

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 2

Dealing with the Secretary's application for increased Clerical assistance in his offices and in the Office of the County Surveyor and for additional clerical assistance in both offices for the purpose of making it possible to cope with the ever increasing work in the offices referred to.

The Secretary submitted the following Resolution which was passed by the County Council at the Meeting of that Body held on the 29th May, 1938.

"Resolved—that we hereby refer to a special meeting of our Finance Committee for a detailed report 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 Secretary further submitted the following Report which he had submitted to the Meeting of the Finance Committee which was held on the 22nd October, 1937, but consideration of which had been adjourned on two subsequent occasions.

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 (N.B. This girl has recently left the Council's service and been replaced by another girl, temporarily).	1 9 4
(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

4 19 6

Total cost per week for temporary clerks in Both Offices

£8 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 comply with the expressed wishes of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in the matter to clerical assistance.

I suggest £20 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 candidate 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 last 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.

The Secretary further submitted the following letters from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, consideration of which had been referred to the Finance Committee by the Resolution set forth above:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,
CUSTOM HOUSE,
DUBLIN,
21st October, 1937.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 4th ultimo regarding additional clerical assistants, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to direct your attention to this Department's circular of the 25th May, 1936, and to state that it was contemplated that subordinate office staffs should fall into two groups, viz:—

- (1) Clerical Assistants, and
- (2) Shorthand Typists.

Proposals to make shorthand and typewriting compulsory subjects in examinations for general clerical posts would not be acceptable. If it is decided, however, that a shorthand typist is necessary the appointment should be made specifically as shorthand-typist and a separate scale of remuneration fixed so as to differentiate the post from the general clerical vacancies.

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

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

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

After careful consideration of all the facts and figures in relation to the Secretary's application the Committee make the following recommendations to the Council for approval and adoption:—

- (a) That a Junior Clerical Officer and a Shorthand-writer Typist be appointed to the County Surveyor's offices to replace the two clerks temporarily engaged here. The former at a salary of £100 per annum rising by annual increments of £7 10s. to a maximum of £150 per annum, and the latter at a salary of £80 per annum rising by annual increments of £7 10s. to a maximum of £120 per annum. The Committee recommend that preference for appointment as Clerical Officer in the County Surveyor's Offices be given—all other qualifications being equal—to the candidate that proves he has a practical knowledge of Draughtmanship.
- (b) That two Clerical Officers be appointed to replace the two temporary clerks engaged at duties in connection with the wages sheets, National Health and Unemployment Insurance Cards, records relating to Poor Rate Collections, etc., etc. Each Clerical Officer to be paid at a salary of £100 per annum rising by annual increments of £7 10s. to £150 per annum.
- (c) That a Clerical Officer and a Shorthand-writer Typist be appointed for the County Secretary's Offices; the former to be paid a salary of £100 per annum rising by annual increments of £7 10s. to a maximum of £150 per annum; the latter to be paid a salary of £80 per annum rising by annual increments of £7 10s. to a maximum of £120 per annum.
- (d) That Mr. A O'Connor of the permanent Secretarial staff be transferred to the Accountant's office, and that Mr. V King replace him in the Secretary's Office.

(e) That no candidate be eligible for one of these positions who is less than 17 years of age on the 1st July, 1938, or more than 28 on the same date.

(f) That the Local Appointments Commissioners be asked to hold two competitive examinations; one for Clerical Officers and one for Shorthand-writer Typists; that each applicant be charged an entrance fee of 10/-; that these two examinations be open to either girls or boys; that no candidates be eligible to sit for these examinations who, themselves, or their parents or guardians have not been resident in the County Wicklow during the three complete years which ended on the 30th June, 1938.

(g) The Committee further recommend that the Local Appointments Commissioners be requested to make all arrangements for both examinations including the drafting and issuing of the advertisements inviting applications for the positions above referred to, and that the aforementioned Commissioners be informed that the County Council undertakes to appoint the highest qualified candidates in order of merit as they may be shown by the Commissioners as a result of these examinations; the Commissioners to select and appoint the most suitable place which can be obtained for the purpose of holding the examinations; and that the County Council undertakes to refund to the Commissioners the gross cost of holding the examinations, less the 10/- deposit fees which will have already been received by the Commissioners with each candidate's application.

(h) All appointments are to be of a probationary character for one year.

The following financial statement will be helpful to Members of the Council when considering this report:—

Present cost of Temporary Clerks.	Cost of proposed new Appointments
County Surveyor's Office per week £3 13 10	County Surveyor's Office per annum £180 0 0
County Secretary's Offices per week £4 19 6	County Secretary's Offices per annum £380 0 0
Total cost per week £8 13 4	Total cost per week £10 15 5
Total cost per annum £450 18 4	Total cost per annum £560 0 0

The additional cost to the Rates would therefore be approximately £109 6 8 for the first year if the Committee's recommendations, as set out in this Report, be given effect to by the 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 " Patrick Doyle (Coolboy);

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; and we hereby authorise and instruct our Secretary to secure the necessary sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the terms of this report and subsequently to request the Local Appointments Commission to invite applications, conduct the examinations, and generally to give full effect to the recommendation of the Finance Committee as adopted at this day's meeting.

As an amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. D. Kinsella;

Seconded by " D. H. Haskins;

That the Report be referred back to the Finance Committee for the purpose of giving special consideration and concessions, if possible, to the present temporary Clerks who are in the Council's employment

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

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors Edward Byrne, John Dunne, Miss M. Kelly, P. D. Kinsella, D. H. Haskins, C. M. Byrne, and J. P. Kehoe—7.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT—Councillors James McCrea, J. J. Bourne, T. J. Birthistle, P. Doyle (Coolboy); P. Doyle (Winetavern); P. P. O'Reilly, D. J. Kehoe, Michael Mooney, Michael Timmins, Major R. Smith, and James Everett, T. D.—11.

This Amendment was thereupon declared by the Chairman to have been defeated only 7 Members having voted for it and 11 members having voted against it.

A second Amendment was discussed at length and subsequently withdrawn without having been put to the meeting or having been voted upon.

The original motion to adopt the Report No. 2 from the Finance Committee was then put to the meeting and declared to have been passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Coolboy);

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

Passed.

Proposals for payments from the Proposals Committee were submitted as follows:—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by " J. J. Bourne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, chargeable to the various areas, amounting to the sum of £10,588 18 9 (any modification made therein having been first intimated 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.

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE:—

There were no proposals for contracts for submission, and consequently no contracts to be sealed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by " Major R. Smith;

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 Wallace Hammond;

Seconded by " P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That the Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, issued to the following be hereby renewed by our Secretary:—

William Batt for Messrs. M. Symes & Co., Tinahely.

Edward J. Mason, Roundwood.

James Quinn, Vallemount, Blessington.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by " M. J. Brennan;

Resolved—That a Licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, be issued to the following, provided a satisfactory report on the application is received by our Secretary from the Garda Síochána:—

Robert J. Devereux, Willow Grove, Delgany.

Passed.

There were no applications for Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, or under the Explosives Act, 1875.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE,
WICKLOW.

18th August, 1938.

To/ Chairman and Members,
Wicklow County Council.

QUARTERLY MEETING TO BE HELD ON 22nd AUGUST, 1938.

Gentlemen,

1 Since my previous report to you on the 27th June, a considerable amount of work has been carried out on your roads by way of Summer Tar-Dressing and Steamrolling. The preparation of material for Winter spreading is in progress in most areas, as funds permit. I have to call your attention to the rapid increase in traffic on many routes, but particularly on the Arklow—Rathnew, and Wicklow to Bray roads. I have ascertained that the increase on the Bray—Wicklow route this Season amounts to 45% over the months of July and part of August this year, as compared with last year. This road, which was first reconstructed about 1913, is altogether too narrow and unsmooth to cope with the burden now placed on it and a determined case must be made to obtain funds from some source to reconstruct it, so that it may rank at least with the Trunk Roads in other Counties. Without any doubt, this is the premier tourist artery in the County; and its present condition is unsatisfactory. I have endeavoured to alleviate the perils experienced on it after consultation with your Secretary by laying white traffic lines around the most dangerous corners and this has met with the approval of most users of the highway.

2 In the Western area, certain road groupings are now very low in the matter of funds and I desire the authority of the Council, to use such monies as yet remain in the more affluent groups, as I may consider necessary. The proposal being to bulk all Main road funds on all the main roads in that area and all County roads funds on the County roads in that area.

3 I propose to erect a lock-up concrete store at Kilpool quarry for the safe custody of tools, and also a small concrete magazine for storing explosives. The owner of the land Mr John Maher desires to enter into an Agreement in the matter, the terms being a yearly letting rent of 5/- per annum, per site (2 sites). In the event of the Council ever abandoning the quarry, he insists that these stores shall remain as his property on the site. I recommend that these Agreements be entered into, the necessary steps to be taken by your Law Agent.

4 I consider that the following roads should be classed as Main Link roads:—

- A County Road No. 10 through and from the Village of Enniskerry to Annacrevey,
- B County Road No. 11 from Annacrevey to Glencree,
- C County Roads Nos. 102, 105 and 161, between Ballynerrin Upper, via Three Mile Water, Brittas, Ardinary and Jack Whites Cross Roads.

I recommend that your Council request the Minister for Local Government for his approval to this. Those roads are, obviously, heavily trafficked roads, connecting with main road routes, and, in my opinion, ought to have been scheduled as "Main" in the first instance.

5 I have found it necessary to call upon monies out of "Sudden Damage allocation, as follows:—

- (a) County Road No. 52, Collapse of road gullet at Ballinahinch. Cost £150.
- (b) County Road No. 82, Landside slide near Glenmalur. Cost £10.
- (c) Main Road No. 5, Flooding at Kimacanogue. Cost £3.
- (d) County Road No. 11, Damage during flood period, Cost £38.

Other "Sudden Damages" are reported from the Western area and these will be detailed to you at your next meeting. Consents are being obtained authorising the expenditure.

6 With regard to a communication dated the 14th July, 1938, from the Roads Department relative to a Scheme for the proposed expenditure of £5,150, I desire to report that I have submitted full details of the all

cation to the Department based on the Unemployment figures, a summary of which follows:—

Scheme No. 1.	Kilcoole	— £570 (road 48).
" "	2. Rathnew	— £680 (road 97).
" "	3. Rathdrum	— £660 (road 120).
" "	4. Avoca	— £600 (road 166).
" "	5. Shillelagh	— £540 (road 281).
" "	6. Baltinglass	— £1560 (roads 270, 284, 300).
" "	7. Lacan	— £540 (road 364).

7. The report to be submitted to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in support of the Council's application for further free Grants from the Road Fund is still in course of preparation, owing to the fact that the collection of the necessary data has required very considerable correspondence, and enquiries throughout the County.

I have the honour to be,

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

Acting County Surveyor.

ORDERS—Paragraph 1. Noted.

Paragraph 2. See Resolution.

Paragraph 3. Expenditure and preparation of the Agreement authorised.

Paragraph 4. Minister to be asked to give effect to this recommendation—vide additional roads in this day's resolution regarding reclassification.

Paragraph 5. Expenditure on these Sudden Damages is hereby sanctioned and approved.

Paragraph 6. See resolution.

Paragraph 7. Noted.

County Surveyor's Office,

Court House,

WICKLOW.

22nd August, 1938.

Chairman and Members,

Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

With reference to paragraph No. 2 of my report of the 18th instant, requesting permission to bulk the funds on the different road groupings in the Western Area, I desire to make a similar application to bulk all the monies available on all the County Road Groupings and Main Road Groupings in the Southern Area, for similar reasons as stated in my report of even date dealing with Western Area. There is no intention of using Main Road funds on County Roads or vice versa.

J. T. O'BYRNE,

Acting County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " M J Brennan;

Resolved—That, subject to the formal sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health having been first received, we hereby authorise and empower our Acting County Surveyor to use such unexpended balances as may exist on Main Road Groups in other Main Road Groups and similarly, that such unexpended balances in County Road Groups as may exist be expended in other County Road Groups—on the strict understanding, of course, that no monies from Main Roads be expended on County Roads and vice versa.

Passed nem. com.

The following communication was submitted.—

Irish Farmers' Federation

Knockananna Branch.

Dear Sir,

I was instructed by the above at their meeting on the 9th August, 1938, to bring to the notice of the Wicklow County Council the dangerous and serious condition of our local County Roads, and to request the said Council to erect Warning Notice in a prominent and visible position on the approaches to the County Road, Knockananna-Knocknaguilkey, via Knocknaskeagh and the County Road, Kilcarney Lr.-Kiltegan, via Ballykilmurry and High Park.

If the County Council do not erect such notices I am instructed to request them to close the aforementioned roads against all mode of traffic until such time as they consider themselves in a position to repair the dangerous death traps.

Trusting this matter will not be shelved like previous appeals of mine.

I am, dear sir,

Faithfully yours,

15/8/38.

N. A. O'TOOLE, P.C. Sec.

Rathduffmore,

Hacketstown.

ORDER—Referred to Acting County Surveyor for his information and suitable action.

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,
(Roads),

SGR/201/38.

Custom House,

Dublin,

20th July, 1938.

Road Improvement Grant—1938/39.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state, for the information of Wicklow County Council, that a sum of £10,500 has been provisionally allocated to the Council out of the above-mentioned grant for Main Road Improvement as follows:—

1. T.61.	Bray-Glendalough. From Kilmacanogue to Killoogh. Ease corners, widen, strengthen and surface in creophalte macadam	6,150
2. L.19A.	Aughrim-Carnew. From Togher towards Carnew. Widen, strengthen, and surface in creophalte macadam	1,950
3. L.32.	Carnew-Newtownbarry. From Croneyhorn Lower to Ballingate Lower. Ease corners, widen, strengthen and surface in creophalte macadam.	2,400
		£10,500

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 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:—

- The Grant shall be expended on the foregoing works only and while not conditional on any contribution from the County Rates, it is not to be taken as relieving the County Council from responsibility for reasonable and economical road maintenance.
- 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.
- Payments shall be made on Requisition Form No. 97 certified by the County Surveyor:—
 - On commencement of work an amount estimated to provide for the payments by the Authority during the ensuing month.
 - 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.
 - 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.
- The arrangements regarding employment are as set out in Circular Letter SGA/202 of the 22nd November, 1935.
- Forms No. 11 enclosed should be completed by the County Surveyor and forwarded to this office, accompanied by brief specifications, detailed estimates and tracings.
- 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.
- 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,

Runaidhe.

The Secretary,
County Council,
WICKLOW.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " J P Kehoe;

Resolved—That we hereby approve and confirm the allocation of the Department's free Grant of £10,500 and we direct our Acting County Surveyor to proceed with the works in question as speedily as possible.

Passed—Councillors M Timmins dissenting.
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,
(Roads),

Custom House,

DUBLIN,

RU/205/9.

14adh Iul, 1938.

Employment Schemes Vote, 1938-39.

Roads (Rural).

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to the final sentence of the letter (RU/205/4) addressed to you on the 8th March last relative to the submission of the balance of the programme of road and footpath works proposed to be carried out in the County of Wicklow during the current financial year and I am to inform you that the Grant proposed to be made available for Autumn and Winter Works is £3,775, subject to a local contribution of £1,375.

The Grant is subject to the following conditions:—

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

out during the year 1938/1939, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department."

After considerable discussion, and having heard read a letter dated the 28th July, 1938, on the subject from Mr F Carter, Crafield, Aughrim, the Motion was withdrawn with the consent of the Council.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;
Seconded by " James McCrea ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at their meeting held on the 28th June, 1938 :—

"Resolved—That we recommend Wicklow County Council to pay the sum of 10/- (ten shillings) to Martin Fitzpatrick, Coolattin, Carnow, for extra work in connection with outbreaks of Sheep Scab—payment at the rate of 5/- per day."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " James Everett, T.D. ;

Resolved—That we hereby execute a fresh agreement with the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company, Ltd., to whom the Council by resolution gave their fire insurances for a period of five years from the 25th March, 1938, and that the Presiding Chairman be requested to affix his signature thereto.

Passed.

The Agreement was thereupon Sealed with the Seal of the Council and the Chairman affixed his name thereto on behalf of the Council.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That we hereby grant leave of absence to Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health, from the 1st to the 31st August, 1938 and, further, we hereby approve of the appointment of Dr. Josephine Conway as substitute for the County Medical Officer of Health at remuneration at the rate of £7 7s. per week with vouched travelling expenses (vide letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated the 4th July, 1938, Ref. No. P.H.10306/38).

Passed.

In the unavoidable absence of the Council's Solicitor the Council adjourned consideration of a communication dated the 28th June, 1938, Ref. No. A. & R. 25380/38, 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.

The following further letter from the County Registrar was submitted :—

CIRCUIT COURT OFFICE,

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30adh Meitheamb, 1938.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

Secretary, Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Re: Accommodation in Circuit Court Offices.

A Chara,

Referring to yours of the 16th instant, the Department has written further stating that the Minister has directed that I should make application to the Council for additional accommodation necessary for the transaction of Court business and to say that I would be glad to be informed what steps the Council intends to take to comply with the requisition.

Le meas agam ort,

Mise,

TOMAS MACCATHMHAOIL,
Clarathoir Conndae.

ORDER—Referred to the County Committee of Agriculture with the request that they enter into communication on this matter with the County Registrar.

In connection with this matter of Office accommodation it was pointed out during the discussion that notwithstanding the size of the Courthouse building the accommodation therein was wholly insufficient and unsuitable for the County Council's Offices, etc., etc., and, accordingly, the Secretary was instructed to request the Acting County Surveyor to submit to the approaching Quarterly Meeting of the County Council in November a comprehensive report on the probable cost of converting the old Jail premises into offices for the County Council. This report to be accompanied by a Plan showing the accommodation it is proposed to provide, its lay out, and the number of men it is estimated would be engaged on the work, and the period such work would continue.

The Secretary read the Special Notice issued to each Member of the County Council under Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, and also the following resolution which was passed by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance at a meeting of that Body held on the 16th May, 1938 :—

"Resolved—That the approval of the Wicklow County Council be sought to the borrowing of a sum of Three Thousand and Thirty-five Pounds (£3,035) from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out a Water Supply Scheme at Avoca."

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was
Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;

Seconded by " C M Byrne ;

Resolved—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 £3,035 (Three Thousand and Thirty-five Pounds) from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out a Scheme for the improvement of the Water Supply at Avoca.

Passed.

The Secretary read the Special Notice issued to each Member of the County Council under Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, and also the following resolution which was passed by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance at a meeting of that Body held on the 16th May, 1938 :—

"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 (£2,725) from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out a Water Supply Scheme at Newcastle."

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was
Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;

Seconded by " C M Byrne ;

Resolved—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 (£2,725) from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out a Scheme for the improvement of the Water Supply at Newcastle.

Passed.

The Secretary read the Special Notice issued to each Member of Wicklow County Council under the provisions of Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, and also the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance at a meeting of that Body held on the 16th May, 1938 :—

"Resolved—That the approval of the Wicklow County Council be sought to the borrowing of a sum of Six Thousand Pounds (£6,000) from the National Bank, Ltd., for a term of five years for the purpose of carrying out a Scheme of Repairs to Cottages."

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—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 (£6,000) from the National Bank, Ltd., for the purpose of carrying out a Scheme for Repairs to Cottages.

Passed.

The Secretary read the Special Notice issued to each Member of Wicklow County Council under Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, and also the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance at a meeting of that Body held on the 16th May, 1938 :—

"Resolved—That the approval of the Wicklow County Council be sought to the borrowing of a sum of One Thousand Pounds (£1,000) from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out improvements to the Aughrim Water Supply."

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—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 (£1,000) from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out improvements to the Aughrim Water Supply.

Passed.

The Secretary read the Special Notice issued to each Member of the Wicklow County Council under Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, and also the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance at a meeting of that Body, held on the 16th May, 1938 :—

"Resolved—That the approval of the Wicklow County Council be sought to the borrowing of a sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds (£2,500) from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out improvements to Arklow Burial Ground."

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ;

Seconded by " Thomas Birthistle ;

Resolved—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 (£2,500) from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out improvements to Arklow Burial Ground.

Passed.

The Secretary read the Special Notice issued to each Member of Wicklow County Council under Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, and also the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Board of Health at the meeting of that Body held on the 16th May, 1938 :—

"Resolved—That the approval of the Wicklow County Council be sought to the borrowing of a sum of Three Thousand Pounds (£3,000) from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out improvements to the Water Supply at Coolboy."

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—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.

Passed.

The Secretary having read the Special Notice issued to each Member of Wicklow County Council under Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, and also the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance at the meeting of that Body held on the 16th May, 1938 :—

"Resolved—That the approval of Wicklow County Council be sought to the borrowing of a sum of One Thousand One Hundred Pounds (£1,100) from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out improvements to Lackan Water Supply."

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor P P O'Reilly ;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Winetavern) ;

Resolved—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 (£1,100) from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out improvements to Lackan Water Supply.

Passed.

The Secretary read the Special Notice issued to each Member of Wicklow County Council under Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, and also the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance at the meeting of that Body, held on the 16th May, 1938 :—

"Resolved—That the approval of the Wicklow County Council be sought to the borrowing of a sum of Eight Hundred Pounds (£800) for the purpose of extending Burial Grounds in the County Health District."

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—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 (£800) for the purpose of extending Burial Grounds in the County Health District.

Passed.

The Secretary read the Special Notice issued to each Member of Wicklow County Council under Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, and also the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance at the meeting of that Body held on the 16th May, 1938 :—

"Resolved—That the approval of the Wicklow County Council be sought to the borrowing of a sum of Two Hundred and Sixty Pounds (£260) from the National Bank, Ltd., for a term of five years for the purpose of building a Dispensary at Tinahely."

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—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 (£260) from the National Bank, Ltd., for a term of five years, for the purpose of providing a Dispensary at Tinahely.

Passed.

The Secretary read the Special Notice issued to each Member of Wicklow County Council under Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, and also the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance at the meeting of that Body, held on the 16th May, 1938 :—

"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."

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ;

Resolved—That the approval of the 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.

Passed.

Owing to the late hour the Council adjourned leaving the remaining items on the Agenda to be dealt with at a future meeting.

Done
11/11/38

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 21st November, 1938.

The following Members attended :—

Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman ;

Councillors Edward Byrne, J. P. Kehoe, Daniel J. Kehoe, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern) ; P. P. O'Reilly, John Dunne, Joseph Jacob, James Everett, T.D. ; James McCrea, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ; Thomas J. Birthistle, P. D. Kinsella, Michael Mooney, Michael Timmins, Wallace Hammond, J. J. Bourne, Major R. Smith, Miss Margaret Kelly, D. H. Haskins, and J. P. O'Donnell.

BUSINESS :

- 1 To confirm and sign minutes of previous meetings.
- 2 To consider Finance Committee's Reports.
- 3 To receive and consider the Local Government Auditor's Report on his audit of the Accounts of the County Council for the two half-years ended the 30th September, 1937.
- 4 To sign Quarterly transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance.
- 5 To consider proposals for payments from the Proposals Committee.
- 6 To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's payments.
- 7 To sign applications for refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 8 To consider proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee.
- 9 To Seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 10 To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 11 To consider applications for Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
- 12 To consider applications for Licences under the Explosives Acts, 1875.
- 13 To appoint as Rate Inspector for the County the person selected and recommended by the Local Appointments Commission.
- 14 To consider reports Nos. 1 and 2 from the Joint Conference set up by the County Council and the Board of Health and Public Assistance for the purpose of considering the terms and conditions, salary and travelling expenses of the person to be appointed as County Engineer to replace Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., resigned.
- 15 To consider Acting County Surveyor's Report.
- 16 To consider an application made to the Finance Committee by the Acting County Surveyor for permission to purchase at an estimated cost of £281 a second Rock Drill Compressor from the Consolidated Pneumatic Tool Company.
- 17 To consider a communication from the Acting County Surveyor with regard to signs erected on road sides, and to essential hedge-cutting and the trimming of trees.
- 18 To receive a communication from Mr. Nicholas A. L. O'Toole, Rathduffmore, Hacketstown, containing suggestions for the improvement of County Roads in West Wicklow and pointing out that warning signs are required at the approaches to certain indicated roads.

19 To consider a communication from the Transport and Marine Branch of the Department of Industry and Commerce, forbidding the removal of material from the State owned foreshore behind the Pottery premises at Arklow.

20 To consider a communication from the Hon. Secretary, Kilkquigan and Killinure Joint Labour Club, asking the Council to finish the re-construction of Ballyconnell Road and to improve the road leading by Coolkenno Church.

21 To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to the provision and erection out of Grant of a 20 ton weighbridge in Wicklow Town to meet certain provisions in the Road Traffic Act, 1933.

22 To consider a communication from the Clerk of Bray Urban District Council together with resolutions containing suggestions for the development of the County with the assistance of Government Grants.

23 To consider a communication from Mrs. Margaret R. Murphy, Toghur House, Roundwood, asking the Council to give permission to the local branch of the '98 Commemoration Organisation to erect a plaque at the point on the old Castlekevin Road where Andrew Thomas was executed.

24 To consider a communication from the Roads Branch, Department of Local Government and Public Health, asking the County Council to submit proposals for the expenditure of a grant of £400 to be devoted towards the removal of anything that obstructs scenic views in the County.

25 To consider a communication from Mr. Patrick Doyle, Butter Mountain, Brittas, Co. Dublin, asking the Council to take action in respect of the damage caused by the system of drainage employed by the Forestry Department on Butter Mountain.

26 To consider a communication from the Arklow Branch, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union asking the County Council to fix the rate for carting in the Arklow area at 4/- per load.

27 To consider a complaint dated the 31st October, 1938, from Mr. James Kinlan, Lough Dan, Roundwood, that he is unable to secure any employment under the County Council.

28 To consider a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, Roads, stating it is reported that the main roads connecting east and west Wicklow (L 10 and L 161) are in a bad condition and barely passable and asking the Council to arrange for special attention to be given to the roads in question during the current quarter.

29 To consider a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health stating the Minister would raise no objection to road workers who are members of the Coast Life Saving Service being allowed to attend quarterly exercises without deduction from pay.

30 To again consider the question of carrying out certain repairs to Courthouses in the County urgently required, and to receive a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated the 24th August, 1938, in connection therewith.

31 To receive a report from the Acting County Surveyor on the probable cost of converting the old Jail premises into offices for the County Council.

32 To receive a comprehensive report setting forth the claims of Wicklow County Council for greatly enlarged free grants from the Road Fund.

33 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.

34 To consider a further letter from the County Analyst, Miss Phyllis Ryan, M.Sc., in which she states she cannot continue to analyse waters from

County Wicklow at the present rate, nor indeed any of the samples, without a revision of her scale of remuneration therefor.

35 To execute two copies of the Local Contribution Agreement Form in connection with the Tourist Rate for the current year, as submitted by the Irish Tourist Association.

36 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body held on the 30th August, 1938 :-

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend for payment to the Wicklow County Council, the sum of £15 in connection with the erection of a New Swim Bath to

Mr. R. J. Devereux, Willow Grove, Delgany."

37 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture on the 30th August, 1938 :-

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend for payment to Wicklow County Council, the following amounts in connection with the re-construction of existing swim baths :

Mrs. Julia Walsh, Ballysmutton, Manor-Kilbride £10

Mr. E. O'Loughlin, Munny, Coolkenno £5

Mr. M. Mitten, Sleemane, Roundwood £8 10s."

38 To consider the following resolution submitted by the County Committee of Agriculture from a meeting of that Body held on the 27th September, 1938 :-

"Resolved—That we recommend the Wicklow County Council to make a payment of £10 on account to the Sheep Dipping Inspectors."

39 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Committee of Agriculture on the 27th September, 1938 :-

"That we hereby recommend for payment to the Wicklow County Council, the sum of 30/- to Mr. A. Griffin, Greenhall, Tinahely, in respect of the use of his bath for the double dipping of 500 sheep during the 1937 dipping period."

40 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Committee of Agriculture on the 25th October, 1938 :-

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend for payment to Wicklow County Council the sum of £15 to Laragh House, Ltd., Annamoe, Greystones (Mr. C. Somerville-Large) in connection with the erection of a new Swim Bath."

41 To consider a communication from the County Committee of Agriculture asking the Council to raise and transfer to that Committee in the year 1939/40 the same amounts as were raised and transferred during the financial year 1938/39.

42 To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health in connection with the necessity for making arrangements for safeguarding the population in the event of air attacks.

43 To consider a communication from the Secretary, The Drainage Commission, 6, Harcourt Street, Dublin, inviting the County Council to submit any findings or views they may have on all aspects of the drainage problem in Eire.

44 To consider the following resolution passed by the Wicklow County 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.

45 To consider the following resolution passed by the Wicklow County Library Committee on the 7th October, 1938 :-

"That in view of the yearly increasing volume of work entailed by Library expansion in the County and in consideration of the Librarian's efficient service during the past eight years, I move that the salary of our County Librarian, Miss Brigid Redmond, be placed upon an incremental basis as from the 1st November, 1938, rising by £10 yearly from £250 to £300."

46 To consider the following resolution passed by the Wicklow County Library Committee on the 7th October, 1938 :-

"I move that the salary of our Assistant, Miss McCrea, be increased as from the 1st November, 1938, from £91 to £120 per annum thus giving her the same status as the Clerks in the Council's employment."

47 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.

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

49 To fill two vacancies existing on the County Library Committee.

50 To consider County Analyst's Reports.

51 To consider a communication from the Secondary Education Branch of the Department of Education, in connection with the Council's Proposal to sanction for a further year scholarships to certain of the Council's Secondary School Scholarship Holders.

52 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 in 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."

53 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 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."

54 To consider a communication dated the 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.

55 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Executive of the Irish Farmers' Federation on the 18th October, 1938 :-

"That the County Secretary get in touch with the Secretary of the County Council and the Secretary of the Board of Health to obtain the details of the expenditure under the different headings that make up the expenses of the County Council, such as salaries, Road, Home Help, Home Assistance, Hospitals and the County Committee of Agriculture."

56 To consider a communication from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bray, requisitioning small wooden presses for each of the 13, Food and Drugs Inspectors appointed by the Council.

57 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

58 To receive Reports from County Officers.

59 To consider official correspondence.

60 To consider general correspondence.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 21st October, 1938.

The following Members were present :-

Councillor D. H. Haskins, Chairman;

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

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

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 Committee, having examined the proposals for payments by the Proposals Committee, recommend same to the County Council for payment as follows :-

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE—£11,040 14 2.

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, 1939,

To the County Board of Public Assistance—£11,941 10 0.

Scheme for reorganisation of Clerical Staff in the Council's Offices.

The Secretary submitted the following letter and documents in above connection :-

21st November 1938

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,
CUSTOM HOUSE,
G.10081/38, DUBLIN,
9th September, 1938,

A Chara,
With reference to your letter of the 23rd ultimo regarding staff re-organisation, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that while he has no objection to the re-organisation proposed, he would be glad if the Council gave their further consideration to the conditions for the filling of the posts.

Draft conditions are enclosed which have been recently adopted by other local authorities and which introduce a reasonable degree of uniformity in the conditions affecting the general, clerical and typist classes employed by local authorities. The main differences are those concerning salary and the syllabus of examination. In regard to residential qualifications; the posts should be open to persons ordinarily resident, or the children of parents ordinarily resident, in the county on the 1st April of the financial year within which the appointments are to be made. It would be difficult to justify the exclusion of persons who are ratepayers for the current financial year.

The further views of the Council as to the settlement of the conditions will be awaited.

Mise le meas,
J. HURSON.
Runaidhe.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Wicklow County Council.

Vacancies for four posts as Junior Clerical Officer.

Application forms for and particulars of the four whole-time permanent posts of Junior Clerical Officer (male) in the offices of the Wicklow County Council, may be obtained from the Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Courthouse, Wicklow.

Salary—£100 a year for two years or until age of 20 years is reached. Thence £120—£7 10s. to £150 and by £10 to £190 a year.

Age limits—16 to 20 years.

Latest date for receiving completed applications,.....1938.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Appointment of Four Junior Clerical Officers (Male).

CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT.

1. The appointments are whole-time and permanent.
2. Salary: The successful candidates will be appointed at a salary of £100 a year for two years or until they reach 20 years of age, whichever is the longer period. The officers will then be placed on £120 a year increasing, subject to satisfactory service, by annual increments of £7 10s. to £150 thence by annual increments of £10 to £190 a year.
3. Age Limits: Candidates must be not less than 16 or more than 20 years of age on the 1st.....1938.
4. Duties: The duties will be such as may be assigned to the Officers by the Secretary of the Wicklow County Council.
5. The appointments will be made as the result of a competitive examination, the subjects for which shall be:—

Obligatory Subjects:

Irish (Oral and written)	300 marks.
English	300 "
Arithmetic (including tots)	300 "
History and Geography	300 "

Optional Subjects: (one group only can be taken).

Algebra and Geometry	200 marks.
Book-keeping, Shorthand and Typewriting	200 "

The standard of examination will be that of the Intermediate Certificate and the pass mark in each subject will be 50% for Irish and 33 1/3rd% of the maximum for the remaining subjects. The four candidates who pass in every subject, and who obtain the highest aggregate marks will, subject to satisfactory evidence as to age, health and character, be appointed to the posts. In the event of two or more candidates obtaining the same aggregate marks, the order of merit will be decided by the marks obtained in Irish.

6. The appointment will be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.
7. At the end of the second year of service the Secretary of Wicklow County Council will be required to satisfy himself as to each officer's fitness and give a certificate as to each officer's conduct and capacity.
8. Candidates must have been ordinarily resident or the children of persons ordinarily resident in County Wicklow on the 1st April, 1938. Candidates will be notified in due course of the date and place of examination.

Canvassing is strictly prohibited.

Applications in the form below should reach the undersigned not later than the morning of the.....1938.

An examination fee of seven shillings and sixpence should accompany the application.

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

21st November 1938

APPLICATION.

To The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

I desire to enter as a candidate in the examination for four posts of Junior Clerical Officer (Male) in the Wicklow County Council offices. I enclose the examination fee (Seven Shillings and Sixpence).

Signature.....

Address.....

Date.....

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Vacancies for two posts as Female Shorthand-Typist.

Application forms for and particulars of the whole-time pensionable posts of Shorthand-Typist in the offices of the Wicklow County Council may be obtained from the Secretary, Wicklow County Council, County Council Offices, Courthouse, Wicklow.

Salary: £90 a year for two years or until the age of 20 years is reached. Thence £100—£5 to £120 and by £10 to £140 a year.

Age Limits: 17 to 24 years.

Latest dates for receiving completed applications.....

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

County Council Offices,
Wicklow.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Appointment of Two Female Shorthand-Typists.

CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT.

1. The posts are whole-time and permanent.
2. Salary: £90 a year until two years have been served or until the officers reach 20 years of age, whichever period is the longer and then £100 a year increasing by annual increments of £5 to £120, increasing by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £140 a year.
3. Age Limits: Candidates must be not less than 17 and not more than 24 years of age on the 1st.....19
4. Duties: The duties will be typing and shorthand typing work and such clerical work of a simple character as may be assigned to the officers.
5. The appointment will be made as the result of a competitive examination, the subjects for which shall be:

Irish (Oral and written)	300 marks,
English	300 "
Arithmetic	150 "
Shorthand	500 "
Typewriting	500 "

The standard of examination will be sixth standard, National School Programme, and the pass marks will be 50% of the maximum in Shorthand, Typewriting, and Irish, and 33 1/3rd% of the maximum in the other subjects. The two candidates who pass in every subject and obtain the highest aggregate marks will be appointed, provided evidence of age, health and character is satisfactory.

6. The appointments will be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.
7. At the end of the second year of service the Secretary of the Wicklow County Council will be required to satisfy himself as to each officer's fitness and give a certificate as to conduct and capacity.
8. The persons appointed will be required to resign on marriage and to notify the Secretary of Wicklow County Council immediately on marriage taking place.
9. Candidates must have been ordinarily resident or the children of parents ordinarily resident in County Wicklow on the 1st April, 1938. Candidates will be notified in due course of the date and place of examination.

Canvassing is strictly prohibited.

Application in the form below should reach the undersigned not later than the morning of the.....

An examination fee of Five Shillings should accompany the application.

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

APPLICATION.

To The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

I desire to enter as a candidate in the examination for the two

21st November 1938

posts of Shorthand-Typist in the Wicklow County Council Offices.

I enclose the examination fee (Five Shillings).

Signature.....

Address.....

Date.....

The Committee note that certain alterations of a minor character to the Council's original proposals are suggested by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health with a view to securing uniformity in the conditions, so as to bring them into line with other local authorities, and we recommend these modified conditions to the County Council for adoption in relation to three of the positions of Clerical Officer and also to the two Shorthand-Typists. The Committee are satisfied that the Clerical Officer for the County Surveyor's Office should have a competent knowledge of draughtsmanship, and the County Council are accordingly recommended to insist upon that particular Clerical Officer, having, and proving by examination that he has, this essential qualification over and above the other requirements suggested by the Minister. The age limits for candidates for this latter post to be between 18 and 27 years—the salary and conditions for this particular appointment to be the same as for the other Clerical Officers.

In order that the County Council may be made aware of the full details concerning this matter, we have instructed our Secretary to print the Department's letter and schedules in full in the Report of this Committee Meeting.

Proposed Pension to Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., former County Surveyor

The Committee had under consideration the following communication:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH
(ROADS),

CUSTOM HOUSE, DUBLIN,
R/RS/38. 5adh Mean Fomhair, 1938.

A'Chara,
I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to the proposals of Wicklow County Council for superannuation of Mr. S. G. Gallagher, former County Surveyor, and to state that the Minister has no power to consent to the annual allowance proposed by the Council. In cases where the remuneration was similar to Mr. Gallagher's the Minister was advised that Section 46 of the Local Government Act, 1925, does not apply and that a fixed annual allowance which would not carry cost of living bonus might be granted.

The allowance of £48 per annum shown on the query form as for office expenses cannot be included as an emolument.

The Council should, therefore, pass a fresh resolution which should be in the following form, viz. :—

"That taking into account the whole of the yearly salary and emoluments of Mr. S. G. Gallagher at the time of his resignation of his office of County Surveyor (including cost of living bonus) and being of opinion that Section 46 of the Local Government Act, 1925, does not apply to his case, we hereby grant him an annual allowance of £..... under Section 44 of that Act."

For the guidance of the Council I am to add that the maximum allowance to which the Minister would consent is £485 10 7.

Mise, le meas,
J. HURSON,
Runai.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
WICKLOW.

Having again reviewed all the facts and figures connected with the Council's proposal to grant a superannuation allowance to the former County Surveyor, Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., the Committee note that in fixing the proposed pension figure of £435 10 7 the Minister appears to have kindly allowed two added years to Mr. Gallagher's 38 completed years of service, and has based his calculation on two-thirds of the average salary and the average bonus received by Mr. Gallagher over a period of three years, but does not appear to have allowed two-thirds of the average sums paid to Mr. Gallagher over a period of three years by way of Grant Work Allowances and of Relief Grant (Rural) Work Allowances, thereby depriving Mr. Gallagher of approximately £71 5 1 per annum.

Having regard to the meaning given to the words "emoluments" and "yearly salary and emoluments" in the last two paragraphs in Section 42 of the Local Government Act, 1925, it is the considered opinion of this Committee that an injustice is being done to Mr. Gallagher by the decision conveyed in the Minister's letter, and accordingly we recommend the County Council to refer the matter to the Council's Solicitor with full power to obtain Senior Counsel's Opinion with a view to advising this Council what steps should have been taken or may still be taken to secure to their late esteemed County Surveyor the addition of the aforementioned £71 5 1 per annum to the £435 10 7 which the Minister in his letter states he is prepared to sanction.

The Secretary reported that much greater use was being made for some time past of the public telephone in the County Surveyor's Office, and he asked the Committee to make such arrangements as would have it possible to have messages put through to the County Surveyor's Office direct from the Exchange in the Post Office, Wicklow.

