from the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, Tavistock House N., Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1, notification that the 24th Annual Conference of the Association will be held in the Great Hall, British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, London, on the 30th June, 1st and 2nd July, 1938.

3rd January, 1938, from the Secretary, Institution of Municipal and County Engineers, 84, Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1, inviting the Council to send representatives to the 65th Annual General Meeting to be held at Belfast from June 8th to 11th, 1938.

6th January, 1938, from Mr. M J Kelly, 25, Sandycove Avenue W., Dunlaoghaire, Co. Dublin, intimating to the Council that he is a candidate for the Seanad and asking the Council for their support.

8th January, 1938, from Messrs M J O'Connor & Co., Ferrybank, Arklow, Solicitors, writing on behalf of their client, Mr A J Hobson, Rathcoyle House, Kiltegan, to know what action the Council proposes to take in connection with the alleged diversion of the water supply from Mr Hobson's premises owing to the manner in which the Council repaired a break in the road at Mullan.

9th January, 1938, from the Secretary, Greystones Branch of the Workers' Union of Ireland, Briar Bungalow, Greystones, intimating that five of the Members of that Branch have been refused Unemployment Assistance, and stating these men were informed by the Unemployment Exchange at Dunlaoghaire that the delay in paying them was due to the failure of the County Council to supply necessary information.

12th January, 1938, from S G Gallagher, Esq., B.E., County Surveyor, referring to Messrs O'Connors' Letter on the subject of the water supply to Mr Hobson's premises, emphasising the fact that no act of the County Council is responsible for the water finding its way under the road, and stating that further investigations are being made in the matter.

18th January, 1938, from Mr John O'Rourke, Greenmount, Wicklow, Clerk in the County Surveyor's Office, forwarding Medical Certificate to the effect that he is suffering from acute tonsillitis and will be unable to work for 14 days.

20th January, 1938, from Messrs M J O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Ferrybank, Arklow, writing on behalf of Mr A J Hobson, acknowledging receipt of copy of the County Surveyor's report in the matter and trusting the County Surveyor will do everything possible to let Mr Hobson have the water required for his premises.

26th January, 1938, from same acknowledging receipt of the Council's further communication relative to Mr Hobson's premises and trusting the County Surveyor will see his way to meet Mr Hobson in the matter.

January, 1938, from the Hon. Secretary, Institute of Public Cleansing, 160, Buckingham Palace Road, Westminster, S.W.1, inviting the County Council to appoint delegates to the 40th Annual Conference to be held in Glasgow from the 13th to the 17th June, 1938.

2nd February, 1938, Medical Certificate from Dr. A A O'Connor that Mr. John O'Rourke will not be fit to return to duty for a further three weeks.

Coolbeg,

Rathnew,

Co. Wicklow.

7/2/1938.

Dear Sir,

I am deeply grateful to the Wicklow County Council for their resolution of sympathy in our recent bereavement. Please convey to the members our sincere thanks, also to you and the members of the secretarial staff for their personal message.

Yours faithfully,

EUGENE J. BYRNE.

From the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene, 28, Portland Place, London, W.1., inviting the Council to appoint delegates to attend the Annual Congress to be held at Blackpool from May 31st to June 4th, 1938.

From Madame Maud Gonne McBride, Secretary, Women's Prisoners Defence League, circular letter calling for the release of all political prisoners.

From Mr. W. J. O'Reilly, Solicitor to the Irish Land Commission, 21, Upper Merrion St., Dublin, notification of the sale by Public Auction on the 23rd February, 1938, in the Courthouse, Shillelagh, of the lands

formerly held by Mrs. Maria Coe, situated in the Barony of Shillelagh.  
14th February, 1938, Ref. S/Ck., from W. J. O'Reilly, Solicitor to the Irish Land Commission, Upper Merrion St., Dublin, intimating that the Sale of the holdings of Mrs. Maria Coe will not now take place.

21st March, 1938, from Mr. Joseph P. Tyrell, Solicitor, 9, Main street, Bray, giving the County Council notice of his intention to claim compensation for injuries stated to have been received by his client, Mrs. Joseph Murray, of 19, St. Cronan's Road, Bray, who, it was alleged, sustained a severe fall whilst walking along Bray Bridge on Saturday, the 30th October, 1937.

ORDER—The Council hereby confirms the Secretary's action in refusing to accept any liability whatsoever for the accident.

#### RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER PUBLIC BODIES.

5th December, 1937, from Cavan County Council, Courthouse Cavan—Resolution—suggesting that a Conference representative of all parties and Churches should be called to consider a scheme for the abolition of partition, and as a forerunner of goodwill, all political prisoners should be released.

19th January, 1938, from the Acting Resident Medical Superintendent, District Mental Hospital, Sligo, forwarding an extract from the Minutes of the Committee of Management, calling on the Government to increase the Capitation Grant in Aid in respect of pauper patients in Mental Hospitals.

20th January, 1938, from the Town Clerk, Cobh Urban District Council, Town Hall, Cobh, resolution—suggesting that military service pensions (Eire) should be exempted from the Means Test applied to applicants for Unemployment Assistance.

14th February, 1938, from Sligo District Mental Hospital requesting County Councils and Mental Hospital Committees to take up with the Government the question of increasing the Rate-in-Aid Grants to Mental Hospitals.

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The Spring Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 23rd May, 1938.

The following members attended:—

Senator C M Byrne, Chairman;  
Councillors Miss Margaret Kelly, John P Kehoe, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); Joseph Keenan, P P O'Reilly, James Everett, T.D.; James McCrea, Edward Byrne, Joseph Jacob, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); Thomas J Birthistle, P D Kinsella, Michael Timmins, Michael Mooney, David H Haskins, Wallace Hammond, J J Bourne, George Heatley, Major R Smith, and M J Brennan.

#### BUSINESS:

- 1 To consider Finance Committee's Reports.
- 1A To give effect to the recommendations of the Finance Committee by passing a resolution granting a superannuation allowance to Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., who resigned his position as County Surveyor as from the 30th April 1938.
- 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 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 applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 9 To consider applications for Licences under the Explosives Acts, 1875.
- 10 To consider applications for Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
- 11 To consider the claims for Rates stated to be irrecoverable as received from the several Poor Rate Collectors.
- 12 To consider and approve the lists, prepared by the Secretary, of houses in respect of which certain abatements in rates are allowable.
- 13 To pass a resolution approving of the Secretary's decisions in connection with all the claims for abatement of rates in respect of Agricultural Grant for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1939.
- 14 To recommend to the Commissioner of Valuation the revisions required in the Valuation Lists for the County.
- 15 To fix dates for the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council and of the Proposals and Finance Committees for the coming year 1938/1939.
- 16 To fix a suitable date for the forthcoming Annual Meeting of the County Council.
- 17 To pass a resolution authorising the County Secretary to refund to each Poor Rate Collector his reasonable travelling expenses in attending in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, with his Collection Books on Thursday,

17th February, 1938, to meet an Inspector from the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

18 To consider an application from Mr. John J. Sinnott, Carnew, to be allowed to withdraw from his suretyship for Mr. John J. Doyle, Rate Collector, The Bakery, Carnew.

19 To consider, and take suitable action on, a large file of correspondence dealing with the manner in which Poor Rates are collected in No. 19 District in which the Collector is Mr. John J. Doyle, The Bakery, Carnew.

20 To consider County Surveyor's Report.

21 To consider an application from the Carnew Branch '98 Commemorative Association for permission to erect a memorial plaque on the footpath opposite the spot where 38 men were executed in 1798.

22 To consider a communication dated the 9th May, 1938, from the Agent and Secretary, Coollatin Estate Office, Shillelagh, relative to the condition of the Shillelagh-Collatin Road.

23 To consider a communication from Superintendent M. A. J. O'Reilly, Garda Síochána, Bray, which contains suggestions regarding the provision of Notices and White Lines within Bray Urban District which would help to ensure the safety of road traffic.

24 To pass a resolution requesting the Local Appointments Commission to select and recommend a suitable person to fill the permanent position of County Surveyor in the County Wicklow and to complete the usual form setting forth the terms and conditions of this appointment.

25 To pass a resolution appointing a suitable person to act as County Surveyor in the County temporarily pending the appointment of a permanent County Surveyor after the required procedure has been complied with.

26 To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in which he intimates he is unable to agree with the Council's proposal to adjourn for a year consideration of the question of making provision for coping with the ever increasing work in their offices by means of a permanent clerical staff instead of the appointment of temporary clerks not recruited by open competitive examination and to take such action in connection with this letter as the Council may deem advisable.

27 To consider a communication dated the 11th April, 1938, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the state of the Poor Rate Collection for the year 1937/38 with the present condition of which he is dissatisfied.

28 To consider the following resolution passed in Blessington on the 20th April, 1938, at a public meeting of the Disturbed Owners' Association in connection with the Liffey Hydro Electric Scheme:—

"That we wish to draw the attention of the Wicklow County Council to the position regarding rates on holdings of land and buildings being acquired by the E. S. B. wholly or in part.

The E. S. B. are not rated under the Act. All lands are being taken over from the 1st April, 1938, at latest. We suggest that the Commissioners of Valuation apportion value of lands immediately. Otherwise it will be impossible to expect landowners to pay rates for what they do not own.

29 To consider a communication from the County Registrar, Circuit Court Office, Wicklow, asking the Council, on the suggestion of the Minister for Justice, to make the necessary arrangements to have the room at present used as the Office of the County Committee of Agriculture vacated so that it may be taken over for the purpose of increasing the Circuit Court Office accommodation.

30 To make arrangements for (a) the appointment of a Rate Inspector for the County; (b) to fix the terms of his appointment and remuneration; and (c) to consider two letters from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dealing with the subject of Rate Checking generally.

31 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture:—

"Resolved—That we recommend the following amounts to be paid to the Local Veterinary Inspectors for work under the Sheep Dipping Scheme, 1938:—

S. Conway £80.  
A. F. Walshe £65.  
W. J. Richardson £30.

32 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture:—

"Resolved—That the sum of £50 per annum be paid to Mr. G. P. Byrne for extra work in respect of the 1938 Sheep Dipping Scheme."

33 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture:—

"Resolved—That a similar Sheep Dipping Scheme to that in operation in County Wicklow in 1937, be put in force for the year 1938; and we recommend the County Council to reappoint the 20 Sheep Dipping Inspectors to supervise the operation of the Compulsory Sheep Dipping Scheme for 1938, who acted in a similar capacity during the season 1937, and that the remuneration be fixed at £25 each—to cover all work in connection with the 1938 Scheme."

34 To consider a resolution from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, recommending payment of a subsidy of £1 0 0 to 14 owners of Sheep Dipping Baths in respect of maintenance and repair of same for the year 1937.

35 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture:—

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend to the Wicklow County Council payment of the sum of £15 subsidy in connection with erection of new Swim Bath to Mrs. Mary Loughlin, Ballykillageer, Woodenbridge."

36 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture:—

"Resolved—That for the future we refuse to authorise any new endowed sheep dipping Bath within four (4) miles of any similar existing one."

37 To consider a resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, recommending the County Council to make a payment of 30/- per 500 sheep to the owners of private Sheep Dipping Baths in each of which 500 or more sheep were double-dipped during the 1937 dipping period.

38 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee:—

"Resolved—That we, the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee hereby award, subject to the approval of the Wicklow County Council and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, a marriage gratuity of £32 11 2 to Mrs. H. M. Wilson (nee Doyle) for her services as Domestic Economy Instructress under this Committee, during the two years from January 1, 1936, to December 31, 1937, in accordance with Section 44 (4) of the Local Government and Public Health Act, 1925.

A copy of this resolution to be sent to the Wicklow County Council for their favourable consideration."

39 To consider an application from Miss Phyllis Ryan, County Analyst, 12, Dawson Street, Dublin, for increased remuneration in respect of the duties performed by her in connection with the analysis of articles submitted from County Wicklow.

40 To decide whether or not the County Council shall be represented at the hearing of the appeal of the Great Southern Railways Company in connection with the huge reductions recently made in the Poor Law Valuations of the holdings of the Company by the Commissioner of Valuation.

41 To fix the amount of annual contribution to be received from Arklow Urban District Council in the event of that Authority deciding to make use of the Pound in Arklow set up by the County Council.

42 To consider County Analyst's Report.

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

44 To adopt the Rates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1939, and to allow and make the same as assessed in the Rate Books.

45 To sign and Seal the Warrants of the several Poor Rate Collectors.

46 To sign and Seal the Demands (Forms 43) on the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow for the year 1938/1939.

47 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

48 To receive Reports from County Officers.

49 To consider official correspondence.

50 To consider general correspondence.

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

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 22nd April, 1938.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman;  
Councillors James Everett, T.D.; Major R. Smith, Joseph Jacob, J. P. Kehoe and M J Brennan.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the Reports received from the Rate Checkers following their checkings of the Poor Rate Collectors' Accounts since the Committee's last meeting, and also the following Return showing the condition of the Poor Rate Collection in the County as it stood on the 31st March, 1938:—

District	Collectors' Warrants	Amount collected to date	Discount Allowed	Amount not collected
No.		£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
1	7480 6 6	6314 19 9	27 11 8	1137 15 1
2	4429 11 3	3509 1 2	12 8 2	908 6 11
3	3513 14 2	2618 19 4	10 14 5	884 0 5
4	4984 9 2	3483 0 1	12 0 1	1489 9 0
5	2422 0 10	1163 17 10	2 0 7	1237 2 5
6	8210 19 1	4365 16 3	9 12 10	3835 10 0
7	16392 2 7	15017 3 6	31 14 1	1343 5 0
8	4495 8 10	4117 13 11	7 5 0	370 9 11
9	15703 8 10	12181 8 4	30 13 6	3491 7 0
10	5466 9 4	4327 11 10	8 13 1	1130 4 5
11	8301 10 10	6921 16 6	28 12 4	1371 2 0
12	8387 0 2	5733 0 9	11 8 5	2642 16 0
13/15	8033 17 9	6559 8 8	21 8 1	1453 1 5
14	4494 7 1	3798 17 1	6 18 5	688 11 7
16	8998 12 6	6252 12 4	29 15 5	2616 4 9
17	6189 2 4	3872 9 11	16 1 9	2250 10 8
18	5964 17 2	4192 13 1	29 13 8	1742 10 5
19	4453 5 6	2272 15 9	7 17 8	2172 12 1
Total	£127871 3 11	£96502 5 8	£303 19 2	£30764 19 1

The Committee, having examined the proposals for payments by the Proposals Committee recommend them for payment to the County Council as follows:—

### PROPOSALS COMMITTEE—£11,263 3 10

The Committee, having examined the Annual Demand for the service of the financial year 1938/39, received from the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance, recommend the County Council to make the following transfers on foot of same:—

### QUARTER ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1938.

County Board of Public Assistance—£11,941 10 0

### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE.

The Committee proceeded to consider the following Resolution passed by the County Council at the Special Meeting of that Body held on the 14th March, 1938:—

"Resolved—That we hereby accept with regret, the resignation of our County Surveyor, Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., as from the 30th April, 1938, and we ask our Finance Committee to take the question of his superannuation into consideration and to recommend to him the fullest retiring allowance it may be found possible to give him."