ORDER—The Committee, in compliance with the Secretary's request

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hereby empower him to make such arrangements with the Postal Authorities as will make it possible for any person to telephone direct to or from the County Surveyor's Offices as well as to telephone direct to or from our Secretary's Offices without disturbing the clerical staff in either office.

Registration and licensing of mechanically-propelled road vehicles.

The Committee had under consideration the Secretary's application for permission to keep Registers R.F.11 and D.L.3 in above connection in Card Index Form, and for formal sanction to purchase the Card Indexes etc., that may be required.

ORDER—The Committee, having examined the Tenders submitted, and having considered the Minister's letter dated the 19th October, 1938, Ref. R/MT/209/33, hereby direct and empower their Secretary to purchase the necessary equipment from the Tender submitted by Messrs. Browne & Nolan, Ltd., Dublin. For the information of the Council it is noted here that the entire cost will be refunded in due course by the Minister for Local Government out of the Road Fund.

The following communication was submitted:—

COURT HOUSE,
WICKLOW,

21st October, 1938.

Dear Sir,

In a very short time the expenditure under Road Fund Grants for the year 1938/39 will commence together with other works under the £5,140 "O.D." Grants throughout the County. It is absolutely necessary for me to acquire another Rock Drill Compressor for the Southern (Carnew Area) within the next 14 days so as to get going in the Quarries.

I write to ask for authority to purchase a second machine from the Consolidated Pneumatic Tool Company similar to the one which has just been acquired. As you will remember Tenders were asked for these rock drills and that of the Consolidated Pneumatic Tool Company was lowest. I propose to ask them to supply a second machine immediately. Payment for this can be made partly out of Grant monies allocated to the Carnew Area and partly out of Road Maintenance, by hiring the machine to the various works.

I have ascertained that it will not be necessary to pay for the machine immediately, but such can be spread over a number of months. The Road Fund Grants will enable me to meet most of the cost.

I have discussed the matter in the Roads Department and I gather that if the arrangement is approved of to-day that no objection will be raised to the proposition. I believe that, when I state the machine is needed urgently, in order to commence these road works that the Finance Committee will authorise me accordingly, and I am certain that the Council will afterwards come firm. The price of the machine on tender was £271 plus an extra of £10 for a special high speed trailer which I suggest is desirable making a total of £281.

Yours faithfully,
J. T. O'BYRNE.

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

The Secretary pointed out that the Committee had no statutory powers which they might use in giving the Order sought by the Acting County Surveyor, and further, that in his opinion, the method of financing the cost was contrary to the provisions of Article 59 sub-sections 4 and 5 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925. Accordingly the Committee referred the application to the County Council for consideration by that Body at their approaching Quarterly Meeting.

The following further application was submitted by the Acting County Surveyor:—

Court House,
WICKLOW,

21st October, 1938.

Dear Sir,

I write to ask you if you would be good enough to present my application to the Finance Committee this day to take the remainder of my annual leave as and from to-morrow Saturday until Monday, 31st instant.

As you are aware, there are personal reasons for my taking this leave at this juncture. I have made arrangements for the supervision of the work in the County during these few days of absence.

Yours faithfully,
J. T. O'BYRNE.

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

ORDER—Granted,
SIGNED:—DAVID H. HASKINS,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Dated this 21st day of October, 1938.
Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith;
Seconded by John P. Kehoe;

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—subject to the following modifications having been first made therein:—i.e., that the ages of the applicants for the first three male clerical officers be between 16 and 24 on the 1st January, 1939, and that the four clerks (three girls and one boy) at present in the Council's

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employment temporarily be allowed to compete at these examinations irrespective of their ages.

Passed—Councillor Miss Margaret Kelly dissenting.

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, 18th November, 1938.

The following Members attended :—

Councillor D. H. Haskins, Chairman ;
Councillors Major R. Smith and John P. Kehoe.

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 the County, and also the following return showing the condition of the Poor Rate Collection in the County as it stood on the 31st October, 1938 :—

District No.	Collectors Warrants			Amount collected to date			Discount Allowed			Amount not collected		
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
1	6705	16	7	3068	5	9	28	3	7	3609	7	3
2	4012	3	8	1729	10	8	11	7	7	2271	5	5
3	8251	17	2	1024	19	5	5	11	4	2221	6	5
4	4456	14	4	1383	12	1	11	12	9	3061	9	6
5	2213	1	1	459	2	10	2	0	9	1751	17	6
6	7675	5	3	1263	6	2	8	19	0	6403	0	1
7	15664	3	2	6735	12	5	35	19	9	8892	11	0
8	4274	16	7	2230	14	11	6	4	5	2037	17	3
9	14698	12	8	6699	7	2	31	11	9	7967	13	4
10	5828	1	5	2694	1	7	8	16	7	2625	3	3
11	7850	18	2	3752	3	10	27	13	5	4071	0	11
12	8438	2	6	2475	18	2	10	18	9	5946	5	7
13,14,15	11677	15	4	5154	10	8	25	19	11	6497	4	9
16	8521	18	8	3697	5	5	36	1	1	4788	12	2
17	5570	8	2	1734	3	0	15	15	6	3820	9	8
18	5594	0	2	1915	2	5	25	14	7	3658	3	1
19	4184	15	0	46	18	10	4	8	11	4136	7	3
Total	£120113	9	6	£46061	15	5	£296	19	8	£73754	14	5

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

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS—£172 11 6.

Signed :—DAVID H. HASKINS,
Chairman, Finance Committee,
Dated this 18th day of November, 1938.

Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins ;

Seconded by " Major R. Smith ;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 2, as now read by our Secretary, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the Report of the Local Government Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Council for the two half-years ended 30th September, 1937, as follows :—

AUDITORS REPORT.

A. 27,440/38-

21-10-38.

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, 1937.

Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded herewith.

Following is a comparative table of the Rates raised for the years :—

	1936-37	1937-38	1937-39
In respect of Roads (Rate in £)	31d.	39d.	38½d.
" " " Co. Services "	32½	55	46½
" " " Poor Relief "	35½	36	36½
" " " Health Dis-			
trict Charges "	12	14½	18
	110½	144½	140

As a result of the increased provision for Roads in the 1937-38 Rate the Roads Revenue Account balance at March, 1938, shows a considerable improvement as compared with March, 1937.

On the other hand, notwithstanding the substantially increased rate for County Services, the adverse balance on that Account at 31-3-1938 amounted to £20,580 19 9 as compared with a debit balance of £23,121 2 1 at March, 1937. This minor improvement is explained by the increase in the amount collected during the three months immediately after the close of the financial year 1937-38, that is up to the 30th June, 1938, viz., £19,949 as compared with £13,828 in the three months ended 30th June, 1937, along with the increased recoverable Rates carried forward to the succeeding Warrant as indicated in the following table :—

	1935-36	1936-37	1937-38
Recoverable Rates carried forward	£4,718	£6,504	£10,139
Irrecoverable Rates struck off,			
Refunds and Discount	1,543	1,560	848

The Poor Relief Account has for some years continued to show a debit balance and although provision has been made time and again in the Estimates as submitted to the Council for the elimination of this balance the Council has not agreed to raise the amount. In the September, 1937, half-year a sum sufficient to close the Poor Relief Account without a balance was not transferred from Poor Rate and Agricultural Grant Ac-

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count so that the insufficiency of the Rate raised may appear from the account.

The balance against the Urban Councils at 31-3-38 were :—

Arklow	£2,483	16	2
Bray	£6,774	2	6
Wicklow	£1,464	11	3

The balances in the case of Arklow represented more than three instalments of the 1937-38 Demand ; in the case of Bray two instalments ; and in the case of Wicklow one instalment plus a long-standing Criminal Injury Claim.

The collection in respect of arrears due for Seeds and Fertilizers referred to in my last report amount to £7 7 11 only in the year 1937-38.

A credit balance of £999 16 3 on Machinery Account as at 30-9-1937 has since been reduced by the purchase of new Machinery the cost of which has been charged to that account. I do not think it would be proper that Machinery of an expensive character should be purchased otherwise than by a Loan raised for that purpose, and in this connection attention is directed to Article 59 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925.

A new personal bond in respect of Rate Collector J. J. Doyle (No. 19 District) is in course of preparation. Otherwise all Insurance Renewal Premiums have been paid to date.

(Signed) S. O. h-EAUUGHTEH, Inghiucoir.

Do'n Aire Rialtais Aiteamhla

Augus Slainte Puibli,

ORDER—The Council considered the Report very satisfactory.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;

Seconded by " J. P. Kehoe ;

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

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne ;

Seconded by " J. P. Kehoe ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, chargeable to the various areas, amounting to the sum of £11,040 14 2 (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;

Seconded by " J. P. Kehoe ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals for payment chargeable to the various areas, amounting to the sum of £172 11 6 (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. P. Kehoe ;

Seconded by " Daniel Kehoe ;

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

Passed.

There were no proposals for contracts submitted from the Proposals Committee, and consequently no contracts to be Sealed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne ;

Seconded by " J. P. Kehoe ;

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 Miss Margaret Kelly ;

Seconded by " John Dunne ;

Resolved—That a Licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, be issued to Mr. Robert Williams, Hardware Assistant, Messrs. Murdoch & Co., 30/32 Main Street, Bray, provided a satisfactory report on the application is received by our Secretary from the Garda Siochana.

Passed.

There were no applications for Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, or under the Explosives Act, 1875.

RATE INSPECTORSHIP.

The following communication was submitted :—

LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION.

45, Upper O'Connell Street,
DUBLIN, C.S.
Deire Foghchair, 1938.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

Rate Inspector.

A Chara,

In compliance with the Statutory Request received on the 13th July, 1938, from the Wicklow County Council, I am directed by the Local Appointments Commissioners to state that they recommend Mr. Michael Donoghue, 8, Shandon Crescent, Phibsboro', Dublin, for appointment as Rate Inspector.

A brief statement of the recommended candidate's qualifications and experience is given hereunder, and a copy of the Conditions of Appointment applicable to the post is attached for your information. The

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enclosed Form (L.A.40) should be filled in, in your presence, by the candidate immediately on taking up duty and the form then returned to this office.

Mise, le meas,

M. O. CATHAIN,

Runai.

Date and Place of Birth : 4th September, 1906 : Co. Kerry.

Qualifications and Experience : Passed Railways Clerks' Examination, 1923, and is employed as Clerk with the Great Southern Railways Co. since February, 1924. (At present employed in the Audit Office at Broadstone). He has a good practical knowledge of Book-keeping and of the Public Bodies Orders and Acts relating to Rate Collection, and a competent knowledge of Irish.

In the discussion which followed the reading of the foregoing letter, and a letter dated the 20th October, 1938, from the selected candidate, Mr. Michael Donoghue, 8, Shandon Crescent, Phibsboro', Dublin, it was clearly shown that the Members of the Council present were thoroughly dissatisfied for the reason that a candidate from County Wicklow had not been selected and recommended. For this reason, apparently, no Councillor present would propose or second the draft resolution prepared and submitted by the Secretary for the purpose of giving effect to the recommendations of the Local Appointments Commission.

In this connection the Secretary pointed out that the duties of the person to be appointed as proposed and submitted originally to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to the Local Appointments Commission had been considerably enlarged after the appropriate Form No. 111 had been completed and sent forward, and these duties now included those prescribed under Article 66 sub-section 2 of the Public Bodies Order, i.e., the person to be appointed may at any time be required by the County Council to act as Cottage Rent Checker for the Board of Health without extra remuneration.

The Council proceeded to consider Reports Nos. 1 and 2 submitted from the Joint Committee set up by the County Council and the Board of Health and Public Assistance for the purposing of considering the terms and conditions, salary and travelling expenses of the person to be appointed as County Engineer to replace Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E. resigned, as follow :—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

JOINT CONFERENCE REPORT.

A meeting of the Joint Conference set up by Wicklow County Council, and the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance for the purpose of considering and reporting upon the terms and conditions, salary and travelling expenses of the person to be appointed as County Engineer or County Surveyor, as may be decided, to replace Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., resigned, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 27th September, 1938.

All the Members of the Conference were present as follow :—

Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman of the County Council, presiding ; Councillors James Everett, T.D. ; Michael Timmins, Wallace Hammond, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern) ; and Edward Byrne, Vice-Chairman of the County Council.

Mr. T. C. Courtney, M.E., Chief Engineering Adviser, Roads Section, Department of Local Government and Public Health, was in attendance, as were also the County Secretary, Mr. P. T. Healy, and the Acting Secretary County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance, Mr. Thomas Byrne.

Mr. Courtney, at the request of the Committee, outlined the policy usually adopted by the Minister in recent years on such occasions as it became necessary to make appointments to replace County Surveyors who had vacated their positions for one cause or another. He pointed out that after long years of experience the Minister was of opinion that a County Engineer should be appointed, on whose shoulders should be placed the entire responsibility of the engineering in the County carried on by the County Council and by the Board of Health and Public Assistance. He intimated that with that object in view he had been directed to attend this meeting and to obtain all the facts and figures relating to the Engineering Work of both the County Council and of the Board of Health in recent years.

The County Secretary and the Acting Secretary of the County Board of Health having supplied at great length all the figures and facts required by Mr. Courtney, a prolonged discussion followed. Finally it was decided that Mr. Courtney would place before the Minister the information he had obtained, and, at a later date, by arrangement with the County Secretary and the Chairman of the County Council, a further meeting of the Joint Committee would be called to go more deeply into the subject, having before them at the same time the detailed views of the Minister as to the course of action most suitable for adoption in the County having regard to all the circumstances.

Signed : C. M. BYRNE,

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 27th day of September, 1938.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

JOINT CONFERENCE REPORT.

A second meeting of the Joint Conference set up by Wicklow County Council and the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance for the purpose of considering and reporting upon the terms and conditions, salary, and travelling expenses of the person to be appointed as County Engineer to replace Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., resigned, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11 a.m. on Monday, the 14th November, 1938.

All the Members of the Conference were present as follow :—

Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman of the County Council, presiding ; Councillors James Everett, T.D. ; Michael Timmins, Wallace Hammond, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern) ; and Edward Byrne, Vice-chairman of the County Council.

Mr. T. C. Courtney, M.E., Chief Engineering Adviser, Roads Section, Department of Local Government and Public Health, was in attendance, as were also the County Secretary, Mr. P. T. Healy, and the Acting Secretary, County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance, Mr. Thomas Byrne.

The Secretary read to the Committee the following letter, copy of which had already been circulated beforehand to each Member of the Joint Committee :—

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

R/RS/33.

Zadh Samhain, 1938.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to correspondence regarding the Wicklow County Engineering arrangements and to state that he has considered the Chief Engineering Adviser's Report of his meeting with a Joint Committee of the County Council and the Board of Health on the 27th September last. It appears from the Report that last year between fees and salaries received from the County Council and the Board of Health the remuneration of the three Assistant County Surveyors amounted to approximately :—

Mr. O'Byrne	£1,572
Mr. Foley	£1,660
Mr. Caffrey	£660

In addition Messrs. O'Byrne and Caffrey, as Town Surveyors of Wicklow and Arklow, respectively, received approximately £175 and £305 by way of fees and salaries, while it is understood Mr. Foley engages in private practice.

The total sum paid to the Assistant County Surveyors by way of fees, in addition to their salaries, during the last year was approximately

£2,500 which would be sufficient to pay the salaries of five additional Engineers at £400-£500 per annum to carry out the works for which the Assistant County Surveyors were paid special fees. The employment of additional Engineers would leave the permanent staff more time to devote to the duties in respect of which they are paid salaries by the County Council and the Board of Health.

In counties where the county engineering services have been co-ordinated under the control of the County Surveyor, the Assistant County Surveyors are responsible for the engineering work of the County Council and Board of Health under the direction of the County Surveyor. Where special works are undertaken the employment of consulting Engineers is generally sanctioned. The salaries of the entire Engineering staff are fixed on an inclusive basis ; no fees for special works being payable.

In the circumstances I am to request that when the Joint Committee are considering further the re-organisation of the County Engineering services and the terms of appointment for the new County Surveyor, they would provide that the new County Surveyor should have advisory and supervisory responsibility for all engineering works carried out by the County Council and the Board of Health and that for this purpose he should have, with the consent of the Minister, whatever additional temporary assistance is necessary from time to time, leaving the Assistant County Surveyors free to carry out the duties covered by the salaries paid to them by the Council and the Board.

Mise, le meas,

J. HURSON,

Runai.

The Secretary,
County Council,
WICKLOW.

After a prolonged review of all the facts and figures connected with this matter, and a lengthy discussion thereon, it was

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;

Seconded by Edward Byrne ;

Resolved :—This Joint Committee, after the most careful consideration, hereby recommends Wicklow County Council to appoint a fully qualified, competent and experienced County Engineer, who shall be between the ages of 25 and 40, to succeed Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., County Surveyor, resigned, the new County Engineer to be paid an inclusive salary of £750 per annum and to receive annual increments of £25 for satisfactory service until a maximum annual inclusive salary of £950 has been reached, together with travelling expenses up to, but not exceeding, £250 per annum, calculated at the rate of 6d. per mile, travelled in the discharge of his duties. The newly appointed County Engineer shall carry out all the orders he may receive from time to time from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, from Wicklow County Council, and from the County Board of Public Health and Assistance. The person appointed shall have full advisory and supervisory responsibilities for all engineering works to be carried out by the County Council or by the County Board of Health and Public Assistance, and for this purpose he shall have, subject to the consent of the Minister

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for Local Government and Public Health having been obtained beforehand, whatever temporary engineering assistance may be deemed necessary from time to time, the operation of this point, however, is to be decided by the County Board of Health and Public Assistance when the new County Engineer takes up duty, but in this connection this Joint Committee recommends the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to give most careful consideration to the claims of the three existing engineers employed by the County Board of Health and Public Assistance to be allowed to complete all engineering works at present in their hands under their original terms of appointment.

The Joint Committee further recommends the County Council to make it a condition of this new appointment that the new County Engineer shall attend all meetings of Wicklow County Council and of the County Board of Health and Public Assistance, and that he shall devote his whole time to the duties of his position, and that he shall not be allowed under any circumstances whatsoever to take up private practice of any nature.

Agreed—Councillor M. Timmins dissenting.

SIGNED:—C. M. BYRNE,
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 14th day of November, 1938.

The Secretary submitted the following letter which he had received from a Member of the Joint Committee, Councillor Patrick Doyle, Winetavern:—

Winetavern.

Stratford-on-Slaney,
18-11-'38.

Dear Sir,

In connection with Joint Conference Report No. 2, I adhere to my original vote. I think the addendum to the latter part of the Report makes no change in same.

Yours faithfully,

PATRICK DOYLE,

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Edward Byrne;

"That we hereby approve and adopt the Reports Nos. 1 and 2, printed and circulated to each Member of Wicklow County Council and considered at this day's meeting, from the Joint Conference set up by the County Council and by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance for the purpose of considering the terms and conditions, salary and travelling expenses of the person to be appointed as County Engineer to replace Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., County Surveyor, resigned, and we direct that the Form No. 111 to be submitted in that connection to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to the Local Appointments Commission be now completed; and, further, we hereby decide and direct that one-half the annual salary and one-half the travelling expenses of the County Engineer be a charge on the funds of the County Wick-

low Board of Health and Public Assistance and that the said half of such salary and travelling expenses be recouped annually by that Body, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

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

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors James McCrea, Wallace Hammond, Edward Byrne, John Dunne, Miss Margaret Kelly, James Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, J. P. Kehoe, and Joseph Jacob—9.

AGAINST THE MOTION—Councillors J. J. Bourne, Thos. J. Birthistle, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); P. P. O'Reilly, D. J. Kehoe, M. Mooney, M. Timmins, P. D. Kinsella, and J. P. O'Donnell—10.

The Chairman thereupon declared the Motion to have been lost only 9 Councillors having voted for it and 10 having voted against it.

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 of Wicklow County Council to be held on the 20th February, 1939, 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 (£3,035) for the improvement of Water Supply and provision of Sanitary Convenience at Avoca."

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 of Wicklow County Council to be held on the 20th February, 1939, 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 £32,968 for the purpose of providing sixty-six labourers' cottages with plots at Ballybeg, and the provision of eighteen labourers' cottages with plots at Rathdrum, in pursuance of the provisions of the Labourers Acts, 1883 to 1931, as amended by the Housing (Financial & Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932."

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 of Wicklow County Council to be held on the 20th February, 1939, 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 Pounds (£3,030) from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of improving the sewerage and water supply systems at Rathnew."

At this stage the Council postponed consideration of the remaining business on the Agenda to their Adjourned Quarterly Meeting which was fixed to take place at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 12th December, 1938.

The Adjourned Autumn Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 12th December, 1938.

The following Members attended:—

Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman;
Councillors P. P. O'Reilly, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); David H. Haskins, Michael Mooney, Michael Timmins, Wallace Hammond, J. J. Bourne, Daniel J. Kehoe, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); Miss Margaret Kelly, John Dunne, James Everett, T.D.; Edward Byrne, Major K. Smith, J. P. Kehoe, and J. P. O'Donnell.

BUSINESS:

1 To consider a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the urgent necessity for appointing as Rate Inspector for the County the person selected and recommended by the Local Appointments Commission.

2 To consider a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the Council's decision on the Reports Nos. 1 and 2 submitted to the Council's recent Quarterly Meeting by the Joint Committee set up by the County Council and the Board of Health and Public Assistance for the purpose of considering the terms and conditions, salary and travelling expenses, of the person to be appointed as County Engineer to replace Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., resigned.

3 To consider Acting County Surveyor's Report.

4 To consider an application made to the Finance Committee by the Acting County Surveyor for permission to purchase at an estimated cost of £281 a second Rock Drill Compressor from the Consolidated Pneumatic Tool Company.

5 To consider a communication from the Acting County Surveyor with regard to signs erected on road sides, and to essential hedge-cutting and the trimming of trees.

6 To receive a communication from Mr. Nicholas A. L. O'Toole, Rathduffmore, Hackinstown, containing suggestions for the improvement of County Roads in West Wicklow and pointing out that warning signs are required at the approaches to certain indicated roads.

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8 To consider a communication from the Hon. Secretary, Kilquigan and Killinure Joint Labour Club, asking the Council to finish the re-construction of Ballyconnell Road and to improve the road leading by Coolkenno Church.

9 To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to the provision and erection out of Grant of a 20 ton weighbridge in Wicklow Town to meet certain provisions in the Road Traffic Act, 1933.

10 To consider a communication from the Clerk of Bray Urban District Council together with resolutions containing suggestions for the development of the County with the assistance of Government Grants.

11 To consider a communication from Mrs. Margaret R. Murphy, Togher House, Roundwood, asking the Council to give permission to the local branch of the '98 Commemoration Organisation to erect a plaque at the point on the old Castlekevin Road where Andrew Thomas was executed.

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12 To consider a communication from the Roads Branch, Department of Local Government and Public Health, asking the County Council to submit proposals for the expenditure of a grant of £400 to be devoted towards the removal of anything that obstructs scenic views in the County.

13 To consider a communication from Mr. Patrick Doyle, Butter Mountain, Brittas, Co. Dublin, asking the Council to take action in respect of the damage caused by the system of drainage employed by the Forestry Department on Butter Mountain.

14 To consider a communication from the Arklow Branch, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union asking the County Council to fix the rate for carting in the Arklow area at 4/- per load.

15 To consider a complaint dated the 31st October, 1938, from Mr. James Kinlan, Lough Dan, Roundwood, that he is unable to secure any employment under the County Council.

16 To consider a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, Roads, stating it is reported that the main roads connecting east and west Wicklow (L 10 and L 161) are in a bad condition and barely passable and asking the Council to arrange for special attention to be given to the roads in question during the current quarter.

17 To consider a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health stating the Minister would raise no objection to road workers who are members of the Coast Life Saving Service being allowed to attend quarterly exercises without deduction from pay.

18 To again consider the question of carrying out certain repairs to Courthouses in the County urgently required, and to receive a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated the 24th August, 1938, in connection therewith.

19 To receive a report from the Acting County Surveyor on the probable cost of converting the old Jail premises into offices for the County Council.

20 To receive a comprehensive report setting forth the claims of Wicklow County Council for greatly enlarged free grants from the Road Fund.

21 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.

22 To consider a further letter from the County Analyst, Miss Phyllis Ryan, M.Sc., in which she states she cannot continue to analyse waters from County Wicklow at the present rate, nor indeed any of the samples, without a revision of her scale of remuneration therefor.

23 To execute two copies of the Local Contribution Agreement Form in connection with the Tourist Rate for the current year, as submitted by the Irish Tourist Association.

24 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body held on the 30th August, 1938 :-

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend for payment to the Wicklow County Council, the sum of £15 in connection with the erection of a New Swim Bath to

Mr. R. J. Devereux, Willow Grove, Delgany."

25 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture on the 30th August, 1938 :-

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend for payment to Wicklow County Council, the following amounts in connection with the re-construction of existing swim baths :

Mrs. Julia Walsh, Ballysmutton, Manor-Kilbride	£10
Mr. R. O'Loughlin, Munny, Coolkenno	£5
Mr. M. Mitten, Sleemane, Roundwood	£8 10s."

26 To consider the following resolution submitted by the County Committee of Agriculture from a meeting of that Body held on the 27th September, 1938 :-

"Resolved—That we recommend the Wicklow County Council to make a payment of £10 on account to the Sheep Dipping Inspectors."

27 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Committee of Agriculture on the 27th September, 1938 :-

"That we hereby recommend for payment to the Wicklow County Council, the sum of 30/- to Mr. A. Griffin, Greenhall, Timahely, in respect of the use of his bath for the double dipping of 500 sheep during the 1937 dipping period."

28 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Committee of Agriculture on the 25th October, 1938 :-

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend for payment to Wicklow County Council the sum of £15 to Laragh House, Ltd., Annamoe, Greystones (Mr. C. Somerville-Large) in connection with the erection of a new Swim Bath."

29 To consider a communication from the County Committee of Agriculture asking the Council to raise and transfer to that Committee in the year 1939/40 the same amounts as were raised and transferred during the financial year 1938/39.

30 To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health in connection with the necessity for making arrangements for safeguarding the population in the event of air attacks.

31 To consider a communication from the Secretary, The Drainage Commission, 6, Harcourt Street, Dublin, inviting the County Council to submit any findings or views they may have on all aspects of the drainage problem in Eire.

32 To consider the following resolution passed by the Wicklow County 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 ending 31st March, 1940, an increase to Library funds of the product 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 our 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 as in aid of provision of suitable County Library Headquarters conditionally upon the Council's agreement to make this increase."

33 To consider the following resolution passed by the Wicklow County Library Committee on the 7th October, 1938 :-

"That in view of the yearly increasing volume of work entailed by Library expansion in the County and in consideration of the Librarian's efficient service during the past eight years, I move that the salary of our County Librarian, Miss Brigid Redmond, be placed upon an incremental basis as from the 1st November, 1938, rising by £10 yearly from £250 to £300."

34 To consider the following resolution passed by the Wicklow County Library Committee on 7th October, 1938 :-

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"That the salary of our Assistant, Miss M. McCrea, be increased as from the 1st November, 1938, from £91 to £120 per annum, rising by annual increments of £6 10s. to £200 per annum, thus giving her the same status as the clerks in the Council's employment."

35 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."

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

37 To fill two vacancies existing on the County Library Committee.

38 To consider County Analyst's Reports.

39 To consider a communication from the Secondary Education Branch of the Department of Education, in connection with the Council's Proposal to sanction for a further year scholarships to certain of the Council's Secondary School Scholarship Holders.

40 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 in 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."

41 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 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."

42 To consider a communication dated the 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.

43 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Executive of the Irish Farmers' Federation on the 18th October, 1938 :-

"That the County Secretary get in touch with the Secretary of the County Council and the Secretary of the Board of Health to obtain the details of the expenditure under the different headings that make up the expenses of the County Council, such as salaries, Road, Home Help, Home Assistance, Hospitals and the County Committee of Agriculture."

44 To consider a communication from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bray, requisitioning small wooden presses for each of the 13 Food and Drugs Inspectors appointed by the Council.

45 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

46 To receive Reports from County Officers.

47 To consider official correspondence.

48 To consider general correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne ;
Seconded by P. P. O'Reilly ;

Resolved—That we have heard with regret of the death of Mr. John Muldoon, who formerly represented Wicklow County in the British House of Commons, and we hereby tender to the Members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly ;
Seconded by Michael Timmins ;

"That the letters from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health relative to items Nos. 1 and 2. on the Agenda, i.e., The Rate Inspectorship, and The County Engineership, be postponed to our next Meeting and that copies be sent to each Member in the meantime."

The Chairman having taken a show of hands on this Motion he declared it to have been lost.

APPOINTMENT OF RATE INSPECTOR.

The following further letter from the Minister was submitted :-
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH.
CUSTOM HOUSE,
G. 8537/10/38. DUBLIN, 3rd December, 1938.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 22nd ultimo regarding the appointment of a Rate Inspector, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that as the Council have received a recommendation from the Local Appointments Commission it is now only necessary to adopt the recommendation appointing the person recommended by the Commissioners for the post. Under Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, it is obligatory on a Local Authority, having made a request to the Commissioners to recommend a suitable person, to appoint the person recommended by the Commissioners. The Minister is responsible for seeing that the provisions of the Act are fulfilled and he desires the Council to give the matter their earnest consideration and not delay making the appointment beyond the meeting to be held on the 12th instant.

The Minister will be glad to be notified immediately after the meeting of the action taken by the Council on the recommendation of the Commissioners.

Mise, le meas,
J. COLLINS.

T. c. Runal,
The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

After some discussion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Cooboy) ;

Seconded by James Everett, T.D. ;

Resolved—That in accordance with the recommendation contained in the letter from the Local Appointments Commission dated the 19th October, 1938, L.A. 22/15/38, we hereby appoint to the whole-time, per-

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manent and pensionable position of Rate Inspector, at an inclusive salary of £250 per annum, Mr. Michael Donoghue, of 8, Shandon Crescent, Phibsboro', Dublin, who shall carry out all the duties that may be assigned to him by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, by Wicklow County Council, or by the Secretary of the County Council, and Mr. Donoghue is hereby requested to take up duty at the earliest date possible for him to do so.

Passed

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY ENGINEER

The following further letter from the Minister on this subject was considered :-

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,
(Roads),
Custom House,
DUBLIN,
R/RS/33.

5adh Mí na Nodlag, 1938.

A Chara,

With further reference to your letter of the 22nd ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to request that the report of the Joint Committee on the question of the County Engineering Services be brought again before the County Council for consideration. The Minister feels confident that on further consideration of the question the Council will agree that the position referred to in this Department's letter of the 2nd ultimo is altogether unsatisfactory and that re-organisation of the Engineering services on the lines suggested would be in the best interests of the Ratepayers.

Mise le meas,

TOMAS MACARDGHAIL,
Leas Runaire.

The Secretary,

County Council,

Wicklow.

Having reconsidered Reports Nos. 1 and 2 from the meetings of the Joint Committee held on the 27th September, 1938, and 14th November, 1938 (Copies of which Reports appear in full in the Minutes of proceedings of the County Council at the Quarterly Meeting of that Body held on the 21st November, 1938), it was

Proposed by Councillor John Dunne;

Seconded by Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve and adopt the Reports Nos. 1 and 2, printed and circulated to each Member of Wicklow County Council and considered at this day's meeting, from the Joint Conference set up by the County Council and by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance for the purpose of considering the terms and conditions, salary, and travelling expenses of the person to be appointed as County Engineer to replace Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., County Surveyor, resigned, and we direct that the Form No. 111 to be submitted in that connection to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and the Local Appointments Commission be now completed; and, further,

we hereby decide and direct that one-half the annual salary and one-half the travelling expenses of the County Engineer to be a charge on the funds of the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance and that the said half of such salary and travelling expenses be recouped annually by that Body, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Passed.

The Council decided after further discussion that the Green Form No. 111 required to be completed for submission to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and, subsequently, to the Local Appointments Commissioners, was not to be completed by the Chairman until a letter had been received from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health after consideration of the Council's resolution passed at this meeting.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby make formal application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to recognise as an "authorised committee" (Vide Section 63 of the Local Government Act, 1925), for the purpose of paying the travelling expenses of the Members thereof the Joint Committee set up by the Wicklow County Council and the Board of Health and Public Assistance for the purpose of considering and reporting upon the terms, conditions, salary, and travelling expenses of the person it is contemplated should be appointed as County Engineer.

Passed.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Report from Acting County Surveyor on Roads and Road Maintenance.

Meeting of Council on Monday, 21st November, 1938

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
16th November, 1938.

Gentlemen,

(1) The Road Works (Rural), Grant U.909, are now in progress in the following areas :-

Kilcool, Rathdrum, Avoca, Shillelagh, Balinglass and Lackan; the total amount to be expended is £5,150, which includes a contribution from local rates of £1,375. That portion of the work allocated for Rathnew Village will commence within the next 10 days.

The Works proposed under Road Fund Grant 1938/39 Works Nos. R.897, R.898 and R.899 are due to start in Tomacork and Coolroe areas

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on Monday, the 21st Instant, which is the earliest date within which the requirements of Circular SGA/202 could be fulfilled.

(2) I regret to inform you that Sudden Damages have occurred on Roads in the County as follows :-

SOUTHERN AREA. Assistant County Surveyor Reports :-

County Road 239 Coolkono, estimated cost of repairs £10.
" 200 Annacurra Bridge estimated cost of repairs £20.

WESTERN AREA. Assistant County Surveyor Reports :-

County Road No.	Description	Estimated cost of Repairs
301 & 302	Winetavern-Stratford and Rathbrannery, estimated cost of repairs	85
342	Slievecorragh-Tour estimated cost of repairs	10
349	Coonmore-Feather Brook " " "	50
356	Annacorney-Ballyknockan " " "	5
365	Lackan-Ballyknockan " " "	10
269	Talbotstown-Killalish " " "	40

The Council is aware from my previous reports, that the funds available in the latter Area for road maintenance is small, and the monies set aside for Sudden Damages in the entire County for County Roads would, I fear, not be sufficient to cover the above cost (£150) of the damages reported to me up to yesterday, and, still less those additional amounts to which my attention has been called this day, as follows :-

County Roads.	Description.	Estimated cost of Repairs.
Road No. 347	Lugnagroagh-Slievecorragh	40
" " 351	Woodencross-Glenbride Bridge	30
" " 352	Garrykuck-Togher	50
" " 353	Annacorney-Granabeg	30
" " 367	Lackan-Ballinoultha	50
" " 377	Oldecourt-Athdown	10
" " 380	Athdown-Shankill	10
" " 381	Ballyolan-Shankill	15
" " 316	Wall and fences at Toberbeg	15
" " 318	Donard-Kilcough	15
" " 382	Intack-Kilcough	30
" " 261	Highpark-Ballinabarney	0
" " 277	Kilmurry-Holdenstown	15
" " 293	Kyle-Keadeen-Spynans-Brusselstown	10
" " 350	Coonmore-Glencree Brook	15
" " 351	Bridge at Glenbride	No figures yet available

MAIN ROADS.

Road No. 343 Glashaboy Brook-Granabeg 15
" " 344 Hollywood Cross-Granabeg 35

(3) I have received a letter from the Acting Secretary, Wicklow Board of Health, dated the 17th ultimo, forwarding a recommendation from the Board to the County Council that Kimberley Road, Greystones, be taken over and maintained by the County Council. If the Council agree the necessary procedure can be adopted for carrying the proposition into effect.

(4) I desire to call your attention to the objectionable increase in the number and style of advertisements on the sides of many roads in the County. I have made this matter the subject of a special communication to the County Secretary, for your consideration.

(5) The Notices to land owners in the matter of Hedge Cutting and Tree Trimming have been extensively served throughout the County during the last few weeks, and special attention has been called to this matter by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. It is desirable to give full publicity to this, and to inform all concerned that it is proposed to take serious notice of defaulters, throughout the County. The cutting of hedges has not been taken very seriously by land owners in this County heretofore, and the condition of the roads in many cases is affected by neglect to comply with the Statutory Regulations.

(6) The works which will be carried out under Road Fund Grant during the year 1938/39 consists of a new form of Road Construction, and in order to deal with this, it will be necessary to purchase another Concrete Mixing Machine for combining the Tar Bitumen and Stone. This machine is required immediately for the Carnew Area, and I estimate the cost will not exceed £295. I have made a further application to your Finance Committee, through the County Secretary to purchase a second Rock Drilling Compressor at an estimated cost of £281, and this matter is the subject of a separate communication.

(7) With reference to previous correspondence regarding the transfer of unexpended balances in certain Road Groups to certain other Road Groups in the Road Works Scheme 1938/39, as referred to in my previous report, I desire to inform you that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, under date 24th ultimo, has indicated his approval to such transfers, as follows :-

Main Roads	
£150	from Group L to Group M
£50	" " N " " M
County Roads	
£60	from Group N to Group L
£100	" " N " " M

(8) I have been engaged in the preparation of the Estimate and Plans of the work entailed in the erection of New Offices for the County Council on the old Jail premises, Wicklow Town. This matter is one which requires careful and prolonged consideration. I propose, if possible, to submit a separate short Report on the matter to your Meeting, together with a comprehensive estimate and preliminary sketch plan.

(9) A letter has been received from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health indicating that a report was submitted to

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him that the Main Roads connecting East and West Wicklow are in a bad condition and asking the Council to arrange for special attention to be given to the roads in question during the coming quarter. The monies allocated for the repair and maintenance of these road Groupings and incorporating the roads referred to are quite insufficient to carry out extensive and undoubtedly necessary works, but I have arranged to give such attention to these roads as far as the available funds permit.

Yours faithfully,
J. T. O'BYRNE,
Acting County Surveyor.

- ORDERS—Paragraph (1)—Noted.
Paragraph (2)—Referred to Acting County Surveyor.
Paragraph (3)—Referred to the Acting County Surveyor for inclusion in the Provisional Road Works Scheme.
Paragraph (4) and (5)—See orders on the separate letters submitted to the Council at this meeting.
Paragraph (6)—To be submitted by the Acting County Surveyor with his Estimates. Mixer to be hired meantime.
Paragraph (7)—Noted.
Paragraph (8)—Noted.
Paragraph (9)—Noted.

The following additional Report was submitted from the Acting County Surveyor :—

COURTHOUSE,
WICKLOW,
10th November, 1938.

Dear Sir,

I would be glad if you would have me advised as to the powers of the County Council in the removal of advertisements and other signs which have been erected by persons on the road sides (grass margin).

There are so many of these signs now being erected, apparently without any permission and quite indiscriminately, that I feel it is necessary to take some action about them. Some of these notices are luminous for reflection at night, and, in my opinion, constitute a certain amount of danger to motorists. In any case, the erection of these signs at any point between the line of the boundary ditches on either side of the road appears to me to be objectionable, and the number of these is on the increase.

With regard to the requirements in the matter of hedge-cutting and trimming of trees, the notices for which have been served in nearly all cases on land owners in the County, I would suggest that an advertisement be inserted in the Press directing further attention to the necessity of complying with these notices, and indicating the danger of prosecution of the defaulters.

As you are aware, a circular has been issued by the Roads Department this year calling special attention to this matter, but I am afraid that in many cases people do not take a serious view of the notices served on them.

Yours faithfully,
J. T. O'BYRNE.

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

- ORDERS—Paragraphs 1 and 2—Referred to the Council's Solicitor.
Paragraphs 3 and 4—Acting County Surveyor to draft and insert a suitable advertisement which is to exclude trees unless in very exceptional cases.

Two communications dated the 29th August, 1938, were submitted from Nicholas A. L. O'Toole, Rathduffmore, Hacketstown, pointing out the dangerous condition of Kilearney Bridge and certain West Wicklow Roads, and making suggestions for their improvement, and, further, stating that warning signs are required at the approaches to certain roads he indicated.

ORDER—Both communications to be referred to the Acting County Surveyor for his information and suitable action.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea ;
Seconded by Wallace Hammond ;

Resolved—That the Acting County Surveyor be directed to draft a Scheme, after consultation with the Assistant Surveyors and the local Councillors, embodying such roads other than Main Roads as might suitably be classified as Main Roads and be allocated Government Grants for entire reconstruction.

Passed.

Letters dated the 19th August and 5th September, 1938, Ref. No. MS/5081, were submitted from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Transport and Marine Branch, 14, St. Stephen's Green, N, Dublin, in which the removal of material from the State owned foreshore behind the pottery premises, Arklow, is strictly forbidden.

The Secretary intimated that the Acting County Surveyor had received copies of these two communications and had taken suitable action in connection therewith.

The Council had under consideration the following two resolutions passed at a meeting of Kilquiggin and Killinure Joint Labour Club :—
"That we, the Members of the above Club, respectfully ask the County Council and the County Surveyor to recommend a substantial Grant to finish the reconstruction of the Ballyconnell Road which is an important road leading from Tullow-Shillelagh road to Baltinglass and Dublin and also Church and Schools."

"The road leading by Coolkenno Church on which there are two business houses as well as a place of Worship which brings a lot of traffic to this road."

ORDER—Noted; the Acting County Surveyor to apply to the Government for a Grant to complete the work on the roads in question.

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The following communication was submitted :—

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

R/SGQ/33.

A Chara,

With reference to Works No. Q.896 of the Road Improvement Grant 1937-38, relative to the provision and erection of a 20 ton weighing bridge in the County, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that steps should be taken to secure a suitable site in Wicklow Town.

In selecting a site it will be necessary to ensure that the Council will have a clear title and that provision can be made for the weighing of heavily laden and awkwardly loaded vehicles.

Mise, le meas,
J. F. OWENS,
A/s. Runai.

The Secretary,
County Council Offices,
Wicklow.

ORDER—Plans to be submitted to the Department by the Acting County Surveyor,

A file of correspondence which had passed between the Town Clerk of Bray and Mr. Hugo Flynn, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance, was submitted in which was outlined certain proposals relating to the expenditure of Grants towards the removal of anything that obstructs scenic views in the County, and the possibility of obtaining further grants for developing tourist roads.

The Council directed that this correspondence be handed to the Acting County Surveyor, for his information and suitable action.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne ;

Seconded by Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ;

Resolved—That we hereby accede to the request of the Roundwood Branch, '98 Commemoration Association, to be allowed to erect a plaque at the point on the old Castlekevin Road where Andrew Thomas was executed, provided the Acting County Surveyor is satisfied beforehand that the proposed memorial will not become an obstruction and will not in any way interfere with the right of public user to the road, and that the plaque be erected to the satisfaction of the Acting County Surveyor.

Passed.

Letters dated the 19th September, 14th October, and 2nd December, 1938, Ref. Nos. RU/205/33 V., were submitted in connection with the Grant of £400 from the Employment Schemes Vote to meet the cost of removing fences, hedges, and high walls which obstruct scenic views in the County and approving of this sum being expended on the following four works :—

- 1 Excavation and fencing Kilmacanogue North (T.Y. Road No. 5).
- 2 " " " Kilmurray " (do. 5).
- 3 " " " Croneyhorne (L.31 Road No. 220).
- 4 " " " Bawnogue (T.42 Road No. 278).

A letter in this connection dated the 21st November, 1938, was submitted from the Acting County Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., stating that as the information was urgently required by the Minister he had submitted proposals direct to the Minister.

ORDER—The expenditure of the Grant in question is hereby approved as indicated in the correspondence.

A communication dated the 26th October, 1938, was submitted from Mr. Patrick Doyle, Butter Mountain, Brittas, Co. Dublin, in which he asked the Council to take action in respect of the damage which he alleged was being caused by the system of drainage employed by the Forestry Department on Butter Mountain.

Having considered the reports on the matter from Acting County Surveyor J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., and Assistant Surveyor, P. J. Foley, B.E., the Council directed that a copy of Mr. Doyle's letter be forwarded to the Forestry Department for their information and suitable action.

A letter dated the 3rd November, 1938, was submitted from the Arklow Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, in which the Council was asked to fix the rate for carting in Arklow Area at 4/- per load.

As there was already on the Council's records a resolution dealing with the remuneration which the Council wish to be paid to carters they referred this communication to the Acting County Surveyor for suitable action.

A letter dated the 31st October, 1938, was read from Mr. James Kinlan, Lough Dan, Roundwood, who stated that though unemployed he is unable to secure any employment under the County Council although he alleged a man was taken out of permanent employment and given work on road maintenance.

ORDER—The Acting County Surveyor is directed to investigate the facts, particularly the statement that other men in the area have been taken on.

The following letter was considered :—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,
(Roads),
Custom House,
DUBLIN.

R/RGM/33.

28adh Deire Fomhair, 1938.

A Chara,

With reference to the maintenance of the Main Roads in your area, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that it is reported that Main Roads connecting East and West Wicklow (L.107 and L.161) are in bad condition and barely passable. Accordingly I am to request that you will arrange for special

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attention to be given to the roads in question during the current quarter.
 Mise, le meas,
 J. F. OWENS,
 A/s Runai.

The Secretary,
 County Council Offices,
 Wicklow.

ORDER—Referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Seconded by " Wallace Hammond;

Resolved—That having considered the letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated the 8th November, 1938, No. RM/7, in which it is stated the Minister would raise no objection to road workers who are members of the Coast Life Saving Service being allowed to attend the quarterly exercises without deduction from pay, we hereby direct our Acting County Surveyor to make this concession in future to any person engaged on road maintenance or Grant Work who may be affected by the circular referred to.

Passed.

A considerable number of Councillors found it necessary at this stage to leave the meeting with a view to catching suitable travelling connections for their homes, and after some discussion it was decided that only non-contentious items on the Agenda would be dealt with, and that contentious items and items on the Order Book which had not appeared on the Agenda, would be deferred to a Special Meeting the date of which would be fixed in due course by the Chairman.

A file of correspondence from the Department of Local Government and others was again submitted by the Secretary with regard to repairs required to the Courthouses in the County.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Coolboy);

Resolved—That having again considered the file of correspondence relating to certain repairs to Courthouses in the County stated to be urgently required; together with the communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated the 24th August, 1938, in connection therewith, we hereby direct our Acting County Surveyor to have these repairs carried out forthwith, and, further, as it is clear that such repairs will cost far more than the amount raised in the current financial year's estimates for Courthouses, we hereby decide that the difference be included and raised in the Estimates for the financial year 1939-1940.

Passed.

Pending the receipt from the Acting County Surveyor of a detailed report with supporting documents the Council adjourned to a meeting to be held at a later date consideration of the proposal to convert the old Jail premises in the Town of Wicklow into new offices for the County Council.

The following statement of Wicklow County Council's claims for a much larger share of Government Grants from Central Funds was submitted and considered:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
 COURT HOUSE,
 WICKLOW.

STATEMENT OF CLAIM.

ON BEHALF OF THE WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL TO THE MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF FREE GRANT ALLOCATION FROM CENTRAL FUNDS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF ROADS.

This Statement presented to the Chairman and Members of the Wicklow County Council at their meeting to be held on Monday, the 21st November, 1938.

The importance of the roads in County Wicklow is recognised both by the residents of the area and vast numbers outside its boundaries, from many points of view.

Its attractions as a Tourist centre within easy access of the Capital are undeniable. The enormous increase in traffic both in weight and numbers is obvious; and the fact that many of these roads are called upon to bear the transport of other adjoining counties, to and from the City, is a source of great anxiety to those responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of these routes.

The County of Wicklow is not rich in comparison with other Counties, such as Louth, Meath and Kildare. Its roads run through mountainous districts and valleys and through difficult and lonely country where maintenance is expensive. Other counties throughout Eire are satisfied that traffic requirements are fulfilled if a few Main Arteries are in good condition, but County Wicklow has, of necessity, to cater for traffic on its distant and lonely bye-roads throughout its whole net work. For instance the Dublin-Rathfarnham-Glenree Section and thence to Enniskerry or Sallygap, Laragh or Glendalough are routes over which the volume of traffic is increasing rapidly year by year. These roads have never been made or reconstructed to bear such traffic, and justifiable complaints are being received on all sides as to their condition. Yet, Wicklow County Council are doing more than can be expected within the resources at its command to merely hold these and other similar routes from breaking down altogether.

Wicklow, although one County, geographically and financially, is in fact two areas divided by a mountain range. In unfavourable weather East and West Wicklow are practically isolated from each other, except by round-about travelling, either via County Dublin or across the more accessible areas of North Carlow. There are two principal routes from East to West, one from the Poulaphuca-Hollywood district to Glendalough and Laragh and the other from Blessington district via Sally Gap to Roundwood. These roads, for their greater length, are little better

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than lanes, but they are required and used in good weather by many coming motorists from East Wicklow and the Counties of Kildare and Carlow. In the southern end of County Wicklow there are many roads in the vicinity of the village of Shilleigh carrying heavy through traffic and these roads are still in an un-reconstructed condition, unfit to bear such traffic.

Many other roads throughout the county, although scheduled as "Second Class" for fund allocations, have become important traffic routes in recent months.

Finally, it is to be noted in support of the contention that Wicklow roads are important, that the first introduction to foreign visitors to Eire is almost invariably through the gateway of Wicklow to the Vales of Glendalough and Clara; but there are equally majestic scenes to be found in the upper mountainous areas of the County and which can never be comfortably inspected owing to the condition of the roads.

It is not contended, altogether, that the importance of Wicklow roads depends upon the tourist aspect of the question. The importance of linking East and West Wicklow and thence to the inner Counties of the country has been stressed above. In addition, it should be unnecessary to draw attention to the enormous facilities which would be given if there were first-class roads in all isolated districts for the use of the Turf Industry and farming community generally.

With regards to the funds which are available for the upkeep, maintenance, and re-construction of roads in County Wicklow, it is an amazing fact (as I am informed) that notwithstanding the enormous amount of omnibus traffic over our roads, not one pound is paid in local taxation within County Wicklow on such vehicles.

Similarly, inasmuch as the local taxation on all other forms of Motor Vehicles passing through the County to and from Dublin is paid in other counties, here again we have not even a proportion of the return to the County by way of road fund grants.

I have gone into the figures bearing on this whole case and I find that during the five years ending 31st March, 1938, the amount of Grants allocated to County Wicklow was approximately £112,267. The motorists of County Wicklow contributed in the same period of five years £110,105. The difference, £2,162, I suggest, in no way represents the cost to Wicklow County Council in repairing and maintaining the roads used by omnibus and through traffic alone. The amount expended by Wicklow County Council, during the same period, raised out of Rates was £144,276.

This fact is even more apparent during the current financial year 1938/39. The amount of Grants so far allocated being £25,603. As against this figure we have the motor taxation estimated this year (1938/39) to bring in £25,000 and at the same time the amount proposed to be expended out of local rates is £38,900.

It seems to me therefore, that Wicklow County Council has a very just claim for increased and much larger grants from the Road Fund, if its roads are to be maintained to a standard capable of bearing the present and anticipated traffic.

The following table shows the road finances for the six years ending 31st March, 1939:—

YEAR	ROAD EXPENDITURE FROM RATES	MOTOR TAXATION	AMOUNT OF GRANTS
1933/34	27,590	20,826	23,452
1934/35	22,477	21,220	19,012
1935/36	27,250	22,217	21,363
1936/37	31,872	22,202	24,682
1937/38	35,087	23,640	23,758
1938/39	38,922	25,000 (estimated)	25,603

An examination of the above figures indicates that the Motor Taxation receipts contributed from County Wicklow has steadily increased. The expenditure out of rates in the County has increased from £27,590 in the financial year of 1933-34 to £38,922 in the current year of 1938-39, but the average annual grant from the Road Fund over the six-year period in question amounted to £22,978 only.

It is to be noted that portion of the Grant figures indicated above were amounts allocated conditional to the provision of certain supplemental sums out of rates by the County Council.

I suggest that an inspection of the figures given in this Table, makes a Perfect Case for a substantial increase in Free Road Fund Grants in County Wicklow.

In conclusion, it is right to point out, that from the latest returns available (1936-37) as issued by the Local Government Department, it would appear that the Wicklow County Council expend the sum of £63 per mile on its Main Roads, which amount was raised solely from local rates, whilst the average expenditure over all the counties in Eire is found to be £58 per mile only. This fact indicates that the Wicklow County Council in its efforts to cope with the extraordinary increased traffic in the County, has endeavoured to meet the expenditure out of rates beyond what might be expected, having regard to its resources.

Signed: J. T. O'BYRNE,
 Acting County Surveyor.

16th November, 1938.

Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond;

Seconded by " James McCrea;

Resolved—That a copy of the approved Statement of Claim submitted at this meeting for largely increased Grants to County Wicklow be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for his very earnest consideration in that respect, as it is the considered opinion of this County Council that we are not getting anything even approaching the amounts of Free Grants we are entitled to annually, having regard to this County's proximity to Dublin City, and the enormous Bus and motor traffic passing through our County to other Counties, apart altogether from the fact that County Wicklow is really the playground of practically all the motorists residing in Dublin City, Dublin County, and many other parts outside our own County. We desire to impress on the

Minister the fact that the Ratepayers of our County are no longer financially able to maintain either our Main Roads or our County Roads at such a standard as will enable them to stand up to the enormous motor traffic above referred to—the effect of which is that many of our County Roads are utterly impoverished year after year and are now well nigh impassable.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. P. O'Donnell ;
Seconded by Michael Mooney ;

Resolved—That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, desire to bring to the notice of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health the fact that none of the Omnibuses and but a small proportion of the motor traffic continually using the County Wicklow Road are licensed in the County and in consequence the Grants from the Road Fund to Wicklow County Council are considerably smaller than if these vehicles were licensed in the County. We, therefore, propose that the matter be brought to the notice of the Commission to be established to consider the Rail and Road Transport problem, the report of which is to be received by the Minister early in the coming year, and we trust that this injustice to County Wicklow will be remedied.

Passed.

The following letters were submitted in connection with the lands known as the Cow Park at Ballymarroge, Kilquiggan.—

IRISH LAND COMMISSION,
UPPER MERRION STREET,
DUBLIN,

A. & R.2 880/38, 28 Meitheamb, 1938.

Estate of I.L.C. (Earl Fitzwilliam),
County Wicklow.
Rec. No. S.2677.

A Chara.

With further reference to your letter of the 14th April last and previous correspondence from which it appears your Council are not prepared to act as Trustees of the cowpark at Ballymarroge but are willing to surrender the lands to the Land Commission for allotment to local Trustees, I am directed by the Land Commission to inform you that they have made arrangements for the appointment of local Trustees who are prepared to hold the lands for the purposes of a cow park on the terms and conditions and with such rights and powers as may be specified in a scheme to be settled pursuant to the provisions of Sect. 20 of the Irish Land Act, 1903, as amended by Section 18 of the Irish Land Act, 1909, Section 69 of the Land Act, 1923, and by Section 33 of the Land Act, 1938.

The Land Commission are now in a position to accept the surrender of the lands from your Council and will instruct their Inspector to attend on the lands to receive possession from your Council, when the enclosed Deed of Surrender and Declaration have been executed by your Council and lodged in this office. Your Council will be responsible for the payment of Annual Sum and Poor Rates to the date of surrender.

Mise, le meas,

P. T. EVANS.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
M.F.,

4, Church Street,
WICKLOW,
15th November, 1938.

Wicklow Council Council.
re Cow Park at Ballymarroge.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of yesterday's date to hand enclosing original letter from Irish Land Commission, together with Deed of Surrender and Declaration.

As the County Council are anxious to be relieved of their responsibilities in connection with above Cow Park the Deed of Surrender, which I return, may be sealed by the Council.

In my opinion, the Statutory Declaration should be made by you as Secretary, and I have accordingly prepared a new form of Declaration, which you can have completed.

I also return letter from the Irish Land Commission and form of Declaration enclosed therewith.

Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH BRAZIL.

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

Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond ;

Seconded by Patrick Doyle (Winetavern) ;

Resolved—That we hereby decide to execute at this day's meeting the legal document surrendering to the Irish Land Commission the lands known and described as the Cow Park at Ballymarroge, and we direct that the Council's Seal be affixed to the aforementioned Surrender, and that the said Seal be witnessed by our Chairman.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in and accepted in connection with item No. 22 on the Agenda, i.e. the further letter from the County Analyst, Miss Phyllis Ryan, M.Sc., 12, Dawson Street, Dublin, in which she stated she cannot continue to analyse waters from County Wicklow at the present rate, nor, indeed, any other samples, without a revision of her scale of remuneration therefor.

"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, shall move at the Quarterly Meeting of this Council to be held on the 20th February, 1939, that the conditions governing the appointment of Miss Phyllis Ryan, M.Sc., as County Analyst, be varied and that the remuneration to be paid to her as from the 1st April, 1939, be calculated

on the following basis, which is the scale of fees formulated by the Irish Public Analysts' Association:—

- Analysis of water for Public Health purposes, £1 1s. per sample.
- Analysis of medicines for Boards of Health, 6/- per sample, or as an alternative a fixed annual sum calculated at the rate of £3 per Sending Station (hospitals, dispensaries, etc.)
- Analysis of articles under the Sale of Foods and Drugs Acts:—

(1) Where the number of samples submitted annually does not exceed 500:—

£50 per annum, retaining fee, for which 100 samples will be analysed, each sample in excess of that number up to a total of 500 per annum to be paid for at the rate of 7/6 each.

(2) Where the number of samples submitted annually exceeds 500, but not 1,000:—

£100 per annum, retaining fee, for which 200 samples will be analysed, each sample in excess of that number up to 1,000 per annum to be paid for at the rate of 6/3 each.

(3) Where the number of samples submitted annually exceeds 1,000: Same as (2) for 1,000 samples. Each sample in excess of 1,000: to be paid for at the rate

of 5/- each.

Signed: C. M. BYRNE.

Accepted: C. M. Byrne,

Presiding Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor J. P. O'Donnell ;

Seconded by C. M. Byrne ;

Resolved—That we hereby decide to execute the two copies of the Local Contribution Agreement Form required in connection with the Council's Rate Contribution to the Irish Tourist Association for the current financial year, 1938-39, and we direct that the Council's Seal be affixed thereto, and that the document be witnessed by the Chairman.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond ;

Seconded by C. M. Byrne ;

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 30th August, 1938:—

"That we hereby recommend for payment by the Wicklow County Council the sum of £15 in connection with the erection of a new swim bath to:—

Mr. R. J. Devereux, Willow Grove, Delgany,

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne ;

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 30th August, 1938:—

"That we hereby recommend for payment by the Wicklow County Council, the following amounts in connection with the re-construction of existing swim baths:—

Mrs. Julia Walsh, Ballysmutton, Manor Kilbride £10.
Mr. E. O'Loughlin, Munny, Coolkenno £5.

Mr. M. Mitton, Sleemane, Roundwood £8 10s.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond ;

Seconded by C. M. Byrne ;

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 27th September, 1938:—

"That we recommend the Wicklow County Council to make a payment of £10 on account to the Sheep Dipping Inspectors."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond ;

Seconded by C. M. Byrne ;

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 27th September, 1938:—

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend for payment by the Wicklow County Council the sum of 30/- to Mr. A. Griffin, Greenhall, Tinahely, in respect of the use of his bath for the double dipping of 500 sheep during the 1937 dipping period."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond ;

Seconded by C. M. Byrne ;

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 October, 1938:—

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend for payment by the Wicklow County Council the sum of £15 to Laragh House, Ltd., Annamoe, Greystones (Mr. C. Somerville-Large), in connection with the erection of a new Swim Bath."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne ;

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 29th November, 1938:—

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the following amounts to the local Veterinary Inspectors for work done under the Sheep Dipping Scheme, 1938:—

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

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond ;
Seconded by " C. M. Byrne ;
Resolved—That we hereby approve of the following resolutions passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held on the 29th November, 1938 :—

" That we hereby recommend for payment by Wicklow County Council the sum of £15 each to Mr. Michael Byrne, Toberionagh, Tinahely, and Mr. William Eustace, Ballyfolan, Brittas, Co. Dublin, subsidy in respect of erection of New Swim Baths."

" That we hereby recommend for payment by Wicklow County Council the sum of £4 to Mr. George Driver, Mungoduff, Rathdangan, in respect of re-construction of Swim Bath."

Passed,
Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne ;
Seconded by " Wallace Hammond ;

Resolved—That the communication from the County Committee of Agriculture dated the 2nd November, 1938, asking the Council to raise and transfer to that Committee in the year 1939-40 the same amounts as were raised and transferred during the year 1938-39 be referred to the Finance Committee to be dealt with when the Estimates for the financial year 1939-40 are submitted to that Body.

Passed.
The following three communications were considered :—

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

P.H.2869-30-38.
Ilgh (H).
A Chara,
7th November, 1938.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state, for the information of the County Council, that arrangements are being made for safeguarding the population in the event of air attack, and in connection therewith it is proposed by the Department of Defence to provide facilities for the instruction of certain Medical practitioners in the medical treatment of gas casualties. It is considered very desirable that in certain counties the county medical officer of health should undertake a course of instruction of that nature so that he may subsequently act as instructor and give lectures on the subject to medical practitioners generally in his county. The course of instruction will be given at the Department of Defence Civilian Anti-Gas School, Dublin, and is expected to occupy from 8 to 10 days.

It is hoped that satisfactory arrangements may be made to permit of the attendance of the County Medical Officer of Health at that course and to grant him travelling expenses and subsistence allowance on the usual scale in connection therewith. It is desirable that this matter should be arranged as soon as possible and if a meeting of the County Council is not being held within the next few weeks it is suggested that you and the County Medical Officer of Health might consult the Chairman of the Council with a view to permission being granted for the

making of the requisite arrangements subject to ratification by the County Council at their next meeting. The date of commencement of the course will be intimated to you on receipt of notification that the services of the above-mentioned officer will be available.

Mise, le meas,
M. O. LAINN,
Ar son Runai.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

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

P.H.2868/48/38.
Ilgh. R.A.P.
6th December, 1938.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has received a letter from Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health, intimating that, subject to ratification by Wicklow County Council, he has obtained permission from the Chairman of the Council to attend at the course of instruction in the medical treatment of gas casualties to be held at the Civilian Anti-Gas School, Griffith Barracks, South Circular Road, Dublin, from Monday, the 12th, to Friday, the 16th instant. The Minister has approved of the proposed arrangement and subject to similar ratification by the Council, he has sanctioned the appointment of Dr. J. Conway, Salem, Wicklow, at a remuneration of £1 1s. per day, to discharge the duties of Dr. Beckett, during his absence.

Mise, le meas,
M. O. LAINN,
Ar Son Runai.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

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

P.H.2869-63-38.
Ilgh. A. R. P.
10th December, 1938.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to his letter of the 6th instant approving, subject to ratification by Wicklow County Council, of the temporary appointment of Dr. J. Conway, Salem, Wicklow as substitute for Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health, whilst the latter is attending a course of anti-gas instruction at Dublin from 12th to 16th instant and I am to state that, subject to ratification as above, the Mini-

ster approves of the payment to Dr. Conway of vouched travelling expenses whilst acting in the capacity in question.

Mise, le meas,
M. O. LAINN,
A/s Runai.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne ;
Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Winetavern) ;

Resolved—That having considered the letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated 7th November, 1938, Ref. No. P. H. 2869/30/38, Ilgh (H), regarding the necessity for safeguarding the population in the event of air attack by providing facilities for the instruction of certain medical practitioners in the medical treatment of gas casualties, we hereby grant the necessary six days leave to the County Medical Officer of Health, Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, with travelling expenses and subsistence allowances to allow of his attending the course of instruction to be given at the Department of Defence Civilian Anti-Gas School, Dublin, and we request the County Board of Health and Public Assistance to make suitable arrangements to allow of his absence from the County for the 10 days in question by the appointment of a suitable substitute on the usual terms and conditions.

Passed.
The following letter was considered :—

WICKLOW COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

BELLEVUE HOUSE,
WICKLOW,
27th October, 1938.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,
Secretary,
Co. Council,
Court House,
Wicklow.
A Chara,

At the monthly meeting of the Co. Library Committee held on the 7th October, 1938, I was instructed to forward to you for consideration of the County Council copy of the following Motion proposed at the meeting of the Committee held on the 26th July, 1938, moved at the meeting held on the 7th October, 1938, Mr. J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Mr. J. Olohan, and passed by that Committee :—

" I move that the salary of our Assistant, Miss M. McCrea, be increased as from the 1st November, 1938, from £91 to £120 per annum rising by annual increments of £6 10s. to £200 per annum, thus giving her the same status as the Clerks in the Council's employment."

Is mise, le meas,
BRIGID REDMOND.

Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond ;
Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ;
Resolved—That we hereby approve the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Library Committee at the meeting of that Body, held on the 7th October, 1938 :—

" That the salary of our Assistant, Miss M. McCrea, be increased as from the 1st November, 1938, from £91 to £120 per annum, rising by annual increments of £6 10s. to £200 per annum, thus giving her the same status as the clerks in the Council's employment."

Passed.
The Secretary submitted the following communication :—

THE IRISH FARMERS' FEDERATION.

Secretary :—
Miss E. F. Bobbett,
Springfield,
Kilbride,
Wicklow,
3rd November, 1938.

P. T. Healy,
Secretary,
Co. Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.
A Chara,

At our County Executive meeting held on the 18th October the following resolution was passed :—

" Resolution :—That the County Secretary get in touch with the Secretary of the County Council and the Secretary of the Board of Health to obtain the details of the expenditure under the different headings that make up the expenses of the County Council such as salaries, roads, Home Help, Home Assistance, Hospitals and the Co. Committee of Agriculture"

Therefore, I am writing to ask you to please let me have the details of expenditure under the following headings, roads, wages, and upkeep, salaries, and Co. Committee of Agriculture.

I am writing to the Board of Health for particulars re Home Help, Home Assistance and Hospitals.

We, also, wish to know the amount of interest paid to the Bank yearly on Co. Council overdrafts and loans.

Mise, le meas,
ELIZABETH F. BOBBETT,
Co. Secretary.

ORDER—Audited Abstracts for the two half-years ended 30th September, 1937, to be furnished free immediately they are received from the County Printer.

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

12th December 1938.

"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next meeting of the County Council—That the Poor Rate Collecting Districts Nos. 4 and 5 be amalgamated, further, that Collector Patrick Burke, of Merginstown, Dunlavin, who has been collector for No. 4 district since August, 1933, and who has acted as collector in No. 5 District since February, 1938, be appointed (at the same Poundage rate—7d. in the £—and on the same conditions as existed for No. 4 District) to the amalgamated district; a condition of this appointment to be that the present Insurance Fidelity Bond covering No. 5 Collecting District be extended to cover the amalgamated district.

AND that the Minister be requested to accord his sanction to this arrangement, especially as Mr. Burke has given satisfaction during the past six months in collection No. 5 district while he still continued to collect No. 4 district—the present arrears of rates to be collected in No. 5 district would be considerably lower were it not for the dispute in regard to the payment of rates on lands which have been acquired for the purposes of the Poulaphuca Hydro-Electric and Water Supply Scheme."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, shall move at the next meeting of the County Council that the age of the County Surveyor or Engineer be not more than 50 years of age.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at our February Quarterly Meeting that a scheme of Scholarships from the National Schools to the Secondary Schools be drafted and recommended to this County Council, and we hereby direct that Committee when framing the Scheme to make it open to students on the Registers of a National School only up to the 1st June, of the year in which a Scholarship is awarded."

At this point the Council adjourned.

*Call Byrne
20/29/39*

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Tuesday, the 31st January, 1939.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor C. M. Byrne, Chairman;
Councillors J. P. Kehoe, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); P. P. O'Reilly, John Dunne, James Everett, T.D.; Edward Byrne, Joseph Jacob, James McCrea, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); T. J. Birthistle, P. D. Kinsella, David H. Haskins, Michael Mooney, Michael Timmins, W. Hammond, J. J. Bourne, Miss Margaret Kelly, George Heatley, Major R. Smith, D. J. Kehoe, J. P. O'Donnell, Daniel Somers, L. O'Cleirigh.

BUSINESS:

1. To consider the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1940, as prepared by the Acting County Surveyor.
2. To consider a communication from Mr. J. W. Barrett, Arklow, enclosing memorial from Ratepayers on Ferrybank, Arklow, requesting the Council to have the footpaths on Ferrybank and the Bridge concreted.
3. To consider a letter from Mr. Thomas Graham, Ballard, Clash, asking the Council to repair the road leading to Ballard.
4. To consider a claim from Rev. G. I. O'Connor, C.C., Railway Hotel, Shillelagh, for the sum of £1 12 4 for damage alleged to have been caused to his car owing to the dangerous condition of the road on the hill to Tomacork.
5. To receive a report from the Acting County Surveyor on the probable cost of converting the Old Jail premises into offices for the County Council.
6. To consider a complaint from Mr. J. A. Harbourne, Bridge Hotel, Baltinglass, who alleged that his premises have been flooded due to silting in the river nearby.
7. To consider a memorial from residents in Donard asking the Council to have repairs carried out to the road from Intack Cross to Studfield, Ballymoney and Killeogh West.
8. To consider a letter from Mr. P. J. Phelan, Ballinaclash, Rathdrum drawing attention to the condition of the roads in that area.
9. To receive an application from Rev. William Reeves Scully, the Rectory, Blessington, to have Warning signs erected outside Blessington Protestant School.
10. To consider a letter from the Rev. E. F. Forrest, The Rectory, Carnew, drawing attention to the condition of the road between Kileavan and Parkmore.
11. To consider a letter from the Department of Agriculture, Dublin, C.17, stating that as no case has been reported under the Diseases of Animals Acts in the district of Veterinary Inspector W. J. Richardson for the past seven years the Council should consider the question of revising his salary under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

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"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next meeting of the County Council—that the Poor Rate Collecting Districts Nos. 4 and 5 be amalgamated, further, that Collector Patrick Burke, of Merginstown, Dunlavin, who has been collector for No. 4 district since August, 1933, and who has acted as collector in No. 5 District since February, 1938, be appointed (at the same Poundage rate—7d. in the £—and on the same conditions as existed for No. 4 District) to the amalgamated district, a condition of this appointment to be that the present Insurance Fidelity Bond covering No. 5 Collecting District be extended to cover the amalgamated district.

AND that the Minister be requested to accord his sanction to this arrangement, especially as Mr. Burke has given satisfaction during the past six months in collection No. 5 district while he still continued to collect No. 4 district—the present arrears of rates to be collected in No. 5 district would be considerably lower were it not for the dispute in regard to the payment of rates on lands which have been acquired for the purposes of the Poulaphuca Hydro-Electric and Water Supply Scheme."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, shall move at the next meeting of the County Council that the age of the County Surveyor or Engineer be not more than 50 years of age.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at our February Quarterly Meeting that a scheme of Scholarships from the National Schools to the Secondary Schools be drafted and recommended to this County Council, and we hereby direct that Committee when framing the Scheme to make it open to students on the Registers of a National School only up to the 1st June, of the year in which a Scholarship is awarded."

At this point the Council adjourned.

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A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Tuesday, the 31st January, 1939.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor C. M. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors J. P. Kehoe, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); P. P. O'Reilly, John Dunne, James Everett, T.D.; Edward Byrne, Joseph Jacob, James McCrea, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); T. J. Birthistle, P. D. Kinsella, David H. Haskins, Michael Mooney, Michael Timmins, W. Hammond, J. J. Bourne, Miss Margaret Kelly, George Heatley, Major R. Smith, D. J. Kehoe, J. P. O'Donnell, Daniel Somers, L. O'Cleirigh.

BUSINESS:

1. To consider the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1940, as prepared by the Acting County Surveyor.

2. To consider a communication from Mr. J. W. Barrett, Arklow, enclosing memorial from Ratepayers on Ferrybank, Arklow, requesting the Council to have the footpaths on Ferrybank and the Bridge concreted.

3. To consider a letter from Mr. Thomas Graham, Ballard, Clash, asking the Council to repair the road leading to Ballard.

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14 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Library Committee on the 7th October, 1938:—

"That in view of the yearly increasing volume of work entailed by Library expansion in the County and in consideration of the Librarian's efficient service during the past eight years, I move that the salary of our County Librarian, Miss Brigid Redmond, be placed upon an incremental basis as from the 1st November, 1938, rising by £10 yearly from £250 to £300."

15 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."

16 To receive minutes of proceedings of monthly meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee.

17 To fill two vacancies existing on the County Library Committee.

18 To consider County Analyst's Reports in respect of the quarter ended 30th June, 1938, and 30th September, 1938.

19 To consider a communication from the Secondary Education Branch of the Department of Education in connection with the Council's proposal to sanction for a further year scholarships to certain of the Council's Secondary School Scholarship holders.

20 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 in 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."

21 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 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."

22 To consider a communication dated the 29th July, 1938, from Miss E. F. Bobbett, County Secretary, Irish Farmers' Federation, enclosing copies of correspondence which have 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.

23 To consider a communication from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bray, requisitioning small wooden presses for each of the thirteen Food and Drugs Inspectors appointed by the Council.

24 To receive an application for additional remuneration from Mr. Michael O'Neill, Assistant Rate Checker.

25 To consider a communication from M. W. Quinn, Hon. Secretary Greystones and District Ratepayers' Association, asking to be supplied with information as to General Charges and Separate Charges in that area.

26 To receive an application for a Cinema Licence from Mrs. C. M. Synnott, Carnew.

27 To receive an application for a Cinema Licence from the Secretary, Coollattin Estate Company, Coollattin, Shillelagh.

28 To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the Council's proposals for the recruitment of additional permanent clerical assistance for their offices.

29 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

30 To receive Reports from County Officers.

31 To consider official correspondence.

32 To consider general correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by James Everett, T.D.;

Resolved—That we hereby place on record our sense of the loss that Eire has suffered by the death of the late Dr. W. B. Yeats, who has for so long adorned our public life.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by John Dunne;

Resolved—That we offer our very sincere sympathy to the Clerk of the Urban District Council of Bray, Mr. Sean MacCathmhaoil, on the great losses he has recently suffered by the deaths of his daughter and wife.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby tender to Miss E. F. Bobbett and her brothers the assurance of our sincere sympathy with them in the great loss they have suffered by the recent death of their mother.

Passed.

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Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by G. Heatley;

Resolved—That we hereby tender our sincere sympathy to the relatives of the late Mrs. Ryan, of Main Street, Bray, whose late husband, Mr. John W. Ryan, was for many years a valued Member of this Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we have heard with regret of the death of Mrs. Joseph Brady, of Ballyknocken, and we tender to her relatives the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed.

The Council proceeded to consider the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1940, which had been prepared by the Acting County Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., and a copy of which Scheme was in the hands of each Member of the County Council since the 14th January, 1939. In this connection the County Surveyor submitted the following:—

Court House,

Wicklow,

23rd December, 1938.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

Court House,

Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

As you are no doubt aware, during the Financial Year certain amounts are allocated by the Roads Department for the relief of unemployed. These grants, which are known as "Roads Rural" are usually allocated on the condition that the County Council should contribute a certain proportion for the works in addition. It occurred to me that it might be well to anticipate similar grants during the year 1939-40, and that a similar contribution from the Council might be expected.

The sum which was raised last year by the Council was £1550. Might I suggest that you would anticipate at least a further £1500 during this year 1939-40.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'Byrne,

Acting County Surveyor.

The Secretary drew attention to the following paragraphs which appeared in a letter dated the 22nd February, 1938, Ref. R/RGM/33, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), Custom House, Dublin:—

"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 a 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."

The following was submitted:—

Ye Nooke,

Greystones,

Co. Wicklow,

19th January, 1939.

To:—

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

I forward herewith a memorial from residents of Greystones for favour of early consideration, and disposal.

The landlords concerned have, up to date, done their part, and maintained these roads fit for traffic.

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The good people who live in these areas have a genuine grievance; many of them have paid rates, and motor taxes, on demand, to Wicklow County Council, for the past 20-30 years. During this period, any appeal they have made to the Council, for any little services, has always been turned down, while the sum approximately £2,000 per annum is collected from these unfortunate people, in rates and taxes, by Wicklow County Council, and is being spent by the Council elsewhere.

Some of these ratepayers, good citizens, fragile old men and ladies, may be seen, coming out at night-time, and sweep these roads; this, I think you will agree, should be done by County Council Workmen.

Yours faithfully,

R. Smith, Major,

Member of Wicklow County Council.

MEMORIAL FROM RESIDENTS OF GREYSTONES TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

- (1) The Memorialists respectfully desire to call attention to the neglected state of the footpath of the Dalgany-Greystones main road—the main thoroughfare to and from all the Churches; also the neglected state of:—

Kinlen Road
Quarry Road
Pavilion Road
Portland Road, from its junction with
Portland Road, to the junction of
Quarry Road, thence to Kinlen Road.
Belview Avenue.
Kimberly Road

- (2) The properties served by the above named roads carry high rateable valuation, and residents are subjected to the same taxation as those in more favoured areas, yet no public services are being, or have been rendered by Wicklow County Council, for taxes levied on residents in our area during the past 30 years.
- (3) The Memorialists cannot accept the plea that these roads have been regarded heretofore as private roads. Further, the Memorialists are surprised that the Wicklow County Council has not hitherto given individual com-

plaints a sympathetic hearing, or given any service in return for the handsome revenue paid by Memorialists.

- (4) The Memorialists again earnestly plead that the Wicklow County Council will give this matter their early and sympathetic consideration, and that immediate action be taken to remove a long standing grievance by the County Council arranging for the roads named in paragraph (1) hereof to be taken over by the Wicklow County Council, put in good order, and maintained as other roads and avenues in the vicinity.

- (5) The estimated initial cost of taking over, and putting the above named roads and footpaths in good order is £729 truly a small sum from Greystones annual contribution to Co. Wicklow.

We are,

Dear Sirs,

Yours respectfully.

(Signed)	(Signed)	(Signed)
C C Oulton	M Hayes	M J Rowan
H G Maconchy	R Dobbs	K M Ellis
W C Hadoke	Mary Stubbs, Khiva	F T O'Meagher
A M Norton	Constance Rochfort	M J Doyle
O E Pride	Muriel Rochfort	R Stanley Stokes
R Reade	Christopher Evans	Michael Gilvary
E J Bourke		L Smith
L Orpen Palmer		

Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith;

Seconded by " John Dunne;

That Councillors' applications be first considered when dealing with the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the year 1939/1940.

This Motion was declared by the Chairman to have been lost on a show of hands being taken.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy);

Seconded " Major R. Smith;

That we strike such a Rate for the year 1939/40 as will provide the Acting County Surveyor with the actual monies for the Main Roads and County Roads which he has asked for

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in the Provisional Road Works Scheme now under discussion this day.

Proposed by Councillor George Heatley;

Seconded by " P. D. Kinsella;

As an amendment—That we raise by means of Rates for expenditure on Main Roads and County Roads in the coming year 1939/1940 the same figures as were allocated to Main Roads and County Roads for the year 1938/1939.

A Vote having been taken the Members present voted as follow:—

For the Amendment—Councillors J J Bourne, W Hammond, T J Birthistle, M Mooney, George Heatley, P D Kinsella, C M Byrne, J P Kehoe, J P O'Donnell—9.

Against the Amendment—Councillors James McCrea, Liam O'Cleirigh, Daniel Somers, P Doyle (Coolboy); P Doyle (Winetavern) P P O'Reilly, D J Kehoe, M Timmins, Edward Byrne, Major R Smith, John Dunne, Miss M Kelly, James Everett, T. D., Joseph Jacob—14.