The Committee are not unmindful of the fact that a Pension is clearly the reward given to an official for good and faithful service throughout the whole period with the employing authority. Having regard, however, to the exceptionally high standard of the services given by Mr. Gallagher throughout his thirty-eight completed years with Wicklow County Council, and to the fact that a County Surveyorship is one of those exceptional positions requiring highly technical qualifications which it is exceedingly difficult to fill with a suitably experienced officer at an age sufficiently youthful to enable him to qualify eventually for a full two-thirds superannuation, the Committee are unanimous in recommending that two years be added to his 38 thus bringing his period of service up to 40 years for the purpose of calculating his pension. The Committee have very carefully considered the terms of Section 42 of the Local Government Act, 1925, particularly in relation to the definition of the word "Emoluments," and have remembered that Mr. Gallagher when given an optional choice early in the year 1925 by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health decided to accept the superannuation clauses of this Act of 1925 as a basis for the calculation of his retiring allowance instead of the code of Acts which governed superannuation allowances prior to the passing of the Local Government Act, 1925.

The Committee are satisfied that Mr. Gallagher is entitled to have his pension calculated on the average amount he received annually under the following headings during the three years which expired on the 31st March, 1938, viz. :-

- On a fixed salary of £500 per annum (in respect of which he was in receipt also of a varying Bonus annually)
- On an average allowance of £100 per annum which he received for his duties as County Surveyor in respect of Government Grant Expenditure, and
- On an average allowance of £6 17 8 which he received in respect of County Road Schemes Expenditure.

It is this Committee's unanimous recommendation, therefore, that Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., be awarded Superannuation Allowance of £404 11 9, and that he be granted a varying Bonus to which he is entitled, calculated on the portion of this Pension which is applicable to the £500 a year salary (as distinct from other emoluments) he enjoyed, i.e., on £333 6 8 of the £404 11 9 Pension which we hereby recommend he be paid annually in future. The Bonus on this £333 6 8, calculated in the manner herein described, would, according to the official scale at present in operation, amount to £140 13 11 approximately per annum.

The effect of this recommendation, if approved and adopted by the County Council and sanctioned subsequently by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, is that Mr. Gallagher will receive an annual Pension of £404 11 9 on portion of which he will at the present scale receive a Bonus of £140 13 11, making a gross total payable to him per annum of £545 5 8. The Bonus is, of course, a varying one and may rise or fall at the expiration of each six months ending on the 30th June and 31st December in each year.

Signed:— DAVID H. HASKINS,  
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Dated this 22nd day of April, 1938.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;  
Seconded by " C M Byrne;  
Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as printed and circulated to each Member of the County Council, be, and it is hereby approved and adopted.

Passed.

The Secretary having read the special Notice issued to each Member of the County Council in accordance with the provisions of 28 and 29 Vic. Cap. 26, it was  
Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;  
Seconded by " James McCrea;  
Resolved—That with a view to giving effect to the recommendations in Finance Committee's Report No. 1, which has been printed and circulated to each member of the County Council a week ago, and which has been unanimously approved and adopted at this meeting, we hereby add two years to the 38 completed years which Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., gave in his capacity as County Surveyor prior to his resignation, for the reasons set forth in the aforementioned report, and we hereby award Mr. Gallagher a superannuation allowance of £404 11 9, and further, we hereby decide that he is entitled to a rising and falling annual bonus on the sum of £333 6 8 of that pension, which at the moment gives him £140 13 11, thereby bringing the total superannuation allowance payable at this moment to Mr. Gallagher up to the sum of £545 5 8 per annum; and, further, we urge in the strongest possible terms the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to give his official sanction to the payment of this pension, which it is the wish and the hope of this Council that Mr. Gallagher may long live to enjoy.

Passed unanimously.

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.**

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 20th May, 1938.

The following members attended:  
Councillor D. H. Haskins, Chairman;  
Councillors Major R. Smith, Joseph Jacob, John P. Kehoe, James Everett, T.D., and M. J. Brennan.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the Reports received from the Rate Checkers on their checkings of the accounts of the several Poor Rate Collectors in the County since the Committee's last meeting, and also the

following Return showing the condition of the Poor Rate Collection, as it stood on the 18th May, 1938:—

District No.	Collectors' Warrants	Amount collected to date	Discount allowed	Amount not collected
1	7480 6 3	7045 7 9	27 11 7	407 7 3
2	4429 11 3	4175 3 8	12 3 2	242 4 5
3	3513 14 2	3112 17 2	10 14 5	390 2 7
4	4984 9 2	4591 11 8	12 0 1	381 7 5
5	2422 10 10	1874 3 11	12 0 7	545 16 4
6	8210 19 1	5562 9 6	9 12 10	2638 16 9
7	16392 2 7	16052 11 2	31 14 1	307 17 4
8	4495 8 10	4327 16 5	7 5 0	160 7 5
9	15703 8 10	13513 8 2	30 18 6	2159 7 2
10	5466 9 4	5162 26 11	8 12 4	295 10 1
11	8801 10 10	8024 18 10	28 12 4	247 19 8
12	8387 10 2	7014 5 10	11 3 5	1361 10 11
13/15	8033 17 9	7441 6 9	21 8 1	571 2 11
14	4494 7 1	4261 18 4	6 18 5	225 15 4
16	8993 12 6	7766 18 9	29 15 5	1201 18 4
17	36139 2 4	5311 14 0	16 1 9	811 6 7
18	5964 17 2	5736 13 8	29 13 8	198 9 10
19	4453 5 6	3727 5 7	7 17 8	718 2 8
Totals	£127871 3 11	£114702 3 1	£303 18 4	£12865 2 6

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

**ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS—£979 1 5.**

The Committee considered an application from Mr. P. J. Doyle, Poor Rate Collector for No. 7 District asking the Council to refund him the sum of £2 1 8 rates due by Isaac Delamere, Calary Upper, Killedder, on Rate No. 5481, which he had lodged to close the 1935/36 Collecting Warrant.

**ORDER**—The Committee recommend that Collector Doyle be refunded this sum of £2 1 8

Signed:—DAVID H. HASKINS,  
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Dated this 20th day of May, 1938.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;  
Seconded by " Joseph Jacob;  
Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 2, as printed and circulated to each member of the County Council, be, and it is hereby approved and adopted.  
Passed.  
Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;  
Seconded by " C M Byrne;  
Resolved—That the Quarterly transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance be now signed.  
Passed.  
Proposed by Councillor Joseph Jacob;  
Seconded by " Major R Smith;  
**PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.**

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payments chargeable to the various areas, amounting to the sum of £11,263 3 10 (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

**ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS.**

Proposed by Councillor Major R Smith;  
Seconded by " C M Byrne;  
Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional proposals for payments, chargeable to the various areas, amounting to the sum of £979 1 5 (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.  
Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;  
Seconded by " Edward Byrne;  
Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's payments, as approved by the County Council, be now signed.

Passed.  
Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;  
Seconded by " M J Brennan;  
Resolved—That the applications for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts be now signed, and sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.  
Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;  
Seconded by " M Timmins;  
Resolved—That Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act be issued by our Secretary to the following persons provided he receives satisfactory reports on the premises from the Garda Siochana:—  
Harold Fisher, Dunlavin.  
John Cunningham, Main Street, Dunlavin.

Passed.  
Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;  
Seconded by " J P Kehoe;  
Resolved—That the Licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, issued to Mr. Albert E. Cole, Ballarí Stores, Kilbride, Wicklow, be hereby renewed by our Secretary.

Passed.  
Proposed by Councillor M Timmins;  
Seconded by " M Mooney;  
Resolved—That the Licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act,

1908, hitherto held by Mr. J. W. Hanbidge, The Supply Stores, Dunlavin, be transferred to Mr. Joseph Owens, who has acquired the house and business formerly the property of Mr. Hanbidge.

Passed.  
There were no applications for Licences under the Explosives Acts, 1875, or the Cinematograph Act, 1909.

**IRRECOVERABLE RATE LISTS.**

The Secretary submitted the following Schedule showing the Rates claimed in each Poor Rate Collection District to be (a) Irrecoverable, and, (b) Temporarily uncollectible, as approved and adopted by the County Council in respect of the financial years 1934/1935, 1935/1936, 1936/1937, and also the similar claims received from each Poor Rate Collector in respect to rates for the year 1937/1938 stated to be (a) Irrecoverable, and (b) Temporarily uncollectible.

The Council's attention was drawn to the fact that the Rates claimed as temporarily uncollectible were steadily increasing year by year, and the Secretary pointed out that if some strong action were not taken a financial crisis must inevitably ensue within a measurable space of time. The percentage of the Collection for the year 1937/38 claimed as temporarily uncollectible—apart altogether from the total sums which might be treated as permanently irrecoverable—amounted to 9% approximately of the entire warrant for the year 1937/1938:—

Dist. No.	1934/5		1935/6		1936/7		1937/8	
	Irrecoverable.	Temporarily Uncollectible.	Irrecoverable.	Temporarily Uncollectible.	Irrecoverable.	Temporarily Uncollectible.	Irrecoverable.	Temporarily Uncollectible.
1	34	9	32	9	37	8	57	15
2	17	8	8	1	1	18	11	8
3	2	11	0	18	5	0	11	8
4	3	9	11	17	20	7	5	9
5	0	10	0	2	0	3	16	7
6	39	10	13	7	9	10	11	8
7	152	15	26	8	168	11	192	12
8	66	7	116	15	78	7	81	13
9	14	18	9	9	10	8	1	7
10	3	12	23	15	10	16	8	15
11	22	10	0	4	0	16	1	4
12	0	14	39	7	85	12	27	4
13	43	16	5	2	28	15	105	8
14	16	15	4	18	48	18	50	12
15	63	4	19	8	7	18	7	1
16	44	12	64	11	58	11	53	1
17	7	7	2	16	5	9	—	—
18	—	—	5	17	1	7	—	—
19	—	—	8	26	3	11	—	—
	540	67	485	16	592	12	639	18
		4717	4650	16	11760	5	5109	11
		16	4	1	0	7	4	11

After a prolonged discussion, it was Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne; Seconded by Edward Byrne; Resolved—That we hereby accept and approve the claims for Irrecoverable Rates submitted to us by our Poor Rate Collectors for District Nos. 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13/15, 14, 17 and 18, and we direct our Secretary to deal with these claims according to our ruling made thereon to-day.

Passed.  
Proposed by Councillor M J Brennan; Seconded by Major R Smith; Resolved—That we return to the Poor Rate Collectors for Nos. 3, 5, 6, 9, 12, 16 and 19 Collecting Districts rates which they say are temporarily uncollectible, and which they desire to have carried forward into the warrants for the year 1938/39; that the Collectors be informed this Council orders and directs that the sums so asked to be carried forward be collected and the lists returned within twenty-one days from this date; and, further, that the Collectors be informed this County Council is prepared to stand by and support any action the Collectors may find it necessary to take, but that if the services of the Council are to be carried on all the rates must be collected and lodged.

Passed—Councillor McCrea dissenting.  
Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne; Seconded by Michael Mooney; Resolved—That the New Building Lists prepared by our Secretary in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1925, in respect of the financial year ending 31st March, 1939, be hereby approved as submitted, and the appropriate reduction in Rate be allowed for the said financial year in each case, as specified on said lists.

Passed.  
Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); Seconded by John P Kehoe; Resolved—That we hereby approve, confirm and adopt the decisions made by our Secretary on the information at his disposal in connection with all the claims for abatement of Rates lodged in our offices in respect of the Agricultural Grant for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1939, more extensively dealt with in circulars from the Department of Local Government and Public Health which have been under consideration at meetings of this Council from time to time, and we hereby direct that the assessment of Rate be proceeded with with all practicable speed on the basis of such decisions.

Passed.  
Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne; Seconded by J P Kehoe; 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 J P Kehoe; 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 1938/1939:—

Place of Meeting	Hour	1938		1939	
		Summer Qr.	Autumn Qr.	Winter Qr.	Spring Qr.
<b>PROPOSALS COMMITTEE</b>					
Courthouse, Wicklow	12	Fri., July 22	Fri., Oct. 21	Fri., Jan. 27	Fri., Apl. 21
<b>COUNTY COUNCIL</b>					
Courthouse, Wicklow	12	Mon., Aug. 22	Mon., Nov. 21	Mon., Feb. 20	Mon., May 22

Passed.  
Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne; Seconded by J P Kehoe; Resolved—That we hereby decide that in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of the Local Elections Act, 1927, that the Annual Meeting of this Council shall be held on the 27th June, 1938, at 12 o'clock, noon, subject to no legislation being enacted which will vary this date, in which event the fixing of a date for the Annual Meeting is to be under consideration again by this Council.

Passed.  
Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); Seconded by Daniel J Kehoe; Resolved—That we hereby authorise and direct our Secretary to refund to each Poor Rate Collector his reasonable travelling expenses in attending in the Couveil Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, with his Collection Books, on Thursday, the 17th February, 1938, to meet an Inspector from the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

Passed.  
The Council considered a communication dated the 29th April, 1938, from Mr. John J. Sinnott, Commercial Hotel, Carnew, in which he applied to be permitted to withdraw from his Suretyship in the Personal Fidelity Bond for Mr. John J. Doyle, The Bakery, Carnew, Poor Rate Collector for No. 19 Collecting District.

Proposed by Councillor Major R Smith; Seconded by Wallace Hammond; Resolved—That having considered the application from Mr. John J. Sinnott, Carnew, in which he asked to be allowed to withdraw his Suretyship in the Fidelity Bond for Collector John J. Doyle, The Bakery, Carnew, we hereby allow him to withdraw from this Bond when, but not until that Collector has closed to the complete satisfaction of the County Council and its officials the Warrants issued to him in respect of the financial years which ended on the 31st March, 1938.

Passed.

The Council also considered an application from Mr. Michael Doyle, Carnew, dated the 21st May, 1938, in which he applied for permission to withdraw from his Suretyship in the Personal Fidelity Bond for Mr. John J. Doyle, The Bakery, Carnew, Poor Rate Collector for No. 19 Collecting District.

Proposed by Councillor Major R Smith ;

Seconded by " Wallace Hammond ;

Resolved—That having considered the application from Mr. Michael Doyle, Carnew, in which he asked to be allowed to withdraw his Suretyship in the Fidelity Bond for Collector John J. Doyle, The Bakery, Carnew, Poor Rate Collector for No. 19 District, we hereby allow him to withdraw from this Bond when, but not until that Collector has closed to the complete satisfaction of the County Council and its Officials the Warrants issued to him in respect of the financial years which ended on the 31st March, 1938.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted to the Council a large file of correspondence containing numerous complaints as to the manner in which Poor Rates are collected in No. 19 District in which the Collector is Mr. John J. Doyle, The Bakery, Carnew, and reported the condition of this collection on that morning to be as follows :—

Total amount of Warrant	...	£453 5 6
Lodged to 31st March, 1938	£2272 15 9	
Written off for Discount	7 17 8	
To be written off as irrecoverable		
To be carried forward into the new collection Books for 1938/39	459 4 10	
Lodged up to the 20th May, 1938	1725 17 10	£4465 16 1
Overlodged	...	12 10 7

The Secretary also submitted the following report which contained his considered opinion regarding the Poor Rate Collector John J Doyle :—  
23rd May, 1938.

To : The Presiding Chairman,  
and Members of Wicklow County Council.

Re : No. 19 Collecting District.

A Charade.

In submitting the file of correspondence referred to in Items No. 19 on the Agenda for your meeting to-day I desire to say that I am thoroughly dissatisfied with the condition of the above collection. During the last few years your officers have had more anxiety and trouble with the condition of affairs in this Collecting District than with all the other Collecting Districts in the County together.

I am of opinion that the Council, in the best interests of everyone concerned, should dispense with the services of Mr. John J. Doyle as Poor Rate Collector when he has satisfactorily closed the Poor Rate Collections for the financial years ending 31st March, 1938, for the reason that his work has been continuously unsatisfactory.

I mise, le meas,

P. T. HEALY.

After a protracted discussion the Council adjourned further consideration of the condition of this Poor Rate Collection to the meeting which was fixed to take place on Monday, 27th June, 1938.