The Chairman declared this amendment to have been lost 14 Councillors having voted against it and only 9 Councillors having voted for it.

Proposed by Councillor T Birthistle;

Seconded by " M Mooney;

As an amendment—That in the Provisional Roads Works Scheme for 1939/40 the same amount be allowed under all headings for Main Roads, viz. —£28,000 as was allocated in the year 1938-1939 for Main Roads, and that the actual figure to be allowed under all headings for County Roads be £25,000 for the year 1939-40.

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

For the Amendment—Councillors J J Bourne, W Hammond, T J Birthistle, M Mooney, M Timmins, George Heatley, P D Kinsella, D H Haskins, C M Byrne, J P O'Donnell, Joseph Jacob—11.

Against the Amendment—Councillors James McCrea, Liam O'Cleirigh, Daniel Somers, P Doyle (Coolboy); P Doyle (Winetavern); P P O'Reilly, D J Kehoe, Edward Byrne, Major R Smith, John Dunne, Miss M Kelly, James Everett, T. D.; J P Kehoe—13.

The Chairman declared this amendment to have been lost, 13 Councillors having voted against it and eleven Councillors only having voted for it.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " Liam O'Cleirigh;

Resolved—As an Amendment—That for the year 1939/40 we increase the amount on Main Roads from £28,000 in 1938/39 to £30,000 for the year 1939/40, and that we increase the amount on County Roads from £20,000 in 1938/39 to £24,000 for the year 1939/40, the figures in the Scheme for new Machinery to be rejected. After prolonged discussion this amount was declared to have been passed unanimously and Councillor Patrick Doyle's (Coolboy) original motion was declared to have been rejected unanimously in favour of the Chairman's amendment.

The following Members of a deputation:

William Driver, Ardaraity, Brittas Bridge.		
Paul Costello	Do.	Do.
John J Brennan	Do.	Do.
Thomas Carroll	Do.	Do.

were received by the County Council and they submitted their considered opinion that the Acting County Surveyor's recommendation on page 22 of the printed Scheme to construct a new County road from the Southern termination of existing County Road No 161 on Ardaraity connecting with existing Road No. 178 on Sallymount—works to be carried out on a two year plan—should be passed by the Council as one which would be of the greatest possible use to the local ratepayers living in the district. The total estimate for this new tourist link road was given in the printed Scheme by the Acting County Surveyor as £4,176, to which a supplemental Grant of £2,784 from the Road Fund is anticipated, the local contribution being £1,392 in the two years referred to.

This work was accordingly approved by the Council, and it was directed that it be carried out by the Acting County Surveyor by direct labour, and a sum of £696 was entered in the Scheme to be raised by means of Rates in the year 1939/40.

The Council also decided, after considerable discussion,

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with a view to making the foregoing work of greater utility to both local residents and Tourists, to construct a new Main road from the Southern end of Main Road No. 104 on Dunbur Upper, through Kilpoole Upper, Magherymore, and connecting with County Road No. 102 at the Gate Lodge near Knockaquirk at a cost out of Rates for 1939/1940 of £2,057, to be carried out on a two year plan by direct labour. The Acting County Surveyor's total estimate in the printed scheme for this road is £12,345. This proposal is for a complete new Tourist Road opening up the County between Wicklow Town and Arklow. A supplemental grant of £8,230 from the Road Fund is anticipated; the local contribution being £4,115 in two years.

The following Summary represents the financial provision made by the County Council finally for Main and County Road improvements and maintenance during the financial year which will end on the 31st March, 1940:—

Description	As recommended in Scheme by Acting County Surveyor		As allowed and approved by County Council	
	Main Roads	County Roads	Main Roads	County Roads
Part 1 (Repairs)	£32,008	0 0	£27,107	0 0
Part 2 (Improvements)	0 0	£29,795	0 0	£21,900
(A) Proposals submitted by Acting County Surveyor	4,666	3,253	2,057	696
(B) Proposals submitted by County Councillors	980	1,087	—	—
(C) Loan Repayments	336	904	336	904
Part 3 (Contingencies)	4,160	500	500	500
TOTAL ESTIMATE	£42,150	£35,539	£30,000	£24,000

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Proposed by Councillor W Hammond ;
 Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ;
 Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, in meeting assembled for the purpose of considering the Road Estimates and finding ourselves in a great difficulty owing to our conviction that the vast majority of the farming community are absolutely unable to meet the existing rates, not to mention an increased estimate, that we press on the Government the necessity of affording immediate relief to all agriculturists ; suggesting the funding of all annuities for a period of 5 years or until the Agricultural Commission report, or some other plan equally effective and immediate.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor W Hammond, and accepted by the Chairman:—

" I hereby give notice that at the next Meeting of the Wicklow County Council I propose to move the following Resolution—That we instruct our Acting County Surveyor that with the exception of Overseers, Charge Hands and essential Keymen, all employees on the roads be on the rotational system—Four days per week for married men, and three for single men. And, further, that inasmuch as this plan should materially relieve the Unemployment Funds and Dole, that we request and press the appropriate Government Departments to obtain for us extra substantial Grants for the maintenance and development of our County Roads."

W Hammond
 20/2/39

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 20th February, 1939.

The following Members were present:—

Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman;
Councillors P. P. O'Reilly, John Dunne, Edward Byrne, James Everett, T.D.; Joseph Jacob, James McCrea, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); P. D. Kinsella, Michael Mooney, Wallace Hammond, J. J. Bourne, George Heatley, Major R. Smith, Miss Margaret Kelly, Liam O Cleigh, J. P. Kehoe, Michael Timmins, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); Daniel J. Kehoe, and David H. Haskins.

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 an application from the Warble Fly Inspectors in the County for increased remuneration for the responsible duties of their positions.
- 13 To re-appoint the Warble Fly Inspectors for the period commencing 1st March, 1939, and to consider a letter from the Department of Agriculture on this subject.
- 14 To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, Roads Section, Custom House, Dublin, intimating that a grant of £6,500 under the Employment Schemes (Roads Rural) Vote, 1939/40 had been provisionally allocated to the Council, subject to a local contribution of £2,300.
- 15 To pass a resolution formally approving and adopting the Road Works Scheme for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1940.
- 16 To consider Acting County Surveyor's Report.
- 17 To consider a Special Report from the Acting County Surveyor following local meetings of County Councillors held for the purpose of preparing proposals for the reclassification of certain indicated County Roads as Main Roads.
- 18 To consider an application from the Acting County Surveyor for authority to transfer unexpended monies in certain Main Road and County Road Groups to other Main Road and County Road Groups in which there is a shortage at the moment.

19 To consider a communication from Mr. J. W. Barrett, Arklow, enclosing memorial from Ratepayers on Ferrybank, Arklow, requesting the Council to have the footpaths on Ferrybank and on the Bridge concreted.

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26 To consider a letter from the Rev. E. F. Forrest, The Rectory, Carnew, drawing attention to the condition of the road between Kilcavan and Parkmore.

27 To receive a Petition asking the County Council to repair the road from Grange Con to Dunlavin.

28 To consider a letter from Captain G. P. Molyneux-Moloney, Barr na Coille, Kilmacanogue, asking the County Council to repair the roads from Windgates and Kilmacanogue to Barr na Coille House.

29 To consider correspondence regarding the complaint by Colonel Joseph E. Vize, Ardkeen, Wicklow, that his premises are being damaged by road surface water.

30 To sign and Seal an Agreement with Mr. John Maher, Kilpoole, for the letting of two plots, one for a Tool Store and the other for a magazine for the storing of explosives.

31 To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health asking the Council's views in connection with the erection of certain new bridges and alteration of existing roads consequent upon the operation of the Provisions of the Liffey Reservoir Act, 1936.

32 To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Wallace Hammond:—

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And, further, that inasmuch as this plan should materially relieve the Unemployment Funds and Dole, that we request and press the appropriate Government Departments to obtain for us extra substantial Grants for the maintenance and development of our County Roads."

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39 To consider the following Resolution from the County Library Committee:—

"Resolved:—That the County Library Committee having considered the Estimates for 1939/40 as submitted to us by the County Librarian this day, judge them to be an accurate forecast of our expenditure for the year 1939/40 and request the County Council to allocate the sum of £1142 2 2 to the County Library Committee, which sum includes the product of a special rate of threehalfpence in the £, amounting approximately to £55 from Arklow Urban District Council, a contribution of £14 from Wicklow Urban District Council, and a special levy for the maintenance of the Libraries in the Rathdown area.

At a meeting held on the 26th July, 1938, we passed a resolution asking the County Council to give us an undertaking that they would sanction for the financial year ending 31st March, 1940, an increase to Library funds of the product 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, that this increase is urgently necessary to maintain the Library service efficiently, that without it, we would be compelled to sacrifice a grant of £150 from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust.

We now wish respectfully to indicate to the County Council the urgent necessity of providing the amount specified in our estimate which is based upon the actual expenditure for the past year, 1938/1939, and which represents approximately the product of a penny in the £.

During the past eight years, we have been expected to meet the exigencies of an expanding Library service with the same funds that we received during the first years of our existence, that is, the product of a halfpenny rate. The statement of last year's expenditure shows that a large percentage of our funds was spent on books and rebinding (£424 6 0), this being necessitated by the constantly increasing number of borrowers, of schools supplied, and of new centres opened. The continuous growth of the service demands adequate financing, a truth which is recognised and stressed by the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust in their refusal to pay us a grant of £150 until the Council have agreed to increase their contributions to Library Funds."

40 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Library Committee on the 7th October, 1938:—

"That in view of the yearly increasing volume of work entailed by Library expansion in the County and in consideration of the Librarian's efficient service during the past eight years, I move that the salary of our County Librarian, Miss Brigid Redmond, be placed upon an incremental basis as from the 1st November, 1938, rising by £10 yearly from £250 to £300."

41 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."

42 To receive minutes of proceedings of monthly meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee.

43 To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James Everett, T.D.:—

"I hereby give notice that at the quarterly meeting to be held on the 20th February, 1939, 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 £32,988 for the purpose of providing sixty-six labourers cottages with plots at Ballybeg, and the provision of eighteen labourers cottages with plots at Rathdrum, in pursuance of the provisions of the Labourers Acts, 1883 to 1931, as amended by the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932."

44 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James Everett, T.D.:—

"I hereby give notice that at the quarterly meeting to be held on the 20th February, 1939, 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 pounds (£3,030) from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of improving the sewerage and water supply systems at Rathnew."

45 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 20th February, 1939, 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 (3,035) from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out a Scheme for the Improvement of Water Supply and provision of Sanitary Convenience at Avoca."

46 To consider a communication from the Secondary Education Branch of the Department of Education in connection with the Council's proposal to sanction for a further year scholarships to certain of the Council's Secondary School Scholarship holders.

47 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 in 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."

48 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 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."

49 To consider a communication dated the 29th July, 1938, from Miss E. F. Bobbett, County Secretary, Irish Farmers' Federation, enclosing copies 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.

50 To consider County Analyst's Reports in respect of the Quarters ended 30th June, 1938, 30th September, 1938, and 31st December, 1938.

51 To receive an application for additional remuneration from Mr. Michael O'Neill, Assistant Rate Checker.

52 To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor C. M. Byrne:—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, shall move at the Quarterly Meeting of this Council to be held on the 20th February, 1939, that the conditions governing the appointment of Miss Phyllis Ryan, M.Sc., as County Analysts be varied and that the remuneration to be paid to her as from the 1st April, 1939, be calculated on the following basis, which is the scale of fees formulated by the Irish Public Analysts' Association:—

(a) Analysis of waters for Public Health purposes, £1 1s. per sample.
(b) Analyses of medicines for Boards of Health, 6/- per sample, or as an alternative a fixed annual sum calculated at the rate of £3 per sending station (Hospitals, Dispensaries, etc.)
(c) Analyses of articles under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts:—

(1) Where the number of samples submitted annually does not exceed 500:—

£50 per annum retaining fee, for which 100 samples will be analysed, each sample in excess of that number up to a total of 500 per annum to be paid for at the rate of 7/6 each.

(2) Where the number of samples submitted annually exceeds 500, but not 1000:—

£100 per annum, retaining fee, for which 200 samples will be analysed. Each sample in excess of that number up to 1000 per annum to be paid for at the rate of 6/8d. each.

(3) Where the number of samples submitted annually exceeds 1,000:—

Same as (2) for 1,000. Each sample in excess of 1,000 to be paid for at the rate of 5/- each."

53 To consider a further communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the Council's proposals for the recruitment of additional permanent clerical assistance for their offices.

54 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the County Council meeting to be held in February, that the age of County Surveyor or Engineer be not more than 50 years."

55 To consider a communication from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bray, requisitioning small wooden presses for each of the thirteen Food and Drugs Inspectors appointed by the Council.

56 To consider a communication from M. W. Quinn, Hon. Secretary,

Greystones and District Ratepayers' Association, asking to be supplied with information as to General Charges and Separate Charges in that area.

57 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at our February Quarterly Meeting that a Scheme of Scholarships from the National Schools to Secondary Schools be drafted and recommended to this County Council by a Scholarship Committee and we hereby direct that Committee when framing the Scheme to make it open to students on the Registers of a National School only up to the 1st June of the year in which a Scholarship is awarded."

58 To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Michael Mooney:—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next meeting of the County Council—That the Poor Rate Collecting Districts Nos. 4 and 5 be amalgamated, further, that Collector Patrick Burke, Merginstown, Dunlavin, who has been Collector for No. 4 District since August, 1938, and who has acted as Collector in No. 5 District since February, 1938, be appointed (at the same Poundage rate—7d. in the £—and on the same conditions as existed for No. 4 District) to the amalgamated district, a condition of this appointment to be that the present Insurance Fidelity Bond covering No. 5 Collecting District be extended to cover the amalgamated district.

AND that the Minister be requested to accord his sanction to this arrangement, especially as Mr. Burke has given satisfaction during the past six months in collection No. 5 district while he still continued collecting No. 4 district—the present arrears of Rates to be collected in No. 5 district would be considerably lower were it not for the dispute in regard to the payment of Rates on lands which have been acquired for the purposes of the Poulaphuca Hydro-Electric and Water Supply Scheme."

59 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held on the 31st January, 1939:—

"Resolved:—That we hereby request the County Council to raise the rate of 2½d. in the £ for the County Committee of Agriculture, to enable that Body to extend their Schemes, and in order to qualify for an extra grant from the Department of £630 for Lime Scheme."

60 To consider a communication from the Irish Tourist Association requesting special consideration for the inclusion of a Rate in 1939/40 for tourist advertising purposes, together with a communication dated the 29th November, 1938, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health suggesting favourable consideration to the Association's request.

61 To appoint, under the provisions of the National Health Insurance and Widows and Orphans Pensions Acts, 1936, the Council's three representatives on the Committee of Management of the National Health Insurance Society.

62 To receive a proposal of the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance to increase the travelling allowance of the County Medical Officer of Health, Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, from £200 to £300 per annum.

63 To consider a communication from the Secretary, The Coollattin Estate Company, asking the Council if they are now prepared to consider the purchase of the Court House, Rathdrum, for Vocational Education purposes.

64 To consider a communication from the Manager, St. Kevin's Training School, Glencree, Enniskerry, in which the Council is asked to increase their present contribution of 5/- per head per week in respect of each boy maintained in that school.

65 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

66 To receive Reports from County Officers.

67 To consider official correspondence.

68 To consider general correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by " J. J. Bourne;

Resolved—That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby place on record our feelings of intense sorrow at the passing of His Holiness Pope Pius the Eleventh whose loss the world will learn fully to appreciate with the passing of years, and whose sanctity, nobility, and indomitable courage marked him as one of the greatest figures who ever occupied the Throne of St. Peter.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by " Major R. Smith;

Resolved—That the Minutes of previous meetings, as printed and circulated to each Member of Wicklow County Council, be now confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Passed unanimously.

The Minutes of previous meetings were thereupon signed as correct by the Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That the Finance Committee be convened to meet on the 6th day of March, 1939, for the purpose of considering the Secretary's Estimates of Rates for 1939/40, and his report thereon; and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to be so kind as to grant an extension up to and including Monday, the 20th March, 1939, for the purpose of striking the Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1940. This course is rendered absolutely necessary by reason of the fact that up to this date the County Council has not been made aware of the amount they may expect to receive of the withheld Agricultural Grants for this and past years or how the Grants generally are likely to be affected by the enormous sums which have been collected in the County during the current year by Land Commission representatives by way of distraint.

Passed unanimously.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 27th January, 1939.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor D. H. Haskins, Chairman;
Councillors Major R. Smith, J. P. Kehoe, James McCrea and James Everett, T.D.

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

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE—£9215 3 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, 1939

To the County Board of Public Assistance—£12,283 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 :—

HALF-YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1939

To the County Board of Public Health—£17,269 10 0

The minutes of previous meetings were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the Reports from the Rate Checker and Rate Inspector received since the Committee's last meeting, and also the following Schedule showing the condition of the Poor Rate Collection in the County as it stood on the 31st December, 1938 :—

District No.	Collectors' Warrants			Amount collected to date			Discount Allowed			Amount not collected		
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
1	6705	16	7	3255	2	10	28	3	7	3422	10	2
2	4012	3	8	1950	6	10	11	7	7	2050	9	3
3	3251	17	2	1437	5	9	5	11	4	1809	0	1
4	4456	14	4	1961	5	6	11	12	9	2483	16	1
5	2213	1	1	711	12	8	2	0	9	1499	7	8
6	7675	5	3	1867	5	3	8	19	0	5799	1	0
7	15664	3	2	8714	8	11	35	19	9	6913	14	6
8	4274	16	7	2296	19	6	6	4	5	1971	12	8
9	14698	12	3	8063	9	8	31	11	9	6603	10	10
10	5828	1	5	2982	4	10	8	16	7	2337	0	0
11	7850	18	2	4247	5	10	27	13	5	3575	18	11
12	8438	2	6	3584	8	10	10	18	9	4837	14	11
13,14,15	11677	15	4	6251	11	6	25	19	11	5400	3	11
16	8521	14	8	4278	4	8	35	1	1	4207	12	11
17	5570	8	2	2351	16	8	15	15	6	3202	16	0
18	5594	0	2	2771	12	9	25	14	7	2796	12	10
19	4184	15	0	1773	13	3	7	0	2	2404	1	7
Total	£120113	9	6	£58498	15	3	£399	10	11	£61315	3	4

A Communication dated the 20th January, 1939 (Ref. G.588-39), was submitted from the Department of Local Government and Public Health in which inquiry was made as to what action has been taken by the Council in regard to the high percentage of outstanding rates in the districts of Collectors P. Burke and M. Healy, Nos. 5 and 6 Districts respectively.

In this connection the Secretary submitted his reply dated the 24th January, instant, to this communication in which he pointed out that these two Collectors were confronted with the difficulty of collecting rates on the holdings the whole of or part of which were taken over by the Electricity Supply Board for the purpose of the Poulaphuca Hydro Electric Scheme. These Rates in the district of Mr. Burke amounted to £288 17 5 and in the District of Mrs. M. Healy amounted to £1190 19 11. They were the subject of prolonged negotiations between the Council's Solicitor, the Poor Rate Collectors and the Solicitors for the Electricity Supply Board, and the delay in securing the payment of the Rates could not reasonably be attributed to these two Collectors.

The Committee were satisfied with the explanation given and approved of the Secretary's communication in that connection to the Department.

The Secretary submitted the following Report :—

Court House,
Wicklow,
27th January, 1939,

To : The Presiding Chairman and Members
of the Finance Committee.

Re : Poor Rate Collector John J. Doyle, The Bakery, Carnew.

No. 19 Collecting District.

Gentlemen,

It is my duty to report that on the 16th December, 1938, the above Collector was sent by Mr. William H. Fenton, Knockloe, Tullow, a Cheque for £100 drawn on the Munster and Leinster Bank, Tullow, and payable to Wicklow County Council, which sum of £100 represented a payment in part in respect of the Rates due up to the 31st March, 1939, on this Ratepayer's holdings.

No effort was made by the Collector to bring this sum of £100 or any part of it to credit of the County Council until Friday, the 20th January, 1939, and thus this large sum remained in the Collector's hands unaccounted for and unlogged for over a month.

Article 103, sub-Article 4 of the Public Bodies Orders directs all

Rate Collectors "to remit to or lodge with the Treasurer of the Council all moneys collected by him within forty-eight hours (exclusive of Sundays and public holidays) of such collection, and to take from the said Treasurer and produce to the Secretary of the Council, or to the Rate Inspector or to the Clerk of the Council, as the case may be, a Receipt (Form 54) for every such remittance or lodgment."

On the 20th January, instant, Collector Doyle acknowledged to the Rate Inspector and the Rate Checker that he was aware of the contents of this Article.

At the Checking of his Accounts on the 24th December, 1938, and again at the Checking held on the 7th January, 1939, the Collector did not bring Mr. Fenton's Cheque to Account. Indeed, on the latter date the Collector actually reported to the Checker that he had no monies at all collected and unlogged, and the Report on the Checking received by me from the Rate Checker on Form 57 shows that the Collector had neither collected nor lodged any monies since his previous checking on the 24th December, 1938.

The next Checking was held on the 20th January, 1939, at which both the Rate Inspector and the Rate Checker were present. In the Abstract prepared by the Collector of monies collected by him since his last Checking he included Rate Number 16547 on which the Rates payable to the 31st March, 1939, amounted to £69 11 0, and in addition the Collector showed on his Abstract that Rates amounting to £34 19 11 had been collected by him in respect of nine other holdings. His lodgments to the Council's credit were £4 9 4 on the 20th January, 1939, and £100 (this being Mr. Fenton's Cheque) on the 20th January, 1939, so that when Mr. Doyle left to go home after the checking that evening he had still in his possession collected but not lodged rates received from Ratepayers other than Mr. Fenton amounting in all to £30 9 0. Later that same evening the Rate Inspector and the Rate Checker followed Mr. Doyle to his home in Carnew and ordered him to lodge this sum forthwith. The unlogged £30 9 0 to which I have referred was later lodged to credit of Wicklow County Council on the 23rd January, instant, in compliance with the instructions given to the Collector by the Rate Inspector and the Rate Checker, and the Treasurer's Receipt for such lodgment was received by me from Mr. Doyle's Solicitor.

Apart from the financial loss incurred by Ratepayers during the month and four days this £100 was retained in the possession of the Rate Collector unlogged, and apart, also, from the fact that the County Council was paying interest all during that period on an overdraft, and some of the social services were actually threatened with stoppage for want of funds to meet them, it is very questionable how far the terms of this Collector's Fidelity Bond can be enforced if a flagrant breach of one most important conditions of the Public Bodies Orders like this be condoned or overlooked by the County Council. The Council would, in my opinion, be well advised to obtain the views of their Solicitor on this point, which is of such vital importance to the County Council and the Ratepayers.

Councillors will remember that in a Report on the manner in which Collector John J. Doyle discharges his duties which I presented to the Council at their Meeting held on the 23rd May, 1938, I stated I was of the opinion that the Council in the best interests of every one concerned should dispense with the services of this Poor Rate Collector. I still hold that opinion very strongly. It would not be possible to persuade me that any private employer would retain him in his service if he did his work for him in the same manner in which he has been discharging his duties for Wicklow County Council.

Yours faithfully,

Signed : P. T. HEALY,

ORDER—Referred to the Council's Solicitor for a Report as to the Council's position in time for this Committee's Meeting on the 3rd proximo.

The Committee recommended the cancellation in the Current half-year's Ledger of the following Paying Orders which were authorised and drawn at various dates during the half years from 30th September, 1935, to 30th September, 1937, and were either not issued for one reason or another or were issued but not cashed by the payees :—

No. of Paying Order.	Half-year during which drawn.	Amount.
281	31st March, 1936	£7 6 4
305	" " "	6 16 4
134	" " "	7 6 6

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

281	31st March, 1936	£7 6 4
305	" " "	6 16 4
134	" " "	7 6 6

SUBSIDIARY ACCOUNT.

3194	31st March, 1936	0 4 4
5594	" " "	0 2 11
6765	" " "	2 15 0
8555	" " "	0 4 3
8557	" " "	0 1 1
9267	" " "	0 12 2
9865	" " "	1 12 0
9884	" " "	0 0 7
9887	" " "	0 0 2
10595	" " "	1 1 3
10596	" " "	0 1 1
10599	" " "	0 0 3
10604	" " "	1 1 3
364	30th September, 1936	0 3 7
918	" " "	1 1 3
1785	" " "	0 0 9
2615	" " "	2 9 6
3708	" " "	0 15 0
4699	" " "	1 18 7
8626	" " "	23 14 0
3701	31st March, 1937	0 9 5

5942	1 12 2
7041	2 1 6
225	30th September, 1937	1 0 3
3849	1 16 6
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		£66 8 0

Temporary arrangements for checking Poor Rate Collectors' Accounts.

The following application was submitted :—

Greenmount,
WICKLOW,
26th January, 1939.

To : The Presiding Chairman,
Finance Committee,
Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

I desire to apply for the sum of £125 as remuneration for my services as Rate Checker from 10th March, 1933, to 31st December, 1938, which period practically represents a full Collection Year.

I believe the County Secretary would testify that I discharged the duties of this office in a satisfactory manner.

Yours faithfully,
J. O'ROURKE.

ORDER—We recommend the payment of £75 for this claim.

SIGNED—DAVID H. HASKINS,
Chairman, Finance Committee

Dated this 27th January, 1939.

Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith;
Seconded by " James McCrea
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 3rd February, 1939.

The following members attended :—

Councillor D. H. Haskins, Chairman;
Councillors John P. Kehoe, and Major R. Smith,

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the reports received since the Committee's last meeting from the Rate Inspector and Rate Checker on their checkings of the accounts of the several Poor Rate Collectors.

The Secretary also submitted the following report from the Council's Solicitor :—

4, Church Street,
Wicklow,
2nd February, 1939.

Wicklow County Council
Re-Collector John J. Doyle
No. 19 District.

Dear Sir,

I duly received your letter of the 28th ultimo enclosing copy of your report submitted to the Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 27th idem, and note the further consideration of the report was adjourned for a week to enable the Finance Committee to have the benefit of my opinion on the matters set out in said report.

I have carefully considered the said report and from the facts disclosed therein Collector John J. Doyle has undoubtedly violated Article 103 (4) of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, as amended by Article 7 (5) of the Public Bodies Order, 1929, by failing to lodge the Cheque for £100 received by him from Mr. William H. Fenton within 48 hours (exclusive of Sundays and public holidays) from date of collection.

It also appears from said report that when the Collector presented his books for checking on the 20th January, 1939, he returned on his Abstract the sum of £69 11s. 0d. in respect of a rating of Mr. Fenton from whom he had received the Cheque for £100, and as he lodged the Cheque for £100 on the 20th January, 1939, the date of checking, there still remained in his hands on the 20th January, 1939, the sum of

£30 9s. 0d., the balance of the Cheque for £100, which said sum of £30 9s. 0d. was not lodged with the Council's Treasurer until the 23rd January, 1939, notwithstanding the fact that both the Rate Inspector and Rate Checker followed the Collector to his home at Carnew after the checking on the 20th January, 1939, and requested him (Collector) to lodge the said sum of £30 9s. 0d. forthwith.

Furthermore, and this is more serious from the point of view of the County Council, the Collector, by reason of his delay in lodging the said Cheque for £100, has committed a breach of the Fidelity Bond entered into by him (the Collector) and his Sureties with the County Council, which said Bond contains a condition that he should pay the amount of the rates from time to time collected by him to the Treasurer by lodgements every 48 hours and at all times whenever the sum collected by him shall amount to £100 or more, so that in this case the Cheque for £100 should have been lodged by the Collector on the same day that he received it from Mr. Fenton.

In my opinion, the Finance Committee of your Council are bound to take a serious view of the facts disclosed in your said report, and if they fail to do so, should it be necessary at some later date for the Council to take proceedings on foot of the said Fidelity Bond the Sureties of the Collector might successfully plead that the County Council condoned a breach of one of the conditions of the said Fidelity Bond with knowledge of the full facts and thus prejudiced the Sureties' position.

Yours faithfully,
J. Brazil.

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

ORDER :—The Committee, having again considered the Secretary's Report, and their Solicitor's considered opinion thereon dated the 2nd instant, hereby recommend the County Council to suspend Collector John J. Doyle from his position as Poor Rate Collector in No. 19 Collecting District for grave neglect in the discharge of his duties, and we, also, recommend that the County Council should ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to remove him from office. Further, we hereby direct our Secretary to have Mr. John J. Doyle's books taken up, thoroughly checked, and the Form 60 referred to in Article 103 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, issued to each Ratepayer in No. 19 District that the records in our office at this date show as not having paid the Poor Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1939.

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

Dated this 3rd February, 1939.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;
Seconded by " Wallace Hammond;
Resolved—That the Council go into Committee to consider Finance Committee's Report No. 2— in so far as it concerns Poor Rate Collector John J. Doyle of No. 19 Collecting District.
Passed unanimously.

After the passing of this resolution a long discussion took place in Committee during which a number of questions were put to Collector John J. Doyle who was present at the meeting.

At the conclusion of the discussion the Council resumed business publicly, when it was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne;
Seconded by " P. D. Kinsella;
Resolved—That Collector John J. Doyle (No. 19 Collecting District) be given another chance and the suspension imposed by the Finance Committee removed, and we hereby direct our Secretary to return to him his Collecting Books.
Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne;
Seconded by " P. D. Kinsella;
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— the portion re the proposed suspension of Collector John J. Doyle having been first modified by the resolution passed in that connection prior to this one.
Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 3.

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 17th February, 1939.

The following Members attended :—
Councillor D. H. Haskins, Chairman;
Councillors Major R. Smith, James Everett, T.D.; and J. P. Kehoe.
The Secretary submitted, as usual, the reports from the Rate Checker and Rate Inspector received since the Committee's last meeting, and also the following Schedule showing the condition of the Poor Rate Collection in the County as it stood on the 17th February, 1939 :—

District No.	Collectors' Warrants	Amount collected to date	Discount allowed	Amount not collected
	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
1	6705 16 7	3667 6 8	28 3 7	3010 6 4
2	4012 3 8	2126 11 0	11 7 7	1874 5 1
3	8251 17 2	1627 0 6	5 11 4	1619 5 4
4	4156 14 4	2501 18 9	11 12 9	1943 2 10
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Totals £12 113 9 6 £65543 8 0 £302 5 8 £54267 15 10

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS.

Additional Proposals were recommended to the County Council for payment as follows:—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE—£125 15 8

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

Dated 17th February, 1939.

Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith;
Seconded by " James Everett, T.D. ;
Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 3 as read at this day's meeting, be hereby approved and adopted.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;
Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Coolboy);
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 C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by " Edward Byrne;
Resolved—That we hereby approve of the following Proposals for Payments chargeable to the various areas amounting to the sum of £9215 3 10 (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by " Edward Byrne;
Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals for Payment chargeable to the various areas amounting to the sum of £125 15 8 (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
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.
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 " J. P. Kehoe;
Resolved—That 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 " J. P. Kehoe;
Resolved—That the Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, to the following be hereby renewed by our Secretary:—

Name.	Address.
Mrs. Annie S. Miller	Blessington
Thomas Ellison	Shillelagh
Terence Finnegan	Abbey Street, Wicklow
Sylvester V. Delahunty	Abbey Street, Wicklow
Garnet B. Hopkins	Main Street, Wicklow
William R. Carson	23, Main Street, Bray
Thomas M. Barker	Coolboy, Tinahely
James Craul	Oldcourt, Manor-Kilbride
Mrs. Mary Toomey	Hollywood, Co. Wicklow
D. J. Cogan	Laragh
Michael Tutty	Hollywood
James Healy	Rathdangan
Denis O'Sullivan	C/o Miss M. Geraty, Mill Lane, Carnew
James Lawler	Railway Hotel, Dunlavin
Patrick Hoxey	Knockanarrigan
Patrick J. Gahan	Knockananna
Joseph Owens	Dunlavin
Thomas Heiton & Co., Ltd.	23, Main Street, Bray
Frederick J. Sutton, Ltd.	Rathdrum
Arthur Hennessy	Blessington
William F. Murphy	Aughrim
Arthur Robert H. Pasley	Tinahely
Thomas Annesley	50, Main Street, Arklow
Edwin Doyle	Church Road, Greystones
John Synnott	Newtownmountkennedy
Robin Haskins	Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow
Joseph Walsh	Rathdrum
Thomas Pierce	Tinahely
William Saul	18, Main Street, Rathdrum
Thomas Whitten	32, Main Street, Bray
James Belton	Killakey, Ashford
Peter J. Bradshaw	Shillelagh
Bernard J. Mulhall	Annacurra
John Briscoe	Kiltegan
Edward Dowse	Carnew
Samuel H. Correll	Carnew
Thomas P. Doyle	Commercial House, Baltinglass
James Quinn	Valleymount, Blessington
Arthur J. Boyers	Tinahely Co-Operative Agricultural Society
Edward J. Mason	Roundwood
Malachy J. Brennan	Vatry House, Roundwood
Michael Hayes	Roundwood
William Wynne	Kyle, Kiltegan
James Urell	Newcastle
Patrick Thorpe	Kilquigan, Tullow
Edmund L. O'Higgins	Main Street, Dunlavin
F. J. Loughran	Delgany
Albert Farrar	Bridge House, Lr. Street, Rathdrum
John Synnott	Ashford
William Quinn	Main Street, Baltinglass
Harold Fisher	Dunlavin
William Pratt	Messrs. M. Symes & Co., Tinahely
Robert Williams	C/o Murdoch & Co., 30/32 Main St., Bray

Thomas F. Phelan
Edward V. Briscoe
William Morrissey
T. Moynihan

Aughrim
Ballinalea, Ashford
Aughrim
Donard

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by " J. P. Kehoe;
Resolved—That we hereby empower our Secretary to issue renewal Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, to Mr. John Hipple, Coolagad, Greystones, for the premises known as the "Picture House," Greystones, and to Mr. Luke McDonnell, Main Street, Baltinglass, for the Town Hall, Baltinglass.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by " J. P. Kehoe;
Resolved—That Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, be issued to the following under the usual conditions this Council has imposed when new Licences are applied for:—
Mrs. Catherine Sinnott, Carnew.
Mr. G. Bradley, Carnew.
The Coollatin Estate Co., Shillelagh.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by " J. P. Kehoe;
Resolved—That we hereby grant the renewal of Licences under the Explosives Acts, 1875, to the following for the year ending 5th November, 1939, for the sale and storage of mixed explosives and Gunpowder:—

Thomas F. Phelan	Aughrim
E. V. Briscoe	Ballinalea, Ashford
Hugh P. Doyle	Mill Street, Baltinglass
M. J. Brennan	Vatry House, Roundwood
William Saul	18, Main Street, Rathdrum
S. Weir & Sons	Corner House, Tinahely
M. J. Doyle & Sons	Main Street, Baltinglass
Olive H. Parr	Dunlavin
James McCrea	Carnew

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER, 1936.

The Secretary submitted correspondence from the Department of Agriculture, dated 26th January, 1939, No. L.400-39, and 7th February, 1939, No. L.352-39, in connection with the arrangements necessary for the efficient operation of the provisions of the above Order in the 1939 season which opens on the 1st March.

In this connection the Secretary reported that the temporary Inspector for the Greystones Sub-Garda District, Mr. Roche, had intimated that he is not in a position to discharge the duties this year, and that as a consequence he had been in communication with Messrs. King and Carr, the temporary Inspectors for the adjoining districts who had consented to perform the duties in Mr. Roche's district in addition to their own subject to their being paid one half the remuneration which Mr. Roche would have received had he continued in office.

The following application was submitted:—

KILPOOLE,
WICKLOW,
7th February, 1939.

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of Warble Fly Inspectors of the County, held in Barry's Hotel, Rathdrum, to-day (Tuesday), it was decided that I write and ask what is the date of the next Council meeting, and also, if the Council Members would receive a deputation consisting of some of the Inspectors at their next meeting.

The members of the deputation would like to bring some facts to the notice of the County Council before beginning duty on March 1st.
Signed on behalf of the Warble Fly Inspectors of the County.

ROBERT JOHNSON, (Sec.)

After hearing the views of Members of a Deputation from the Inspectors, it was

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;
Seconded by " C. M. 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, 1939:—

- 1 Matthew Devitt, Monameen, Greenane, Rathdrum.
- 2 Andrew Fleming, Aughavannagh, Aughrim.
- 3 Martin Fitzpatrick, Coollatin, Carnew.
- 4 Thomas Kinsella, Muskeagh, Tinahely.
- 5 John King, jun., Killough, Kilmacanogue.
- 6 James Kavanagh, Cloanshannon, Knockanarrigan.
- 7 Patrick O'Toole, Monroe, Donard.
- 8 William Healy, Clara, Rathdrum.
- 9 Bernard Malone, Baltinanima, Roundwood.
- 10 Joseph Clancy, Ballyreen, Aughrim.
- 11 Andrew Kavanagh, Knockfodda, Roundwood.
- 12 William Carr, Knockraheen, Roundwood.
- 13 Robert Johnson, Kilpoole, Wicklow.
- 14 Patrick Murphy, Oakwood, Valleymount.
- 15 George Miley, Knockadruce, Valleymount.
- 16 Patrick Toomey, Lockstown, Valleymount.
- 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 as last year, the remuneration to be £2 0 0 per week, inclusive, and the appointment 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 the Secretary of the County Council.

It is also to be clearly understood that in accordance with the letter issued by the Department of Agriculture dated the 26th January, 1939, the Chief Executive Officer of the County Council will have power to immediately suspend any temporary inspector who fails to carry out his duties. This is to apply specially in regard to the duty of inspecting all the cattle on a holding at each visit.

A show of hands having been called for by the Chairman the resolution was declared to have been passed by 14 votes for to 6 against.

Proposed by Senator C. M. Byrne ;

Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;

Resolved—That having received a communication from temporary Inspector, John Roche, to the effect that owing to pressure of business he cannot carry out his work as Inspector under the Warble Fly Order for the 1939 treatment period, we hereby direct that the district formerly inspected by Mr. Roche be now divided by adding approximately one-half of it to Mr. William A. Carr's district and one-half to Mr. John King's district. And that the remuneration formerly payable for the work in Mr. Roche's district or such other remuneration as may be fixed for it for the forthcoming 1939 treatment period, be paid in the proportion of one-half to Mr. Carr and one-half to Mr. King in addition to the remuneration payable to them in respect to their present districts.

The remuneration for this district to be the same as for the other districts—i.e., £2 per week, £1 to each Inspector.

Passed.

Proposed by Senator C. M. Byrne ;

Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;

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 the previous years—i.e., an inclusive sum of £40.

Passed.

A communication dated the 31st January, 1939, No. R.U.206/1, was submitted from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, Road Section, Custom House, Dublin, intimating that a Grant of £6,500 under the Employment Schemes (Roads Rural) Vote, 1939/40 had been provisionally allocated to the Council, subject to a local contribution of £2,300 which contribution is to be raised by rate in the financial year 1939/40 as the Minister will not entertain any proposals to raise this local contribution by way of loan or overdraft.

The Secretary pointed out that this matter was referred to by the Acting County Surveyor in paragraph 6, sub paragraph (b) of his printed Report which had been circulated to each member of the County Council.

Proposed by Senator C. M. Byrne ;

Seconded by Councillor J. P. Kehoe ;

Resolved—That we have considered the letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated the 31st January, 1939, Reference No. RU/206/1, and we hereby point out to the Minister that it was the intention of this County Council when raising an additional sum of £6,000 for Main and County Roads that the sum referred to in the above letter as being a contribution towards Employment Schemes (Roads Rural), 1939/40 was included therein.

Passed.

Proposed by Senator C. M. Byrne ;

Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve, confirm and adopt for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1940, the Road Works Scheme prepared by the Council at the meeting of that Body held on the 31st January, 1939, as modified by to-day's resolution—the Acting 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 OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE,
WICKLOW.

15th February, 1939.

ACTING COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Gentlemen,

1 As the end of the financial year 1938/39 is now approaching I have to ask authority to use such unexpended monies, as remain on Main and County Groupings, in their respective areas. The readjustments proposed are as follows :—

Southern Area :

£120 from Group F. Main to Group H. Main.
£50 from Group G. Main to Group H. Main.
£30 from Group J. Main to Group I. Main.
£150 from Group H. County to Group G. County.
£200 from Group L. County to Group I. County.

Eastern Area :

£150 from Group E. Main to Group B. Main.
£150 from Group E. Main to Group C. Main.
£150 from Group E. Main to Group D. Main.

2 Owing to insufficient funds available to maintain the County Roads in the Western Area to the end of the year, I request permission to transfer small amounts from the Southern Section (County Roads) to the Western Area as follows :—

County Roads.

From Group F. to Group K—£30
From Group H. to Group L—£40.
From Group J. to Group M.—£70.
From Group J. to Group N.—£30.

3 I have prepared an estimate of the cost of erecting new County Offices on the site of the old Jail in Wicklow Town as instructed. I have indicated for increased necessary accommodation for the County Secretary's and County Surveyor's staffs, together with offices for County Committee of Agriculture and Library Committee. The cost of the work approximately will be £23,000.

4 Courthouses :

I have been investigating the matter of repairs and minor alterations to the various Court Buildings in the County :

I have received Tenders for works in almost all cases but these do not include for all necessary works. I estimate the expenditure required during the year 1939-40 on each as follows :

Bray	£50
Dunlavin	£250
Blessington	£20
Newtown Mount Kennedy	£50
Rathdrum	£30
Baltinglass	£300
Tinahely	£300

5 With reference to the condition of the roads in the County, generally, I report that in spite of a severe winter, the treated surfaces have resisted the weather conditions fairly well, but it is unnecessary for me to remind you that many of your County Roads, especially in the Western area are still in poor condition.

6 (a) Re item No. 10 on Agenda of this Meeting I report that alterations are being carried out to the Building and I will notify Co. Secretary when these are completed to render the structure suitable for use as a Cinema.

(b) Re Item No. 14 on Agenda : should the Council approve of the acceptance of the grant I will prepare a scheme for the allocations of the monies in the districts in which I believe it will be most required.

(c) Re items No. 20, 23, 24, 26, 27, and 28, repairs will be carried out during the year 1939/40 within the limits of funds available.

(d) Re item No. 19 on Agenda : this proposal was included in Part 2 of the Provisional Road Works Scheme 1939/40, but was rejected by your Council. It will now be possible to expend approximately £200 only out of monies available in Part I, on alternative footpaths in the town.

(e) Re item No. 34 on Agenda : I inspected the Tinahely Courthouse and interviewed the local Committee. The proposals put forward by them include for the enlargement of the present court so as to provide for an assembly hall for the town. I estimate the cost will be approximately £950 in addition to the figure of £300 already given above.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'Byrne,

Acting County Surveyor,
County Surveyor's Office,
WICKLOW.
15-2-'39.

ORDERS—Paragraph (1) and (2) Vide the following resolution :—

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;

Seconded by " D H Haskins ;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our Acting County Surveyor to transfer from one area to another the sums set forth in his printed Report to this meeting—subject to the condition that no Main Road Funds be transferred to County Road Groups, or vice versa.

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

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors J J Bourne, Wallace Hammond, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern) ; P P O'Reilly, D J Kehoe, Michael Mooney, M Timmins, George Heatley, Miss M Kelly, P D Kinsella, D H Haskins, C M Byrne, and J P Kehoe—13.

AGAINST—Councillors James McCrea, Liam O Cleirigh, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ; Edward Byrne, John Dunne, and James Everett, T.D.—6.

The Chairman thereupon declared the Motion to have been carried as a resolution by 13 votes for and 6 against.

Paragraph (3)—Referred to Rates Committee.

Paragraph (4)—The repair works referred to in this paragraph to be carried out.

Paragraph (5)—Noted.

Paragraph (6), sub paragraph (a), (b), (c), (d)—Noted.

Sub paragraph (e)—Referred to the Council's Solicitor for his considered opinion on the Council's powers to give effect to the proposals referred to by the Acting County Surveyor in his Report and advanced by the deputation from the Town of Tinahely who waited upon and submitted their views to the Council.

The following letter was submitted in connection with the room in the Courthouse, Wicklow, which had been vacated by the County Committee of Agriculture:—

CIRCUIT COURT OFFICE,
Cill Manntain,
9adh Feabhra, 1939.

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

A Chara,

As the High Court on Circuit is expected to sit in this town on or about the 6th proximo I shall be glad if you will kindly have the Judge's room attached to the Record Court suitably furnished at an early date.

Le meas agam ort,
Mise,

TOMAS MACCATHMHAOIL,
Clarathoir Conndae.

ORDER—Mr. G. P. Byrne to be asked to return the tables and chairs. The Acting County Surveyor to have the room cheaply painted and and papered.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following Report following local meetings of County Councillors, which, according to instructions received at a previous meeting of the County Council, he had convened for the purpose of considering and preparing proposals for the re-classification of certain indicated County Roads as Main Roads.

COURT HOUSE,
WICKLOW,
31st January, 1939.

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

A Chara,

In accordance with the resolution passed by the Wicklow County Council at the Meeting held on the 12th December last directing me to draft a scheme reclassifying important County Roads as Main Roads, I desire to report that I convened meetings of Councillors in their appropriate areas for this purpose in Wicklow, Bray, Baltinglass and Tinahely, and I submit hereunder a summary of these investigations:—

Committee Meeting at Wicklow, Tuesday, 24th January, 1939,
Chairman, Senator C M Byrne;

Also present—Councillors J P Kehoe and James Everett, T.D.

The following resolution was passed:—

"That having considered the question of road conditions in our district, we are of the opinion that certain County Roads are equally important as Main, Link and Tourist Roads to the existing scheduled Main Roads; but it is not possible to reconstruct them out of County Rates alone, we recommend that the Minister approve that the following roads to be Main Roads for the purpose of free grant allocations:—

1 County Roads Nos. 102, 105 and 161, between Ballynerrin Upper, via 3-Mile Water, Brittas, Ardinary and Jack White's Cross Roads. Thus linking Main Link Road L.29 No. 100 with Main Link Road L.29 No. 162."

2 County Road No. 163.

3 County Road No. 164 } Barndarrig to Avoca with Link to
4 County Road No. 166 } Jack White's.

Signed: John P Kehoe,
James Everett,
C M Byrne.

Committee meeting at Bray Court House, Wednesday, 25th January, 1939.

Chairman: Edward Byrne, M.C.C.;

Also present—Councillor Major R Smith,
Councillor Kinsella.

Passed.

"Having considered the position and description of the roads in this district we are of the opinion that certain County Roads are equally, if not more important as existing Main Roads; but this County Council are unable to reconstruct and develop additional roads out of rates; we recommend that the following roads be approved by the Department as Main Roads for the purpose of Fund allocations and we direct our Surveyor to submit a report to accompany this recommendation, setting forth the various reasons for our recommendation—viz., Tourist Development; convenience to ratepayers, etc. Scenery.

County Roads 10 and 11. Enniskerry-Glenree.
County Roads 35, 36 and 18. Enniskerry-Roundwood.
County Roads 16 and 18. Kilmacanogue-Glenree.

Signed: Edward Byrne, Chairman.
P D Kinsella, Councillor.
R Smith (Major), Councillor.

Committee Meeting at Baltinglass, Thursday, 26th January, 1939.
Chairman, Michael Timmins, Councillor;

Also present—Michael Mooney, D J Kehoe, Patrick Doyle and Assistant Surveyor, P J Foley.

Passed.

"Having considered the conditions, lay-out and importance of County Roads in this district we are of the opinion that the following roads should be scheduled as Main Roads in order that they may be reconstructed in a suitable manner to cater for the needs of the County in the matter of Tourist Development, increased traffic, and convenience to rate-

payers in this and adjoining Counties and that our Surveyor be directed to submit our proposals to the Department together with a report embodying the reasons for treating such roads as Main.

- 1 Baltinglass, Colinstown, Dunlavin, Hollywood.
- 2 Baltinglass, Rathdangan, Auhrim.
- 3 Randalstown, Knockenarrigan, Mullen X,
- 4 Blessington, Lackan, Ballysmuttan.
- 5 Kiltegan, Knocknaguilt, Ballykilmurray, Auhrim.

Signed: Michael Timmins, Chairman.
Michael Mooney, Councillor.
Daniel J Kehoe
Patrick Doyle

Committee meeting at Tinahely, Friday, 27th January, 1939. This meeting was adjourned until the 31st instant.

Attendance—Councillors James McCrea, W Hammond, Patrick Doyle, J J Bourne, and T Birthistle.

Passed.

We consider that the time has arrived to promote a comprehensive reclassification of roads throughout the County.

There are many roads scheduled as "County" or second class roads for financial allocation purposes, and their classification does not ensure that adequate funds are available for their repair and maintenance in such a manner as will cope with their importance as traffic routes; tourist or otherwise. Some of these roads form important links between existing Main Roads and towns and villages which at present are adequately served. We have set out hereunder our considered opinion of the correct lay-out of important routes as follows:—

- 1 Road 143-205 Killaveney-Auhrim
- 2 Road No. 216-231. Tinahely Station
Tomnafinogue-Coollatin to Shillelagh
with branch to Coolboy and Kirke's, Togher
- 3 Road No. 227 Coollatin-Carnew
- 4 Road 221 Roseville Cross to Glenashouk
- 5 Road 180 Beech Road-Avoca-Templecarrick
- 6 Road 148 } Meetings-Ballinaclash
and 144 } Ballinaclash-Greenane
and 126 } Glenmalure
- 7 Road 178 Sea Road, Arklow-Sallymount.
- 8 Road 190 Arklow Cemetery-Curranstown
- 9 Road 191 Arklow-Thomastown-Moorhill-Balinsilloge-Ballykillageer-Ballycoogue-Crone-Auhrim.

Signed: James McCrea, Councillor.

J J Bourne

W Hammond

P Doyle

T Birthistle

Signed: J T O'BYRNE,

Acting County Surveyor,

31st January, 1939.

No Order.

As the Acting County Surveyor had in his printed and circulated report set out in detail the monies which he required permission to transfer from certain Main Road to County Road Groups to other Main Road and County Road Groups in the County in which there is a shortage at the moment, he was allowed, with the Council's permission to withdraw his original report in that connection which formed item No. 18 on the Agenda.

The Acting County Surveyor having already referred in his printed report to a communication from Mr J W Barrett, Arklow (item No. 19 on the Agenda) with which was enclosed a memorial from Ratepayers on Ferrybank, Arklow, requesting the Council to have the footpaths on Ferrybank and the Bridge concreted, the Council referred these documents to him for such legal action as the funds at his disposal will allow.

The Acting County Surveyor having already referred in his printed report to a communication from Mr Thomas Graham, Ballard, Clash, (item No. 20 on the Agenda) asking the Council to repair the road leading to Ballard, the Council referred this document to him for such legal action as the funds at his disposal will allow.

The Acting County Surveyor having already referred in his printed report to the claim from Rev. G. I. O'Connor, C.C. (item No. 21 on the Agenda) for the sum of £1 12 4 for damage alleged to have been caused to his car owing to the condition of the road on the hill at Tomacork, was referred to the Acting County Surveyor for such legal action in connection with the repair of this road as the monies at his disposal will allow.

The Acting County Surveyor having already referred in his printed report to the communication of Mr. J. A. Harbourne, Bridge Hotel, Baltinglass, relative to the alleged flooding of his premises (item No. 22 on the Agenda) the Council referred the matter to the Acting County Surveyor for such legal action as the funds at his disposal will allow.

The Acting County Surveyor having already referred in his printed report to the memorial from residents in Donard asking for repairs to the road from Intack Cross to Studfield, Ballymoney and Killoagh West (item No. 23 on the Agenda) the matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor for such legal action as the funds at his disposal would allow.

The Acting County Surveyor having already referred in his printed report to the letter from Mr. P. J. Phelan, Ballinaclash, Rathdrum drawing attention to the condition of the roads in that area (No. 24 on the Agenda) the matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor for such legal action as the funds at his disposal will allow.

The Acting County Surveyor having already referred to the application of Rev. William Reeves Scully, Blessington, to have Warning Signs erected outside Blessington Protestant School (item No. 25 on the Agenda). The Council referred this application to the Acting County Surveyor for such legal action as the funds at his disposal will allow.

The Council considered a letter from Rev. E. F. Forest, the Rectory, Carnew, drawing attention to the condition of the Road between Kilcavan and Parkmore (item No. 26 on the Agenda).

ORDER—The Acting County Surveyor is hereby instructed to endeavour to have this road made the subject of a Minor Relief Scheme.

The Acting County Surveyor having already referred in his printed report to the memorial requesting the repair of the road from Grange Con to Dunlavin (item No. 27 on the Agenda), the Council referred the matter to the Acting County Surveyor for such legal action as the funds at his disposal will allow.

The Acting County Surveyor having already referred in his printed Report to the communication from Captain G. P. Molyneux Molony, Barr Na Coille House, Kilmacanogue, asking the County Council to repair the roads from Windgates and Kilmacanogue to Barr na Coille (item No. 28 on the Agenda), the Council referred the matter to the Acting County Surveyor for such legal action as the funds at his disposal will allow.

The Council considered a letter from Mrs. Elizabeth O'Keefe, Rathbawn, Hacketstown, drawing attention to the very dangerous corner opposite her yard on the Rathbawn-Knocknaboley road,

ORDER—Referred to Acting County Surveyor for his information and suitable action.

Correspondence regarding the complaint of Colonel Joseph E. Vize, Ardkeen, Wicklow, that his premises are being damaged by road surface water was referred to the Acting County Surveyor for such legal action as the funds at his disposal would allow.

A communication from Mr. William Sutton, Summerhill, Wicklow, drawing attention to the condition of the side of the road at the entrance to his bungalow was referred to the Acting County Surveyor for such legal action as the funds at his disposal would allow.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne ;
Seconded by " James Everett, T.D. ;
Resolved—That the Agreement between the Wicklow County Council and Mr. John Maher, Kilpoole, for the letting of two plots—one for use as a Tool Store and the other for a magazine for storing explosives be now executed by formally attaching the Seal of the Council thereto and that the said Seal be witnessed by the Chairman.

Passed.

The following letter was submitted :—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,
(Roads),
CUSTOM HOUSE,
DUBLIN,
R/RM/9. 80adh Samhain, 1937.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to the proposals of the Electricity Supply Board under Section 15 of the Liffey Reservoir Act, 1936, providing for the erection of new bridges to replace existing bridges, the alteration and levelling of some existing roads and the permanent closing of the roads within the reservoir area, and I am to state that it is understood that officials of the Board have discussed the proposals with the County Surveyor.

Accordingly, I am to request that you will be so good as to furnish the views of your Council on the proposals

Mise, le meas,
J. HURSON,
Runai.

The Secretary,
County Council Offices,
Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly ;
Seconded by " Michael Mooney ;
Resolved—With reference to item No. 31 on the Agenda re alteration of roads in connection with Liffey Reservoir Act, 1936, we point out that under this Scheme the following roads will be submerged :—
(a) Route Vallemount direct to Ballyknockan.
(b) Baltyboys, Ballinahoun to Lackan.
(c) Oakland Cross on Baltyboys Lower to Priests Bridge on Ballinahoun

and the following alternative routes require alteration in widening and reconstruction to deal with the traffic of the area and the convenience of the ratepayers and quarry-owners :—

Road No. 354—Vallemount to Cross Roads on Annacorney.
Thence Road 356 to Ballyknockan Village.
Thence via Road 365 via Middletown.
Ballynastockan, Lackan Village to join with Main route to Blessington.

We, therefore, request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to provide the necessary funds to enable the work of reconstruction of these roads to proceed immediately so as to provide suitable accommodation before the existing routes are submerged.

Passed.

In connection with item No. 33 on the Agenda, the Council referred to the meeting of the Finance Committee to be convened for the purpose of considering the Rates Estimates for the financial year 1939/40, the portion of the Acting County Surveyor's Report which dealt with the probable cost of using the site of the Old Jail in Wicklow for the purpose of erecting new offices for the County Council, the County Library Committee and the County Committee of Agriculture.

TINAHELY COURTHOUSE.

At this stage the Council received a Deputation consisting of the following residents in Tinahely who submitted the views of the townspeople on the necessity of providing a Hall, which Hall it was their unanimous opinion could only be secured by a complete alteration in the Courthouse in Tinahely, at a probable cost of £950, concerning which the Acting County Surveyor had reported at this day's meeting that it would be

necessary to expend £300 on repairs alone to that building :—

Deputation.

Mr. N. P. Murphy, Tinahely.
Mr. M. S. Lynch, "
Mr. James O'Rourke, "
Mr. James Murphy, "

Proposed by Senator C. M. Byrne ;

Seconded by Councillor J. P. Kehoe ;

Resolved—That the application and relative documents from the residents of Tinahely regarding the use of the Court House there for Social purposes be referred to our Solicitor and to the Acting County Surveyor for Reports to our next meeting.

Passed.

DRAINAGE COMMISSION.

The following communication was considered :—

The Drainage Commission,
6, Harcourt Street,
DUBLIN.

E. 9. 18adh Deireadh Foghmhair, 1938.

A Chara,

The Drainage Commission have decided to invite each County Council in Eire to submit to them a written statement of evidence affecting any matters coming within the terms of reference.

While the Commission does not wish to restrict the Councils in any way in submitting their statements, and while they would be glad to have their views on all aspects of the problem, I enclose a statement of Heads of Evidence under which the Commission would particularly like to have the views of County Councils. Some copies of the terms of reference are also enclosed.

Accordingly, I shall be glad to be favoured at your early convenience with a written statement of the evidence which your Council desires to submit to the Drainage Commission.

Mise, le meas,
J. CULLINANE,
Runaidhe,

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Senator C. M. Byrne ;

Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ;

Resolved—That the following be appointed to appear before the Drainage Commission at 6, Harcourt Street, Dublin, to submit this Council's views on the Drainage problem in Eire :—

The Acting County Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E.
Councillor Patrick Doyle, Winetavern, Stratford-on-Slaney.
Councillor Wallace Hammond, Paulbeg House, Shillelagh,
Passed.

The three resolutions (items Nos 38, 39 and 41 on the Agenda) sent forward by the County Library Committee for consideration by the Council were referred to the meeting of the Finance Committee which will be convened for the purpose of considering the Rate Estimates for the service of the financial year 1939-40.

Minutes of proceedings of monthly meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee were submitted.

The Secretary having read the special notice issued to each Member of Wicklow County Council on the 9th December, 1938, pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, the Council proceeded to consider the following three Notices of Motion :—

By Councillor James Everett, T.D.

" I hereby give notice that at the meeting to be held on the 20th February, 1939, 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 £32,968 for the purpose of providing sixty-six labourers' cottages with plots at Ballybeg, and the provision of eighteen labourers' cottages with plots at Rathdrum, in pursuance of the provisions of the Labourers Acts, 1883 to 1931, as amended by the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932.

By Councillor James Everett, T.D.

" I hereby give notice that at the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 20th day of February, 1939, 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 Pounds from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of improving the sewerage and water supply systems at Rathuew."

By Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy).

" I hereby give notice that at the Quarterly Meeting to be held on 20th February, 1939, 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 for the purpose of carrying out a Scheme for the improvement of Water Supply and provision of Sanitary Convenience at Avoca."

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ;

Resolved—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 £32,968 for the purpose of providing sixty-six labourers' cottages with plots at Ballybeg, and the provision of eighteen labourers' cottages with plots at Rathdrum, in pursuance of the provisions of the Labourers Acts, 1883 to 1931, as amended by the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;

Seconded by " D. J. Kehoe ;

Resolved—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 Pounds (£3,030) from the

Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of improving the sewerage and water supply systems at Rathnew.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy);
Seconded by " C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—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 (£3,035) from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of carrying out a Scheme for the improvement of Water Supply and provision of Sanitary Convenience at Avoca.

Passed.

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 30/6/1938.

Articles submitted for Analysis.	Date Received.	No.	From	Result of Analysis.
New Milk	1-4-38	1	Fever Hospital	Genuine
Whole Milk	2-4-38	2	Greystones, Guard Dwyer	"
Olive Oil	"	2	"	"
New Milk	6-4-38	1	Co. Hospital	"
Whole Milk	9-4-38	4	Dunlavin, Guard Laverty	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Milk	21-4-38	2	Newtown-Mt-Kdy., Gd. Nevin	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Lard	"	1	"	"
Butter	27-4-38	4	Dunlavin, Dept. of Agric.	"
Margarine	"	1	Carnew, Guard Doyle	"
Whole Milk	"	1	"	"
Salt	"	1	"	"
New Milk	28-4-38	2	Co. Home	"
Butter	"	3	Baltinglass, Dept. of Agric.	"
New Milk	29-4-38	1	Co. Hospital	"
New Milk	"	1	Fever Hospital	"
New Milk	"	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	"
Olive Oil	7-5-38	1	Dunlavin, Guard Laverty	"
Cheese	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	"	2	"	"
Whiskey	10-5-38	2	Roundwood, Sgt. Mahony	"
Whole Milk	12-5-38	9	Arklow, Guard O'Reilly	6 gen. 3 not gen
Buttermilk	"	2	"	Genuine
New Milk	20-5-38	1	Fever Hospital	"
Ice Cream	24-5-38	1	Greystones, Guard Dwyer	"
Tea	"	1	"	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	"	1	"	Not Genuine
G. Wine	"	1	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	"	2	"	"
Vinegar	"	1	"	"
Milk	"	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	"
Milk	25-5-38	1	Co. Hospital	"
Whole Milk	"	2	Carnew, Guard Doyle	"
Tea	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	30-5-38	3	Wicklow, Guard Bergin	"
Buttermilk	"	1	"	"
Whiskey	1-6-38	1	Shillelagh, Guard Behan	"
New Milk	"	1	"	"
New Milk	"	2	Rathdrum, Guard Sweeney	1 gen. 1 not gen
Port Wine	"	1	"	Genuine
Butter	14-6-38	1	Bray, Guard Staunton	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Tea	14-6-38	1	Bray, Guard Staunton	Genuine
Sugar	"	1	"	"
Olive Oil	15-6-38	2	"	"
Y. Relish	"	1	"	"
Vinegar	"	1	"	"
W. Milk	21-6-38	1	Carnew, Guard Doyle	"
Cocoa	"	1	"	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Milk	"	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	"
Margarine	24-6-38	1	Aughrim, Sergeant Lee	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Cornflour	"	1	"	"
Olive Oil	25-6-38	1	Baltinglass, Guard Conway	"
Whole Milk	"	4	"	"
Whole Milk	29-6-38	8	Bray, Guard Staunton	"
Drugs	2-4-38	2	Wicklow Dispensary	"
"	14-4-38	3	Co. Fever Hospital	"
"	16-4-38	3	Co. Home, Rathdrum	"
"	21-4-38	3	Newcastle	"
"	27-4-38	3	Aughrim Dispensary	"
"	28-4-38	3	Blessington	"
"	17-5-38	3	Baltinglass	"
"	19-5-38	3	Ferrybank, Avoca	"
"	21-5-38	3	Rathdrum	"
"	8-6-38	5	Coolattin Dispensary	"
"	21-6-38	5	Kiltegan	"
"	"	3	Dunlavin	"
"	24-6-38	3	Annamoe	"
"	30-6-38	3	Newcastle	"
Water (Rathdrum)	12-4-38	1	Co. Board of Health	Passed
Water (Kenny's Well, Shillelagh)	31-5-38	1	Co. Board of Health	Condemned
Water (Loggan, Tinahely)	14-6-38	1	Co. Board of Health	Condemned
Water (Public Supply)	24-6-38	1	Arklow U.D.C.	Passed
Water (R 23. Mr. Foley)	"	1	Co. Board of Health	Passed

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 99; Drugs, 45 Waters, 5. Total 149. Number Adulterated—5 Milks, 2 Waters Condemned Date 15/7/1938.

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 30/9/1938.

Articles submitted for Analysis.	Date Received.	No.	From	Result of Analysis.
Olive Oil	2-7-38	1	Carnew, Guard Doyle	Genuine
Camp. Oil	"	1	"	"
Port Wine	"	1	"	"
New Milk	"	2	Co. Home	"
Milk	4-7-38	2	Fever Hospital	"
New Milk	7-7-38	4	Blessington, Guard Brennan	"
Whole Milk	13-7-38	2	Dunlavin, Guard Laverty	"
Cocoa	"	1	"	"
Flour	"	1	"	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Olive Oil	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	20-7-38	1	Carnew, Guard Doyle	"
Lemon Cryst	"	1	Bray, Guard Staunton	"
Butter	21-7-38	2	Wicklow, Guard Bergin	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	"	1	"	"
New Milk	23-7-38	2	Roundwood, Sgt. Mahony	"
Tea	"	1	"	"
Whiskey	26-7-38	1	"	"
Currants	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	"	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	"
Milk	10-8-38	2	Newtown-Mt-Kdy., Gd. Nevin	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Jam	11-8-38	1	Blessington, Guard Nevin	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Cheese	"	1	"	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Milk	12-8-38	1	Co. Hospital	"
Milk	"	1	Fever Hospital	"
Milk	20-8-38	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	"
Whole Milk	27-8-38	3	Rathdrum, Guard Sweeney	2 gen. 1 not gen
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	31-8-38	5	Greystones, Guard Dwyer	4 gen. 1 not gen
Tapioca	"	1	"	Genuine
Rice	"	1	"	"
Whiskey	"	1	"	"
Jam	"	1	"	"
Tea	"	1	"	"
Lard	"	1	"	"
Port Wine	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	3-9-38	1	Shillelagh, Guard Behan	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Port Wine	"	1	Greystones, Guard Dwyer	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	"	2	"	"
Whole Milk	"	1	Carnew, Guard Doyle	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	7-9-38	2	Dunlavin, Guard Laverty	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	"
New Milk	15-9-38	2	Co. Home, Rathdrum	"
Tea	20-9-38	1	Newtown, Guard Nevin	"
Whole Milk	"	2	"	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Cheese	"	1	"	"
Milk	29-9-38	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	"
Milk	30-9-38	1	Co. Hospital	"
Milk	"	1	Fever Hospital	"
Drugs	2-7-38	3	Co. Hospital	"
"	16-7-38	3	Tinahely Dispensary	"
"	"	3	Co. Fever Hospital	"
"	"	1	Tinahely Dispensary	"
"	20-7-38	3	Rathdrum	"
"	21-7-38	1	Arklow	"
"	6-8-38	3	Co. Home	"
"	17-8-38	3	Aughrim	"
"	23-8-38	3	Wicklow	"
"	5-9-38	3	Delgany	"
"	"	3	Kilmurray, Delgany	2 gen. 1 not gen
"	23-9-38	3	Avoca Dispensary	Genuine
"	29-9-38	3	District Hospital, Baltinglass	"
Water (Aughrim)	13-7-38	1	Co. Board of Health	Condemned
Water (Coolboy)	22-8-38	1	Co. Board of Health	Condemned
Water (Raheenglass)	24-8-38	1	Co. Board of Health	Passed.
Water (Loggan)	"	1	Co. Board of Health	Condemned

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 77; Drugs, 35; Waters, 4. Total 116. Number Adulterated—2 New Milks, 1 Drug, 3 Waters Condemned.

Date 17/10/1938.

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 31/12/1938.

Articles submitted for Analysis.	Date Received.	No.	From	Result of Analysis.
Olive Oil	7-10-38	1	Baltinglass, Guard Conway	Genuine
Whole Milk	"	1	"	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Bread	"	1	"	"
Tea	"	1	"	"
Camph. Oil	"	1	"	Not genuine
Whiskey	22-10-38	1	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	"	1	"	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Milk	27-10-38	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	"
Butter	"	1	Shillelagh, Guard Behan	"
Tea	"	1	"	"
Sugar	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	29-10-38	2	Roundwood, Sgt. Mahony	"
Whiskey	"	2	"	"
Milk	2-11-38	1	Co. Hospital	"
Butter	7-11-38	2	Roundwood, Sgt. Mahony	"
Jam	"	2	"	"
Milk	"	1	Fever Hospital	"
Co. of Tartar	9-11-38	1	Newtown-Mt-Kdy., Gd. Nevin	"
Sago	"	1	"	"
Itice	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	18-11-38	2	Rathdrum, Guard Sweeney	"
Butter	"	2	"	"
Milk	24-11-38	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	"
Milk	30-11-38	1	Co. Hospital	"
Whole Milk	5-12-38	5	Arklow, Guard O'Reilly	4 gen. 1 not gen
Butter	"	2	"	Genuine
Milk	"	1	Fever Hospital	"
Whole Milk	6-12-38	2	Greystones, Guard Dwyer	"
Whole Milk	"	3	Aughrim, Sergeant Lee	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Olive Oil	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	10-12-38	3	Wicklow, Guard Bergin	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	14-12-38	1	Roundwood, Sgt. Mahony	"
Whiskey	"	2	"	"
Rice	"	1	"	"
Tea	"	1	"	"
B. Soda	"	1	"	"
Whiskey	15-12-38	2	Blessington, Guard Brennan	"
Olive Oil	"	2	"	"
Whole Milk	15-12-38	2	"	"
Butter	17-12-38	2	Bray, Guard Staunton	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Dripping	"	1	"	"
Tea	21-12-38	1	"	"
Sugar	21-12-38	1	Bray, Guard Staunton	Genuine
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Whiskey	22-12-38	3	Newtown, Guard Nevin	"
Whiskey	"	2	Wicklow, Guard Bergin	"
New Milk	"	2	"	"
New Milk	29-12-38	1	Roundwood, Sgt. Mahony	"
Whiskey	"	1	"	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Raisins	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	"	7	Bray, Guard Staunton	"
Milk	30-12-38	1	Fever Hospital	"
Milk	"	1	Co. Hospital	"
Milk	31-12-38	1	District Hospital Baltinglass	"
Drugs	1-10-38	3	Blessington Dispensary	"
"	5-10-38	3	Co. Hospital	"
"	27-10-38	2	Kiltegan Dispensary	"
"	"	3	Rathdrum "	"
"	10-11-38	3	Baltinglass "	"
"	"	1	Delgany "	"
"	17-11-38	3	Co. Home "	"
"	23-11-38	1	Kiltegan Dispensary	"
"	"	3	Co. Home, Rathdrum	"
"	24-11-38	2	Newcastle Dispensary	"
"	14-12-38	3	Rathdrum "	"
"	23-12-38	3	Powerscourt "	"
"	31-12-38	3	Tinahely "	"
Water	7-10-38	1	Co. Board of Health	Passed
(Tober Well Dunlavin)				
Water	21-11-38	1	Co. Board of Health	Condemned
(Ballinasillogue Well)				
Water	10-12-38	1	Co. Board of Health	Passed
(No. 1 L.)			(per Mr. Foley)	
Water	10-12-38	1	Co. Board of Health	Passed
(No. 2 L.)			(per Mr. Foley)	

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 92; Drugs, 33; Waters, 4. Total 129. Number Adulterated—1 Whole Milk, 1 Camphorated Oil, 1 Water Condemned.

Date 17/1/1939.

Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was Proposed by Senator C. M. Byrne ;
Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Winetavern) ;
Resolved—That the conditions governing the appointment of Miss Phyllis Ryan, M.Sc., as County Analyst be varied and that the remuneration to be paid to her as from the 1st April, 1939, be calculated on the following basis, which is the scale of fees formulated by the Irish Public Analyst's Association :—

- (a) Analyses of waters for Public Health purposes, £1 Is. per sample.
(b) Analyses of medicines for Boards of Health, 6/- per sample, or, as an alternative, a fixed annual sum calculated at the rate of £3 per sending station (Hospitals, Dispensaries, etc.).
(c) Analyses of articles under the Food and Drugs Acts :—
(1) Where the number of samples submitted annually does not exceed 500 :—
£50 per annum retaining fee, for which 100 samples will be analysed, each sample in excess of that number up to a total of 500 per annum to be paid for at the rate of 7/6 each.
(2) Where the number of samples submitted annually exceeds 500 but not 1,000 :—
£100 per annum, retaining fee, for which 200 samples will be analysed. Each sample in excess of that number up to 1,000 per annum to be paid for at the rate of 6/8 each.
(3) Where the number of samples submitted annually exceeds 1,000 :—
Same as (2) for 1,000. Each sample in excess of 1,000 to be paid for at the rate of 5/- each.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly ;

Seconded by " Michael Timmins ;

" That the age of the County Surveyor or Engineer be not more than 50 years."

On a show of hands being taken the Chairman declared the Motion to have been defeated.

The Council had under consideration communications from the County Committee of Agriculture dated the 2nd and 13th February, respectively, together with the following resolution passed by that Body on the 31st January, 1939 :—

" Resolved—That we hereby request the County Council to raise the rate of 2½d. in the £ for the County Committee of Agriculture, to enable that Body to extend their Schemes, and in order to qualify for an extra Grant from the Department of Agriculture of £630 for Lime Scheme.

Passed unanimously."

Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond ;

Seconded by " James McCrea ;

Resolved—That we hereby instruct our Finance Committee when considering the Rate Estimates for the service of the year 1939/40 to include therein the proceeds of a rate of 2½d. in the £ for transfer in the forthcoming financial year to the County Committee of Agriculture so as to enable that Body to extend the scope of their schemes and to qualify for an extra Grant from the Department of Agriculture of £630 for a Lime Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

The Council referred to the meeting of the Finance Committee which is to be convened for the purposes of considering the Rate Estimates for the service of the year 1939/40 item No. 60 on the Agenda, i.e.—" To consider a communication from the Irish Tourist Association requesting special consideration for the inclusion of a rate in 1939/40 for tourist advertising purposes, together with a communication dated the 29th November, 1938, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health suggesting favourable consideration to the Association's request."

Realising that it would be impossible at this late hour in the evening to discharge any further business, the Council referred to their next meeting the various items on the Agenda which had not been considered.

Cell Byrne
27/1/39

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 20th March, 1939.

The following Members were present:—

Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman;
Councillors J. P. Kehoe, Edward Byrne, John Dunne, James Everett, T. D.; James McCreagh, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); T. J. Birthistle, W. Hammond, J. J. Bourne, Major R. Smith, Miss Margaret Kelly, Daniel Somers, Liam O Cleirigh, Joseph Jacob, P. D. Kiinsella, Michael Mconey, P. P. O'Reilly, J. P. O'Donnell, George Heatley, David H. Haskins, Michael Timmins, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); and Daniel J. Kehoe.

BUSINESS:

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

2 To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, Roads Section, Custom House, Dublin, intimating that a grant of £6,500 under the Employment Schemes (Roads Rural) Vote, 1939/40 had been provisionally allocated to the Council, subject to a local contribution of £2,300.

3 To receive a report from the Acting County Surveyor on the probable cost of converting the Old Jail premises into offices for the County Council, the County Committee of Agriculture and the County Library Committee.

4 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee at the meeting of that Body held on 28th February, 1939:—

"Resolved—That this Committee requests the Wicklow County Council to agree to raise a special loan of £6,000 under Section 51 of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, for the purpose of making a Grant to the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee for the purpose of providing and equipping a new Technical School and County Offices in Wicklow."

5 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at our February Quarterly Meeting that a Scheme of Scholarships from the National Schools to Secondary Schools be drafted and recommended to this County Council by a Scholarship Committee and we hereby direct that Committee when framing the Scheme to make it open to students on the Registers of a National School only up to the 1st June of the year in which a Scholarship is awarded."

6 To consider a communication from the Secretary, The Coolattin Estate Company, asking the Council if they are now prepared to consider the purchase of the Court House, Rathdrum, for Vocational Education purposes.

7 To consider a communication from the Manager, St. Kevin's Training School, Glencree, Enniskerry, in which the Council is asked to increase their present contribution of 5/- per head per week in respect of each boy maintained in that school.

8 To receive the considered Opinion of the Council's Solicitor on the proposal to expend an additional £950 on Tinahely Courthouse so as to make it suitable for Social purposes.

9 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow 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."

10 To consider the following Resolution from the County Library Committee, passed on the 10th February, 1939:—

"Resolved:—That the County Library Committee having considered the Estimates for 1939/40 as submitted to us by the County Librarian this day, judge them to be an accurate forecast of our expenditure for the year 1939/40 and request the County Council to allocate the sum of £1142 2 2 to the County Library Committee, which sum includes the product of a special rate of threehalfpence in the £, amounting approximately to £55 from Arklow Urban District Council, a contribution of £14 from Wicklow Urban District Council, and a special levy for the maintenance of the Libraries in the Rathdown area.

At a meeting held on the 26th July, 1938, we passed a resolution asking the County Council to give us an undertaking that they would sanction for the financial year ending 31st March, 1940, an increase to Library funds of the product 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, that this increase is urgently necessary to maintain the Library service efficiently, that without it, we would be compelled to sacrifice a grant of £150 from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust.

We now wish respectfully to indicate to the County Council the urgent necessity of providing the amount specified in our estimate which is based upon the actual expenditure for the past year, 1938/1939, and which represents approximately the product of a penny in the £.

During the past eight years, we have been expected to meet the exigencies of an expanding Library service with the same funds that we received during the first years of our existence, that is, the product of a halfpenny rate. The statement of last year's expenditure shows that a large percentage of our funds was spent on books and rebinding (£424 6 0), this being necessitated by the constantly increasing number of borrowers, of schools supplied, and of new centres opened. The continuous growth of the service demands adequate financing, a truth which is recognised and stressed by the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust in their refusal to pay us a grant of £150 until the Council have agreed to increase their contributions to Library Funds."

11 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Library Committee on the 7th October, 1938:—

"That in view of the yearly increasing volume of work entailed by Library expansion in the County and in consideration of the Librarian's efficient service during the past eight years, I move that the salary of our County Librarian, Miss Brigid Redmond, be placed upon an incremental basis as from the 1st November, 1938, rising by £10 yearly from £250 to £300."

12 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."

13 To consider Finance Committee's Report on the Estimates for the service of the year 1939 40.

14 To consider the Estimates (Form 42 and 43) and pass a resolution adopting same and determining the rates in the £ to be levied by means of the Poor Rate for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1940, and, further, to determine the amount to be demanded from each Urban District in the County in respect of that year.

15 To consider a further communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the Council's proposals for the recruitment of additional permanent clerical assistance for their offices.

16 To receive Senior Counsel's Opinion regarding the superannuation allowance payable to Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., late County Surveyor, and to pass a resolution thereon.

17 To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Wallace Hammond:—

"I hereby give notice that at the next meeting of the Wicklow County Council I propose to move the following Resolution: "That we instruct our Acting County Surveyor that with the exception of Overseers, Charge Hands, and essential Keymen," all employment on the roads be on the rotational system—Four days per week for married men, and three for single men.

And, further, that inasmuch as this plan should materially relieve the Unemployment Funds and Dole, that we request and press the appropriate Government Departments to obtain for us extra substantial Grants for the maintenance and development of our County Roads."

18 To consider a letter from the Department of Agriculture, Dublin, C.17, stating that as no case has been reported under the Bovine Tuberculosis Orders in the district of Veterinary Inspector W. J. Richardson for the past seven years the Council should consider the question of revising his salary under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

19 To appoint an Inspector under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Act, 1936, for the Greystones Garda Sub District.

20 To fill two vacancies on the County Library Committee.

21 To consider a communication from the Secondary Education Branch of the Department of Education in connection with the Council's proposal to sanction for a further year scholarships to certain of the Council's Secondary School Scholarship holders.

22 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 in 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."

23 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 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."