With regard to item 20 on the Agenda there being no County Surveyor or Acting County Surveyor at the moment there was no Quarterly Report for submission.

An application dated the 13th May, 1938, was submitted from Mr. E. Kenny, Tigroney, Avoca, in which he asked for employment on Road Work and pointed out that single men were at present employed at work in respect of which married men with families had a much greater claim.

ORDER—Referred to the County Surveyor for his information and suitable action.

Representatives of Avoca Labour Club attended before the meeting and submitted the following memorial regarding unemployment in their district on behalf of the members of their Club :—

" Chairman and Gentlemen,

We claim, as a deputation appointed by the Avoca Labour Club, that we have not received just or reasonable treatment from the Wicklow County Council and that the amount of money expended in the district bears no comparison to that expended in other areas.

The last grant which we directly received from the County Council in aid of unemployment was about seven years ago when a sum of £350 was allowed. Since then matters have grown gradually worse and the only employment we have had was the relief grants for a few days of a few weeks each year from the Land Commission.

The number of men signing on as unemployed each week at Avoca and Redcross is approximately 100 men. We respectfully ask you to note that many of these as single men will cease to receive benefit at the end of the present month. We thank you and earnestly hope the Council will do something to relieve the present hardship that exists."

After considerable discussion the Council authorised and directed the Acting County Surveyor to prepare and submit a detailed report to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in support of a claim for increased free grants from the Road Fund for expenditure in certain areas throughout the County which he will indicate, but more particularly on the Avoca Ballinacor Road and the Avoca-Redcross road in close proximity to an area in which there is much poverty, privation and unemployment (Vide resolution passed this day).

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;

Seconded by " C M Byrne ;

Resolved—That the Acting County Surveyor be directed to go, with his Assistants into the question of Government Grants due to the County of Wicklow, and, that he prepare a comprehensive report in co-operation with our Secretary on the enormous amount of grants due to this County on the considered facts relating to our Road Traffic and sta-

tistics—and that the same be submitted by him to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in support of our equitable demand for increased grant—which are so sadly required to cope with the enormous amount of unemployment existing in Avoca District and other areas in the County.

Passed.

32-33, Lower Abbey Street,  
DUBLIN, C.8.

12th May, 1938.

Dear Sir,

I want to be away for three or four days after Whit Monday and I shall be glad if you will ask the Council for permission.

Yours faithfully,

P. J. FOLEY.

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

ORDER—Granted.

The following application was submitted :—

Carnew,  
Co. Wicklow,  
10-5-38.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

It is the intention of the Carnew '98 Commemoration Association to erect a memorial plaque on the footpath opposite the spot where the 38 men were executed in May, 1798, and I am instructed to ask the Council's permission for same.

Yours faithfully,

J. McCREA.

Hon. Sec.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea ;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Coalboy) ;

Resolved—That we hereby grant permission to the Carlow Branch '98 Commemoration Committee to erect a memorial plaque on the footpath in Carnew opposite the spot where 38 men were executed in 1798, provided such plaque in no way interferes with the right of public user to the road and foot-path, and that the plaque be erected to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor or the person acting in that capacity.

PASSED—Councillor P D Kinsella dissenting.

A file of correspondence from the Agent and Secretary, Coollattin Estate Office, Shillelagh, relative to the condition of the Shillelagh-Coollattin Road was again submitted to the Council, including the following letter :—

28th January, 1938.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,  
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

Our 1st and 2nd Moiety Poor Rates for 1937/38 amounting to £1,633 17 7 have been paid. Of this sum £1,286 16 1 represents rates paid to Mr. T. Fleming, Rate Collector, and in his district lies the Shillelagh-Coollattin Road.

We shall be obliged if you will place this letter before your Council so that the Council's attention may be drawn to the deplorable condition of this road in the hope that it may be effectively repaired at a very early date.

In view of the large sum paid by us yearly in Rates for this District and also in view of the large sum paid in Road Tax by motor owners using this road, we think that this road should have the Council's immediate and serious consideration.

As far as we can gather if no employment were given by this Company the road would have been repaired by special grant, so through giving employment the Company is penalised as regards suitable roads for its motor services.

Yours faithfully,

THE COOLLATTIN ESTATE COMPANY,  
Sd, D. H. DOYNE,  
Agent and Secretary.

ORDER—The Council, through their Acting County Surveyor, is making a special effort to obtain free grants from the Road Fund to be expended in certain areas in the County, and, if successful in obtaining these grants, this road will be placed in good order and condition.

A letter dated the 18th April, 1938, was submitted from Supt. M. A. J. O'Reilly, Garda Síochana, Bray, which contained suggestions regarding the provisions of notices and white lines within Bray Urban District which it was believed would help to ensure the safety of road traffic.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That our County Surveyor, or the person acting in that capacity, be hereby empowered and instructed to give effect to any suggestions that may be given him by the Garda Síochana Authorities in Bray in the matter of notices and White Lines within Bray Urban District which he believes would help to ensure the safety of road traffic.

Passed.

VACANT POSITION OF COUNTY SURVEYOR.

The following two letters from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health were discussed at considerable length :—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,  
(ROADS).

R/RS/33.

CUSTOM HOUSE,

DUBLIN,

29adh Marta, 1938.

Resignation of County Surveyor.

A Chara,

With further reference to your letter of the 15th instant, with enclosures, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he would be prepared to approve of the appointment of Mr. J. T. O'Byrne as Acting County Surveyor pending the permanent filling of the post.

The nomination of a person for the permanent appointment will rest with the Local Appointments Commissioners. The County Council should accordingly take the matter of the salary and conditions of appointment into consideration at an early date and submit their proposals for the Minister's approval before request is made to the Local Appointments Commissioners.

I am to suggest that the Council consult with the Board of Health and Public Assistance with a view to the formulation of a scheme under which the whole engineering service of the county would be controlled by the new County Surveyor. The Minister would arrange for one of the Department's Inspectors to meet a Committee of the Council and the Board to go into the matter.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Board.

Mise, le meas,  
J. HURSON,  
Runai.

The Secretary,  
County Council,  
WICKLOW.

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,  
(ROADS)

CUSTOM HOUSE,

DUBLIN,

R/RS/33.

27adh Aibrean, 1938.

A Chara.

With further reference to your letter of the 13th instant, with enclosure, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that an appointment to the permanent office of County Surveyor can only be made by the County Council on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners. In order that early application can be made to the Local Appointments Commissioners in the matter the Council should consider the question of salary and conditions of appointment without delay. In this connection, your attention is directed to the third paragraph of this Department's letter of the 29th ultimo.

Mise, le meas,  
J. HURSON,  
Runai.

The Secretary,  
County Council,  
WICKLOW.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;  
Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That inasmuch as the Minister for Local Government and Public Health has already informed this County Council that he would be prepared to approve of a temporary appointment of a person to discharge the duties of County Surveyor, we hereby select and appoint Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., at present discharging the duties of Assistant Surveyor under the Council, to discharge the duties of County Surveyor temporarily in the County and to continue to discharge such duties until the date on which the person appointed permanently as County Surveyor enters the County Surveyor's Offices to take up the duties of his new position; Mr. O'Byrne's temporary appointment under this resolution is to be on the same conditions and terms and at the same salary and emoluments as enjoyed by his predecessor, Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E.

Passed.

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

Resolved—That we hereby approve and confirm every action taken by our Secretary in connection with the administration of the County Surveyor's Office which he found it necessary to take during the interval commencing 1st May, 1938, whilst there was no County Surveyor.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;  
Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That, as recommended by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, the County Board of Health and Public Assistance be invited to nominate three members from that Body to confer with three representatives from Wicklow County Council at a meeting to be held on a suitable date in the Courthouse, Wicklow, for the purpose of deciding the salary, terms and conditions and duties which shall govern the new appointment of County Surveyor in this County.

Passed.

The following letter was submitted:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,  
CUSTOM HOUSE,

DUBLIN,

G.10081/3/38,  
Cill Mhanntain

25th March, 1938.

A Chara.

With reference to your letter of the 18th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state he is unable to agree to the continuance of any system under which work of a permanent nature is carried out by temporary clerks not recruited by open competitive examination. In view of the terms of your previous report to the Council and this Department's letter of the 21st October last there is no reason why the considerations now raised should be regarded as suffi-

cient to justify a further postponement of the question of permanent staff.

Mise, le meas,

J. COLLINS,

T. c. an Runai,

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;  
Seconded by " P P O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we hereby refer to a special meeting meeting of our Finance Committee for a detailed Report of our Secretary's application and the entire question of re-organising the County Council's clerical staff both in the County Secretary's Offices and in the County Surveyor's Offices.

Passed.

The following letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the condition of the Poor Rate Collection was submitted:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,  
CUSTOM HOUSE,

DUBLIN,

G 3254/5/38.

Cill Mhanntain.

Aibrean 11, 1938,

A Chara,

Adverting to your letter of the 22nd ultimo, requesting sanction to an extension to the 3rd April, 1938, of the period within which the collection of the 1937/38 Poor Rates should be closed, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he must express dissatisfaction at the Council's decision in this matter, which can only cause difficulties to those Rate Collectors who are endeavouring to perform their duties in such a manner as will enable them to save the Council from financial embarrassment, and at the same time prevent disciplinary action being taken for delay in the collection.

The Minister considers that the circumstances warrant the issue of a circular to the Collectors, intimating that failure to pay rates by the 30th April, 1938, must be met immediately by action under their warrants. The Collectors cannot be relieved from the obligation to recover the rates by exercising the powers vested in them if it appears that there is going to be further delay in payment.

The Council's resolution will not be of any assistance to the Collectors, and will probably lead to even greater delay in collecting than it contemplates. The Collectors cannot be relieved of their responsibilities by a resolution of this kind. The Minister notes, however, that the initiative in this matter did not come from the Collectors. As the financial year 1937-38 has now closed all collectible outstanding rates must be lodged without delay and warrants closed. The Collectors should be informed that their schedules of uncollected rates should be ready for submission week after the 30th April, 1938.

Mise, le meas,

J. COLLINS,

T. c. an Runai.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

At the request of the County Secretary, it was

Proposed by Councillor Major R Smith;  
Seconded by " George Heatley;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise and direct our Solicitor to take any steps necessary to place a Mortgage in favour of this County Council on any holding or holdings from which there is due to this Council over at least a period of two years Poor Rates amounting to £50 or over, unless our Solicitor finds that it would be useless to look for such a mortgage because of the fact that the holdings are already mortgaged to the limit of their value; and the Council wish it to be clearly understood that payments on account each year that fall short of the rates for the complete year are not to be allowed to prevent the operation of the terms of this resolution.

Passed—Councillors Edward Byrne and Michael Timmins dissenting.

The Council considered the following resolution passed in Blessington on the 20th April, 1938, at a public meeting of the Disturbed Owners' Association in connection with the Liffey Hydro Electric Scheme:—

"That we wish to draw the attention of the Wicklow County Council to the position regarding rates on holdings of land and buildings being acquired by the E. S. B. wholly or in part.

The E. S. B. are not rated under the Act. All lands are being taken over from the 1st April, 1938, at latest. We suggest that the Commissioners for Valuation apportion value of lands immediately. Otherwise it will be impossible to expect land owners to pay rates for what they do not own."

The Council decided that the only step they were legally entitled to take in connection with this resolution was to have a re-valuation of the holdings in question, and towards that end the Secretary was instructed to request the Poor Rate Collector for the district (No. 6) to send in a complete list of the holdings on revision sheets for submission on the 27th June, 1938, to the Commissioner of Valuation for re-valuation.

The following letter was submitted:—

OIFIG CUIRTE CUARDA  
(Circuit Court Office),

Cill Mhanntain.

22adh Marra, 1938.

P T. Healy, Esq.,  
Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,  
Court House,  
WICKLOW.

Re Accommodation in the Circuit Court Offices.

A Chara,  
With reference to above, the following is an extract from a letter received on the 19th instant from the Minister for Justice:—

"The office accommodation for the staff is entirely unsuitable, (and)..... if the room adjoining the County Registrar's Office were acquired, the office space could be more suitably apportioned, which would greatly facilitate the more efficient administration of the Office."

I shall be glad if you will kindly have the necessary arrangements made at your earliest convenience.

Le meas agam ort,  
Mise,

TOMAS MACCATHMHAOIL,  
Claraíoch Coimh. Co.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy);  
Seconded by Patrick Doyle (Winetavern);  
Resolved—That the County Registrar, Circuit Court Offices, Wicklow, be informed that Wicklow County Council has no responsibility for, or control over, the arrangement under which the County Committee of Agriculture uses as an office the room in the Courthouse, Wicklow, adjoining the County Registrar's Offices, and that any application to have this particular room vacated and attached to the County Registrar's Offices should be addressed to the County Committee of Agriculture.

Passed.

RATE INSPECTORSHIP.

The following two letters from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health were submitted:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,  
CUSTOM HOUSE,

G. 1143/38. DUBLIN.

Gill Mhantain.

11th April, 1938:

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 30th ultimo notifying the death of Mr. Harry J. Lynch who was Rate Checker for three districts in Co. Wicklow.

The position created by the death of Mr. Lynch is that there is not now a Rate Checker in any part of the County Health District except in the Shillelagh district and a opportunity arises for appointing a whole-time Rate Inspector for the County as the Public Bodies Order, 1925, contemplates. This will involve terminating the temporary arrangement made in 1935 by which you were appointed Rate Inspector, the Rate Checkers being retained to assist you.

It is proposed that the post of Rate Checker should not be filled but that on your relinquishing your office as Rate Inspector steps be taken to appoint a successor who would carry out the prescribed duties of the office of Rate Inspector and have in the Shillelagh District the assistance of the present Rate Checker whose post would be abolished on a vacancy occurring.

It will be necessary to fix a suitable salary and it is suggested that a scale of £200 increasing by annual increments of £10 to £250 would be appropriate.

A copy of the Conditions of Appointment of the Rate Inspector in an adjoining County is enclosed for the information of the Council.

Mise, le meas,

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

J. COLLINS,  
T.C. an Runai.

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,  
CUSTOM HOUSE,

G. 1537/3/38. DUBLIN.

Gill Mhantain.

Aibreán 28, 1938.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 13th instant, regarding the arrangements to be made in consequence of the death of Mr. Lynch, Rate Checker, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inquire whether the Council have definitely decided to appoint a Rate Inspector for the County. The Minister will raise no objection to the temporary arrangements proposed by the Council, on the understanding that these will only last for the period that will elapse until a permanent appointment can be made.

Mise, le meas,

J. COLLINS,  
T.C. an Runai.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;  
Seconded by P P O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, hereby decide to appoint a Rate Inspector for the entire County who shall discharge all the duties of that position and all other duties in that connection which may be imposed upon him at any time by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health or by Wicklow County Council and its officers; that the duties of the position shall also include the supervision of the Rate Checking in the area formerly known as Shillelagh Rural District at present carried out by Assistant Rate Checker, Mr. Michael O'Neill, and that the salary attaching to the position be £250 per annum, this sum to cover and include all his out of pocket expenses, and that the conditions and terms of appointment be those set forth in the enclosed green Form No. 111 which is to be submitted to the Minister for Local Government for his approval prior to its transmission to the Local Appointments Commission who are hereby asked to select and recommend to this Council a suitable person for appointment to this position, and we hereby accept the resignation of our Secretary, Mr. P. T. Healy, from the position of Rate Inspector for the County.

Passed.