24 To consider a communication dated the 29th July, 1938, from Miss E. F. Bobbett, County Secretary, Irish Farmers' Federation, enclosing copies 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.

25 To receive an application for additional remuneration from Mr. Michael O'Neill, Assistant Rate Checker.

26 To consider a communication from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Bray, requisitioning small wooden presses for each of the thirteen Food and Drugs Inspectors appointed by the Council.

27 To consider a communication from Mr. W. Quinn, Hon. Secretary, Greystones and District Ratepayers' Association, asking to be supplied with information as to General Charges and Separate Charges in that area.

28 To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Michael Mooney:—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next meeting of the County Council—That the Poor Rate Collecting Districts Nos. 4 and 5 be amalgamated, further, that Collector Patrick Burke, Merginstown, Dunlavin, who has been Collector for No. 4 District since August, 1933, and who has acted as Collector in No. 5 District since February, 1938, be appointed (at the same Poundage rate—7d. in the £—and on the same conditions as existed for No. 4 District) to the amalgamated district, a condition of this appointment to be that the present Insurance Fidelity Bond covering No. 5 Collecting District be extended to cover the amalgamated district.

AND that the Minister be requested to accord his sanction to this arrangement, especially as Mr. Burke has given satisfaction during the past six months in collection No. 5 district while he still continued collecting No. 4 district—the present arrears of Rates to be collected in No. 5 district would be considerably lower were it not for the dispute in regard to the payment of Rates on lands which have been acquired for the purposes of the Poulaphouca Hydro-Electric and Water Supply Scheme."

29 To appoint, under the provisions of the National Health Insurance and Widows and Orphans Pensions Acts, 1936, the Council's three representatives on the Committee of Management of the National Health Insurance Society.

30 To consider the Secretary's Report on the financial condition of the Poor Rate Collection in No. 19 Collecting District in which the Poor Rate Collector is Mr. John J. Doyle, The Bakery, Carnew.

31 To consider the advisability of passing a resolution authorising the Council's Solicitor to institute legal proceedings against Arklow Urban District Council for the sums still remaining unpaid on foot of the County Council's Demand for the service of the year 1933-1939.

32 To consider the question of instituting legal proceedings against Mr. Donoghue, Sandy Banks, Brittas, for failure to report the existence of Sheep Scab amongst Sheep, his property, on Mr. Darker's farm at Blessington.

33 To consider a communication from the Department of Lands (Forestry Division) in which the Council is asked if there is any objection to the Department putting fences across the roadway running from Mr. Mooney's house where it joins the Department's property on the land of Garnagowan.

34 To consider a letter from Greystones and District Ratepayer's Association, complaining of the condition of the Bray-Windgates Road, etc., etc.

35 To consider an application from Messrs. David Allen & Son, for permission to erect a hoarding on the Railway Embankment between Rathnew and Wicklow.

36 To consider a communication from Bray Unemployed Workers' Association regarding the need for giving employment on the dangerous roads and paths in and about O'Byrne Road and Wolfe Tone Square, Bray.

37 To consider the following resolution from Shillelagh Old Age Pension Sub-Committee:—

"That the utility of attending further meetings of the O. A. P. Sub-Committee has now reached a climax in so much as the I. O. has intimated his refusal to recognise that the considered opinions of the members on any values he may assess on the holdings, goods or chattels of any applicant for an O. A. Pension or Claimant to increased Pension is of no use and refuses in every instance to reconsider any figures arrived at by him. If it is not within the power of the County Council to modify those humiliating conditions they wish to be relieved of the further responsibility of attending such meetings."

38 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

39 To receive Reports from County Officers.

40 To consider official correspondence.

41 To consider general correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond;

Seconded by " J. J. Bourne;

Resolved—That our Secretary be hereby instructed to renew the Licences issued under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, to Mr. Samuel B. Cole, Kilboy, Wicklow; Mr. William B. Kidd, Moyne, Ballinglen; and Mr. T. Moynihan, Donard.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That our Secretary be hereby empowered to issue a Licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, to Mrs. Ellen Fleming, for her premises situated at Barndarrig, Redcross, Wicklow, a satisfactory report on the applicant and premises having been received from the Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Wicklow.

Passed.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES (ROADS RURAL), 1939/40.

The Council had again under consideration correspondence, bearing the subjoined dates and reference numbers, which had been received from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding a Grant of £6,500 provisionally determined for allocation to the Council subject to a local contribution of £2,800 towards works estimated to cost £3,800:—

31st January, 1939, No. RU/206/1.

27th January, 1939, No. RU/205/16.

22nd February, 1939, No. RU/205/18.

27th February, 1939, No. RU/206/3.

4th March, 1939, No. RU/206/33.

18th March, 1939, RU/206/33.

After a prolonged discussion, it was

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;

Seconded by " James Everett, T.D.;

Resolved—That we hereby decide to raise in the rates during the year 1939/40, the sum of £2,800 so as to qualify for a free Grant of £6,500 under the Employment Schemes (Roads Rural), 1939/40, and for

this purpose we reduce the sum set aside to be applied for reduction of Bank overdraft from £5,401 to £3,101.

Passed unanimously.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following Report in which he indicated the roads on which a portion of the above referred to £8,800 would be expended on Spring and Summer Works. These Spring and Summer Works would absorb £2,800 of the £8,800 of which Grant would amount to £2,070 and contribution from Rates £730:—

20th March, 1939.

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

Employment Schemes Roads (Rural) 1939/40.

Spring-Summer Works.

Dear Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence dealing with this matter I desire to inform you that in accordance with the letter from the Department of Local Government No. R/U, 27th February, 1939, the total amount to be spent on Spring and Summer Works under the above Schemes has now been indicated to be £2,800 (Grant £2,070; Local contribution £730).

I propose to allocate this amount as follows in conformity with the regulations issued by the Department, and I ask the approval of the Council to this arrangement.

SOUTHERN AREA:

- (a) Labour recruitment from Aghowle and Killinure Electoral Divisions. Road No. 252—Oaks Cross to Ballyconnell £300 £300.
(b) Labour recruitment from Bullingate and Carnew Electoral Divisions. Road No. 221—Balisland to Glenashouk £700 £700.

WESTERN AREA:

- (c) Labour recruitment from Dunlavin and Stratford. Road No. 307—Knocknagull to Balca £800 £800.

EASTERN AREA:

- (d) Labour recruitment from Rathnew. Road No. 97—Milltown and Road No. 94 at Ballycullen £600 £600.
(e) Labour recruitment from Kilbride Electoral Division. Road No. 164—Barndarrig to Redcross £400 £400.

Total £2800.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

Acting County Surveyor.

ORDER—Allocations approved and works to be proceeded with.

The Secretary drew the Council's attention to the fact that at their Quarterly Meeting held on the 20th February, 1939, the Acting County Surveyor had been authorised to expend a total sum of £1,000 (set out in detail hereunder), but the Finance Committee in their Report on the Estimates for the service of the year 1939/40 have decided to raise the sum of £200 only to meet this expenditure:—

Bray Courthouse	50
Dunlavin Courthouse	250
Blessington Courthouse	20
Newtownmountkennedy Courthouse	50
Rathdrum Courthouse	30
Balinglass Courthouse	300
Tinahely Courthouse	300
Total	£1000

After some discussion the Council decided that in the present state of their finances they could not increase the £200 recommended by the Committee, but did not rescind or vary the Order given to the Acting County Surveyor on his Report to the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council held on the 20th February, 1939, to expend the £1,000 set forth above.

The Acting County Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., verbally reported to the Council that he had in his possession a file of correspondence from the Department of Defence and the Garda Siochana Authorities from which it would appear that the existing Explosive Magazines did not comply with new Regulations recently issued in that connection, and that, consequently, these existing Magazines would require to be reconstructed, and all new Magazines must be built in conformity with the requirements of the new Regulations.

The Council authorised the Acting County Surveyor to expend out of funds set aside for road maintenance such sums as would be required to have the existing magazines, and such new magazines as may be required, brought into agreement with the new regulations.

The Council had again under consideration a report submitted by the Acting County Surveyor to the Quarterly Meeting held on the 20th February, 1939, on the probable cost of the proposal to convert the Old Jail premises in Wicklow into offices for the County Council, the County Committee of Agriculture, and the County Library Committee, at a cost of £23,000.

When the Council learned that it would be necessary to raise a loan of not less than £23,000 for this purpose they decided that in the present state of the Council's finances it was impossible to go on with the project, and, accordingly, they postponed further consideration of it for one year.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " James McCrea;

Resolved—That, acceding to the request of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, as expressed in the resolution passed by

that Body at their meeting held on the 28th February, 1939, we hereby agree to raise a special loan of £6,000 under Section 51 of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, for the purpose of making a Grant to the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee to provide and equip a new Technical School and Offices in Wicklow, provided the cost to the rates will not be more than £203 per annum, that being the amount set forth in the Committee's Resolution before us at this meeting.

Passed.

Councillor B. P. O'Reilly withdraw, with the consent of the Council, the following Notice of Motion standing in his name, giving as his reason that he did not wish to be the cause of any increase in the rates to be levied for the financial year 1939/40 :-

"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at our February Quarterly Meeting that a Scheme of Scholarships from the National Schools to Secondary Schools be drafted and recommended to this County Council, and we hereby direct that Committee when framing the Scheme to make it open to students on the Registers of a National School only up to the 1st June of the year in which a Scholarship is awarded."

The following letter was considered :-

THE COOLLATTIN ESTATE COMPANY,
Coollattin Estate Office,
Shillelagh,
6th December, 1938.

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

Dear Mr. Healy,

You may remember that on the 29th May, 1936, a deputation from the County Council came here and offered £700 for the Courthouse at Rathdrum. On 6th June we wrote accepting this offer. Since then this matter has been left in abeyance.

I understand that the matter of a Technical School is coming up again shortly, and I presume that the offer made by the County Council holds good, having been made and accepted. I would be glad to know at your earliest convenience if I am correct.

Yours faithfully,

THE COOLLATTIN ESTATE COMPANY,
D. H. DOYNE,
Agent and Secretary.

The Secretary read to the Council extracts dealing with this matter from the printed minutes of the Council's proceedings at the meeting held on the 18th May, 1936, page 20, and of the printed minutes of the Council's proceedings at their meeting held on the 26th June, 1936, pages 15 and 16.

NO ORDER

A file of correspondence was submitted from Rev. W. F. O'Connor, O.M.I., Manager of St. Kevin's Training School, Glencree, Enniskerry, in which he outlined the serious financial position of the School and asked the County Council to increase their contribution to the maintenance of the boys committed from County Wicklow to that School from 5/- per week per boy to 8/- per week per boy, at the same time intimating that the Departments of Education and Finance had agreed to advance the Government contribution from 7/6 per week per boy to 10/- per week per boy.

After some discussion the correspondence was marked "Refused."

In connection with item No. 8 on the Agenda the Council's Solicitor submitted the following Report.

4, Church Street,
WICKLOW,
9th March, 1939.

Wicklow County Council
re: Tinahely Courthouse.

Dear Sir,

I duly received your letter relative to the proposal to expend a sum of £950 on above Courthouse with a view to so altering its construction as to make it available for use as a Social Hall by the residents generally.

I have looked into the matter carefully and am unable to find any statute empowering a County Council to legally expend monies for such a project.

As regards the letting of Courthouses, I have nothing to add to my report dated the 9th February, 1937, which is contained at page 20 of the printed minutes of the meeting of your Council held on the 8th March, 1937.

The file enclosed with your letter is enclosed herewith.

Yours faithfully,
J. BRAZIL,

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

The Council, having noted the contents of this Report, decided it would not be legally possible to take any further action in the matter.

A letter dated the 15th March, 1939, Ref. No. DB/MM, was submitted from the Irish Tourist Association, O'Connell Street, Dublin, C.S., in which the Council was urged to make an increased contribution towards the funds of that Association during the financial year 1939/40.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by M. Timmins;

That this Council's contribution to the Funds of the Irish Tourist Association for the year 1939-40 be increased from the £50 in the Estimates to £100.

A Vote having been taken it was found that the Councillors voted as follows :-

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors Liam O Cleirigh, J. J. Bourne, Wallace Hammond, Daniel Somers, P. P. O'Reilly, D. J. Kehoe, M. Timmins, Edward Byrne, John Dunne, Miss M. Kelly, P. D. Kinsella—11.

AGAINST THE MOTION—Councillors James McCrea, T. J. Birsthite, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); M. Mooney, George Heatley, Major R. Smith, James Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, J. P. Kehoe, J. P. O'Donnell, and Joseph Jacob—12.

The Chairman thereupon declared the Motion to have been lost 12 Councillors having voted against it and 11 Councillors only having voted for it.

After a protracted discussion the Council decided on the suggestion of the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Edward Byrne, to consider in globo items Nos. 9, 10, 11 and 12 on the Agenda, as they each and all had reference to financial matters relating to the County Library Committee and its Secretary, accordingly, it was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by M. Timmins;

Resolved—That no addition be made to the Funds our Finance Committee have recommended be made to the County Library Committee as shown in our Estimates before the Council at to-day's meeting.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor James McCrea :-

"I hereby give notice that I shall move at the May Quarterly Meeting of this Council that we approve and adopt the following resolution in connection with the County Librarian's salary as passed by the County Library Committee :-

That in view of the yearly increasing volume of work entailed by the Library expansion in the County and in consideration of the Librarian's efficient service during the past eight years, I move that the salary of our County Librarian, Miss B. Redmond, be placed upon an incremental basis as from 1st November, 1938, rising by £10 yearly from £250 to £300.

and for this purpose I move that Standing Orders be suspended."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman :-

"I hereby give notice that I shall move at the May Quarterly Meeting of this Council that provision be made financially in our Estimates for the year 1939-40 for the purchase by means of a loan of £750 of the premises known as Bellevue House, Wicklow, for the purpose of a County Library and Book Repository and that any resolution already on our Books in this connection be rescinded, and that Standing Orders be set aside for the purpose of considering this motion."

The following communication was read :-

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

Circular Letter No. 31/39. 15th March, 1939.
SEED SUPPLY SCHEME.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has received representations that in some areas special facilities are necessary this year to enable occupiers of land who cannot procure seed potatoes and/or seed oats out of their resources to obtain supplies on loan terms through the County Councils.

The Minister desires each County Council to consider whether there is a need for a seed supply scheme in the County or any part of it, and if there is a need, the adoption of a suitable Scheme. You are, therefore, requested to communicate with the Chairman of the Council without delay with a view to summoning a meeting and bringing the matter before the Council as early as possible.

If a meeting of the Council has already been summoned for any other purpose a supplemental agenda might be issued so that the adoption of a Scheme could be considered at that meeting.

If the Council adopt a Scheme steps should be taken to give adequate publicity to the facilities available. A form of public notice which can be adapted as necessary to local circumstances is enclosed, together with forms of authorisation to obtain seed and undertaking to pay.

A Bill to validate any action taken by the County Council in accordance with these instructions will be introduced in due course.

Mise, le meas,

J. HURSON,
Runai.

To :

The Secretary of the
County Council.

Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond;

Seconded by Michael Timmins;

Resolved—That the Chairman and Deputy Everett wait upon the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and the Minister for Agriculture to point out that the financial condition of the Council precludes the possibility of accepting financial liability for the operation of the proposed Seed Scheme and to ask the Government to finance the Scheme and to accept responsibility for it.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Edward Byrne;

That we, the Wicklow County Council, hereby approve and sanction the proposal of the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance to increase the travelling allowance of the County Medical Officer of Health, Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, from £200 to £300 per annum.

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

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors J J Bourne, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); D J Kehoe, Edward Byrne, John Dunne, Miss M Kelly, James Everett, T.D.; Senator C M Byrne—8.

AGAINST THE MOTION—Councillors James McCrea, Liam O Cleirigh, Wallace Hammond, T J Birsthite, Daniel Somers, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); M Timmins, George Heatley, Major R Smith, P D Kinsella, J P Kehoe, J P O'Donnell, and Joseph Jacob—13.

The Chairman thereupon declared the motion to have been lost 8 Councillors only having voted for it and 13 voted against,

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Finance Committee's Report on the Rate Estimates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1940.

A Special Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 6th March, 1939, for the purpose of considering the above referred to estimates.

The following Members attended :—

Councillor D. H. Haskins, Chairman ;

Councillors Major R. Smith, J. P. Kehoe, James Everett, T.D. ; M. J. Brennan, J. P. O'Donnell, Senator C. M. Byrne, and Joseph Jacob.

The Secretary submitted, on the prescribed Explanatory Tables, the annual Estimate of the amounts which he believed should be raised as General Charges and as Separate Charges during the financial year ending 31st March, 1940, to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council and for the sums demanded in respect of that period by Subsidiary Bodies.

He also submitted the following Report :—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Rates Estimates for the service of the Financial year ending the 31st March, 1940.

To/

The Chairman and members of Wicklow County Council.
A Chairde,

I submit herewith Explanatory Tables showing the full particulars of my annual estimate of the amounts which, in my opinion, will be required during the Financial Year ending the 31st March, 1940, to provide for the liabilities and requirements of Wicklow County Council and to meet also the demands of other Public Bodies in the County, financed by Wicklow County Council.

The following are the amounts asked for by these Subsidiary Bodies :—

	Increase on figures raised for the year 1938/9		Decrease on figures raised for the year 1938/9
	£	£	£
County Board of Health ...	34539	3,171	
County Board of Assistance ...	47803		1563
Joint Committee of Grangeogorman Mental Hospital ...	21206	1,003	
County Vocational Education Committee ...	3863	315	
County Committee of Agriculture ...	2580	354	
County Library Committee including Proposed Loan ...	1099	442	

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 Grangeogorman Mental Hospital. It is also mandatory on the County Council to transfer during the financial year 1939/40 whatever sum be demanded by the County Vocational Education Committee provided that the sum so demanded does not exceed the proceeds of a rate of 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ d 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.

As contribution to the Irish Tourist Association I have included a sum for the coming year of £50 which was the amount contributed last year. The Council, however, are empowered to raise any rate up to 1d. in the £ for this purpose.

Having pointed out in previous years the unsatisfactory position of the Council's finances which necessitates a large and increasing overdraft, it is unnecessary for me to refer to the matter again in this report, beyond pointing out that the item for interest included in the Explanatory Table amounting to £1,389 is the actual sum paid in the year ended 30th September last.

In entering the sum of £35,092 for deficiency in Agricultural Grant, I am only including the difference between the sum already raised for the last two years (£29,200) and the total deficiency in Agricultural Grant of £64,292. The latter sum, however, includes an estimated deficiency in the Current Year of £10,000. I have not yet been made aware of what sum will be withdrawn in respect of the Current Year or of the sum, if any, which will be paid to the Council by way of arrears of Grant.

In regard to temporarily uncollectible rates, I have to point out that the sum carried forward to the 1938/9 collecting warrants amounted to £10,138 13 0, being an increase over the previous year's amount of £2,533 12 5. It becomes imperatively necessary for the Council to take such legal action as may be necessary to collect a large portion of these arrears.

The following are the General Rates which I suggest should be struck for the service of the forthcoming financial year, 1939-40 :—

	s.	d.
Roads ...	3	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
County Services ...	6	9
Poor Relief ...	3	2
Health District Charges ...	1	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Gross Total	15	4

I subjoin for the purpose of comparison the General Rate assessed on other hereditaments during the current year and the four previous years.

	s.	d.
Year ended the 31st March, 1935	8	7
" " " " " " 1936	8	9 $\frac{1}{4}$
" " " " " " 1937	9	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
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All the figures in the Explanatory Tables speak for themselves and I do not think there is any further item therein which calls for special mention,

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P. T. HEALY,

County Secretary.

The Committee had under consideration the subjoined letter which had been received from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in respect of arrears of Land Purchase Annuities in so far as they affected the amount of Agricultural Grant which the Council might expect to be

lodged before the close of the current financial year which ends on the 31st March, 1939 :—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,
CUSTOM HOUSE,
DUBLIN,
1st March, 1939.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the repayments to the Guarantee Fund under the Land Purchase Acts of arrears of annuities in Wicklow County exceeded the draws upon the Fund in respect of fresh arrears of annuities that accrued due at the May-June, 1938, and November-December, 1938, and accordingly there will be no deduction from the balance of local taxation grants payable for the present financial year.

£17,390, the balance of the Agricultural Grant for the current year, and the County share (including Urban Districts) in the payment on account of the Estate Duty Grant, 1938-39, amounting to £1745 13 4 will be issued at an early date. In addition there will be paid to the County (including Urban Districts) a sum of £5401 4 5 being the amount by which repayments to the Guarantee Fund in respect of arrears of annuities recovered between 1st February, 1938, and 31st January, 1939, exceeded draws upon the Fund in respect of the May-June and November-December, 1938, gales.

Mise, le meas,
J. HURSON,
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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 an 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 :—

	Allowed by Committee	Increase or decrease on Secretary's figures.
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A. ROADS.

Retiring allowances of late County Surveyor (vide Counsel's Opinion)	£563	x£113
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B. COUNTY SERVICES.

Repairs to Courthouses and Offices	200	—700
To enlarge County Registrar's Strong Room and building new Strong Room for County Council purposes	Nil.	—400
Part of £10.39 carried forward into the 1938-39 Warrants	Nil.	—4069
Election Expenses	Nil.	—1500
Sum to be applied towards reduction of overdraft out of Agricultural Grant to be received	5409	—29691
County Library Scheme (including cost of raising proposed Loan of £750)	657	—442
Less on Seed Supply Schemes, 1932-33	Nil	—636
Secondary School Scholarships	540	—400
C. POOR RELIEF.		
Debit Balance in Council's Ledger	Nil.	—2500
F. SEPARATE CHARGES.		
Compensation for Criminal Injuries	586	—50

The Committee referred back to the County Council for further consideration the letters dated 31st January, 1939, Ref. No. RU-206-1 and 4th March, 1939, Ref. No.

R-RU-206-33, regarding the provisional Grant of £6,500 to the County Council for Employment Schemes (Roads Rural) 1939-1940, provided the Council contributes out of Rates the sum of £2,300.

The Committee had under consideration letters dated the 29th November, 1938, Ref. No. 106-38, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and 16th December, 1938, from the Irish Tourist Association, 14, Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin, C.S., in which the Council are urged to give increased financial support in the forthcoming financial year to the Association as this Body will continue to be the approved Body for publicity work.

The Committee, it will be observed, have recommended that the same annual contribution as was given during the current financial year 1938-39 be given again in the forthcoming financial year, 1939-1940, i.e. :—£50.

The Committee have given effect to the terms of the resolution passed by the Council at the Quarterly Meeting of that Body, held on the 20th February, and have recommended that the proceeds of a rate of 2½d. in the £ be transferred in the year 1939-1940 to the County Committee of Agriculture, so as to allow that Committee to increase the scope of their work and thereby secure additional grants.

The Secretary asked the Committee to come to a decision on Paragraph 3 of the printed Report submitted to the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council on the 20th February, 1939, by the Acting County Surveyor, which paragraph deals with the proposal to raise a loan of approximately £23,000 for the purpose of erecting new offices for the County Council, the County Surveyor, the County Committee of Agriculture and the County Library Committee.

The Committee directed that this matter form an item on the Agenda for the forthcoming meeting of the County Council.

The Committee also referred back to the County Council for consideration the entire correspondence dealing with (a) the proposal to raise a loan of £750 to purchase Bellevue House, The Mall, Wicklow, for use as a County Library and Book Repository ; (b) Four separate estimates from the Library Committee applying for an increased contribution to the Committee out of the rates for the financial year 1939-1940 ; and (c) the resolution passed by the Library Committee proposing to increase the County Librarian's salary of £250 per annum, and to place same on an incremental basis, with increases of £10 per annum as from the 1st November, 1938.

Your Finance Committee desire to point out to the County Council that they have recommended in their Estimates that the Library Committee shall receive in the financial year 1939-40 the same amount to cover all services which they received in the current financial year 1938-39, i.e. :—£657 0 0.

A proposal was received from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance to increase the travelling expenses to the County Medical Officer of Health, Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, from £200 per annum to £300 per annum.

The Committee, subject to confirmation by the Council, have made allowance in the Estimates for this increase of £100.

In the Estimates the Secretary included the sum of £636 to meet the Estimated loss to the rates by reason of the operation in the County of the Seeds Supply Scheme in 1932 and 1933.

The Committee struck this item out of the Estimates and they recommend that the lists of the sums still outstanding as a result of the operation of these two Acts be returned to the Council's Solicitor with the request that he give them his most careful consideration and report to the Council on the question as to whether any or all of the £636 can be recovered.

The Committee enclose herewith a revised printed copy of the Estimate already printed and circulated to each Councillor, and they have shown thereon the figures modified as before mentioned 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, 1940.

The Committee's recommendation in this Report, if adopted by the Council, will have the effect of reducing the rates sug-

gested in the Secretary's Report to the following figures :—

	s.	d.
A. ROADS	3	4½
B. COUNTY SERVICES	3	3½
C. POOR RELIEF	2	11
D. HEALTH DISTRICT CHARGES	1	9½
	11	4½

These rates are based on the figures in the Explanatory Tables now being sent you.

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 for the service of the year 1939-1940.

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

Dated this 6th March, 1939.

The following letter was considered :—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,
CUSTOM HOUSE,
DUBLIN,
G.7346/39. 1st March, 1939.
Cill Mannaín,
A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 23rd ultimo, 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 sanctions a departure from the terms of Articles 77 (2) 78 and 79 of that Order to enable the Estimates for 1939/40 to be considered by the Financial Committee by the 6th instant and to be considered and adopted by the County Council not later than the 20th instant.

Mise. le meas,
J. COLLINS,
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Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor Major R Smith ;
Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;
Resolved—That the report on the Estimates for the service of the financial year 1939/40, submitted by our Finance Committee be hereby approved and adopted as printed and circulated to each Member of this Council, and that the Rate in the £ on Other Hereditaments for the ensuing year be fixed at 11/4 in accordance with the modifications made in the Estimates at this meeting

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor Major R Smith ;
Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;
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, 1940, as follows :—

GENERAL CHARGES.

	s.	d.
Construction and Maintenance of Roads	3	4½
County Services	3	3½
Poor Relief	2	10½
Board of Health Charges	1	9½
Total Rate on Other Hereditaments	11	4

SEPARATE CHARGES.

	d.
Baltinglass No. 1 R.D.—Water Supplies	10½
Rathdown No. 2 R.D.—Water Supplies	8½
Delgany Dispensary District—Water and Sewerage	2
Delgany Parish—Sewerage	7½
Powerscourt Dispensary District—Sewerage	1
Greystones E.D.—Lighting	20
Rathdrum R.D.—Water Supplies, etc.	5½
Arklow Dispensary District—Water Supplies	½
Newcastle Dispensary District—Water and Sewerage	4½
Shillelagh R.D.—Water Supplies and Sewerage	11½
Euniskerry E.D. (Part of)—Lighting	1½
Avoca and Ballyarthur E.D.'s—Lighting	1
Blessington E.D.—Lighting	2
Carnew E.D.—Lighting	2
Donard E.D.—Lighting	11
Glencaly E.D.—Lighting	½
Newcastle Upper E.D.—Lighting	1
Rathdrum E.D.—Lighting	3

	d.
Tinahely E.D.—Lighting	1
Wicklow Rural E.D.—Lighting	1
Stratford F.D.—Lighting	1½
Rathangan E.D.—Lighting	1½
Delgany E.D.—Lighting	3½
Humewood E.D.—Lighting	1½
Aghowle (Shillelagh) E.D.—Lighting	1½
The Grange E.D.—Lighting	1
Ennereilly E.D.—Lighting	1½
Togher and Oldtown E.D.s.—Lighting	1½
Arklow Harbour	—
Wicklow Harbour	4
Tramway Employees—Commutation of Pensions	1½
Rathdrum Union Loans	1½
Wicklow and Rathdrum Joint Burial Board	1½
Baltinglass Union Loans	1½
Naas No. 2 Union Loans	—
Baltinglass No. 1 District Pensions	1½
Criminal Injury	3
Ballinacor E.D.—Criminal Injury	4
Wicklow Rural E.D.—Criminal Injury	3

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith ;
Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That we hereby, in accordance with the Estimates on Forms 42 and 43, and with the Valuation Lists (so far as they have been supplied to us by the General Valuation Office) do determine the amounts to be demanded from each Urban District Council in respect of the financial year ending 31st March, 1940, as follows :—

	Arklow.	Bray.	Wicklow.
Roads	£684 19 0	£2758 14 0	£544 19 0
County Services	1058 8 5	4001 3 0	888 0 0
Poor Relief	1194 16 0	5787 12 0	1062 11 0
Board of Health Charges	117 14 0	571 14 0	108 18 0
Separate Charge	169 11 0	68 9 3	1013 6 6
Totals	£3170 8 5	£13187 12 3	£3617 14 6

Passed.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following Report :—

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

Cinematograph Licences.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 2nd inst., enclosing copy of a resolution passed at the recent Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council, dealing with new Licences under the Cinematograph Act on behalf of certain persons named therein, I desire to report as follows :—

- 1 Cooltatin Estate Company, Shillelagh. This building does not comply with Regulation No. 5 (1) (A), and I cannot, therefore, recommend that a Licence be issued.
- 2 Mrs. K. M. Sinnott, Carnew. This building does not comply with Regulation No. 5 (1) (A) and I, therefore, cannot recommend that a Licence be issued.
- 3 G. Bradley. In this case the projection room is a separate van, iron sheeted on the inside with the exception of one side. In addition I believe this Van should be sheeted with an asbestos material.

Pending the carrying out of the necessary alterations in each of the above cases I cannot recommend that the Licences be granted.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
Acting County Surveyor.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Court House,
Wicklow.

To the Chairman and Members
of Wicklow County Council.

Re : Poor Rate Collection, District No. 19
Collector John J. Doyle, The Bakery, Carnew.

Gentlemen,

From time to time I have furnished Reports to the Council on the above subject, the last occasion being the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council held on the 20th February, 1939, when the following Resolution was passed :—

"Resolved—That Collector John J. Doyle, Carnew (No. 19 Collecting District) be given another chance, and the suspension imposed by the Finance Committee removed, and we hereby direct our Secretary to return to him his Collecting Books. Passed unanimously."

Since that date I have been making inquiries by means of Form 60 and otherwise from Ratepayers who appear from the Records in these offices not to have paid their Rates for the financial year 1938-39. These Records, it should be under-

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stood, are based on the Abstracts and Reports furnished by the Rate Checker after his fortnightly checking of the Accounts of the Poor Rate Collection. This is the procedure outlined by the Public Bodies Orders, but these Orders always assume that when a Ratepayer pays either the 1st, 2nd, or both Moieties of his Rates he should be given immediately by the Collector the Official Receipts to which he may be entitled, such Official Receipts having already been supplied to the Collector direct from your offices for that purpose in his Collection Books.

I have written to Collector John J. Doyle a number of times recently asking him if he has any Poor Rates the property of the Wicklow County Council in his possession still unlogged, but, I regret to state, I am unable to secure a satisfactory reply to that question. From my investigations, however, it would appear that a Ratepayer paid Collector Doyle on the 17th November, 1938, the sum of £37 0 0 on account of Rates due by the said Ratepayer, and it would also appear that a little later on this same Ratepayer paid Collector Doyle a further sum of £6 3 11 in respect of Rates. Neither of these sums have been lodged to credit of Wicklow County Council up to this date, and the Official Rate Receipts in respect thereto have not been issued to the Ratepayer. They are in fact still in Mr. Doyle's Collection Books now in my possession. Mr. Doyle did give the Ratepayer what purports to be a receipt (unstamped and written on a sheet of notepaper) for the payment of the £37; the second and smaller payment was made, I am informed, by means of a Money Order. I am satisfied that I am endeavouring to protect the interests of the Ratepayers in No. 19 Collecting District when I recommend the County Council, as I do, to make arrangements for the Rate Checker and Rate Inspector to make immediately a house to house visit throughout the entire Collecting District with a view to ascertaining the exact position of affairs in connection with Mr. John J. Doyle's Poor Rate Collection. The reasonable travelling and other expenses of these two officials should, of course, be refunded them.

I might mention, further, there were 336 Forms 60 issued from your offices to the Ratepayers in No. 19 District, and there were only 184 replies received to these Forms. A further request has been addressed to each Ratepayer who failed to reply to the Forms 60 in the first instance. It might at first appear curious that so many Ratepayers did not answer these Forms 60 and this in itself is certainly significant. However, I do know at least one Ratepayer who was asked in writing by Collector Doyle to afford no information regarding the payment of his Rates to the Rate Inspector if he (the Ratepayer) should be approached on the subject by that official.

It is for the Council to decide at to-day's Meeting what steps are to be taken in connection with this whole matter in addition to arranging for the house to house visit which, in my opinion, is of paramount importance.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: —P. T. HEALY,

Dated this 14th day of March, 1939.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C M Byrne;

Seconded by " Daniel Somers;

Resolved—That having considered all the facts connected with the manner in which Mr. John J. Doyle, The Bakery, Carnew, has discharged his duties as Poor Rate Collector in No. 19 Collecting District, we hereby direct our Rate Checker, Mr. O'Neill, and our Rate Inspector, Mr. Donoghue, to make the house to house visit in No. 19 District as suggested by our Secretary, and we undertake to refund these two officials their reasonable out of pocket expenses.

Passed.

Item No. 81 on the Agenda was to consider the advisability of passing a resolution authorising the Council's Solicitor to institute legal proceedings against Arklow Urban District Council for the sums still remaining unpaid on foot of the County Council's Demand for the service of the year 1938/39.

Councillor Liam O Cleirigh—who is also Chairman of the Arklow Urban District Council—having outlined to the Council the efforts being made by the Arklow Urban District Council to discharge their liabilities on foot of the County Council's Demand the County Council decided to take no action in the matter.

Owing to the late hour in the evening the Council at this point was compelled to leave over to a Special Meeting to be fixed by the Chairman the numerous undischarged items of business on the Agenda.

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A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 3rd April, 1939.

The following Members were present:—

Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman;
Councillors J P Kehoe, Edward Byrne, John Dunne, James Everett, T.D.; James McCrea, Joseph Jacob, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); Thomas J Birtistle, P D Kinsella, David H Haskins, Michael Moorey, Wallace Hammond, J J Bourne, George Heatley, Major R Smith, J P O'Donnell, Miss Margaret Kelly, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); Michael Timmins, Daniel J Kehoe, and M J Brennan.

BUSINESS:

1 To receive a Deputation from the Poor Rate Collectors' Association for the County regarding various difficulties which confront them in the closing of their collections.

2 To appoint an Inspector under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Act, 1936, for the Greystones Garda Sub District.

3 To consider a further communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the Council's proposals for the recruitment of additional permanent clerical assistance for their offices.

4 To receive Senior Counsel's Opinion regarding the superannuation allowance payable to Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., late County Surveyor, and to pass a resolution thereon.

5 To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Wallace Hammond:—

"I hereby give notice that at the next meeting of the Wicklow County Council I propose to move the following Resolution: "That we instruct our Acting County Surveyor that with the exception of Overseers, Charge Hands, and essential "Keymen," all employment on the roads be on the rotational system—Four days per week for married men, and three for single men.

And, further, that inasmuch as this plan should materially relieve the Unemployment Funds and Dole, that we request and press the appropriate Government Departments to obtain for us extra substantial Grants for the maintenance and development of our County Roads."

6 To consider a letter from the Department of Agriculture, Dublin, C.17, stating that as no case has been reported under the Bovine Tuberculosis Orders in the district of Veterinary Inspector W. J. Richardson for the past seven years the Council should consider the question of revising his salary under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

7 To fill two vacancies on the County Library Committee.

8 To consider a communication from the Secondary Education Branch of the Department of Education in connection with the Council's proposal to sanction for a further year scholarships to certain of the Council's Secondary School Scholarship holders.

9 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 in 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."

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10 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 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."

11 To consider a communication dated the 29th July, 1938, from Miss E. F. Bobbett, County Secretary, Irish Farmers' Federation, enclosing copies 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.

12 To receive an application for additional remuneration from Mr. Michael O'Neill, Assistant Rate Checker.

13 To consider a communication from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Soichana, Bray, requisitioning small wooden presses for each of the thirteen Food and Drugs Inspectors appointed by the Council.

14 To consider a communication from Mr. W. Quinn, Hon. Secretary, Greystones and District Ratepayers' Association, asking to be supplied with information as to General Charges and Separate Charges in that area.

15 To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Michael Mooney:—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next meeting of the County Council—That the Poor Rate Collecting Districts Nos. 4 and 5 be amalgamated, further, that Collector Patrick Burke, Merginstown, Dunlavin, who has been Collector for No. 4 District since August, 1938, and who has acted as Collector in No. 5 District since February, 1938, be appointed (at the same Poundage rate—7d. in the £—and on the same conditions as existed for No. 4 District) to the amalgamated district, a condition of this appointment to be that the present Insurance Fidelity Bond covering No. 5 Collecting District be extended to cover the amalgamated district,

AND that the Minister be requested to accord his sanction to this arrangement, especially as Mr. Burke has given satisfaction during the past six months in collection No. 5 district while he still continued collecting No. 4 district—the present arrears of Rates to be collected in No. 5 district would be considerably lower were it not for the dispute in regard to the payment of Rates on lands which have been acquired for the purposes of the Poulaphuca Hydro-Electric and Water Supply Scheme."

16 To appoint, under the provisions of the National Health Insurance and Widows and Orphans Pensions Acts, 1936, the Council's three representatives on the Committee of Management of the National Health Insurance Society.

17 To consider again the financial condition of the Poor Rate Collection in No. 19 Collecting District in which the Poor Rate Collector is Mr. John J. Doyle, The Bakery, Carnew, and to make arrangements for the closing of the Poor Rate Collection in this District.

18 To consider the question of instituting legal proceedings against Mr. Donoghue, Sandy Banks, Brittas, for failure to report the existence of Sheep Scab amongst Sheep, his property, on Mr. Darker's farm at Blessington.

19 To consider a communication from the Department of Lands (Forestry Division) in which the Council is asked if there is any objection to the Department putting fences across the roadway running from Mr. Mooney's house where it joins the Department's property on the land of Garnagowan.

20 To consider a letter from Greystones and District Ratepayer's Association, complaining of the condition of the Bray-Windgates Road, etc., etc.

21 To consider an application from Messrs. David Allen & Son, for permission to erect a hoarding on the Railway Embankment between Rathnew and Wicklow.

22 To consider a communication from Bray Unemployed Workers' Association regarding the need for giving employment on the dangerous roads and paths in and about O'Byrne Road and Wolfe Tone Square, Bray.

23 To consider the following resolution from Shillelagh Old Age Pension Sub-Committee:—

"That the facility of attending further meetings of the O. A. P. Sub-Committee has now reached a climax in so much as the I. O. has intimated his refusal to recognise that the considered opinions of the members on any values he may assess on the holdings, goods or chattels of any applicant for an O. A. Pension or Claimant to increased Pension is of no use and refuses in every instance to reconsider any figures arrived at by him. If it is not within the power of the County Council to modify those humiliating conditions they wish to be relieved of the further responsibility of attending such meetings."

24 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

25 To receive Reports from County Officers.

26 To consider official correspondence.

27 To consider general correspondence.

The following communication was submitted:—

Main Street,
Arklow,
15th March, 1939.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of the County Wicklow Rate Collectors' Association held in Rathdrum on the 12th instant, it was unanimously decided to request the County Council to receive a deputation from the Association at their meeting on Monday next, 20th instant, to discuss matters of great importance regarding the Rate Collection in the County.

The matters for discussion would include the following:—

(1) Court Decrees obtained by Collectors are in all cases returned "N Goods." When examination Orders as to debtors' means are heard in the Court, a small order is generally made, and in some cases no order. Notwithstanding this the debts in such cases are carried forward into the Collectors' Warrants as arrears.

(2) No Solicitor will undertake the collecting of current Rates through the Court while a Ratepayer is paying on a Payment Order for previous Rates, as referred to in Par. (1).

An example of a case which actually occurred is as follows:—

A Ratepayer owed £160 up to 30th September, 1937. An application was made for a payment Order, and the Justice made an Order for £3 0 0 a month. Even if this amount was regularly paid it would take over four years to clear off the debt, not to mention the rates accumulating in the meantime.

(3) There is a number of derelict farms with nobody residing on them, and in some cases with no proper owner. There are cases where no rates have been paid for eight years on such places, and all such ar-

rears are carried forward into the Collectors' Warrants. Still when the Forestry Department take over land it is usually land that is paying its way well, while these farms are lying derelict.

(4) Before a Collector can claim payment of Poundage on his First Moiety, it is necessary that he lodge the full amount of the First Moiety and all arrears that have been carried forward into his Warrant.

This is a grave hardship on Collectors.

In view of the importance of all these matters to the collection of Rates in the County I would request that the County Council be good enough to receive the proposed deputation.

The deputation consisted of five Collectors intimately acquainted with all the foregoing questions.

Yours faithfully,

M. ROCHE, Acting Secretary.

Having received and heard a Deputation from the Rate Collectors' Association consisting of Messrs. M. J. Roche, J. J. McCall, W. P. Murphy, and W. C. Byrne, it was

Proposed by Councillor George Healey;

Seconded by Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That the Poor Rate Collectors in our service be given to the 29th April to close the 1938/1939 Collection, and that any necessary action after the 29th April be left to the discretion of the Rate Collectors Passed.

The Council proceeded to appoint an Inspector under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, 1936, for the Greystones Garda Sub-District, from which district Mr. John Roche, Carrigower, Kilpedder resigned his position as Inspector.

The Secretary read the subjoined advertisement which had appeared in the local weekly papers:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER, 1936

Applications are invited for the appointment of a Temporary Inspector under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, 1936, for service in the District comprising the Garda Sub-district of Greystones.

The appointment, which is temporary and whole-time, will be for a period of approximately 3½ months, at £2 per week (inclusive), and subject to termination at a week's notice.

The selected candidate will require to have a practical knowledge of cattle, to possess a bicycle or other means of locomotion to assist him in carrying out his duties, and to reside in the district above-mentioned.

This appointment will be made by the County Council at their meeting to be held on Monday, the 20th March, 1939. Applications should be submitted not later than 12 o'clock, noon, on Wednesday, the 15th March, 1939, to the Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Courthouse, Wicklow.

Signed:— P. T. HEALY,

Secretary to County Council.

28th February, 1939.

Twenty-three applications for the position were received from the following, but No 7 on the list, Bernard Ryler, Quill House, Kilmacanogue, Bray, had withdrawn his application before that day's meeting:—

Thomas Wheatley, Woodstock, Kilcoole.

Bernard Clarkson, Drumbawn, Newtownmountkennedy.

Mark Davis, Tinnapark Demesne, Delgany.

John Fitzmaurice, Ballinastoe House, Kilpedder.

Daniel Magee, Downs Hill, Kilpedder, Greystones.

Matthew Mitten, Sleemane, Roundwood.

Bernard Ryder, Quill House, Kilmacanogue, Bray.

Andrew Fitzsimons, Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue, Bray.

Daniel Hatton, Priestsnewtown, Delgany.

J. F. Talty, Kilmacanogue, Bray.

Fred Turner, Whitehall, Glassnamullen.

Charles O'Reilly, Blacklion, Greystones.

Patrick V O'Neill, Richview, Delgany.

Christopher Mason, Windgates, Greystones.

Joseph Brady, Kilmacanogue, Bray.

Michael Donnelly, Woodlands, Delgany.

James Duffy, Church View, Newtownmountkennedy.

Patrick Byrne, The Downs, Delgany.

A. E. Massey, Redford House, Redford, Greystones.

James Kearns, Ballygannon, Kilcoole.

John J. Ryder, Quill House, Kilmacanogue, Bray.

James Doyle, Shamrock House, Kilcoole.

James J. Doyle, Rathnew, Co. Wicklow.

The Council, after some discussion, decided to conduct the election by means of a Ballot.

The following was the result of the voting in the first round, in which round each Councillor present voted for three candidates:—

CLARKSON received 4 votes

FITZMAURICE " 6 votes

MAGEE " 1 vote

MITTEN " 7 votes

FITZSIMONS " 6 votes

HATTON " 3 votes

TALTY " 6 votes

O'REILLY " 3 votes

MASON " 3 votes

BRADY " 2 votes

DONNELLY " 10 votes

MASSEY " 2 votes

KEARNS " 2 votes

RYDER " 4 votes

BYRNE " 1 vote

The candidates who received no vote or who received only one vote were eliminated after the first round.

The voting in the second round in which each Councillor was entitled to vote for three candidates was as follows:—

CLARKSON received 3 votes

FITZMAURICE	6 votes
MITTEN	8 votes
FITZSIMONS	6 votes
HATTON	3 votes
TALTY	5 votes
O'REILLY	3 votes
MASON	3 votes
BRADY	3 votes
DONNELLY	11 votes
MASSEY	1 vote
KEARNS	4 votes
RYDER	4 votes

All candidates who received four votes or less were eliminated at the end of the second round, and the Council proceeded to take a vote in the third round, each Councillor having the right to vote for two candidates.

The voting was found to be as follows:—

FITZMAURICE	received 5 votes
MITTEN	15 votes
FITZSIMONS	6 votes
TALTY	1 vote
DONNELLY	11 votes

After the result of third round had become known the candidate J F Talty was eliminated, and the Council proceeded to take a vote in the 4th Round, each Councillor having the right to vote for one candidate only.

The result of the voting in the fourth round was as follows:—

FITZMAURICE	received 6 votes
MITTEN	2 votes
FITZSIMONS	6 votes
DONNELLY	7 votes

At the end of the fourth round the candidate Matthew Mitten was eliminated and the Council proceeded to vote in the 5th round, each Councillor having the right to vote for one candidate only.

The voting in the fifth round was as follows:—

FITZMAURICE	received 6 votes
FITZSIMONS	6 votes
DONNELLY	9 votes

At the end of the fifth round the Council proceeded to take a vote between the candidates John Fitzmaurice and Andrew Fitzsimons.

The voting in the sixth round was as follows:—

FITZMAURICE	received 9 votes
FITZSIMONS	12 votes

Fitzmaurice having been eliminated at the end of the sixth round the Council in the final round voted as follows:—

FITZSIMONS	received 12 votes
DONNELLY	9 votes

Proposed by Senator C M Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor Miss Margaret Kelly;

Resolved—That Mr. Andrew Fitzsimons, Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue, be appointed as temporary Inspector under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, 1936, for the Greystones Garda Sub-District in accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisements, i.e., the remuneration which is to cover all his outgoings of every nature whatsoever to be £2 0 0 per week, subject to the approval of the Minister for Agriculture.

Passed.

The Council considered the following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and Draft Scheme regarding the proposals for the recruitment of additional permanent Clerical Assistance in their offices to replace the temporary clerks at present employed:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

SCHEME FOR REORGANISATION OF CLERICAL STAFF IN THE COUNCIL'S OFFICES.

Department of Local Government and Public Health,
Custom House,
Dublin.
8th December, 1938.

G.10081-4-38.

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A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 23rd ultimo regarding recruitment of Clerical and Typing Staff in the offices of the County Council, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will raise no objection to the age limits proposed by the County Council for the vacant Clerkships, viz. 16 to 24 years on the date of the examination. Existing temporary officers of the Council who have had not less than two years continuous service on the 1st December, 1938, may be exempted from application of the maximum age limit.

In connection with the appointment of a Junior Clerical Officer in the offices of the County Surveyor the Minister cannot agree to draughtsmanship being a prescribed subject of examination for clerical officers. If a knowledge of this sub-

ject would be of advantage an officer on appointment might be required to become proficient in it within a reasonable time after appointment and the following might be added to the conditions of appointment:—

"A successful candidate may be required to acquire a competent knowledge of Draughtsmanship within his probationary period and his appointment in a permanent capacity will be conditional on his so doing."

Since this Department's letter of the 9th September last it has become necessary to revise the terms of part of Paragraph 5 of the Conditions of Appointment regarding the standard of examination. In the conditions for Shorthand Typists this statement should be amended to read:—

"The standard of the examination except in Shorthand and Typewriting will be that of the Sixth Standard, National School Programme. In Shorthand and Typewriting a good commercial standard will be required. The pass marks will be 50% in Irish and 33 1/3rd% of the maximum in the other subjects. The two candidates who pass in every subject and obtain the highest aggregate marks will be appointed provided evidence of age, health and character is satisfactory."

In the conditions for posts as Junior Clerical Officers concluding part of paragraph 5 should read:—

"The standard of the examination except in Shorthand and Typewriting will be that of the Intermediate Certificate. In Shorthand and Typewriting a good commercial standard will be required. In order to qualify candidates must obtain at least 50% of the maximum marks allotted to Irish and at least 33 1/3rd% of the maximum marks allotted to each of the other obligatory subjects. The marks gained for obligatory subjects will be aggregated with any marks gained for optional subjects, subject to the condition that marks gained for any group of optional subjects will not be reckonable towards the aggregate if they are less than 33 1/3rd% of the maximum obtainable in that group. The candidate who qualifies in each obligatory subject and who obtains the highest aggregate marks (including marks not less than 33 1/3rd% in any group of optional subjects taken) will, subject to satisfactory evidence as to age, health and character, be appointed to the post.

In the event of two or more candidates obtaining the same aggregate marks, the order of merit will be decided by the marks obtained in Irish."

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J. Collins,

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The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

SCHEME AS MODIFIED BY THE FOREGOING LETTER:—

Wicklow County Council.

Vacancies for four posts as Junior Clerical Officer.

Application forms for and particulars of the four whole-time permanent posts of Junior Clerical Officer (male) in the offices of the Wicklow County Council, may be obtained from the Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Courthouse, Wicklow.

Salary—£100 a year for two years or until age of 20 years is reached. Thence £120—£7 10s. to £150 and by £10 to £190 a year.

Age limits 16—24 years.

Latest date for receiving completed applications,.....1939.

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Appointment of Four Junior Clerical Officers (Male).

CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT.

1. The appointments are whole-time and permanent.
2. Salary: The successful candidates will be appointed at a salary of £100 a year for two years or until they reach 20 years of age, which ever is the longer period. The officers will then be placed on £120 a year increasing, subject to satisfactory service, by annual increments of £7 10s. to £150 thence by annual increments of £10 to £190 a year.

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3. Age Limits : Candidates must be not less than 16 or more than 24 years on the 1st April 1939.

Existing temporary officers of the Council who have had not less than two years continuous service on 1st December, 1938, may be exempted from application of the maximum age limit.

4. Duties : The duties will be such as may be assigned to the Officers by the Secretary of the Wicklow County Council.

5. The appointments will be made as the result of a competitive examination, the subjects for which shall be :-

Obligatory Subjects :

Irish (Oral and written)	300 marks.
English	300 "
Arithmetic (including tots)	300 "
History and Geography	300 "

Optional Subjects : (one group only can be taken).

Algebra and Geometry	200 marks.
Book-keeping, Shorthand and Typewriting	200 "

The standard of examination will be that of the Intermediate Certificate and the pass marks in each subject will be 50% for Irish and 33 1/3rd% of the maximum for the remaining subjects. The four candidates who pass in every subject, and who obtain the highest aggregate marks will, subject to satisfactory evidence as to age, health and character, be appointed to the posts. In the event of two or more candidates obtaining the same aggregate marks, the order of merit will be decided by the marks obtained in Irish.

The Standard of the examination except in Shorthand and Typewriting will be that of the Intermediate Certificate. In Shorthand and Typewriting a good commercial standard will be required. In order to qualify candidates must obtain at least 50% of the maximum marks allotted to Irish and at least 33 1/3rd% of the maximum marks allotted to each of the other obligatory subjects. The marks obtained for obligatory subjects will be aggregated with any marks gained for optional subjects, subject to the condition that marks gained for any group of optional subjects will not be reckonable towards the aggregate if they are less than 33 1/3rd% of the maximum obtainable in that group. The candidate who qualifies in each obligatory subject and who obtains the highest aggregate marks (including marks not less than 33 1/3rd% in any group of optional subjects taken) will, subject to satisfactory evidence as to age, health and character, be appointed to the post. In the event of two or more candidates obtaining the same aggregate marks, the order of merit will be decided by the marks obtained in Irish.

A successful candidate may be required to acquire a competent knowledge of draughtsmanship within his probationary period and his appointment in a permanent capacity will be conditional on his doing so.

6 The appointment will be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

7 At the end of the second year of service the Secretary of Wicklow County Council will be required to satisfy himself as to each officer's fitness and give a certificate as to each officer's conduct and capacity.

8 Candidates must have been ordinarily resident or the children of persons ordinarily resident in County Wicklow on the 1st April, 1939. Candidates will be notified in due course of the date and place of examination.

Canvassing is strictly prohibited.

Applications in the form below should reach the undersigned not later than the morning of the.....1939

An examination fee of seven shillings and sixpence should accompany the application.

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

APPLICATION

To/ The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

I desire to enter as a candidate in the examination for four posts of Junior Clerical Officer (Male) in the Wicklow County Council Offices. I enclose the examination fee (Seven Shillings and Sixpence).

Signature

Address.....

Date.....1939.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Vacancies for two posts as Female Shorthand-Typists.

Application forms for and particulars of the whole-time pensionable posts of Shorthand-Typist in the offices of the Wicklow County Council may be obtained from the Secretary, Wicklow County Council, County Council Offices, Courthouse, Wicklow.

Salary : £90 a year for two years or until the age of 20 years is reached. Thence £100—£5 to £120 and by £10 to £140 a year.

Age Limits : 17 to 24 years.

Latest date for receiving completed applications.....1939.

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

County Council Offices,
Wicklow.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Appointment of Two Female Shorthand-Typists.

CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT.

1 The posts are whole-time and permanent.

2 Salary : £90 a year until two years have been served or until the officers reach 20 years of age, whichever period is the longer and then a £100 a year increasing by annual increments of £5 to £120, increasing by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £140 a year.

3 Age Limits : Candidates must not be less than 16 and not more than 24 years of age on the 1st April, 1939.

4 Duties : The duties will be typing and shorthand typing work and such clerical work of a simple character as may be assigned to the officers.

5 The appointment will be made as the result of a competitive examination, the subjects for which shall be :

Irish (Oral and written)	300 marks.
English	300 "
Arithmetic	150 "
Shorthand	500 "
Typewriting	500 "

The Standard of the examination except in Shorthand and Typewriting will be that of the Sixth Standard, National School Programme. In Shorthand and Typewriting a good commercial standard will be required. The pass marks will be 50% in Irish and 33% of the maximum in the other subjects. The two candidates who pass in every subject and obtain the highest aggregate marks will be appointed provided evidence of age, health and character is satisfactory.

6 The appointments will be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

7 At the end of the second year of service the Secretary of the Wicklow County Council will be required to satisfy himself as to each officer's fitness and give a certificate as to conduct and capacity.

8 The persons appointed will be required to resign on marriage and to notify the Secretary of Wicklow County Council immediately on marriage taking place.

9 Candidates must have been ordinarily resident or the children of persons ordinarily resident in County Wicklow on the 1st April, 1939.

Candidates will be notified in due course of the date and place of examination.

Canvassing is strictly prohibited.

Application in the form below should reach the undersigned not later than the morning of the.....1939.

An examination fee of Five Shillings should accompany the application.

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

APPLICATION.

To/ The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

I desire to enter as a candidate in the examination for the two posts of Shorthand-Typist in the Wicklow County Council Offices.

I enclose the examination fee (Five Shillings.)

Signature.....

Address.....

Date.....1939.

Proposed by Councillor John Dunne ;
Seconded by P D Kinseha ;

Resolved—That having considered the printed draft Scheme for the re-organisation of the clerical staff in our Offices we again request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to extend the ages of possible applicants from 16 to 24 years as in the draft Scheme to 16 to 26 years.

Passed.

The Council's Solicitor submitted the Case which had been presented to Mr. M. J. Ryan, K.C., regarding the superannuation allowance which the Council proposed to pay to Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., on his resignation of the position of County Surveyor, and also Mr. Ryan's Opinion thereon as follows :-

CASE TO ADVISE WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Re Mr. Stephen G. Gallagher, B.E.

On the 24th April, 1900, the County Council appointed Mr. Gallagher Assistant Surveyor in place of Joseph Gibney (Copy extract from Minutes sent Counsel lettered " A ").

Subsequently, on the 17th August, 1903, the County Council promoted Mr. Gallagher County Surveyor at a salary of £350 per annum (which was subsequently increased to £500 per annum) and expenses of office. (Copy extract from Minutes sent Counsel lettered " B ").

Mr. Gallagher continued to occupy the office of County Surveyor from date of his appointment until the 30th April, 1938, being the date his resignation was to take effect.

On the 23rd May, 1938, the County Council adopted and passed the Finance Committee's Report dated the 22nd April, 1938. (Copy Minutes of Meeting sent Counsel lettered " C ").

The Finance Committee in their said report recommended that 2 years be added to Mr. Gallagher's 38 years service, as he would require to have 40 years of service in order to entitle him to a full pension, and they stated in said report they were satisfied he was 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. :-

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- (a) On a fixed salary of £500 per annum (in respect of which he was in receipt also of a varying bonus annually).
- (b) On an average allowance of £100 per annum which he received for his duties as County Surveyor in respect of Government Grant expenditure, and
- (c) On an average allowance of £6 17 8 which he received in respect of County Road Schemes Expenditure.

The pension or superannuation allowance recommended by the Finance Committee by said report was £404 11 9, together with a varying bonus calculated on the portion of the pension which is applicable to the £500 a year salary.

The figure of £404 11 9 fixed by the Finance Committee and subsequently adopted by the County Council at their meeting held on the 23rd May, 1938, was calculated on the following figures, viz.:

(a) Average salary for three years	£500 0 0
(b) Average Allowance on Government Grant Expenditure, £100 a year allowed	100 0 0
(c) Average Allowance Relief Grants (Rural)	6 17 8
	£606 17 8

Two-thirds of £606 17 8 £404 11 9

The details of these figures are contained in the form headed "Superannuation of County Surveyor" completed by the County Secretary on the 26th May, 1938, copy of which is sent Counsel lettered "D".

Counsel is sent copy letter (lettered "E") dated 9th December, 1926, from the Secretary, Department of Local Government and Public Health to the County Secretary, in which it is stated inter alia that

"The Minister has decided, with the approval of the Minister for Finance, to make annual Grants for the three years commencing 1st April, 1926, to the County Surveyors and Assistant County Surveyors engaged on road work financed out of Grants. The allowance payable to the County Surveyor of Wicklow County Council will be £100 per annum for the period mentioned....."

Although it is stated in said letter dated 9th December, 1926, that the allowance of £100 to the County Surveyor would be paid for a period of three years commencing 1st April, 1926, the said allowance of £100 continued to be paid and to be refunded by the Department of Local Government and Public Health for the years subsequent to the 1st April, 1929. The County Council paid the said sum to the County Surveyor in the first instance and they were recouped by the Department of Local Government and Public Health out of Grants received in respect of Road Works.

This, it would appear, is one of the items which the Minister for Local Government and Public Health has ignored in his computation of Mr. Gallagher's pension.

The other item which the Minister has apparently ignored is the sum of £6 17 8d, being the average of the sum of £20 12 11 received in respect of Relief Grants (Rural Allowance).

By Circular No. RV/204 dated the 11th January, 1938, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health allowed payment of remuneration to County Surveyors and their Assistants in respect of the special work entailed in the recruitment and rotation of labour in connection with the Roads (Rural) Schemes, 1937-38 (Copy Circular sent lettered "F").

By a further Circular No. RV/204 dated the 18th Deire Fomhair, 1938, the Minister decided to continue the arrangement in respect of said scheme for the year 1938-39 (Copy Circular sent lettered "G").

The amount received by Mr. Gallagher under this heading was the sum of £20 12 11 and the average of same for pension purposes was £6 17 8.

Counsel is sent copy of Finance Committee Report No. 1 dated 21st October, 1933 (lettered "H") which contains copy of a letter dated 5th March, 1938, from the Secretary, Department of Local Government and Public Health to the County Secretary, in which it is stated that the maximum allowance to which the Minister would consent is £435 10 7.

Although the Minister does not give any particulars showing how he arrived at this figure of £435 10 7, it would appear to be made up as follows:—

Average Salary	£500 0 0.
Average Bonus	153 5 11.
Total	£653 5 11.

Two-thirds of £653 5 11 is £435 10 7.

Mr. Gallagher had completed 38 years of service, but to be entitled to a full pension he should have completed 40 years of service. A Local Government Official is entitled to 1/60th of his annual salary and emoluments for each completed year of service for pension purposes, and no more. In this respect he differs from a Civil Servant, who is entitled to only 1/80th of his salary and emoluments for each completed year of service, but who, in addition, receives a gratuitous payment of one month's salary and emoluments for each completed year of service.

The Council, when calculating Mr. Gallagher's pension, added two years to his completed 38 so as to grant him a full pension. The Minister agreed to that course subsequently, so no point arises thereon. When the Council fixed Mr. Gallagher's pension at £404 11 9 calculated on his average salary and emoluments over a period of three years they believed that under Section 46 of the Local Government Act, 1925, he was also entitled to a rising and falling bonus on so much of £404 11 9 as referred to his actual salary of £500 per annum, in respect of which £500 he had always received a rising and falling bonus.

The Minister met this proposal by granting the pension on a basic figure which included the average bonus received by Mr. Gallagher in the past three years.

It is not clear that Mr. Gallagher objects specifically to this pro-

cedure, but the point immediately arises was it irregular under the Act to handle the bonus question in this manner and was the Council's original proposal the more regular interpretation of the Act?

It is submitted on behalf of the County Council and Mr. Gallagher that the latter was entitled to 2/3rds of the average emoluments over three years which he received under the following headings:—

Grant Work Allowance (Average over 3 years)	£100
Relief Grant (Rural) Work (Allowances Do.)	6 17 8
	£106 17 8

Two-Thirds thereof 71 5 1

The Minister when stating he was prepared to sanction a pension of £435 10 7 per annum completely excluded these figures from his basis of calculation. It will be readily seen the Minister's decision deprives Mr. Gallagher of £71 5 1 per annum which the County Council believes he is entitled to under Section 44 of the Local Government Act, referred to, having regard to the definition of the words "Emoluments" and "Yearly Salary and Emoluments" in Section 42 of the Local Government Act, 1925.

In the event of Counsel giving as his opinion that the Minister's decision on the point referred to in the last paragraph is regular and in accordance with the spirit of the Act the County Council are anxious to know if they could have protected Mr. Gallagher's interests from the possibility of such a decision by the Minister by passing a resolution in the three years prior to the 30th April, 1938, dealing with this very point.

Counsel is referred to Section 42 (b) (iii) of the Local Government Act, 1925, which defines "Emoluments" "the expression "emoluments" includes all fees, poundage and other payments made to an officer as such for his own use....."

Counsel also referred to Section 44 (1) of the said Act of 1925, which recites

"A Local Body shall with the consent of the Minister grant to a pensionable Officer in their employment who either (a) has attained the age of 65 years and has at least 25 years service, or (b)....."

Upon his resigning or otherwise ceasing to hold his office an annual allowance for his life not greater than two-thirds of his yearly salary and emoluments."

Counsel's attention is particularly directed to the word "Two-thirds of his yearly salary and emoluments."

Section 46 (1) of the said Act of 1925 provides that where the yearly salary and emoluments of an officer of a local body includes a cost of living bonus such bonus shall not be taken into consideration when fixing the amount of any allowance granted to such officer and further provides at (2) where in a case to which the foregoing sub-section applies there shall be added to such allowance an increase calculated on the amount of the allowance and variable in like manner in all respects as the bonus payable to such officer immediately before he ceased to hold office was then variable.

The County Council desire to know also if they would be well advised to pass the draft resolution contained in the Minister's letter of the 5th October, 1938.

The only reason it can be imagined the Minister has based his refusal to take into consideration for pension purposes the £106 17 8 before referred to is that the County Council paid it to Mr. Gallagher in the first instance, but it was at all times payable from Government Funds and Grants, and these Government Grants roughly approximate each year to the total sums contributed by County Wicklow Motorists to the Road Fund. It should, however, be borne in mind also in this connection that Government Funds all down the years were charged annually with a proportion of the County Surveyor's permanent salary of £500 per annum. Yet no objection is raised to that £500 being included as a basic figure for pension purposes. One thing is certain, the average figure* of £106 17 8 before referred to was one of Mr. Gallagher's emoluments and was paid to him as County Surveyor for his own use.

Counsel is also sent a statement prepared by the County Secretary (lettered "I") showing the salary and emoluments paid Mr. Gallagher and the allowance of a pension of £404 11 9 together with bonus recommended by the County Council and the all in pension of £435 10 7 which the Minister is prepared to sanction.

OPINION.

I have considered carefully the facts set out in the Case to Advise herein, and I have perused the documents forwarded therewith. Before dealing with the specific queries submitted to me there are two assumptions which I intend to make, namely:—

- (a) that Mr. Gallagher's superannuation rights are governed by the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1925, and
- (b) that Mr. Gallagher's retiring allowance will be the maximum retiring allowance payable under the said Act of 1925, that is, I assume that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health is willing to regard Mr. Gallagher as having had forty years' service.

In reply to the specific queries set out in the Case I beg to advise,

QUERY. ADVICE.

- 1 On what basis should Mr. Gallagher's superannuation be fixed?
- 1 In my opinion, the basis on which Mr. Gallagher's superannuation should be fixed is as follows:— Under Section 44 (1) of the Act of 1925 Mr. Gallagher is entitled to an annual allowance for his life of 2/3rds of his yearly salary and emoluments, that is to say, two-thirds

of the average amount of his salary and emoluments during the three years ending on the quarter day immediately preceding the date of his retirement (Section 42 of the Act of 1925). The expression "emoluments" in Section 44 (1) of the Act of 1925 includes all fees, poundages and other payments made to Mr. Gallagher as County Surveyor for his own use (Section 42 of the Act of 1925). The average amount of Mr. Gallagher's salary during the said three years was £500. The average amount of Mr. Gallagher's emoluments during the said three years was £260 3 7 made up as follows:—

(a) Cost of Living Bonus £153 5 11
 (b) Grant Work allowance 100 0 0
 (c) Relief Grants (Rural) Allowance 6 17 8

£260 3 7

The total amount of Mr. Gallagher's yearly salary and emoluments within the meaning of Section 44 (1) of the Act of 1925 would, therefore, be £500 + £260 3 7 = £760 3 7. Having regard to the provisions of Section 46 (1) of the Act of 1925 the Cost of Living Bonus, namely, £153 5 11 cannot be taken into account in fixing Mr. Gallagher's allowance and, accordingly, the said sum of £153 5 11 must be deducted from the said sum of £760 3 7 leaving a net sum of £606 17 8 upon which the allowance is calculated for the purpose of the said Section 46 (1) of the Act of 1925. Two-thirds of £606 17 8 is equal to £404 11 9 which is Mr. Gallagher's retiring allowance proper. Section 46 (2) of the Act of 1925 provides, however, that an increase or addition shall be added to the retiring allowance proper, calculated on the amount of such allowance proper and variable in like manner in all respects as the bonus payable to Mr. Gallagher immediately before he ceased to hold office, was then variable. In other words Mr. Gallagher is entitled, in addition to the said retiring allowance of £404 11 9 to a Cost of Living Bonus on the said sum of £404 11 9. This Cost of Living Bonus will no doubt vary from year to year. It would appear from the Report of the County Secretary dated the 26th May, 1938, that the Cost of Living Bonus in the year 1938 on Mr. Gallagher's salary £500 was £171 14 0. On this basis the Cost of Living Bonus on £404 11 9 would be approximately £138 18 0 so that Mr. Gallagher's total retiring allowance for the last nine months of the year 1938 would be at the rate of £404 11 9 + £138 18 0 = £543 9 9 per annum. In my opinion, therefore, Mr. Gallagher is entitled to a fixed retiring allowance of £404 11 9 per annum together with an additional sum per annum being the appropriate Cost of Living Bonus on the said sum of £404 11 9.

2 When fixing the said superannuation are the County Council entitled to take into consideration the average sums received by Mr. Gallagher by way of emoluments in respect of sums paid him?

Average Allowance on Government Grant Expenditure, £100 0 0
 Average Allowance Relief Grants (Rural) 6 17 8

£106 17 8

2 Yes. In my opinion these allowances are clearly included under the expression "emoluments" as defined by Section 42 of the Act of 1925 as they were payments made to Mr. Gallagher as County Surveyor for his own use.

3 If the answer to No. 2 is in the negative, could the County Council have secured that the superannuation be fixed on Mr. Gallagher's emoluments in addition to his salary had they passed a resolution to that effect, say, 8 years ago?

4 Is Mr. Gallagher entitled to a Cost of Living Bonus calculated on so much of his superannuation calculated on his average salary of £500?

5 Has the Minister for Local Government and Public Health any statutory power to recommend that the superannuation to be paid to Mr. Gallagher shall include a sum for Cost of Living Bonus?

8 Having regard to my reply to Query 2 this Query does not arise.

4 See my reply to Query 1. Mr. Gallagher, in my opinion, is entitled to a Cost of Living Bonus on two-thirds of his average salary emoluments (excluding bonus) that is, on £404 11 9 and not merely on the sum of £333 6 8 which is two-thirds of his salary of £500.

5 In the letter dated 5th May, 1938, written by the Secretary of the Department of Local Government and Public Health to the Secretary of the County Council it is stated as follows:—

"In cases where the remuneration was similar to Mr. Gallagher's the Minister was advised that Section 46 of the Local Government Act, 1925, does not apply and that a fixed annual allowance which would not carry Cost of Living Bonus might be granted."

In his said letter the Secretary of the Department also stated that the maximum allowance to which the Minister would consent would be £435 10 7. The latter sum would appear to be two-thirds of the sum of £653 5 11 (£500 basic salary + £153 5 11 average Cost of Living Bonus for previous three years). I cannot find any Statutory Authority for the advice to the Minister, namely, that a fixed annual allowance which would not carry Cost of Living Bonus might be granted, nor can I find any Statutory Authority for the statement that Section 46 of the Local Government Act, 1925, does not apply to Mr. Gallagher's case. In my opinion, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health has no Statutory power to require the Co. Council to grant Mr. Gallagher a fixed annual allowance which would not carry Cost of Living Bonus.

6 If Mr. Gallagher is entitled to Cost of Living Bonus on his superannuation when fixed and sanctioned should the County Council pass the resolution contained in the Minister's letter dated 5th October, 1938?

6 In my opinion, the County Council should not pass the resolution suggested in the Minister's letter, as it is clearly a resolution setting forth a view for which there is no Statutory Authority. I do not quite understand why the Minister should ask the County Council to pass a resolution containing an expression of opinion as to the non-applicability of Section 46 of the Act of 1925 to Mr. Gallagher's case, when it is clear on the face of the Section itself that it applies to Mr. Gallagher's case.

GENERALLY.

I would suggest that the Minister should be informed that the County Council is advised that Section 46 of the Act of 1925 is applicable to Mr. Gallagher's case and that there is not any power under the Act of 1925 given to the Council to grant, or to the Minister to sanction, a fixed annual retiring allowance, which would not carry Cost of Living Bonus. Furthermore, I would advise that the Council should reiterate to the Minister their view that the average annual allowance of £100 and £6 17 8 respectively referred to in Query 2 are "emoluments" within the meaning of Section 42, 44 and 46 respectively of the Act of 1925, and that the Council is entitled to take same into consideration when fixing the amount of Mr. Gallagher's retiring allowance.

M. J. RYAN,
 14, Pembroke Park,
 DUBLIN,

25th February, 1939.

After a short discussion, it was Proposed by Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman of the Council; Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne, Vice-Chairman of the Council; Resolved—That, having considered the Case presented to Senior Counsel, and the Opinion thereon submitted by Mr. M. J. Ryan, K.C., regarding the amount of superannuation allowance to which the retired County Surveyor, Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., is legally entitled, we hereby decide, in accordance with the terms of that Opinion, to fix the sum of £404 11 9 per annum as Mr. Gallagher's superannuation allowance.

together with the variable Bonus thereon to which he may be entitled and we again respectfully urge the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to accord his sanction to the sum mentioned in this proposal, and towards that end we hereby direct our Secretary to forward to the Minister with this resolution copy of the Case and of the Opinion above referred to, as this Council feels very strongly that an Official who gave such long and faithful service as Mr. Gallagher did should receive the full superannuation allowance to which he is legally entitled,

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Wallace Hammond, after some discussion, withdrew with the Council's consent the following Notice of Motion standing in his name :—

"That we instruct our Acting County Surveyor that with the exception of Overseers, Charge Hands and essential "Keymen," all employment on the roads be on the rotational system—Four days per week for married men, and three for single men.

And, further, that inasmuch as this plan should materially relieve the Unemployment Funds and Dole, that we request and press the appropriate Government Departments to obtain for us extra substantial Grants for the maintenance and development of our County Roads.

The following letters were considered :—

AN ROINN TALMHAIDHEACHTA,
L.4963/33. BAILE ATHA CLIATH,
18th November, 1938.

Sir,

I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that he has had under consideration the remuneration paid to your Local Authority's Veterinary Inspectors for duties under the Bovine Tuberculosis Orders. It is observed that during the seven years ended the 31st December last, there was no case reported under the Order in Mr. Richardson's district.

In the circumstances the Minister would be glad to be furnished with the observations of your Local Authority in regard to the question of a revision of the remuneration for duties under the Order in the case of Mr. Richardson.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
W. M. BOWERS,
for Secretary.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
WICKLOW.

AN ROINN TALMHAIDHEACHTA,
L.4694/33. BAILE ATHA CLIATH,
18th March, 1939.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 8th instant and previous correspondence in the matter, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that in the circumstances, as indicated in this Department's communication of the 18th November last, it is considered that the allowance paid to Mr. W. J. Richardson, M.R.C.V.S., in respect of duties under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order in the Rathdown No. 2 district, should be reduced to a nominal amount, subject to periodic revision.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
W. M. BOWERS,
for Secretary.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
WICKLOW.

It being the unanimous opinion of the Council that the circumstances did not warrant any alteration in the Veterinary Inspector's remuneration, the letters were marked "no change."

Proposed by Senator C. M. Byrne ;

Seconded by Councillor J. P. Kehoe ;

Resolved—That the two vacancies existing on the County Wicklow Library Committee be hereby filled by the appointment of the following gentlemen to that Committee :—

Rev. John Doyle, C.C., Wicklow.
Rev. Michael Martin, C.C., Ashford.

Passed.

RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS,
1938-1939.

The Council noted the contents of the following letter, terms of which had been brought by the Secretary to the knowledge of the various schools and Scholarship holders referred to therein :—

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
Secondary Education Branch,
1, Hume Street, Dublin.
21adh Meadhon Foghmhair, 1938.

An Runai,
Comhairle Conndae Chille Manntain,
Tigh na Cuirte,
Cill Manntain.

Renewal of Scholarships in Secondary Schools, 1938-39.

A Chara,

I am to inform you that the Department is prepared to sanction the renewal for the school year 1938-39 of the Scholarships awarded by the Wicklow County Council to the following pupils :—

St. Finian's College, Mullingar.

Thomas McPartlan (Intermediate Certificate Honours, 1938).

Loreto Abbey, Gorey.

Mary Teresa Hanley, (Intermediate Certificate Honours, 1938).

Christian Brothers' Schools, Naas.

Thomas B. M. Hennessy (Intermediate Certificate Honours, 1938).

Christian Brothers' Schools, Synge Street.

John J. McGuirk (Intermediate Certificate Honours, 1938).

Terenure College, Dublin.

Kevin Belton (Intermediate Certificate Honours, 1938).

Loreto Convent, Wexford.

Kathleen M. O'Kelly, (Intermediate Certificate Honours, 1938).

Cross & Passion Convent, Kilkullen.

Mary J. Rawson (Intermediate Certificate Honours, 1938).

With regard to Kathleen Desmond, Loreto Convent, Stephen's Green, Dublin, Julia Black, Dominican Convent, Wicklow, and Bryan H. Prosser, Christian Brothers' Schools, Synge Street, Dublin, I am to point out that these pupils presented themselves for the Intermediate Certificate Examination, 1938, and obtained a Pass without Honours. As, however, the pupils have another year in which to comply with the terms of your Council's Scheme, the Department will offer no objection to the renewal of their Scholarships for the Current School year.

With regard to Seoirse Mac Niocaill, Colaiste Muire, Knockbeg, Carlow, and Patrick J. Kavanagh, Blackrock College, Dublin, I am to point out that these pupils presented themselves for the Intermediate Certificate Examination this year but failed to pass. The result of the Examination cannot be taken as indicating satisfactory progress in the past year, but as they have another year in which to fulfil the terms of your Council's Scheme, the Department will offer no objection to the renewal of the Scholarships in their cases for the School year 1938-39.

The reports of the Managers of the Schools are returned herewith.

Misc.
D. MacCuirm.

No Order.

The Council decided with regret that they were unable to do anything in connection with the subject matter of the following resolution which was 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 in the waterway which constitute a grave danger to fishermen using the harbour. We request that the matter receive urgent attention and have the grievance removed, or in the alternative to rebuild the harbour."

The following resolution which was passed by the County Executive of the Irish Farmers' Federation was referred to the County Committee of Agriculture for consideration and suitable action :—

"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."

The Council considered a communication dated the 29th July, 1938, from Miss E. F. Bobbett, County Secretary, The Irish Farmers' Federation, with which was enclosed copies of correspondence which has passed between herself and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the urgency of establishing such arrangements in the County Wicklow as will give farmers a guarantee that if they set their lands the stock thereon will be safe from seizure.

The Council, after a considerable discussion, marked the communication "No Order."

The Council adjourned to a further meeting consideration of an application for additional remuneration which had been received from Mr. Michael O'Neill, Assistant Rate Checker.

Proposed by Senator C. M. Byrne ;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That the communication from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bray, requisitioning small wooden presses for each of the 13 Food and Drug Inspectors appointed by the Council be referred to the Acting County Surveyor for a report to this Council on the cost that would be involved by supplying these presses.

Passed.

A communication dated the 15th November, 1938, was submitted from Mr. Mark W. Quinn, Hon. Secretary, Greystones and District Ratepayers' Association, who asked the Council to supply him with information as to the General Charges and Separate Charges levied in the Greystones area.

The Council made the following Order thereon :—

"Referred to the Official Demand Notes."

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Michael Mooney ;

Seconded by " Michael Timmins ;

Resolved—That the Poor Rate Collecting Districts Nos. 4 and 5 be amalgamated, further, that Collector Patrick Burke, Merginstown, Dunlavin, who has been Collector for No. 4 District since August, 1933, and who has acted as Collector in No. 5 District since February, 1938, be appointed (at the same Poundage Rate—7d. in the £—and on the same conditions as existed for No. 4 District) to the amalgamated district, a condition of this appointment to be that the present Insurance Fidelity Bond covering No. 5 Collecting District be extended to cover the amalgamated district.

AND, further, that the Minister be requested to accord his sanction to this arrangement, especially as Mr. Burke has given satisfaction during the past six months in No. 5 district while he still continued collecting No. 4 district—the present arrears of rates to be collected in No. 5 district would be considerably lower were it not for the dispute in regard to the payment of Rates on lands which have been acquired for the purpose of the Poulaphuca Hydro-Electric and Water Supply Scheme.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence received from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in which the Council were asked to appoint, before the 1st May, 1939, under the provisions of the National Health Insurance and Widows and Orphans Pensions Acts 1936, the Council's three representatives on the Committee of Management of the National Health Insurance Society to hold office for a period of three years from the 1st May, 1939.