The Council proceeded to consider correspondence submitted by the Secretary regarding the hearing of the appeal of the Great Southern Railway Company in connection with the huge reductions recently made in the Poor Law Valuations of the holdings of this Company in the County by the Commissioner of Valuation, including the following letter:—

GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAYS.

Accountant's Office,  
Broadstone,  
DUBLIN,  
9th April, 1938.

Sir,

Quinquennial Revision of Valuation Railways (Valuation for Rating) Act, 1931.

Arising from the Revised valuations issued by the Commissioner of Valuation for the quinquennium commenced the 1st April, 1937, you are requested to pay to this Company the sum of £1,327 1 5 being rates paid for the year 1937/38 in excess of the sum of which would have been payable if the valuation had originally stood as altered on appeal.

This application is made under Section 37 (n) of the Local Government (Adaptation of Irish Enactments) Order, 1899.

As the Company is being pressed under threat of distress in some cases to pay increased rates where the valuations have been increased I must ask you to pay forthwith the amount herein demanded, viz., £1,327 1 5.

Yours faithfully,  
HARTNELL SMITH,

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;  
Seconded by Michael Timmins;

Resolved—That our Solicitor be asked for his considered opinion as to the Council's position in connection with the huge reductions by the Commissioner of Valuation in the Poor Law Valuations of the holdings of the Great Southern Railways, and towards that end he is hereby empowered and directed to obtain Counsel's Opinion thereon.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond;

Seconded by J J Bourne;

Resolved—We request the General Council of County Councils to strongly press on the Government the necessity of setting up a Commission to enquire into the present basis and incidence of taxation as it affects agriculture.

Passed.

The following resolution was submitted from the County Wicklow Board of Public Assistance:—

"Resolved—That the approval of the Wicklow County Council be sought to the borrowing of a sum of Three Thousand and Thirty-five Pounds (£3035) from the Commissioners of Public Works, for the purpose of carrying out a Water Supply Scheme at Avoca."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I hereby give Notice that at the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 22nd August, 1938, I will move—That the approval of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of Three Thousand and Thirty-five Pounds from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out a scheme for the improvement of Water Supply at Avoca."

The following resolution was also submitted from the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance:—

"Resolved—That the approval of the Wicklow County Council be sought to the borrowing of a sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds (£2725) from the Commissioners for Public Works for the purpose of carrying out a water supply at Newcastle."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor James Everett, T.D., and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I hereby give notice that at the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 22nd August, 1938, I will move—that the approval of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out a Scheme for the improvement of Water Supply at Newcastle."

The following resolution was also submitted from the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance:—

"Resolved—That the approval of the Wicklow County Council be sought to the borrowing of a sum of Six Thousand Pounds from the National Bank, Ltd., for a term of five years for the purpose of carrying out a scheme of Repairs to Cottages."

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

"I hereby give notice that I will move at the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 22nd August, 1938, I will move—that the approval of the Wicklow Co. Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of Six Thousand Pounds from the National Bank, Ltd., for a term of five years for the purpose of carrying out a Scheme for Repairs to Cottages."

The following resolution was also submitted from the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance:—

"Resolved—That the approval of the Wicklow County Council be sought to the borrowing of a sum of One Thousand Pounds from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out improvements to the Aughrim Water Supply."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I hereby give notice that at the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 22nd August, 1938, I will move—that the approval of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of One Thousand Pounds from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out improvements to the Aughrim Water Supply."

The following resolution was submitted from the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance:—

"Resolved—That the approval of the Wicklow County Council be sought to the borrowing of a sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out improvements to Arklow Burial Ground."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I hereby give notice that at the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 22nd August, 1938, I will move—that the approval of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out improvements to Arklow Burial Ground."

The following resolution was submitted from the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance:—

"Resolved—That the approval of the Wicklow County Council be sought to the borrowing of a sum of Three Thousand Pounds from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out improvements to the Water Supply at Coolboy."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) and accepted by the Chairman :—

" I hereby give notice that at the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 22nd August, 1938, I will move—that the approval of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of Three Thousand Pounds from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out improvements to the Water Supply at Coolboy."

The following resolution was submitted from the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance :—

" Resolved—That the approval of the Wicklow County Council be sought to the borrowing of a sum of One Thousand One Hundred Pounds from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out improvements to Lackan Water Supply."

The following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor P P O'Reilly and accepted by the Chairman :—

" I hereby give Notice that at the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 22nd August, 1938, I will move—that the approval of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of One Thousand One Hundred Pounds from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out improvements to Lackan Water Supply."

The following resolution from the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance was submitted :—

" Resolved—That the approval of the Wicklow County Council be sought to the borrowing of a sum of Eight Hundred Pounds for the purpose of extending Burial Grounds in the County Health District."

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

" I hereby give notice that at the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 22nd August, 1938, I will move—that the approval of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of Eight Hundred Pounds for the purpose of extending Burial Grounds in the County Health District."

The following resolution from the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance was submitted :—

" Resolved—That the approval of the Wicklow County Council be sought to the borrowing of a sum of Two Hundred and Sixty Pounds from the National Bank, Ltd., for a term of five years for the purpose of providing a Dispensary at Tinahely."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) and accepted by the Chairman :—

" I hereby give notice that at the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 22nd August, 1938, I will move—that the approval of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of Two Hundred and Sixty Pounds from the National Bank, Ltd., for a term of five years, for the purpose of providing a Dispensary at Tinahely."

The following resolution from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance was submitted :—

" Resolved—That the approval of the Wicklow County Council be sought for the borrowing of a sum of Seventy-seven Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Pounds from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out a Scheme of Cottage Building under the Town and Village Scheme, 1937."

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

" I hereby give notice that at the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 22nd August, 1938, I will move—that the approval of Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of Seventy-seven Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Pounds from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out a Scheme of Cottage Building under the Town and Village Scheme, 1937."

The Council adjourned consideration of the remaining business on the Agenda to the date on which the Annual Meeting was fixed to take place, i.e., 27th June, 1938.

*22/8/38 C.M. Byrne*

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 o'clock, a.m., on Monday, 27th June, 1938.

The following Members attended :—

Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman ;  
Councillors D. J. Kehoe, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern) ; P. P. O'Reilly, James McCrea, Joseph Jacob, Edward Byrne, James Everett, T.D. ; Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ; T. J. Birthistle, P. D. Kinsella, J. P. O'Donnell, Michael Mooney, Wallace Hammond, Michael Timmins, J. J. Bourne, George Heatley, Major R. Smith, M. J. Brennan, J. P. Kehoe, Joseph Keenan, Denis Condren, Liam O Cleirigh, and D. H. Haskins.

The following is a copy of the Special Notice sent to each Member of the County Council convening the meeting :—

FORM A1.

### SEANAD ELECTION

(Notice of election of electors to the Seanad electorate by a Council).

To.....  
of.....

being a member of the Council of the County of Wicklow.  
This is to inform you that pursuant to Section 37 of the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act, 1937, an election by the above-named Council of seven persons to the electorate for the Seanad election will take place forthwith and that you are entitled to vote at the election and to be a candidate if duly nominated.

Your attention is called to the following directions :—

1. Only members of the Council may be candidates.
2. Any two members of the Council may nominate a candidate.
3. A nomination can only be accepted in writing on a nomination paper in the prescribed form.
4. Nomination papers can be obtained by members of the Council on application to me.
5. Nomination papers must be duly completed and delivered or sent by post to me at

The Offices of Wicklow County Council,  
Court House,  
Wicklow,

*22/8/38*

6. The last day for receiving nominations is the 21st day of June, 1938.

7. On that day I will attend at the place mentioned above from eleven o'clock in the forenoon to one o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of receiving nominations and accepting or rejecting nominations received by me.

8. Any nomination paper which is not duly completed or which is not actually received by me before one o'clock in the afternoon of the last day for receiving nominations will be rejected.

The voting at the election will take place at a meeting of the Council to be held at 11.30 o'clock, a.m., on Monday, 27th day of June, 1938, which meeting you are hereby summoned to attend.

If the number of candidates for whom nominations are accepted does not exceed seven the election will not be contested, no voting will be necessary and the election meeting will not be held. In such case a further notice will be given you cancelling the summons to the election meeting.

Signed: P. T. HEALY,  
County Secretary.

Dated this 9th day of June, 1938.  
County Council Offices,  
Court House, Wicklow.

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

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,  
CUSTOM HOUSE,  
DUBLIN.

F.69/38. 4adh Meitheamh, 1938.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that Dail Eireann having been dissolved on the 27th May last, every council of a county or county borough, or in the case of a council of a county or county borough dissolved under Section 72 of the Local Government Act, 1925, the former members thereof, are required by Section 37 (1) of the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act, 1937, to elect in accordance with that Section and Regulations made thereunder, seven persons to the Seanad Electorate, not later than one month after the dissolution of the Dail. If such election is contested, the election will be held at a meeting of the council.

Regulations for the conduct of the election, this day made by the Minister, are enclosed for your guidance. They follow on the same lines as the Seanad Electorate (Councils) No. 1 and No. 3 Regulations, as regards procedure.

The envelopes referred to in the Regulations and an envelope containing a specimen of the official mark required to be placed on the ballot papers should be enclosed in a covering envelope and sent by registered post to the Seanad Returning Office whose address for the purposes of the forthcoming election of members to Seanad Eireann is 6, Harcourt Street, Dublin.

An acknowledgment of this circular is desired.

Mise, le meas,  
J. HURSON,  
Runai.

To the County Secretary.

.. .. Town Clerk of the County Boroughs.

The Secretary reported that the following nine members of the Council had been duly nominated:—

Bourne, Jacob James, Ballyraheen, Tinahely  
Byrne, Christopher Michael, Ballykillavane, Glenealy  
Byrne, Edward, 9, Florence Road, Bray  
Doyle, Patrick, Winetavern, Stratford-on-Slaney  
Kinsella, Patrick Denis, 17, Florence Road, Bray  
McCrea, James, Main Street, Carnew  
O Cleirigh, Liam, 25, Upper Main Street, Arklow  
O'Reilly, Peter Paul, Ballyknockan, Blessington  
Timmins, Michael, Baltinglass.

and that in consequence an election based on the Proportional Representation System would now be required at that day's meeting. Accordingly twenty-four members of the County Council being present he handed each Councillor present a ballot paper on which to vote with a view to the election of seven of the nine members on the Electoral Panel above referred to.

When the voting had been completed and the twenty-four ballot papers had been taken up by the County Secretary, acting as Returning Officer for the purposes of this election, the twenty-four ballot papers were placed in an envelope which, after the expiration of the appointed time, was duly sealed and posted immediately to Wilfrid Brown, Esq., Seanad Returning Officer, 6, Harcourt Street, Dublin, who would communicate to the Council the result of the election at as early a date as was practicable.

This, the Secretary informed the Council, completed the business of the Special Meeting.

*Ed Byrne*  
27/6/38

The Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock, p.m., on Monday, 27th June, 1938.

The following Members attended:—

Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman;  
Councillors D. J. Kehoe, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); P. P. O'Reilly, James McCrea, Joseph Jacob, Edward Byrne, James Everett, T.D.; Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); T. J. Birthistle, P. D. Kinsella, J. P. O'Donnell, Michael Mooney, Wallace Hammond, Michael Timmins, J. J. Bourne, George Heatley, Major R. Smith, M. J. Brennan, J. P. Kehoe, Joseph Keenan, Denis Condren, Liam O Cleirigh, and D. H. Haskins.

BUSINESS:

1. Chair to be taken by the outgoing Chairman.
2. To elect a Chairman for the ensuing year.
3. To elect a Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.
4. To select, appoint and continue in office such representatives

as have been elected to any Committee or Public Body nominated wholly or partly by Wicklow County Council.

The Chair was taken by the outgoing Chairman, Senator C. M. Byrne.

Proposed by Councillor Liam O Cleirigh;  
Seconded by " P. D. Kinsella;

Resolved—That we offer our sincere congratulations to our esteemed Colleague, Councillor James Everett, T.D., on his re-election as a Member of Dail Eireann.

Passed unanimously.  
Proposed by Councillor Liam O Cleirigh;

Seconded by D. J. Kehoe;  
Resolved—That Councillor C. M. Byrne, of Ballykillavane, Glenealy, be re-elected Chairman of Wicklow County Council for the ensuing year and until his successor shall have been appointed.

Passed unanimously.  
Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by " M. J. Brennan;  
Resolved—That Councillor Edward Byrne, of 9, Florence Road, Bray, be re-elected Vice-Chairman of Wicklow County Council for the ensuing year and until his successor shall have been appointed.

Passed unanimously.  
Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle;

Seconded by " D. J. Kehoe;  
Resolved—Having regard to the provisions of the Local Elections Act, 1937, we hereby select, appoint and continue in office until their successors shall have been appointed each and every representative who has been elected by this County Council on any Committee or Public Body nominated wholly or partly by this County Council.

PASSED—Councillor Liam O Cleirigh dissenting.

*Ed Byrne*  
27/6/38

The Adjourned Spring Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 1 o'clock, p.m., on Monday, the 27th June, 1938.

The following Members attended:—

Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors Daniel J. Kehoe, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); P. P. O'Reilly, James McCrea, Joseph Jacob, Edward Byrne, James Everett, T.D.; Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); T. J. Birthistle, P. D. Kinsella, J. P. O'Donnell, Michael Mooney, Wallace Hammond, Michael Timmins, J. J. Bourne, George Heatley, Major R. Smith, M. J. Brennan, J. P. Kehoe, Joseph Keenan, Denis Condren, Liam O'Cleirigh and D. H. Haskins.

#### BUSINESS:

- 5 To adopt the Rates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1939, and to allow and make the same as assessed in the Rate Books.
- 6 To sign and Seal the Warrants of the several Poor Rate Collectors.
- 7 To sign and Seal the Demands (Forms 48) on the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow for the year 1938/1939.
- 8 To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 9 To re-consider the claims for Rates stated to be irrecoverable as received from the Poor Rate Collectors for Districts Nos. 3, 5, 6, 9, 12, 16 and 19.
- 10 To re-consider and take suitable action on a large file of correspondence dealing with the manner in which Poor Rates are collected in No. 19 District in which the Collector is Mr. John J. Doyle, the Bakery, Carnar.
- 11 To complete Form No. 111 for submission to the Local Appointments Commission through the Department of Local Government and Public Health in connection with the Appointment of a Rate Inspector for the County.
- 12 To nominate three Members of the Council to confer with three Representatives of the Board of Health and Public Assistance in drafting the duties, conditions and terms of the appointment of a permanent County Surveyor, or County Engineer, to succeed Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., resigned.
- 13 To consider the Acting County Surveyor's Report on Roads and Road Maintenance.
- 14 To consider the Acting County Surveyor's Report on the Correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health concerning the condition of certain Court Houses in the County which it is stated are in urgent need of repairs.
- 15 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture:—  
"Resolved—That we recommend the following amounts to be paid to the Local Veterinary Inspectors for work under the Sheep Dipping Scheme, 1938:—  
S. Conway £80.  
A. F. Walshe £65.  
W. J. Richardson £30."
- 16 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture:—  
"Resolved—That the sum of £50 per annum be paid to Mr. G. P. Byrne for extra work in respect of the 1938 Sheep Dipping Scheme."

17 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture:—

"Resolved—That a similar Sheep Dipping Scheme to that in operation in County Wicklow in 1937, be put in force for the year 1938; and we recommend the County Council to reappoint the 20 Sheep Dipping Inspectors to supervise the operation of the Compulsory Sheep Dipping Scheme for 1938, who acted in a similar capacity during the season 1937, and that the remuneration be fixed at £25 each—to cover all work in connection with the 1938 Scheme."

18 To consider a resolution from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, recommending payment of a subsidy of £1 0 0 to 14 owners of Sheep Dipping Baths in respect of maintenance and repair of same for the year 1937.

19 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture:—

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend to the Wicklow County Council payment of the sum of £15 subsidy in connection with erection of new Swim Bath to Mrs. Mary Loughlin, Ballykillageer, Woodenbridge."

20 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture:—

"Resolved—That for the future we refuse to authorise any new endowed sheep dipping Bath within four (4) miles of any similar existing one."

21 To consider a resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, recommending the County Council to make a payment of 30/- per 500 sheep to the owners of private Sheep Dipping Baths in each of which 500 or more sheep were double-dipped during the 1937 dipping period.

22 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting held on the 31st May, 1938:—

"Resolved—That as private swim baths have to be availed of for the purposes of the Sheep Dipping Order, this Committee is of opinion that owners of private baths should be compensated for the use of their baths by others, as the dipping operations interfere with the owners' work and necessitate constant cleaning up of premises.

The Committee suggest that a fee of £1 10s. per 500 sheep be paid for the use of private baths—and that in cases where 100 to 500 were dipped, the owners of baths to be paid proportionately—this payment to cover two dippings."

23 To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body held on the 31st May, 1938:—

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend Wicklow County Council to pay the following amounts to the Sheep Dipping Inspectors mentioned as remuneration—at the rate of Five Shillings per day—for extra work in connection with outbreaks of Sheep Scab:—

Patrick Murphy, Oakwood, Vallemount	14 days	£3 10s.
James Kavanagh, Cloanshannon, Donard	10 "	£2 10s.
Peter Whelan, Kilmoate, Rathdangan	13 "	£3 5s.
Thomas Kinsella, Muskeagh, Tinahely	3 "	15s.
William A. Carr, Knockraheen, Roundwood	2 "	10s.
Matthew Devitt, Monameen, Greenane	8 "	£2 0s."

24 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee:—

"Resolved—That we, the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee hereby award, subject to the approval of the Wicklow County Council and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, a marriage gratuity of £32 11 2 to Mrs. H. M. Wilson (nee Doyle) for her services as Domestic Economy Instructress under this Committee, during the two years from January 1, 1936, to December 31, 1937, in accordance with Section 44 (4) of the Local Government and Public Health Act, 1925.

A copy of this resolution to be sent to the Wicklow County Council for their favourable consideration."

25 To consider an application from Miss Phyllis Ryan, County Analyst, 12, Dawson Street, Dublin, for increased remuneration in respect of the duties performed by her in connection with the analysis of articles submitted from County Wicklow.

26 To fix the amount of annual contribution to be received from Arklow Urban District Council in the event of that Authority deciding to make use of the Pound in Arklow set up by the County Council.

27 To consider County Analyst's Report.

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

29 To receive the Final Award made under Section 12 of the Barrow Drainage Act, 1927, constituting the Barrow Drainage District.

30 To consider an application from Veterinary Inspector A. F. Walshe, V.S., for the sum of £81 12s. 2d. additional remuneration which he claims to be due to him in connection with duties performed in respect of outbreaks of Sheep Scab in his district.

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 C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by James McCrea;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise and direct our County Secretary to see that as and from this date all offices of Wicklow County Council are closed on all Catholic Holydays, as was this Council's intention on the occasion recently when we passed a resolution giving to workmen employed on Roads and Road Maintenance all Catholic Holydays with full pay.

Passed,

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we now adopt the Rates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1939, and allow and make the same as assessed in the Rate Books and the Poor Rate Collectors' Warrants for the financial year ending on the 31st March, 1939, be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Joseph Keenan;

Resolved—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District Council of Arklow for the sum of £2908 15 2 determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1939, be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Joseph Keenan;

Resolved—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District

Council of Bray for the sum of £13,082 16 6 determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1939, be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by Joseph Keenan;

Resolved—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District Council of Wicklow for the sum of £3,588 11 11 determined to be demanded during the financial year ending 31st March, 1939, be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by Patrick Doyle (Coolboy);

Resolved—That we hereby authorise and direct our Secretary to issue a Licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, to Mrs. K. Brennan, 56, Main Street, Arklow, subject to a satisfactory report being received from the Garda Síochána as to the suitability of the premises.

Passed.

The Secretary again submitted the Irrecoverable Claims sent in by the Poor Rate Collectors for Nos. 3, 5, 6, 9, 12, 16 and 19 Districts, which, acting on the instructions of the Council as contained in a resolution passed on the 23rd May, 1938, had been returned to these Collectors for a period of twenty-one days with a view to having the amounts to be carried forward into the 1938/39 Collection Books collected and lodged.

He submitted the following statement showing the sums collected during the additional period given to the Collectors for the purpose:—

#### SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

Dist. No.	Name of Collector:	Amount of uncollected Rates as on 23/5/1938.	Lodged subsequent to 23/5/38	Temporarily Irrecoverable and carried forward to 1938/39
3	Edward Lynch	390 2 7	10 11 6	279 11 1
5	Patrick Burke	552 15 7	67 16 7	484 19 0
6	Mrs. M Healy	2094 4 6	91 9 4	2002 15 2
9	Mrs. K M Doyle	1973 1 5	806 16 5	1666 5 0
12	Wm. C Byrne	1358 0 6	54 7 3	1303 13 3
16	P J O'Byrne	946 18 4	95 14 7	851 3 9
19	J J Doyle	459 4 10	24 9 5	434 15 5
		£7774 7 9	£651 5 1	£7123 2 8

Signed:— P. T. HEALY,  
County Secretary.

27th June, 1938.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by Joseph Keenan;

Resolved—That we now approve and confirm the claims for Rates temporarily irrecoverable and to be carried forward which have been re-submitted by the Poor Rate Collectors for Districts Nos. 3, 5, 6, 9, 12, 16 and 19 to this meeting and we authorise and empower our Secretary to deal with these as set out in these Forms.

Passed.

The Council proceeded to re-consider a large file of correspondence dealing with the manner in which Poor Rates are collected in No. 19 District in which the Collector is Mr. J. J. Doyle. The Bakery, Carnew, concerning which the Secretary had submitted a report dated the 23rd May, 1938 to the meeting of the Council held on that day, which report is given in full on pages 14 and 15 of the printed minutes of that day's meeting.

After considering the Secretary's Report above referred to, together with a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated the 24th June, 1938, No. G.17971/38 Cill Manntain, and the documents contained in the file submitted, the following order was made:—

ORDER.—Council satisfied Rate Collector doing his best.

#### RATE INSPECTORSHIP.

The Secretary again submitted the letters from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated the 11th April, 1938, No. G. 1143/58 Cill Manntain, and the 23rd April, 1938, No. G.8537/3/38 (which are given in extenso on pages 22 and 23 of the printed minutes of the Council's Quarterly Meeting held on the 23rd May, 1938) and pointed out it was now incumbent on the County Council to complete Form No. 111 for submission to the Local Appointments Commission, through the Department of Local Government and Public Health in connection with the appointment of a Rate Inspector for the County as that position was now vacant consequent upon the Council accepting on the 23rd May, 1938 the resignation of their Secretary Mr. P. T. Healy from the duties appertaining thereto.

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

CUSTOM HOUSE,

DUBLIN,

G. 8537/6/38.  
Cill Manntain.

1st 6, 1938.

A Chara,  
Adverting to your letter of the 24th ultimo, and enclosure, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state he has sanctioned a salary of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds (£250) per annum for the post of Rate Inspector for County Wicklow. This salary will cover travelling and subsistence and any other expenses incidental to carrying out the duties of the post.

A form of Statutory Request for completion and transmission to the Local Appointments Commission in connection with the filling of the

post, is enclosed herewith.

Mise, le meas,

J. COLLINS,

T. c. an Rnaidhe.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

The Council then proceeded to complete Form No. 111 and when query No. 5 thereon was reached, asking the question "Is a competent knowledge of Irish considered essential," it was

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by Liam O'Cleirigh;

Resolved—That a working knowledge of Irish be essential for Rate Inspector.

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

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors Liam O Cleirigh, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); P P O'Reilly, D J Kehoe, Michael Mooney, Michael Timmins, M J Brennan, C M Byrne and Joseph Keenan—9.

AGAINST THE MOTION—Councillors James McCrea, J J Bourne, W Hammond, T J Birthistle, P Doyle (Coolboy); Edward Byrne, George Heatley, Major R Smith and P D Kinsella—9.

The Chairman thereupon gave his casting vote in favour of the Motion which he declared to have been duly passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by Liam O Cleirigh;

Resolved—That the Form No. 111 be duly completed in connection with the forthcoming appointment of a Rate Inspector for the County of Wicklow at an annual remuneration of £250, which is to include all out of pocket expenses that the efficient discharge of the duties of the position may entail, and that this Form be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for his formal approval and that such letter of approval be transmitted by our Secretary with the Form to the Local Appointments Commission who are hereby requested to select and recommend to this County Council a suitable candidate for appointment to the aforementioned position of Rate Inspector; the age limits to be between 21 and 40.

Passed.

#### VACANT COUNTY SURVEYORSHIP.

The Secretary asked the Council in connection with item No. 12 on the Agenda to nominate three members to confer with three representatives of the Board of Health and Public Assistance and the Chief Engineer of the Roads Section of the Department of Local Government and Public Health for the purpose of drafting the duties, conditions and terms of appointment of a permanent County Surveyor or County Engineer to succeed Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., resigned.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by P P O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we postpone to our August Quarterly Meeting the question of setting up a Committee to draft the terms of appointments of a permanent County Surveyor.

Passed.

#### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

#### Report from Acting County Surveyor on Roads and Road Maintenance.

Meeting of County Council on Monday, June 27th, 1938.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,  
COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW.

Gentlemen,  
I took over my duties as Acting County Surveyor on 3rd, June, 1938.

I have made general inspections of the Southern, Western and Eastern Areas in the County and the work in preparation of materials for Winter spreading on County Roads is in part progress, together with various surface tar operations on Main Roads.

I have been unable during the time at my disposal to visit all the roads so as to set out a comprehensive report for your information, but there are some items which have immediately impressed themselves as worthy of your attention.

(1) The County Roads are not up to a standard in conformity with a scenic and agricultural County like this. Many bye-roads are now taking traffic which is more than they can bear and the day of spreading loose patches of stones without consolidation by rolling is past. These County Roads are of material service to the Agricultural Community, especially, and an effort will have to be made in the near future to concentrate in a somewhat more efficient manner in their maintenance. There remains a considerable mileage of Main Roads (Trunk and Link) still to be reconstructed.

(2) In the Western section I have ascertained that the approximate mileage of the roads controlled by the various overseers is as follows:—

	Main Roads Miles	Co. Roads Miles	Total Miles
Keogh (Group K)	19	116	135
Rogers (Group L)	10	38	48
Fay (Group M)	8	64	72
Ryan (Group N)	23	65	88

It is immediately obvious that some adjustment will be necessary to ensure a more equitable and efficient supervision. I ask the Council to approve an immediate adjustment by me in this section.

(3) If the County is to move progressively forward in the reconstruction and maintenance of the Main and County Roads, whether by County Funds or Government Grants, either separately or jointly, it will be absolutely necessary to have sufficient and efficient Plant. At the moment there are three steamrollers only in this County: two of these at least are far beyond efficient and economic service on heavy work and I am afraid will cost considerable amounts for repairs in a short time. I ask the approval of the Council to the purchase of a Diesel Oil Roller. These are much more economical to use and maintain than the older type steamroller; the cost will be about £980, and to defray this, funds can be secured partly from a balance to credit in the "Machinery Account" and partly by a daily charge to one or more road groupings or grant works whereon the machine would be engaged, and also by the sale, at a satisfactory price, of one or other of the two steamrollers referred to.

(4) The limited amount of fine weather usually experienced in this County is so short that the economical preparation of metalling for roads must be concentrated into four or five months. Quarrying of stone in this County is still being carried out by the ancient method of "Hand-boring." The impossibility of carrying on by this method in bad weather and during winter months is obvious; it is uneconomical in the expenditure of the available monies, and is both hazardous and severe on the workers engaged. If the material could be quickly quarried away from the face of the rock and left for breaking afterwards by the workmen, a greatly increased amount of stone would be available for your roads with the same expenditure. I ask the approval of the Council, therefore, to the purchase of a Rock Drill Compressor Machine. Payment for this can be made over a period, by charging the total cost (£380 approx) in small amounts to the various road groupings or grants wherein it will be used from time to time.

(5) The accumulation of papers dealing with Road Statistics, Estimates, Proposals, and other documents has become so great in my office that I have to ask permission to purchase a steel filing cabinet at a cost of about £11 (Eleven Pounds). The office also is deficient in the matter of maps of the County, the existing sheets being both out of date and inadequate. I ask for approval to the purchase of a complete set of 6-inch Ordnance Sheets in two Bound Volumes (tenders for which I have received) at a total cost of £20 (Twenty Pounds). Four office chairs are also needed and the cost will not exceed £10 (Ten Pounds).

(6) I have had under consideration the question of working hours at present in operation in the County. The existing hours are: 48 hours per week, work ceasing at 5.30 p.m. with 1 hour for lunch on each day except Wednesday (half-hour) and work ends for the week at 1 o'clock on Saturday.

My experience is that more efficient work can be got from the men if they are let off earlier each day, and particularly in the cold winter, they themselves are usually more anxious to work than delay the full hour for lunch.

I have suggested that the hours should now be as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday  
Morning 8 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.  
Lunch 12.30 p.m. to 1 p.m.  
Evening 1 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

Saturday  
Morning 8 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. (work ceases).

It has always been the practice in my own section of course to allow a man or two away sufficiently in time before lunch to prepare the meal for the remainder of the gang.

I ask the approval of the Council to this arrangement. Most of my men are at present working to these hours.

(7) Correspondence has been received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, relative to Courthouse Accommodation in County Wicklow. I have dealt with this matter in a separate report to you at this day's meeting.

(8) I have not had sufficient time to go fully into the question of Road Fund Grants allocated to this County. The County Secretary and I have discussed the preliminaries of the matter and a report is in course of preparation, together with definite schemes to support a determined case for much greater allocations of monies from Central Funds to this County.

(9) It is absolutely necessary to provide 5 reinforced concrete lock-up magazines immediately for the storage of explosives in convenient areas—at a cost of £12 each and I ask approval for this.

In conclusion,

I have the honour to be,  
Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,  
Acting County Surveyor.

ORDERS—Paragraph 2—Approved—the Acting County Surveyor to take suitable action.

Paragraph 3—Acting County Surveyor to give effect to his Report herein.

Paragraph 4—Acting County Surveyor empowered to give effect to his Report herein.

Paragraph 5—These items of expenditure are hereby approved; authority granted to purchase these items.

Paragraph 6—To be left in the hands of the County Surveyor to meet the wishes of the men themselves in the individual areas.

Paragraph 7—See separate Report.

Paragraph 8—Every effort to be made to expedite the Report.

Paragraph 9—Expenditure hereby approved.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,  
COURT HOUSE,  
WICKLOW.

23rd June, 1938.

### Report on the Courthouse Accommodation in the County Wicklow and proposed repairs and alterations to same.

Gentlemen,

The Department of Justice having called attention to certain repairs and alterations needed in above connection I beg to report that I have investigated the matter and report as follows:—

Arklow (£75). This Courthouse is in general fair repair, but the delapidated paint work gives the interior of the building an unattractive appearance, and it would be advisable to have it re-decorated at a cost of about £75.

Tinahely (£250). Extensive repairs are needed to this building. The roof is leaking, plaster loose and broken, fire places broken, paint work dirty and outside needs plastering. The general appearance is that of decay and a sum of £250 would be needed to repair it. The tin structure immediately in front of the building which is a local Clubhouse should be removed.

Bray (£3). This Courthouse is in comparatively good order. The cost of whitewashing yard and minor sanitary repairs would be £3.

Newtownmountkenedy (£57). The cost of providing suitable sanitary accommodation, including flush lavatory and all necessary fittings to main drainage would be £45. Heating can be provided by obtaining two Electric heaters total cost £12. The existing stove would cost £2 to repair but the Electric heaters would be more satisfactory.

Rathdrum (£50). Sanitary accommodation here is indeed primitive. Cost of installation of a suitable apartment, flush lavatory and wash basin £50.

Blessington (£48). The installation of Electric current is essential. I estimate cost to be, including 6 points, 3 plugs, 2 heaters, £30. In addition to provide a suitable table for the Clerk and say 8 chairs to cost £18. Total proposed expenditure £48.

Dunlavin (£54). As the Electric current is not yet extended to this town only oil or petrol lamps can be provided. Three at least are needed. Cost £9. The roof is in very bad repair and to remedy would cost £15. The lay-out of the bench is unsuitable and necessary alterations would cost £17. The extension to chimney would cost about £10. I recommend that an oil stove should also be provided for the body of the Court, to cost £3.

The total proposed cost of the above repairs, to all Courthouses in the County, amounts to £537.

Faithfully yours,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

Acting County Surveyor.

Having again had under consideration the entire file of correspondence which had passed regarding the proposed repairs and alterations asked for in the several Courthouses mentioned in the Report, it was

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by James McCrea;

Resolved—The Council having observed from the Acting County Surveyor's report that the repairs on the Courthouses in the County will cost the sum of £537 approximately we hereby decide to inform the Minister for Local Government and Public Health that the Council will be very pleased to carry out all the repairs enumerated on condition that the Government Grants withheld from the Council be restored to us.

Passed.

Courthouse,

WICKLOW,

27th June, 1938.

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

A Chara,

I write to ask you if you will be good enough to obtain permission from the Council at this day's meeting to my taking portion of my leave earlier this year than usual. My usual time is about September-October, but I find that the duties of my new position will not permit this to the full extent, and I now propose to take from the 12th July to 25th July next, both days included.

Mr. Caffrey and Mr. Foley will be in charge as usual in their respective areas; Mr. Caffrey will also look over my own original area. I, myself, will of course be available to sign all paysheets as usual.

Mise, le, meas.

J. T. O'BYRNE,

Acting County Surveyor.

ORDER—Granted,

Courthouse,

WICKLOW.

Dear Sir,  
I ask for permission to take the balance of my holidays on 1st week in August and occasional days in the third week. I always arranged

this with the County Surveyor. I am sure Mr. O'Byrne will be satisfied to make these arrangements.

Yours faithfully,  
P. J. FOLEY.

ORDER—Sanctioned.

Courthouse,  
Wicklow,

June 27th, 1938.

To: P. T. Healy, Esq.  
Dear Sir,

I wish to apply to the Council for a fortnight of my annual holidays from July 5th to the 12th and from the 25th to August 1st.

Mr. O'Byrne will attend to any urgent matters in my area during that period.

Yours faithfully,  
J. P. CAFFREY.

ORDER—Granted.

Proposed by Councillor J P O'Donnell;

Seconded by James Everett, T.D.;

Resolved—We, the Members of the Wicklow County Council, request the Great Southern Railways Company to reduce drastically the prevailing bus fares in this County on the following bus routes as it is the considered opinion of this Council persons using it are quite unable to take advantage of these buses at the present prohibitive prices for tickets:—

Ashford to Wicklow  
Rathnew to Wicklow  
Wicklow to Arklow services.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne,

Seconded by Wallace Hammond.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held on the 26th April 1938:—

“Resolved—That we recommend the following amounts to be paid to the Local Veterinary Inspectors for work under the Sheep Dipping Scheme, 1938:—

S Conway, V.S.....£30.

W J Richardson, V.S.....£30.

A F Walsh, V.S.....£65.

Passed—Councillors G. Heatley and M J Brennan objecting.

Proposed by Councillors James McCrea,

Seconded by Patrick Doyle (Coolboy),

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body held on the 26th April, 1938:—

“Resolved—That the sum of £50 per annum be paid to Mr. G P Byrne for extra work in respect of the 1938 Sheep Dipping Scheme.”

Passed—Councillor Heatley objecting.

The following letter was submitted:—

AN ROINN TALMHADHEACHTA,

BAILE ATHA CLIATH.

L.2226/38.

2nd June, 1938.

Sheep Dipping, 1938.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 20th ultimo and its enclosures on the above subject, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to request that, when considering the question of the remuneration of the Sheep Dipping Inspectors for the forthcoming dipping period, the Council will have regard to the fact that the new Sheep Dipping Order has had the effect of reducing appreciably the duration of the former dipping season and of imposing only two compulsory dippings as compared with three in previous years.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W M BOWERS.

for Secretary.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

Having considered a letter from the Department of Agriculture dated the 16th May, 1931, Ref. No. L.2026/38, and the letters from the County Committee of Agriculture dated 18th May and 8th June, 1938, respectively, the following communication was read:—

AN ROINN TALMHADHEACHTA,

BAILE ATHA CLIATH,

L.2496-38.

24th June, 1938.

SHEEP DIPPING.

Sir,

I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to refer to your letter of the 9th instant and previous correspondence on the subject of sheep dipping arrangements for the current year and to state that the Minister will be prepared to approve of the adoption of sheep dipping regulations in County Wicklow for 1938 as set forth in the draft enclosed with your letter above mentioned and which is returned herewith. It is presumed that the recommendations of the County Committee of Agriculture in regard to the operation of a Sheep Dipping Scheme on similar lines to that which was in force last year, will also, together with the Sheep Dipping

Regulations, be considered by the County Council at their meeting on the 27th instant.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. M. BOWERS.

for Secretary.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

Courthouse,

WICKLOW.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;

Seconded by Patrick Doyle (Coolboy);

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body held on the 26th April, 1938:—

“Resolved—That a similar Sheep Dipping Scheme to that in operation in County Wicklow in 1937 be put in force in the year 1938; and we recommend the County Council to re-appoint the Twenty Sheep Dipping Inspectors to supervise the operation of the compulsory Sheep Dipping Scheme for 1938 who acted in a similar capacity during the season 1937, and that the remuneration be fixed at £25 each—to cover all work in connection with the 1938 Scheme.”

and, further, we hereby approve of the draft Sheep Dipping Regulations which accompanied the letter from the Department of Agriculture dated 16th May, 1938, No. L.2026-38.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER OF 1937.

COUNTY WICKLOW SHEEP DIPPING REGULATIONS 1938.

W. the Wicklow County Council, at our Meeting held on the 27th June, 1938, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in us under the Agriculture Act, 1931, and the Diseases of Animals (Ireland) Acts, 1894 to 1935, the Orders made thereunder, and of every other power enabling us in this behalf, hereby order as follows:—

1 All sheep in the Administrative Area of County Wicklow required to be dipped under the Sheep Dipping Order of 1937, shall be caused to be dipped by the owner or person in charge thereof at such times and in such Dipping Stations as may be specified in a Notice signed by an Inspector of the Wicklow County Council, and served by post or otherwise on the owner or person in charge of the sheep referred to in the Notice. It shall not be a compliance with these Regulations to dip sheep at any other times or places save those as prescribed in the Notice above referred to.

2 All sheep in the Administrative Area of County Wicklow shall be dipped, under the supervision of a Dipping Inspector appointed by us under the Sheep Dipping Order of 1937, twice yearly (with an interval of not less than seven or more than fourteen days) in the period between the 1st day of August and the thirty-first day of October, provided that in any case in which inclement weather renders dipping impossible on the date appointed, the dipping shall be carried out on the next day that the weather is suitable therefor without any further Notice being given by the Inspector.

3 (a) Where the County Council are satisfied that an owner or person in charge of sheep in the Area to which these regulations apply has in his possession or under his charge a proper swim tank, the County Committee of Agriculture (acting for the County Council) may, subject to such conditions as they may think fit, allow the sheep of such owner to be dipped in such swim tank on such dates within the prescribed dipping period as may be appointed for this purpose by an Inspector of the County Council, and such dipping shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements of these Regulations, provided (1) the dip used is a dip approved by the Minister for Agriculture, and (2) the dipping has been supervised by and carried out to the satisfaction of the aforesaid Inspector.

(b) Any exemption given under this Article may at any time be withdrawn by the County Council.

(c) Application for such exemption should be addressed to the Secretary of the County Committee of Agriculture, Court House, Wicklow, and must be made on or before the first day of August, 1938.

4 Dip approved by the Minister for Agriculture shall be used in all cases.

5 Wherever required by an Inspector of the County Council an owner or person in charge of sheep in the area to which these Regulations apply shall accompany the Inspector to the mountain or place where such sheep graze, at such time as required by the Inspector, and shall collect all the sheep off such mountain or place.

6 An owner or person in charge of sheep in the Area to which these Regulations apply shall comply with all reasonable requirements of an Inspector of the County Council as to the collection and penning and dipping of all sheep in his possession or under his charge or on lands in his occupation, and shall afford all reasonable assistance and facilities that may be required for the dipping of all such sheep.

7 No sheep in the Area to which these Regulations apply shall be moved into or exposed for sale in any fair, market or saleyard in the Area between the 1st day of September and the 31st day of October, unless they have been twice dipped in accordance with these Regulations after the 31st day of July previous, and are accompanied by a certificate of Dipping signed by an Inspector acting for the Wicklow County Council, which certificate shall be produced by the person in charge of the sheep on demand to any member of the Garda Síochána or an Inspector of the Minister for Agriculture or of the Wicklow County Council, who may record or such Certificate of Dipping particulars of the sale of any such sheep at such fair or market or saleyard.

8 Any owner or person in charge of sheep in the Administrative Area of County Wicklow who fails to comply with any of these Regulations

shall be deemed guilty of an offence against the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894.

These regulations shall apply to the entire area of the County of Wicklow and shall come into force on the 1st day of August, 1938.

In Witness whereof the County Council of the County of Wicklow have hereunto set their official Seal this 27th day of June, 1938

Signed: EDWARD BYRNE, Presiding Chairman.

P. T. HEALY,

Clerk to the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

County Council Offices,

Courthouse,

WICKLOW.

Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond;

Seconded by James McCrea;

Resolved—That in accordance with the recommendations received from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture received in the resolution passed at the meeting of that Body held on the 22nd February, 1938, we hereby approve of the payment of the sum of £1 0 0 to each of the following persons in respect of the maintenance and repair of the Subsidy Swim Baths for the year 1937, subject to the sanction of the Department of Agriculture:—

John Doyle, Ballymoney, Donard	£1 0 0
John Byrne, Moneytown, Roundwood	1 0 0
Joseph Fisher, Ballinahinch, Newtown	1 0 0
Patrick Bracken, Johnstown, Arklow	1 0 0
James Harmon, Ballingule, Rathdangan	1 0 0
John Jones, Newtownsaunders, Balinglass	1 0 0
Laurence Cullen, Ballyknockan, Blessington	1 0 0
James Leigh, The Creamery, Ballynure	1 0 0
William Toomey, Annacreevy, Enniskerry	1 0 0
St. Kevin's School, Lough Bray, Enniskerry	1 0 0
Thomas O'Toole, The Sallies, Rathdangan	1 0 0
D J Cogan, Laragh	1 0 0
Joseph Keenan, Roundwood	1 0 0
John Byrne (senr.), Three Wells, Aughrim	1 0 0

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond;

Seconded by J J Bourne;

Resolved—That in accordance with the recommendation of the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture in a resolution passed by that Body on the 29th March, 1938, we hereby approve of the payment of the sum of £15 0 0 subsidy in connection with the erection of a new Swim Bath to Mrs. Mary Loughlin, Ballykillageer, Woodenbridge.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond;

Seconded by J J Bourne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body held on the 29th March, 1938:—

“Resolved—That for the future we refuse to authorise any new endowed sheep dipping Bath within four (4) miles of any similar existing one.”

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by Wallace Hammond;

Resolved—That in accordance with the recommendation contained in a resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body held on the 22nd February, 1938, we hereby approve of the payment to the following persons of the sums set out in respect of the use of their private Swim Baths in each of which 500 or more sheep were double-dipped during the 1937 dipping period, the sum of 30/- being allowed per 500 sheep dipped, subject to the sanction of the Department of Agriculture:—

Name and address of owner.	No. of sheep double-dipped	Amount to pay @ 30/- per 500
John Byrne, Bolinaskea, Rathdrum	1201	£3 12 0
Bernard Farrar, Cunniamstown	504	1 10 0
John Farrington, Hollywood	2187	6 11 0
Patrick Murphy, Oakwood, Vallemount	2237	6 14 0
Patrick Nolan, Knockadruce	721	2 3 0
Thomas Hubbard	706	2 2 0
John Burke, Corrough, Hollywood	562	1 13 0
Richard Hawkins, Colvistown, Kiltegan	849	2 11 0
Christopher Moody, Eadstown, Stratford	938	2 17 0
Mrs. K. Lennon, Kilcoagh, Donard	838	2 11 0
Richard Lynch, Ballineddin, Knockenarrigan	1783	5 6 0
J Collins, Coolamadra	504	1 10 0
James Heddon, Newpark, Donard (for Reps. P. O'Reilly)	1044	3 3 0
Patrick Doyle, Slieveragh, Rathdangan	563	1 13 0
George Driver, Mungoduff	820	2 10 0
E Byrne, Muskeagh, Tinahely	865	2 12 0
S Kidd, Ballinglen	791	2 8 0
G Kerr, St. Mullans, Tinahely	1886	5 13 0
J Kavanagh, Rosbawn, Tinahely	581	1 15 0
Mrs. Earl, Rosnastraw, Tinahely	595	1 16 0
J Byrne, Moyne, Ballinglen	2219	6 12 0
Robert Laurie, Ballinagee, Vallemount	957	2 17 0
Mrs M Farrington, Glenbride	716	2 2 0
James Kane, Kilmalum, Blessington	679	2 0 0
S Jackson, Cowpasture, Dunlavin	700	2 5 0
Thomas McCall, Carrigeenduff, Roundwood	613	1 19 0

Name and address of owner.	No. of sheep double-dipped	Amount to pay @ 30/- per 500
Anthony Leeson, Glasnamullen, Kilpedder	566	1 14 0
Brian Somers	513	1 10 0
J C D Thunder, Lagoreen, Ashford	567	1 14 0
John Toner, Kilcool	1214	3 13 0
D Frame, Bellevue, Delgany	800	2 18 0
R T Evans, The Farm, Greystones	634	1 18 0
John O'Toole, Aughavannagh, Aughrim	1121	3 7 0
John Lambe, Aughavannagh, Aughrim	1200	3 12 0
John O'Toole, Parbrague, Aughrim	841	2 11 0
Michael Carthy, Ballycurragh, Aughrim	913	2 14 0
Joseph Langrell, Cappagh, Aughrim	589	1 16 0
Patrick Kavanagh, Knockshamrock, Moyne	501	1 10 0
William Boothman, Miley Hall, Blessington	666	2 0 0
	36269	£108 12 0

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond;

Seconded by J J Bourne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve and adopt the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body held on the 31st May, 1938:—

“Resolved—That as Private Swim Baths have to be availed of for the purpose of the Sheep Dipping Order, this Committee is of opinion that the owners of private baths should be compensated for the use of their baths by others, as the dipping operations interfere with the owners' work and necessitate constant cleaning up of the premises.

The Committee suggests that a fee of £1 10 per 500 sheep be paid for the use of private baths—and in cases where 100 to 500 were dipped, the owners of baths to be paid proportionately—this payment to cover two dippings.”

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;

Seconded by James Everett, T.D.;

Resolved—That we hereby approve and adopt the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body held on the 31st May, 1938:—

“Resolved:—That we hereby recommend Wicklow County Council to pay the following amounts to the Sheep Dipping Inspectors mentioned, as remuneration—at the rate of Five Shillings per day—for extra work in connection with outbreaks of Sheep Scab:—

Patk. Murphy, Oakwood, Vallemount	14 days	£3 10 0
James Kavanagh, Cloanshannon, Donard	10	2 10 0
Peter Whelan, Killamoate, Rathdangan	13	3 15 0
Thomas Kinsella, Muskeagh, Tinahely	3	15 0
Wm. A Carr, Knockraheen, Roundwood	2	10 0
Matt. Devitt, Monameen, Greenane	8	2 0 0

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor M J Brennan and accepted by the Chairman:—

“I hereby give notice that I shall move at the next meeting of this Council that the Scheme governing the appointment of Warble Fly Inspectors and also Sheep Dipping Inspectors be again gone into by this Council and that a new scheme be adopted with a view to this work being more effectively carried out during the year 1938-39.”

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy);

Seconded by P P O'Reilly.

Resolved:—That we hereby approve of the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee at the meeting of that Body held on 29th March, 1938:—

“Resolved: That we, the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee hereby award, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, a marriage gratuity of £32 11 2d. to Mrs H M Wilson (nee Doyle) for her services as Domestic Economy Instructress under this Committee during the two years from January 1st 1936 to December 31st, 1937 in accordance with Section 44 (4) of the Local Government Act, 1925.”

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following letter:—

12, Dawson Street,  
Dublin,  
April 11th, 1938.

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

A Chara,  
I would be glad if you would bring before your Council my application for the payment of waters at a separate special rate of one guinea per sample, extra to the £100 per annum for all other samples. For the last year the samples analysed for Wicklow County Council worked out at 3/9 per sample. This is quite unfair payment but more especially in the case of waters of which the analysis is very complicated and tedious. Nearly every other County pays for the analysis of water at the rate of one guinea per sample and I am now applying to those who do not for that payment, therefore from this on I will not be able to include the analysis of water with the other samples unless they are paid for at one guinea per sample.

Mise, le meas,  
PHYLLIS RYAN,

ORDER—Not granted.

The following copy of a letter from the Clerk, Arklow Urban District Council, addressed to the Council's Law Agent, was submitted:—

ARKLOW URBAN COUNCIL'S OFFICE,  
Court House, Arklow,  
3rd May, 1938.

J. H. McCarrroll & Co.,  
Solicitors—  
4, Church Street,  
WICKLOW.

Wicklow County Council re Arklow Pound.

Dear Sirs,

With reference to your communications re above, I am directed by my Council to state that they disclaim any liability in connection with maintenance of Pound, as they have no use for same, and I am to enquire, if, in the event of their deciding to avail of it, the annual charge for same.

Your faithfully,

P. J. Gregory Bannon.

ORDER—The Urban Council to be requested to pay half the annual cost of the Pound referred to.

### QUARTERLY REPORT

#### 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 31/3/1938.

Articles submitted for Analysis.	Date Received.	No.	From	Result of Analysis.
New Milk	13-1-38	1	Co. Home, Rathdrum	Genuine
New Milk	21-1-38	1	Carnew, Guard Doyle	"
Milk	29-1-38	2	Newtown-Mt-Kdy., Gd. Nevin	"
Tapioca	"	1	"	"
Milk	31-1-38	1	Baltinglass District Hospital	"
Milk	"	1	Wicklow Co. Hospital	"
Milk	"	1	Wicklow Fever Hospital	"
New Milk	8-2-38	2	Dunlavin, Guard Laverty	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Jam	"	1	"	"
Flour	"	1	"	"
New Milk	10-2-38	1	Carnew, Guard Doyle	"
Port Wine	"	1	"	"
Sugar	"	1	"	"
New Milk	23-2-38	6	Bray, Guard Staunton	"
New Milk	25-2-38	1	Fever Hospital	"
New Milk	"	1	Co. Hospital	"
New Milk	1-3-38	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	"
New Milk	3-3-38	2	Co. Home, Rathdrum	"
Whole Milk	7-3-38	2	Rathdrum, Guard Sweeney	1 gen. 1 not gen
Margarine	"	1	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	12-3-38	3	Aughim, Sergeant Lee	2 gen. 1 not gen
Butter	"	2	Blessington, Guard Brennan	Genuine
Jam	"	1	"	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
New Milk	14-3-38	6	Arklow, Guard O'Reilly	5 gen. 1 not gen
Butter	21-3-38	1	Roundwood, Sgt. Mahony	Genuine
Rice	"	1	"	"
Breadstoda	"	1	"	"
Milk	22-3-38	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	"
Whole Milk	23-3-38	1	Carnew, Guard Doyle	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Cheese	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	31-3-38	4	Wicklow, Guard Bergin	3 gen. 1 not gen
Drugs	5-1-38	3	Baltinglass District Hospital	Genuine
"	22-1-38	3	County Hospital	"
"	7-2-38	3	Powercourt Dispensary	"
"	11-2-38	3	Avoca	"
"	21-2-38	3	Arklow	"
"	22-2-38	3	Baltinglass	"
Water (Mr. Foley Baltyboys)	21-1-38	1	Co. Board of Health	Condemned
Water (Conary)	28-2-38	1	Co. Board of Health	Condemned
Water (Shillelagh Kenny's Well)	12-3-38	1	Co. Board of Health	Condemned
Water (Shillelagh Main Supply)	12-3-38	1	Co. Board of Health	Condemned
Water (Conary)	15-3-38	1	Co. Board of Health	Condemned
Water (Roundwood)	18-3-38	1	Co. Board of Health (Mr. Foley)	Passed
Water (Conary)	25-3-38	1	Co. Board of Health (Mr. O'Byrne)	Condemned

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 54; Drugs, 12; Waters, 7. Total 79. Number Adulterated—4 New Milks, 6 Waters Condemned.

Date 11/4/1938.

Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

The Minutes of proceedings of monthly meetings of the County Library Committee were submitted.

The Secretary submitted the following communication from the Office of Public Works:—

OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
DUBLIN,  
17th June, 1938.

O: Coimisinéiri na nOibreacha Poiblidhe.

Do: An Runaidhe,  
Comhairle Chonndao Chille Manntain,  
Cill Manntain.

Barrow Drainage Acts, 1927 and 1933.

The Final Award made under Section 12 of the Barrow Drainage Act, 1927, constituting the Barrow Drainage District was sealed on the 30th March, 1938, and has been duly enrolled in the High Court of Justice.

The approved Scheme did not include any work in the County Wicklow and the Award does not show any increase in the annual value of any land in the County consequently your Council will not be called upon to make any payment in respect of the cost of maintaining the drainage works or in the repayment of the capital expenditure.

A print of the Final Award is enclosed for the information of your Council.

J. C. HEHIR,  
a/s Runaidhe,

The following application was considered:—

35, Dublin Street,  
CARLOW,  
May 20th, 1938.

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

Dear Sir,

I have sent a list of the Sheep Dipping Inspectors employed with the consent of the Department of Agriculture to Mr. G. P. Byrne. I expect they have responded to his request for their accounts in connection with the recent outbreaks of Sheep Scab.

I have had 25 days extra work under this outbreak, my mileage amounts to 1381 for which I expect to be allowed at the rate of 6d. per mile and £2 2s. per day for work done, thus the total amounts to £81 12 2d.

There are three other cases of Sheep Scab not included in the above Molyneux, The Decoy, Dunlavin two outbreaks, one at his farm The Decoy and one on his farm at Plezica, one outbreak at the Hall Farm, Coolkenno, and one at Doyle's, Rossbawn, Tinahely, you will notice I do not claim any extra fees for these cases.

I trust you will place this before your Council and let me have a cheque at an early date.

Yours obediently,

AIDAN F. WALSHE.

ORDER:—Application refused.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

### ABSTRACT OF CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH.

16th February, 1938, No. S.18/38, Igh. (P.c.), enclosing a copy of model clauses prepared for the information of Local Authorities in connection with Town and Regional Planning Schemes.

23rd March, 1938, No. RU/204/20, intimating that under the Employment Schemes (Roads Rural) where Saturday is included as a working day (up to one o'clock) the wages of unskilled labourers and skilled workmen should be adjusted to approximately one-half the rate applicable to week days.

25th March, 1938, No. G.3254/3/38, Cill Mhanntain, forwarding copy of a communication which the Minister has addressed to Collectors John A. Doyle, Denis J. Kinsella, and J. J. Doyle, regarding the backward condition of their collections.

1st April, 1938, No. G.4438/2/38, Cill Manntain, sanctioning overdraft accommodation not exceeding £40,000 on the accounts of the Council for the period ending 11th April, 1938.

8th April, 1938, No. R/RD/33, intimating that the roads mentioned in the Council's communication of the 5th instant have been noted for consideration when the question of revision of Main Road Schedules generally comes up.

14th April, 1938, No. G.7499/7/33, Cill Mhanntain, sanctioning overdraft accommodation not exceeding £40,000 on the accounts of the Council for the period ending 31st May, 1938.

14th April, 1938, No. F.36/38, transmitting copy of the Presidential Elections Act, 1937, and an Order made by the Minister appointing days in respect of the Presidential Election.

22nd April, 1938, No. RU/205/33, approving of the scheme of road works proposed by the Council under the Employment Schemes Vote 1938/39 (Roads Rural) to be carried out with the aid of a grant of £525 and a local contribution of £175 and stating the works should be put in hands immediately and completed by the 1st June, 1938.

8th April, 1938, No. R/IR/20, (addressed to the County Surveyor) stating there is no objection to the purchase of three small tar boilers from the Official Contractor.

2nd May, 1938, No. G.3442/1/38, Cill Mhanntain, acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter enclosing copy of letter which had been addressed to Collector John J. Doyle, his four Sureties, and to Rate Checker Mr. M. O'Neill.

3rd May, 1938, No. G.12367/38, Cill Mhanntain, acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution on the subject of Government Grants withheld in consequence of unpaid Land Purchase Annuities in the County Wicklow.

4th May, 1938, No. G.8537/5/38, Cill Mhanntain, sanctioning payment of the sum of £11 3s 6d, to the representatives of Mr. H J Lynch in respect of extra duties performed by him in connection with the checking of rates in Balinglass No. 1 District.

9th May, 1938, No. C.P.7/38 (Combined Purchasing Section, 73 Merrion Square, S, Dublin), stating in recent cases local authorities have sent samples for test with official standard samples to the Department and in some cases it has been found that insufficient information regarding the samples has been forwarded and that such omissions entails correspondence which could be avoided, and enclosing samples of detailed forms which should accompany samples.

13th May, 1938, No. G.12556/2/38, Cill Mhanntain, sanctioning payment of the sum of £40 to Mr. L Wolohan, Chief Clerk and Accountant, for work under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, 1936, during the current year.

16th May, 1938, No. G.13331/38, Cill Mhanntain, noting the decision of the County Council with reference to the proposal to purchase Bellevue House, Wicklow, as a County Library Headquarters, and returning plans submitted in that connection.

#### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

18th February, 1938, No. L.44/38, enclosing copy of a letter which had been received from Mr. Edward Maguire, Poor, Hollywood, and stating the Veterinary Inspector for the district should be instructed to investigate the complaint and a copy of his report to be furnished to the Department.

24th February, 1938, No. L.75/38, approving of the appointment of Mr. John King, junior, as temporary Inspector under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, 1936, for Bray-Enniskerry Garda Sub-districts, and also of the re-appointment of the nineteen Inspectors who acted in a similar capacity last year.

16th May, 1938, No. L.840-38, reporting that samples of butter taken by an Inspector of the Department in Dunlavin and Balinglass had on analysis been found to be genuine.

#### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

2nd March, 1938, No. 10/38, intimating that students desirous of competing for University Scholarships provided by a County Council and who do not satisfy the conditions of the Regulations as to pursuing an approved course of study in a Secondary School may be admitted to the Examination at the request of the Council.

#### FROM THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION

28th April, 1938, A.R. 25380/38, acknowledging receipt of the Council's communication relative to the condition of the boundary fences at the Cow Park, Ballymarrogue.

#### FROM THE COUNCIL'S TREASURER (The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow Branch)

23rd April, 1938, conveying the sanction of the Board of Directors to overdraft of £40,000 to the 31st May, 1938.

#### FROM THE LAW AGENT

16th April, 1938, stating he was in communication with Collector Mrs M Healy relative to the rates payable on the lands to be submerged under the Liffey Reservoir Act, 1936.

28th April, 1938, reporting that the application to commit three children named Peterson to Industrial School was dismissed by the District Justice at Balinglass District Court held on the 27th instant.

3rd May, 1938, reporting the conviction, at Arklow District Court on the 2nd instant, of James Kavanagh, Curranstown, Arklow, for an offence under the Food and Drugs Acts.

7th May, 1938, reporting the conviction, at Rathdrum District Court on the 5th instant, of Patrick Fanning, Anghrim, for an offence under the Food and Drugs Acts.

11th May, 1938, intimating that at the hearing of the application of Colonel W. H. O. Kemmis for compensation for malicious injury at the Circuit Court on the 9th instant the Circuit Court Judge awarded a sum of £21 compensation with costs and expenses and directed that the Area of Charge should be the Electoral Division of Ballinacor.

#### FROM THE IRISH COUNTY COUNCIL'S GENERAL COUNCIL

16th May, 1938, submitting a recommendation of the General Council advocating that Rate Collectors be paid quarterly on a salary basis plus commission.

16th May, 1938, asking the Council's views as to the desirability or otherwise of having the laws relating to Malicious Injuries repealed.

16th May, 1938, asking the Council's views on a suggestion of Meath County Council relating to the method of allocation of Agricultural Grant.

Copy of the "Wolfe Tone Weekly," dated the 26th February, 1938, with marked article therein dealing with reforestation.

23rd February, 1938, from Rev. P. F. McCumiskey, Adm., Newry, enclosing copy of a resolution passed at an Anti-Partitionist Convention held at Newry on the 28th February, 1938.

9th March, 1938, from the National Council, United National Leaseholders' Organization, forwarding copy of a resolution passed by that Body requesting Local Authorities to pass a resolution supporting the principles outlined in the new Leaseholders' Bill, copy of which they enclosed.

14th March, 1938, from same forwarding copy a resolution passed at the Limerick Convention of the Organization requesting Local Authorities to call upon Dail Eireann to pass the Leaseholders' Bill into law.

21st March, 1938, from Mr. D. Gavin, Knockrath P. O., Rathdrum, stating that the bridge on the road at Ballyshemane is not taking the flow of water properly, and requesting that the matter be attended to.

March, 1938, from the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1., inviting the Council to appoint delegates to attend the 24th Annual Conference to be held in London on June 30th, July 1st and 2nd, 1938.

To:—

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

WICKLOW.

The family of the late John W. Cunningham return sincere thanks for your kind sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

Brewer's Hill,

Dunlavin,

Co. Wicklow.

March, 1938.

6th April, 1938, from Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health, County Home, Rathdrum, forwarding copy of his Report in respect of the year 1937.

South Quay,

ARKLOW.

11th April, 1938.

To/P. T. Healy, Esq.,

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

Courthouse,

WICKLOW.

Dear Mr. Healy,

Please convey to the members of your Council my sincere appreciation of their kind resolution of sympathy on the death of my father.

Kindly accept my best thanks for the association of yourself and Staff with the resolution.

Yours sincerely,

R T KEARON.

15th April, 1938, from Miss B Redmond, Secretary, County Library Committee, The Mall, Wicklow, forwarding for transmission to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health certain documents which he had asked for in connection with the proposal to purchase Bellevue House, The Mall, for use as a County Library headquarters

4, Terenure Road, N.,

DUBLIN.

26th April, 1938.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of myself and my family will you please convey to the Members of the County Council our sincere thanks for their kind resolution of sympathy.

We also wish to thank you and the members of the Secretarial Staff for associating yourselves with the resolution.

Yours faithfully,

ANNIE G LYNCH.

29th April, 1938, from the County Surveyor, enclosing a file of correspondence from the Council's Solicitor and the Kinahan Estate relative to the cutting of a tree adjacent to the Seapark Hotel, Greystones. "Ardcain."

Wicklow.

12th May, 1938.

A Chara,

I am asked by Mrs O'Byrne to acknowledge your letter of the 13th ulto., enclosing a copy of a resolution passed by the Wicklow County Council at the Special Meeting held on the 11th ulto., expressing sympathy with her on the death of her father, Mr Furlong of Templecooby, Enniscorthy, and to inform you that the resolution has been received by her with the deepest appreciation. She asks that you will be good enough to convey to the members of the Council her sincere thanks.

Is mise, le meas,

J T O'BYRNE.

P T Healy Esq.,

Secretary,

County Council,

Court House,

Wicklow.

12th May, 1938, from the "Daily Mail" (Holiday Resorts Advertisements Department), Northcliffe House, London, E.C.4., quoting terms for advertisements in the "Daily Mail's" Holiday Supplement on May 21st.

14th May, 1938, from Veterinary Inspectors S Conway, V.S., and W J Richardson, V.S., suggesting that they should be employed to supervise the work of the Warble Fly Inspectors in the County.

*C.M. O'Brien*  
20/5/38

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 22nd August, 1938.

The following Members were present:—  
 Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman;  
 Councillors M. J. Brennan, J. P. Kehoe, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); P. P. O'Reilly, James McCrea, John Dunne, Edward Byrne, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); Thomas J. Burthistle, P. D. Kinsella, David H. Haskins, Michael Mooney, Wallace Hammond, Michael Timmins, J. J. Bourne, Major E. Smith, Daniel J. Kehoe, James Everett, J.D., and Miss Margaret Kelly.

**BUSINESS:**

- 1 To consider Finance Committee's Report.
- 2 To consider a Special Report from the Finance Committee dealing with the re-organization in the Council's Clerical Staff concerning which the Secretary reported recently to the Council.
- 3 To sign Quarterly transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance.
- 4 To consider proposals for payments from the Proposals Committee.
- 5 To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's payments.
- 6 To consider proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee.
- 7 To Seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 8 To sign applications for refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 9 To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 10 To consider applications for Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
- 11 To consider applications for Licences under the Explosives Acts, 1875.
- 12 To consider Acting County Surveyor's Report.
- 13 To consider a communication dated 20th July, 1938, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health notifying a free grant of £10,500 to be expended as follows: £6,150 on the Road from Kilmacanogue to Killough; £1,950 to be expended on the Road from Togher towards Carnew; £2,400 to be expended on the Road from Cronyhorn to Ballingate Lower.
- 14 To consider a communication dated 14th July, 1938, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, requesting the Council to arrange for the submission of a scheme of Road and Footpath works providing for a gross expenditure of £5,150 of which the Department would provide £3,775 and the balance £1,375 is to be provided by a contribution from Rates.
- 15 To consider a communication from the Very Rev. Michael Behan, P.P., Parochial House, Arklow, in which he asks the Council to adjust the footpath at the corner of St. Mary's Terrace, Arklow.
- 16 To consider a communication dated 12th July, 1938, from the Coolboy Labour Club asking the Council to provide alternative work for the men in that area in unsettled weather.
- 17 To nominate three Members of the Council to confer with the three representatives from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance and the Chief Engineering Inspector in the Roads Section of the Department of Local Government and Public Health for the purpose of deciding the duties,

conditions and terms of appointment of a permanent County Engineer or County Surveyor to succeed Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., resigned.

18 To consider an application from Mr. F. McPartlan, 4, Seapoint Villas, Bray, to be allowed to transfer his son—a Secondary School Scholarship Holder—from the Christian Brothers' Schools, Dun Laoghaire, to St. Finian's College, Mullingar.

19 To consider Reports on the Council's Secondary School Scholarship Holders for the scholastic year 1937/38, and to pass a Resolution renewing these Scholarships for the year 1938/39.

20 To consider Reports on the Council's University Scholarship Holders for the scholastic year 1937/38, and to pass a Resolution renewing these Scholarships for the year 1938/39.

21 To receive from Poor Rate Collector John J. Doyle, The Bakery, Carnew (No. 19 District) the names of two Sureties as substitutes in a new Bond to replace the two Sureties which the Council, by Resolution, allowed to withdraw from the existing Bond.

22 To consider an application dated 2nd July, 1938, from the Warble Fly Inspectors for a bonus in respect of the duties performed by them during the Warble Fly Inspection period recently closed.

23 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor M. J. Brennan:—

"I hereby give Notice that I shall move at the next Meeting of this Council that the Scheme governing the appointment of Warble Fly Inspectors and also Sheep Dipping Inspectors be again gone into by this Council and that a new Scheme be adopted with a view to this work being more effectively carried out during the year 1938/39."

24 To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture on the 28th June, 1938:—

"Resolved—That we recommend Wicklow County Council to pay the sum of 10/- (ten shillings) to Martin Fitzpatrick, Coolattin, Carnew, for extra work in connection with outbreaks of Sheep Scab. (Payment at the rate of 5/- per day)."

25 To execute the usual agreement with the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Co., Ltd., to whom the Council by Resolution recently gave their Fire Insurances for a period of five years from the 25th March, 1938.

26 To pass a Resolution approving of grant of annual leave to Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health, and of the appointment of Dr. Josephine B. Conway, as a substitute at a remuneration of Seven Guineas per week with vouched travelling expenses.

27 To consider a communication from the Irish Land Commission, following correspondence about the condition of the boundary fences of the Cow Park at Ballymarrogue, stating that the Commission are now in a position to accept the surrender of the lands from the Council and intimating the Council will be responsible for the payment of annual sum and Poor Rates up to the date of the surrender.

28 To consider a further communication from the County Registrar, Circuit Court Office, Wicklow, in which he states that by direction of the Minister he made application to the Council for the additional accommodation necessary for the transaction of Court business and asking to be informed what steps the Council intends to take to comply with that requisition.

29 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy):—

"I hereby give Notice that at the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 22nd August, 1938, I will move that the approval of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of Three Thousand and Thirty-five Pounds from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out a scheme for the improvement of Water Supply at Avoca."

30 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James Everett, J.D.:—

"I hereby give notice that at the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 22nd August, 1938, I will move that the approval of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out a Scheme for the improvement of Water Supply at Newcastle."

31 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor C. M. Byrne:—

"I hereby give notice that I will move at the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 22nd August, 1938, that the approval of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of Six Thousand Pounds from the National Bank, Ltd., for a term of five years for the purpose of carrying out a Scheme for Repairs to Cottages."

32 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy):—

"I hereby give Notice that at the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 22nd August, 1938, I will move that the approval of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of One Thousand Pounds from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out improvements to the Aughrim Water Supply."

33 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy):—

"I hereby give notice that at the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 22nd August, 1938, I will move that the approval of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out improvements to Arklow Burial Ground."

34 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy):—

"I hereby give notice that at the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 22nd August, 1938, I will move that the approval of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of Three Thousand Pounds from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out improvements to the Water Supply at Coolboy."

35 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:—

"I hereby give Notice that at the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 22nd August, 1938, I will move that the approval of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of One Thousand One Hundred Pounds from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out improvements to Laekan Water Supply."

36 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor C. M. Byrne:—

"I hereby give Notice that at the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 22nd August, 1938, I will move that the approval of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of Eight Hundred Pounds for the purpose of extending Burial Grounds in the County Health district."

37 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) :—

"I hereby give Notice that at the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 22nd August, 1938, I will move that the approval of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of Two Hundred and Sixty Pounds from the National Bank, Ltd., for a term of five years, for the purpose of providing a Dispensary at Tinahely."

38 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne :—

"I hereby give Notice that at the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 22nd August, 1938, I will move that the approval of Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of Seventy-seven Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Pounds from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out a Scheme of Cottage Building under the Town and Village Scheme, 1937."

39 To consider the following Resolution passed by the Greystones and District Ratepayers' Association :—

"That the attention of the proper authorities be drawn to the deplorable condition which now exists at Greystones Harbour owing to the great danger caused by the boulders and debris on the waterway which constitute a grave danger to fishermen in using the harbour. We request that the matter receive urgent attention and have the grievance removed, or in the alternative to rebuild the harbour."

40 To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Executive of the Irish Farmers' Federation on the 8th July, 1938 :—

"Resolved—That the County Council be asked what evidence there is that the present costly and elaborate machinery for the control of scab in sheep is more successful than the previous less costly system, and that the fullest actual facts and statistics on this matter be immediately made public."

41 To consider a communication dated 29th July, 1938, from Miss E. F. Bobbett, County Secretary, Irish Farmers' Federation, enclosing copy of correspondence which has passed between herself and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the urgency of establishing such an arrangement as will give farmers a guarantee that if they set their lands the stock will be safe from seizure.

42 To consider County Analyst's Report.

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

44 To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Library Committee on the 26th July, 1938.

"That we wish to indicate to the County Council the imperative necessity of providing ampler and more suitable accommodation for the County Library headquarters and from this viewpoint to consider the two separate estimates of expenditure for the financial year ending 31st March, 1940, the one showing estimated expenditure for that year without the cost of provision of suitable headquarters, the other showing the estimated cost of such provision according to plans submitted by us and sanctioned by the Council at their meeting on November, 27th 1937, so that the Council may form an opinion as to the advisability of proceeding with the purchase of Belle Vue House."

45 To consider the following Resolution passed by the Library Committee on the 26th July, 1938 :—

"That we respectfully ask the County Council to consider the advisability of giving us an undertaking that they will sanction for the financial year ending 31st March, 1940, an increase to Library funds of the product of a rate of one farthing in the £ in view of the fact that over a number of years past our work has been hindered by repeated reductions of our annual estimates of expenditure and that as appears from the appended forecast of expenditure for the financial year, 1939-40, this increase is urgently necessary to maintain the library service efficiently, that without it we will be compelled to reduce our present service rendered possible during the past few years only by means of accumulated balances accruing from Carnegie United Kingdom Trust Grants which will not be available in future and furthermore will be compelled to sacrifice a grant of £150 from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust promised us in aid of provision of suitable County Library Headquarters conditionally upon the Council's agreement to make this increase."

46 To fill two vacancies on the Library Committee.

47 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

48 To receive Reports from County Officers.

49 To consider official correspondence.

50 To consider general correspondence.

A letter was submitted from Mrs. C. I. Heatley, Knocklinn, Bray, in which she regretted that owing to serious illness Councillor George Heatley would not be able to be present at the meeting.

The Secretary was directed to convey to Mrs. Heatley the Council's unanimous regret, and to express the hope that Councillor Heatley might shortly be restored to his usual good health, when he would be heartily welcomed at the Council's Meetings.

Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins ;

Seconded by " P. D. Kinsella ;

Resolved—That we hereby extend to our Chairman, Councillor C. M. Byrne, our heartiest congratulations on his re-election as a Member of Seanad Éireann.

Passed.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 29th July, 1938.

The following Members were present :—

Councillor Major R. Smith, Presiding Chairman ;  
Councillors Joseph Jacob, M. J. Brennan, and James Everett, T.D.

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

The Committee, having examined the proposals for payments by the Proposals Committee, recommend same to the County Council for payment as follows :—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE—£10,588 18 9.

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 DECEMBER, 1938.

County Board of Public Assistance—£12,741 10 0

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

YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1939,

To the County Board of Public Health—£9,890 0 0

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the Reports received from the Assistant Rate Checkers on their checkings since the Committee's last meeting of the accounts of the several Poor Rate Collectors in their districts.

DIESEL ENGINE ROAD ROLLER.

The Committee opened five Tenders received for the supply of the above item of machinery. These Tenders were submitted to the Acting County Surveyor, whose Report thereon is as follows :—

ACTING COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

To : P. T. Healy, Esq.,

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,  
Court House, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I have examined the Tenders submitted to the Finance Committee on the 29th ultimo, for the Diesel Oil Roller and the Compressor and Rock Drilling Machinery.

I submitted a table showing the analysis of each Tender from which it will be observed that the quotation of £965 submitted by Messrs. Marshall Sons & Co., Gainsborough, is the lowest for a 12-ton Roller. The Tender including the Awning, the Scarifier and Water Sprayer supplied with this type is £1067 10 0.

I recommend that this Tender be accepted. My original estimate of £980 is exceeded by a sum of £87, but this is accounted for by the cost of the Scarifier and Water Sprayer. I consider that these are necessary and should be obtained now ; they would probably cost much more at a later date separately.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

Acting County Surveyor.

The Committee accordingly recommend the County Council to accept the Tender of Messrs. Marshall Sons & Co., Gainsborough, for the supply of a 12-Ton Diesel Engine Road Roller with Awning, Scarifier and Water Sprayer at a cost of £1067 10 0.

ROCK DRILLING MACHINE.

The Committee opened seven Tenders received for the supply of the above item of machinery. These Tenders were submitted to the Acting County Surveyor, whose Report thereon is as follows :—

ACTING COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

To : P. T. Healy, Esq.,

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I have examined the Tenders submitted for the Rock Drill Compressor to the Finance Committee Meeting of the 29th ultimo. The price quoted by the Consolidated Pneumatic Co., Ltd., is the lowest at £356 12 0, and I recommend its acceptance. I would have preferred the Ingersoll Rand Machine offered by that Company which includes 1" diam. Steels, and of which I have had some knowledge, but the difference in the Tender Prices compels me to recommend the lower.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

Acting County Surveyor.

The Committee accordingly recommend the County Council to accept the Tender of The Consolidated Pneumatic Tool Co., Ltd., 232, Dawes Road, London, S.W.6, for the supply of the Rock Drill Compressor, at a cost of £356 12 0.

The Secretary reported that the two Typewriters in his office for a number of years past were becoming much the worse of wear and each required a complete overhaul. He asked the Committee to recommend the Council to give him authority to purchase a New Imperial Typewriter for which the net price was £21. He pointed out that the actual list price of this machine was £32 10 0, but that figure had been brought down to £21 by reason of the operation of the Local Government Trade List, together with a Discount of £1 10 0 for cash.

The Committee, having satisfied themselves that a new Typewriter is necessary, accordingly recommend the County Council to authorise the purchase of this new Typewriter at a cost of £21.

A letter dated the 29th July, 1938, was submitted to the Committee from Miss Elizabeth F. Bobbett, of Springfield, Kilbride, Wicklow, County Secretary of the Irish Farmers' Federation, with which she enclosed copies of correspondence which has passed with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the urgency of making arrangements to give farmers a guarantee that if they set their lands the stock will be safe from seizure.

The Committee directed the Secretary to place this communication on the Agenda for the forthcoming Quarterly Meeting of the County Council.

Signed : R. SMITH, Major,

Presiding Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Dated this 29th day of July, 1938.

Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith ;

Seconded by " P. P. O'Reilly ;

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

Passed.