As the Council found some difficulty in nominating three suitable persons it was decided to allow the Minister to use the powers conferred upon him by Sub Section 6, Section 11, of the Act by nominating on the Committee such qualified persons as he thinks fit to be Members of the Electorate.

The Secretary submitted the following Report :—
3rd April, 1939,

To/
The Chairman and Members of
Wicklow County Council.

Re : Poor Rate Collection, No. 19 District.
Collector John J. Doyle, The Bakery, Carnew.

Gentlemen,

In accordance with your instructions given by resolution at your Meeting held on the 20th March ultimo, enquiries have been pursued with a view to ascertaining the exact condition of the above Poor Rate Collection. These enquiries are not completed but so far as they have gone, it would appear that a sum of approximately £142 has been collected in No. 19 District which sum has not been lodged to credit of the County Council so far.

It is very regrettable to find that many Ratepayers in this collecting district complain bitterly that they do not receive the County Council's Official Demand Notes year after year and it certainly does not make things easier for your officials to find that there are still Ratepayers who will pay their Poor Rates without insisting upon receiving the Official Receipts which have been prepared and supplied to the Collector for that precise purpose. This extraordinary condition of things exists notwithstanding the appeals which have been made from time to time through the medium of published notices in the weekly papers circulating throughout the County.

The Council, I think, is already aware of the strong course of action which, in my opinion, should be taken to deal with the situation that has arisen in No. 19 district, but your Solicitor will be present at the meeting, and no doubt he will be prepared to advise the County Council if called upon to do so.

Yours faithfully,
P. T. HEALY,

Collector John Doyle handed in the following resignation which was supported by the subjoined Medical Certificate :—
CARNEW,
3-4-39,

Dear Sir,

On the advice of my Medical Doctor I have decided to resign my position as Rate Collector to Wicklow County Council, such resignation to date as from this date, I have this day instructed my Solicitor to prepare a detailed statement of all monies received and to forward cheque to balance. This will be completed in the course of one week. I take this opportunity of thanking the Chairman and Members of the Council for their assistance given me especially during my illness of the past year.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN J. DOYLE,

Certificate enclosed,
To : Mr. P. T. Healy,
Secretary,
Co. Council.

ORDER—Resignation accepted.

BALTINGLASS,
Co. Wicklow,
23/3/39.

Mr. John Doyle, Carnew, has been under my care since about last October, at first in the local District Hospital and later he came at intervals from his home.

He suffers from a severe gastric ulcer which keeps recurring when he resumes work.

It seems obvious that he is unfit for work which interferes with a regular meal time. I would suggest that he gives up this work over a period of 6 to 9 months in the hope that the trouble will completely settle.

W. G. LYONS, F.R.C.S.I.

The following document was handed in on behalf of the four Sureties in Mr Doyle's Personal Fidelity Bond :—

30th March, 1939.

We, the undersigned, being Sureties for Mr. John J. Doyle, Rate Collector, agree and wish that Mr. Francis Fitzgerald and Mr. Thomas J. Balfe be appointed to complete the collection in Mr. Doyle's district.

Signed : ANNIE DOYLE,
JOHN KINSELLA,
FRANCIS FITZGERALD,
THOMAS BALFE.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;
Seconded by " James McCrea ;

Resolved—That the Council go into Committee for the purpose of considering the Secretary's Report, and the condition of the Collection in No. 19 District, in which John J. Doyle, The Bakery, Carnew, is the Poor Rate Collector.

Passed.

After a protracted discussion in Committee during which the Secretary reported that the amount of the Warrant issued for the service of the financial year 1938/1939 in No. 19 District was £4184 15 0, of which sum £2114 8 4 had been accounted for, leaving a balance of £2070 6 8 still to be lodged,

When the public meeting of the Council was again resumed, it was Proposed by Senator C M Byrne ;
Seconded by Councillor James McCrea ;

Resolved—That inasmuch as the Poor Rate Collection in No. 19 district has not been closed before the 31st March, 1939, as required by the conditions of the Public Bodies Orders and as this County Council has found it necessary to accept the resignation received to-day from Mr. John J. Doyle, The Bakery, Carnew, from his position as Poor Rate Collector in that district, we hereby call upon the four Sureties in Mr. Doyle's Personal Fidelity Bond to take immediate steps to close that collection forthwith, and with a view to helping them to discharge that duty under their Bond we hereby instruct our Secretary to hand over the collection books to the said four Sureties or to the nominees thereof, namely :—

FRANCIS FITZGERALD, CARNEW.
THOMAS J. BALFE, CRONEYHORN, CARNEW.

Passed unanimously.

Following consideration of a communication received from the Minister for Agriculture date 10th March, 1939, No. S.64/39, it was

Proposed by Senator C M Byrne ;

Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Winetavern) ;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the Council's Solicitor to institute legal proceedings on our behalf against Mr. Donoghue, Sandy Banks, Brittas, for failure to report the existence of Sheep Scab amongst sheep, his property, on the farm of Mr. Darker, at Blessington.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a communication dated the 1st March, 1939, No. 10632/L, and Map from the Department of Lands (Forestry Division) in which the Council was asked if there was any objection to the Department putting fences across the old County Road running from Mr. Mooney's House where it joins the Department's property on the lands of Garnagowla.

ORDER—The Council regret that they have no powers they could exercise in connection with this matter.

A communication dated the 11th February, 1939, was submitted from the Greystones and District Ratepayers' Association which contained complaints regarding the condition of the Bray-Windgates Road, etc., etc.

ORDER—Referred to Acting County Surveyor.

An application, with supporting sketch, dated the 17th January, 1939, was received from Messrs. David Allen & Sons, Billposting, Ltd., 40 Pearse Street, Dublin, C.5., for permission to erect a hoarding on the Railway Embankment between Wicklow and Rathnew.

ORDER—Referred to Acting County Surveyor.

A communication, undated, was submitted from Mr. A. Mooney, Hon. Secretary, Bray Unemployed Workers' Association, 1939, Ceilidhe Hall, Church Terrace, Bray, regarding the need for giving employment on the dangerous roads and paths in and about O'Byrne Road and Wolfe Tone Square, Bray.

ORDER—Referred to Acting County Surveyor.

The following communication was considered :—

SHILLELAGH SUB-COMMITTEE of the
WICKLOW LOCAL PENSION COMMITTEE,
Shillelagh,
— 4-3-39.

To : Mr. P. T. Healy,

A Chara,

At a meeting of the above Sub-Committee held at Shillelagh on 23-2-39 I was instructed to have the following resolution sent you for consideration of the County Council at their next meeting.

Proposed by Mr. W. Hammond, M.C.C. ;

Seconded by Rev. M. O'Brien, P.P. ;

"Resolved—That the utility of attending further meetings of the O. A. P. Sub-Committee has now reached a climax in so much as the I. O. has intimated his refusal to recognise that the considered opinions of the members on any values he may assess on the holdings, goods or chattels of any applicant for an O. A. Pension or Claimant to increased Pension is of no use and refuses in every instance to reconsider any figures arrived at by him. If it is not within the powers of the County Council to mollify those humiliating conditions they wish to be relieved of the further responsibility of attending such meetings."

The I. O. is Mr. McCarthy, Arklow.

Thomas Fleming,
Clerk.

Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond j
Seconded by " J. J. Bourne,

Resolved—That our Secretary be directed to forward to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health a copy of the communication submitted to and considered by the County Council at this day's meeting from the Shillelagh Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, and that the Minister be informed that this Council endorses the terms of this letter and awaits the Minister's decision thereon with confidence.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Edward Byrne :—

"I hereby give notice that at the Quarterly Meeting to be held on 22nd May, 1939, 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 Thirty-one Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifteen Pounds (£31,815) for the purpose of the completion of a Scheme for the provision of Seven Hundred and Seven (707) Cottages and Plots promoted by the Board in 1936 under the Labourers Acts, 1883 to 1931, as amended by the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932."

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

"I hereby give notice that at the Quarterly Meeting to be held on

22nd May, 1939, 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 Hundred and Fifty-one Thousand Five Hundred Pounds (£151,500) for the purpose of carrying through a scheme of cottage building and provision of plots under the Labourers Acts, 1883 to 1931, as amended by the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932.”

The following three Abstracts of Correspondence which had been circulated to each Councillor prior to the meeting were submitted:—

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, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 22nd August, 1938.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH.

27th May, 1938, No. G.4483/4/38, Cill Mhanntain, sanctioning overdraft accommodation not exceeding £45,000 on the accounts of the County Council for the period ending 31st August, 1938.

31st May, 1938, No. R/RS/33, intimating that the Minister has sanctioned the temporary appointment as County Surveyor of Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., Assistant County Surveyor, and intimating the Minister is not disposed to agree to extra remuneration in excess of £5 5s. per week being paid to Mr. O'Byrne while acting as County Surveyor.

8th June, 1938, No. R/RS/33, stating the Minister will raise no objection to the payment of travelling expenses to the Acting County Surveyor on the scale approved for the former County Surveyor.

6th July, 1938, No. A.18477/38, Ugh. (Co. BR), enclosing copy of the Auditor's Report on his audit of the accounts of the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board for the two half-years ended on 31st March, 1938, together with attested Abstracts of Accounts.

8th July, 1938, No. A.18471/38, Cill Mhanntain (F), enclosing copy of the Auditor's Report on his audit of the Accounts of the Wicklow County Committee of Agriculture for the half-year ended 30th September, 1937, together with attested Abstracts of Accounts.

12th July, 1938, No. RGM/201/38, confirming the allocation of a sum of £10,628 to Wicklow County Council during the current financial year towards the cost of the upkeep of Main Roads for the year 1938-39, on the usual conditions.

19th July, 1938, No. P.H.11575/88, Cill Mhanntain, enclosing copy of a Sealed Order made by the Minister determining the former Balinglass No. 1 Rural District to be the area of charge for the purpose of providing and maintaining a sewerage system at Blessington.

25th July, 1938, No. G.18933/38, Cill Mhanntain, referring to the Council's letter of the 28th ultimo, and pointing out that the County Council Offices cannot be closed on days on which anything is required to be done by law or on which a right of inspection of public books or documents is given to ratepayers or others or on which notices can be given or received. Only where there is statutory provision for such things being done on the day next following that on which the offices are closed can the Council's resolution have effect. In this connection I am to refer you to the provisions of Article 2 of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898.

2nd August, 1938, Circular Letter No. 16/4/38, sanctioning remuneration to Poor Rate Collectors in respect of services in connection with the relief of rate on occupiers of Agricultural Land.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

20th May, 1938, No. L.1875/38, noting that the Council has decided to take no action regarding the application for increased remuneration received from the Warble Fly Inspectors, and adding that the Minister would be prepared to consider any reasonable proposal that might be submitted by the County Council in the matter.

8th July, 1938, No. E.2147/36, intimating that in view of the adoption of Local Sheep Dipping Regulations by the County Council no supplies of Posters, Forms, etc., would be sent by the Department, and that arrangements should be made by the Local Authority for the provision of such supplies.

13th July, 1938, No. L.2496/38, approving of the Sheep Dipping Regulations adopted by the County Council for the current year, and stating, in view of the near approach of the Sheep Dipping season, proposals for the appointment and remuneration of Inspectors should be submitted as soon as practicable.

27th July, 1938, No. L.2496/38, sanctioning the re-appointment of 20 Sheep Dipping Inspectors with remuneration of £25 to cover all work in connection with the Scheme, a special allowance of £50 to Mr. G. P. Byrne in respect of extra clerical work, and stating the remuneration of Veterinary Inspectors would be considered at the end of the dipping season in the light of the work done.

Copy of a Sealed Order made by the Minister on the 17th May, 1938, entitled "Poultry and Poultry Eggs (Importation) Order, 1938."

FROM THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS.

7th June, 1938, No. S.W.19/25/61, acknowledging receipt of letter notifying the appointment of Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., as Acting County Surveyor, assuming that the Council's original consent to the former County Surveyor acting as Inspector for the supervision of Minor Employment Schemes, etc., holds good in connection with the appointment of his successor, and stating they are approaching Mr. O'Byrne as to whether he is prepared to supervise Minor Employment and Peat Schemes on the same conditions.

FROM THE VALUATION DEPARTMENT.

6th August, 1938, Form R.6., intimating that Mr. J. N. McGrath of that Department will commence the annual revision of the Valuation of the County on the 8th instant.

FROM THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

20th May, 1938, No. A. & R. 25380/38, informing the Council that the Commission has nothing to add to the letter of the 12th December, 1936, relative to the repair of the boundary fences on the cow park, at Ballymarrogue which was then stated to be a matter for arrangement between the County Council and the adjoining tenant.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SEANAD RETURNING OFFICER

29th June, 1938, reporting that the following members had been elected to the Seanad Electorate as a result of the Ballot taken at the

meeting of the Council held on the 27th June:—

C. M. Byrne, Ballykillavane, Glenealy.
P. D. Kinsella, 17, Florence Road, Bray.
J. J. Bourne, Ballyraheen, Tinahely.
Liam O. Cleirigh, 25, Upper Main Street, Arklow.
Michael Timmins, Balinglass.
Edward Byrne, 9, Florence Road, Bray.
James McCrea, Main Street, Carnew.

FROM THE NATIONAL BANK, LTD., WICKLOW.

7th June, 1938, conveying sanction of the Board of Directors to overdraft not exceeding £45,000 to the 31st August, 1938.

FROM THE ACTING COUNTY SURVEYOR

2nd June, 1938, intimating that he is prepared to accept the temporary appointment of County Surveyor at the remuneration of £5 5s. per week, and enquiring if the same travelling expenses would be allowed as was allowed to the former County Surveyor.

30th June, 1938, reporting the action taken by him in connection with the alleged damage to the roof of a house the property of Mr. James Kavanagh, Sugar Loaf Cottage, Killough, caused by blasting operations at an adjacent quarry.

FROM THE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd July, 1938, No. 2656/38, intimating that at a meeting of the Board on the 28th ult., the Council's letter on the subject of the appointment of a joint committee for the purpose of investigating and reporting on the details of the proposed new appointment of a County Surveyor was marked "consideration adjourned for present."

FROM THE LAW AGENT,

19th May, 1938, stating that the period of limitation in the case of a person primarily liable for rates (both on lands and houses) is 20 years, the liability being regarded as a specialty debt created by Statute, that on proceedings can be taken against a person not primarily liable for rates unless within two years next after the making and publishing of the rates, and that, therefore, the Council are entitled to carry forward rates on houses for more than two years.

21st May, 1938, reporting the committal to the Convent of Mercy, Booterstown, of a child named Mary Camp, the application being heard at the Dublin District Court on the 20th instant.

21st May, 1938, intimating that the District Justice at Bray District Court on the 21st May, 1938, adjourned an application for the committal of a boy named David Hannon to an Industrial School until the 3rd June, the boy to be detained meantime at Summerhill Detention Home.

2nd June, 1938, intimating that summonses were being issued in respect of breaches of the Food and Drugs Acts by the following:—Mrs. Mary Hudson, Back Street, Arklow; Miss Kate Fitzsimons, Upper Main Street, Arklow; Mrs. Catherine Kavanagh, Upper Main Street, Arklow.

2nd June, 1938, reporting the conviction of Patrick P. Phelan, Ballinacash, of a breach of the Food and Drugs Acts, at Rathdrum District Court on that day.

2nd June, 1938, reporting the conviction at Wicklow District Court on the 1st instant of John Lawlor, Abbey Street, Wicklow, for a breach of the Food and Drugs Acts.

11th June, 1938, reporting the refusal of the District Justice at Bray District Court on the 3rd instant to commit David Hannon to an Industrial School.

17th June, 1938, forwarding copy of a communication received by him from Messrs. Malcomson & Law, Solicitors, Emily Square, Athy, relative to the Council's proposal to erect a structure for the storage of explosives, etc., at Kilpoole Quarry, the property of their client, Mr. John Maher, and intimating that their client would have no objection to this provided he received an assurance that in the event of the Council abandoning the quarry no claim for compensation will be made.

22nd June, 1938, reporting the conviction at Arklow District Court on the 20th instant of Catherine Kavanagh, Kate Fitzsimons, and Mary Hudson, for offences under the Food and Drugs Acts.

8th August, 1938, reporting the conviction at Rathdrum District on the 4th instant for a breach of the Food and Drugs Acts of Henry King.

21st May, 1938, from Superintendent Jas. O'Sullivan, Garda Siochana, "F" Division, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, reporting the committal to St. Anne's Industrial School, Booterstown, of Mary Camp—the application having been heard at the Dublin Children's Court, Morgan Place, on the 10th May.

28th May, 1938, from the National '98 Commemoration Association, 41, Parnell Square, Dublin, requesting co-operation, by the formation of local committees to hold local commemorations, to make the celebrations this summer as widespread as possible.

May, 1938, from the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, Tavistock House N., Tavistock Square, London, inviting the Council to appoint Delegates to the Twenty-fourth Annual Conference to be held in London on June 29th, 30th, July 1st and 2nd, 1938.

10th June, 1938, from the Royal Sanitary Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1, asking the Council to consider the desirability of organising a Health Week celebration.

24th June, 1938, from the Secretary, Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, Comely Park House, Dunfermline, enclosing copy of a letter addressed by the Trust to the County Wicklow Library Committee in connection with the grant of £150 towards the cost of the new Library Headquarters.

June, 1938, file of correspondence from the Irish Land Commission, and James J. Loughlin, Ballybla, Rathnew, as to the making of arrangements to prevent seizures for rates or annuities in the event of the lands being set.

4th July, 1938, from John Evans, "Somerset," Greystones, stating the whole system of relief of rates is nothing but a fraud and that the farmers will see about it later on, also that more will be heard about his case.

8th July, 1938, from the Great Southern Railways, Kingsbridge Station, Dublin, intimating that the Notice of Appeal on the result of the Quinquennial Valuation would come for hearing before Judge Davitt at the Circuit Court, in Dublin, on the 25th instant.

18th July, 1938, from the General Manager, Irish Tourist Association, 14, Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin, C.S., asking for the co-operation of the Council in controlling roadside advertising.

21st July, 1938, from the Great Southern Railways, Kingsbridge, Dublin, relative to the Council's resolution on the subject of fares on certain bus routes in County Wicklow, stating the present fares have been in operation for a number of years and were not increased at the beginning of the year although the Company had been authorised by the Railway Rates Tribunal to increase all fares by 5%, and, further, intimating that the Wicklow-Arklow service is only of an experimental character and the fares on this route are subject to the closest observation.

July, 1938, from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd. 1, 2, 3, Westmoreland Street, Dublin, C4., pointing out to the Council the advantages of transacting their insurance with them.

2nd August, 1938, from Mr. Michael Byrne, Rathcoyle, Killegan, intimating that he will be very pleased to act as temporary Rate Checker for Baltinglass No. 1 area.

Report of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis to the 39th General Meeting to be held in the Great Hall, British Medical Association House, London, on July 1st, 1938.

Leaflet entitled "an Appeal to Our Race" from the Women's Prisoners' Defence League, 44, Parnell Square, Dublin, calling for a concerted effort to end the persecution of the Catholics in the Six Counties.

RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER PUBLIC BODIES

17th May, 1938, from County Longford Vocational Education Committee, Technical School, Longford, forwarding copy of a resolution calling for the abolition of Summer Time.

29th June, 1938, from Limerick County Council, 82/83 O'Connell Street, Limerick, resolution—requesting the Government to float a loan of £3,000,000 to stock derelict farms, purchase machinery and procure feeding stuffs.

9th August, 1938, from County Borough of Cork, Town Clerk's Office, Cork, resolution requesting the Minister for Industry and Commerce to afford equal rights in the matter of employment on relief schemes to ex-service men presently unemployed but in receipt of small pensions.

From the Secretary, Irish Republican Prisoners' Defence Association, 61, Castle Street, Belfast, calling attention to the imprisonment and ill treatment of political prisoners in Belfast Jail.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

ABSTRACT OF CORRESPONDENCE

Abstract of correspondence laid before the Autumn Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 21st November, 1938.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

27th August, 1938, No. G. 4438/5/38, Cill Mhanntain, sanctioning overdraft accommodation not exceeding £45,000 on the accounts of the Council for the period ending 31st October, 1938.

8th September, 1938, No. A.23763/38, Cill Mhanntain (F), enclosing copy of the Auditors Report on the accounts of the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance for the two half-years ended 30th September, 1937.

3rd October, 1938, No. G.17971/3/38, Cill Mhanntain, returning the Fidelity Bonds for Collector John J. Doyle, No. 19 Collecting District, and suggesting certain alterations therein.

4th October, 1938, Circular No. RU/205/33, intimating that Works No. U.909 has been assigned to the Scheme for the expenditure of £5,150 (Rates £1375 and Grant £3775) under the Employment Schemes Vote, 1938/39, Roads (Rural).

7th October, 1938, No. R/RS/33, stating the Minister will raise no objection to the proposal of the County Surveyor to employ a temporary clerk for four days instead of two days a week up to the 1st December next.

18th October, 1938, No. 22527/5/38, Cill Mhanntain, forwarding copy of an Order made by the Minister consenting to the grant of a marriage gratuity of £32 11s. 2d. to Mrs. H. Wilson, formerly Domestic Economy Instructress under the Vocational Education Committee.

18th October, 1938, Circular No. RU/204, intimating that it is proposed to continue in 1938/39 to remunerate the County and Assistant County Surveyors for special work entailed in connection with Roads (Rural) Schemes, on the same terms as last year.

24th October, 1938, No. R/RGM/33, acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution relative to the transfer of unexpended balances in certain Road Groups to other Road Groups and stating the Minister has assented to such departure in certain indicated instances.

1st November, 1938, No. A.27439/38, Cill Mhanntain (F), enclosing copy of the Auditor's Report on his Audit of the accounts of the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture for the half-year ended 31st March, 1938.

1st November, 1938, No. G.4438/6/38, Cill Mhanntain, sanctioning overdraft accommodation not exceeding £40,000 on the accounts of the Council for the period which will end on the 31st December, 1938.

1st November, 1938, No. G.27547/38, Cill Mhanntain, sanctioning expenditure not exceeding £588 15 1 in respect of the employment of temporary clerical assistance in connection with the apportionment of rates for the current financial year.

1st November, 1938, No. G.17971/3/38, Cill Mhanntain, returning the Bond of Collector J. J. Doyle (No. 19 District) which, it is stated, has been noted, and intimating that in future where a Collector becomes incapacitated by serious illness likely to be of a prolonged nature a deputy should be appointed.

2nd November, 1938, No. G.10081/3/38, intimating the Minister will raise no objection to the employment of temporary Clerical assistance pending the coming into operation of the Council's clerical re-organisation Scheme.

Copy of Statutory Rules and Orders, 1938, No. 149, Pounds Regulations, 1938.

5th November, 1938, No. SGR/33, approving of the Scheme of Road Improvement proposed to be carried out with the aid of Grant of £10,500, and assigning Works Nos. to sections of the Scheme.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

5th September, 1938, forwarding copies of a memorandum bearing on the Sheep Dipping Order, 1937, and copies of a leaflet entitled "Sheep Dipping Hints" for distribution to the Veterinary Inspectors.

14th September, 1938, No. H.4040-38, enclosing copy of a letter addressed to the Department by Mr. M. Murphy, Knocknaboley, Hollywood, who stated that two of his sheep died as a result of dipping at Toorbeg, Dunlavin.

14th September, 1938, copy of the Foot and Mouth Disease (Imported Carcasses and Packing Materials) Order, 1938.

18th October, 1938, No. G.2739/38, intimating that Great Britain and Northern Ireland have been added to the list of excepted countries under the Foot and Mouth Disease (Imported Carcasses and Packing Materials) Order, 1938.

18th October, 1938, copy of the Foot and Mouth Disease (Imported Carcasses and Packing Materials) (Amendment) Order, 1938.

Copy of the Hay, Straw and Peat Moss Litter Order, 1938.

FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

18th October, 1938, enclosing particulars of Schemes in operation in counties Dublin and Louth for the payment of Rate Collectors.

18th October, 1938, intimating that the next meeting of the General Council will be held early in December.

3rd November, 1938, requesting to be supplied with a copy of the Council's answers to the Questionnaire issued by the Drainage Commission.

FROM THE COUNCIL'S SOLICITOR.

13th September, 1938, reporting the committal to an Industrial School at Blessington District Court on the 12th instant of a child named Annie Osborne.

27th September, 1938, reporting the committal to Industrial Schools at the Bray District Court on the 16th instant of three children, named, Kathleen, Christina, and James Byrne, of 10, St. Brigid's Terrace, Bray.

27th September, 1938, reporting the committal to an Industrial School at Bray District Court on the 23rd instant of Kathleen Kelly, Enniskerry, the Probation of Offenders Act having been applied in the cases of Eileen and Noel Kelly, Enniskerry.

31st October, 1938, relative to the holdings being acquired pursuant to the Liffey Reservoir Act, and enclosing copy of a communication received from the Solicitors to the E. S. B. in which it was intimated that it would take a considerable time to prepare the information required in connection with holdings taken over by the Board.

10th November, 1938, acknowledging receipt of Forms Nos. 1 and 3 relative to the claim for compensation for alleged malicious burning of hay and straw the property of James Magee, Glenair, Delgany, and intimating that he would take all steps to protect the interests of the County Council in the matter.

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

2nd September, 1938, intimating that it had been found necessary to warn the Secretary, County Board of Health, to satisfy himself before issuing Paying Orders that his Board had the funds to meet them, and stating that Board of Health Paying Orders had had to be returned that day as no funds were available to meet them.

2nd September, 1938, conveying the sanction of the Board of Directors to overdraft of £45,000 for the period to the 31st October, but pointing out that a reduced limit of accommodation will be expected on the the expiration of the period in question.

5th November, 1938, conveying the sanction of the Board of Directors to overdraft accommodation of £40,000 for the period which will end on the 31st December, 1938.

24th September, 1938, from the Hon. Secretaries, National Association of Old I. R. A., 196, Pearse Street, Dublin, copy of a resolution calling upon all Public Bodies to protest against the imprisonment of Political Prisoners in that portion of Ireland still under British jurisdiction.

1st October, 1938, Medical Certificate from Dr. W. G. Lyons, District Hospital, Baltinglass, that Mr. John J. Doyle, Carnew, is unable to resume work for about 14 days from that date.

3rd October, 1938, from the Hon. Secretary, Irish Technical Education Association, Rathmines Technical Institute, forwarding copy of a resolution passed by that Body, requesting amendment of regulations and syllabuses of the examinations for posts under Local Authorities and State Departments which would allow of Technical students competing for these positions.

5th October, 1938, from E. Dignan, Chairman, Rail Transport Employees' Political Organisation, "Cuil-Aodha," Ballysimon Road, Limeick, enclosing copy of a circular letter calling on the Council to press for the nationalisation of Rail, Road, Air and Water transport.

8th October, 1938, from A. Cullen, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, enclosing correspondence which has passed between himself and the Land Commission and the Auctioneer relative to the proposed letting of the lands of Laurence Brennan, Brittas.

20th October, 1938, from Mr. M. J. O'Connor, Hon. Secretary, "Irish Employers' Mutual" Policy-Holders Protection Committee, Findlater Chambers, 28, Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin, forwarding copy of

a resolution calling upon the Government to come to the aid of the above Policy Holders and asking for the support of all Local Bodies.

28th October, 1938, from the Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Co., Ltd., 48, Dame Street, Dublin, C.1. stating that as the claim made by Mrs. Margaret Short for damages for injury to her property caused by the Council's blasting operations is less than £5 it does not come within the terms of the Council's Policy, and stating that in the absence of ordinary precautions the natural result of blasting work would be that stones and earth would fall on adjacent property.

An appeal for subscriptions on behalf of the Committee "An Oireachtas," 14, Parnell Square, Dublin, and copy of the programme of the Oireachtas to be held in November, 1939.

2nd November, 1938, from the Resident Medical Superintendent, District Mental Hospital, Sligo, enclosing copy of a letter received from the Minister refusing to meet a deputation on the subject of Increased Grants in aid of Mental Patients, and asking if the Council considers it advisable to take any further steps in the matter.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Abstract of Correspondence laid before the Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council, held on Monday, 20th March, 1939.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

23th November, 1938, Ref. No. R-RS-33, intimating that the Minister will be prepared to authorise contributions towards the travelling expenses of members of the Committee appointed to consider the Conditions of Appointment for the new County Surveyor.

21st December, 1938, Ref. No. 30797-1938, Ilgheitheach, giving one month's notice of the Minister's intention to amend and modify the Wicklow County Scheme by substituting for Sub-Article (IV) of Article 15 thereof a Sub-Article copy of which he enclosed.

30th December, 1938, Ref. No. G.4438-7-38, Cill Mhantain, sanctioning overdraft accommodation not exceeding £45,000 on the accounts of the Council for the period ending 31st January, 1939.

31st December, 1938, Ref. No. R-SR-1, acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution pressing for a larger share in Government Grants for road works and stating it is not proposed to change the present procedure in regard to the allocations of Grants from the Road Fund.

31st December, 1938, No. C.P.2-3-39 (Combined Purchasing Section, 73, Merrion Square S.), forwarding copy of the list of names of official contractors and prices for Road Surfacing materials for the year ending 31st December, 1939.

4th January, 1939, Ref. No. 12557-2-38, Cill Mhantain, sanctioning recognition of the Joint Committee set up by the Council and the Board of Health for the purpose of considering the terms of appointment of the new County Surveyor—the travelling expenses of the members to be defrayed by each Body in respect of its own representatives.

20th January, 1939, No. G.588-39, Cill Mhantain, inquiring what action has been taken by the Council in regard to the high percentage of outstanding rates in the Districts of Collectors P. Burke and M. Healy on the 31st December, 1938.

31st January, 1939, No. G.193-39, Cill Mhantain, sanctioning overdraft accommodation not exceeding £40,000 on the accounts of the Council for the period ending 28th February, 1939.

20th February, 1939, Ref. No. G.5356-39, Cill Mhantain, enclosing copy of a letter addressed to the County Librarian relative to the Council's proposal to increase the salary of Miss M. McCrea.

20th February, 1939, Circ. No. 17-39, Ilgh., enclosing copy of memorandum prepared for the guidance of Architects appointed to prepare plans and specifications for Hospitals, County Homes and other Buildings.

21st February, 1939, indicating that a grant of £10,842 has been provisionally allocated for the upkeep of Main Roads in the County Wicklow for the year 1939-40—this sum representing 40 per cent of £27,107 the amount which would appear to have been passed by the Council for the upkeep of Main Roads.

25th February, 1939, No. G.193-3-39, Cill Mhantain, sanctioning overdraft accommodation not exceeding £45,000 on the accounts of the County Council for the period ending 31st March, 1939.

13th March, 1939, Ref. No. P.H.29261-2-38, Cill Mhantain (pd.), transmitting copy of an Order made by the Minister fixing the former Rathdrum Rural District as the area of charge for the special expenses of providing and maintaining a water supply and public sanitary convenience at Avoca.

From Mr. Seamus Murphy, General Inspector, Department of Local Government and Public Health, Custom House, Dublin.

6th March, 1939, intimating that he intends visiting the Council's Offices before the end of March to examine the progress of the Rate Collection, and interview the Poor Rate Collectors, and also asking for certain statistical information relating to the Poor Rate Collection in the County.

14th March, 1939, on the same subject and stating he will not be able to reach Wicklow before the last week in March.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

31st December, 1938, No. S.K.8-2-38, transmitting copies of a memorandum as to the names approved during the year 1938 by the Minister for Agriculture for use in connection with margarine.

6th January, 1939, No. L.5267-38, intimating that the Minister will offer no objection to the payment of allowances for work done under the Sheep Dipping Scheme last year as follows:—

S. Conway, V.S.	£80.
A. F. Walshe, V.S.	£65.
W. J. Richardson, V.S.	£20.

17th February, 1939, No. L. 883-39, sanctioning the temporary appointment of Mr. W. J. Richardson, V.S., as Veterinary Inspector for duties in Mr. Conway's districts under the Diseases of Animals Acts during the latter's absence on leave from 13th to 16th instant. This arrangement not to involve additional expenditure on public funds.

2nd March, 1939, No. L.883-39, offering no objection to the temporary employment of Mr. W. J. Richardson, V.S., as substitute for Mr. Conway, V.S., for duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts in Rathdrum and Naas No. 2 districts during the absence of Mr. Conway on sick leave for one or two weeks with remuneration at the same rate as that normally paid to Mr. Conway.

10th March, 1939, No. L.883-39, intimating that the Minister will offer no objection to the continuance of the temporary employment of Mr. Richardson, V.S., as substitute for Mr. Conway, V.S., for a further period of two weeks from the 27th ultimo with remuneration at the rate normally paid to Mr. Conway.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TAOISEACH.

15th February, 1939, No. S. 2642, acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution relative to the funding of Land Purchase Annuities.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

4th March, 1939, Circular No. F-39, setting forth the conditions and regulations governing the entrance for the Leaving Certificate Examination of pupils who wish to compete for University Scholarships.

FROM THE VALUATION DEPARTMENT.

12th January, 1939, No. R.6., intimating that Mr. P. O'Reilly, of that Department, will commence the Annual Revision of the County (Part of) about the 13th instant.

FROM THE COUNTY WICKLOW BOARD OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

16th November, 1938, No. 5024-38, requesting to be furnished with certain details relative to the proposed conditions of appointment of the new County Engineer.

13th January, 1939, Ref. No. 103, intimating that the Council's resolution re the appointment of a new County Engineer had been considered by the Board when the following Order was made:—

"Matter to be specially considered at next meeting. In meantime Law Agent to obtain Counsel's Opinion as to rights of Boards Engineers."

6th February, 1939, forwarding extract from the minutes of proceedings of the Board at their meeting held on the 30th ultimo relative to the appointment of a County Engineer.

6th February, 1939, No. 455-39, forwarding extract from the Minutes of proceedings of the Board at their meeting held on the 30th January, 1939, proposing to increase the travelling expenses of Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health from £200 to £300 per annum.

3rd March, 1939, No. 838-39, enclosing extract from the minutes of proceedings of the Board at their meeting held on the 27th February, 1939, relative to the appointment of a new County Engineer.

FROM THE COUNCIL'S SOLICITOR.

23rd November, 1939, reporting the committal of Vincent Comiskey to Artane Industrial School and Margaret Sharpe (Otherwise Sadie Lee) to Summerhill Industrial School, Dublin, by the District Justice at Bray District Court.

6th December, 1938, reporting the committal at District Court on the 2nd instant of a child name Mary O'Mahony to Summerhill Industrial School, Athlone.

8th December, 1938, enclosing copy of letter received from Messrs. A. Cox & Co, Solicitors for the Electricity Board, regarding the rates payable on lands acquired for the

purposes of the Liffey Reservoir and Hydro-Electric Scheme.

9th January, 1939, reporting the committal of a boy named Louis Carney to Glencree Reformatory by the District Justice at the District Court held in Bray on the 6th instant.

10th January, 1939, intimating that he would attend Newtownmountkennedy District Court on the 7th instant to protect the Council's interests at the hearing of an application for the committal of a boy named James Byrne, Priestsnewtown to an Industrial School.

17th January, 1939, reporting that the case against David Lare was heard at the Arklow District Court on the 16th instant when the Justice applied the Probation of Offenders Act on payment of £1 5 6 costs and expenses.

28th January, 1939, reporting that the Justice refused an application at Newtown District Court to commit James Byrne, Priestsnewtown, to an Industrial School.

2nd February, 1939, detailing the steps about to be taken in connection with the application of Mrs. Margaret Clarke for compensation for Malicious Injury to a bull, her property.

13th March, 1939, forwarding copy of Agreement dated the 20th February, 1939, relative to the plots at Kilpoole let to the County Council.

FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL

4th March, 1939, intimating that the Spring Meeting of the County Councils' General Council will be held on Wednesday, the 3rd May, 1939.

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

9th January, 1939, conveying the sanction of the Board of Directors to overdraft accommodation of £45,000 for the period ending 31st January, 1939.

6th February, 1939, notifying the sanction of the Board of Directors to overdraft accommodation not exceeding £10,000 for the period ending 28th February, 1939.

15th November, 1938, from Mr. T. Kennedy, Hon. Secretary, Social Credit Bureau, 2, Upper Ely Place, Dublin, enclosing leaflets on the subject of financial freedom.

Mrs. John Muldoon and family return their most sincere thanks for your sympathy and kindness on the occasion of their recent great sorrow.

36, Clarinda Park, E,
Dun Laoghaire.

November, 1938

2nd December, 1938, from the Royal Sanitary Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1., inviting the Council to appoint delegates to the next Health Congress to be held in Scarborough from July 3rd to 8th, 1939.

7th December, 1938, from the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene, 28, Portland Place, London, W.1., inviting the Council to appoint Delegates to the Congress to be held in Hastings from May 23rd to May 27th, 1939.

14th December, 1938, from the Austrian and German Christian Refugee's Fund, 12-14, College Green, Dublin, C.1., appealing for funds to help relieve distress amongst refugees.

30th December, 1938, from Mr. Michael Donoghue, 8, Shandon Crescent, Phisboro', Dublin, intimating that the G. S. Rlys. Company had released him from duty as from the 31st December and that he proposed taking up duty as Rate Inspector under Wicklow County Council on the 3rd January, 1939.

December, 1938, from the Acting Secretary, Traffic and "Safety First" Association of Ireland, 19, Kildare Street, Dublin, forwarding statistics relating to road accidents, and enclosing a resolution urging drivers to exercise more care, which, it is suggested, the Council should adopt.

January, 1939, Preliminary notice of the 25th Annual Conference, of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, Tavistock House N., Tavistock Square, London, to be held at Belfast from the 29th June to 1st July, 1939.

January, 1939, invitation to the Council to appoint delegates to the 41st Annual Conference of the Institute of Public Cleansing to be held at Scarborough June 5th-9th, 1939.

4th January, 1939, from the Institution of Municipal and County Engineers, 84, Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1., requesting the Council to appoint representatives to the Sixty-Sixth Annual General Meeting and Conference to be held at Blackpool from June 14th-17, 1939.

15th February, 1939, from Mr. S. Conway, V. S., Salem, Wicklow, stating he is compelled to take two weeks sick leave from the 13th instant, and that he has nominated Mr. W. J. Richardson, V.S., to carry out his duties.

21st February, 1939, from the Royal Institute of British Architects, 66, Portland Place, London, W.1., intimating that the Annual Conference of the Institute would be held in Dublin, from June 21st to 24th inclusive, and inviting the Council to appoint representatives to attend.

23rd February, 1939, from the Guild of Insurance Officials, 79, Queen Street, City, London, E.C.4., asking the Council to use their influence to force Insurance Companies to recognise the Guild for the purposes of collective bargaining on behalf of the staffs.

25th February. From the Vatican.

EUGENE Cardinal PACELLI.

Camerlengo of the Holy Roman Church

has the honour to express heartfelt thanks for the sentiment of sincere sympathy manifested on the death of His Holiness Pope Pius XI.

February, 27th, 1939, Medical Certificate from Dr. H. J. Roche, Wicklow, that Mr. S. Conway, V.S., has been suffering from acute bronchitis since February 13th. and that he will not be fit to resume duties for at least two weeks.

Riversdale,

Rathfarnham,

Co. Dublin.

Mrs. W. B. Yeats thank you for your kind message of sympathy.

February, 1939.

Suidhe Manntain a 10,
Bri Chualann.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,
Sec., County Council,
Court House,
WICKLOW.
A Chara,

Kindly convey to the Members of your Council the grateful thanks of my children and myself for their kind message of sympathy with us in our recent trials, and to say how deeply we appreciate their thoughtful gesture.

To your good self and the other officers of the Council I also desire to return thanks for their sympathy.

Mise, do chara,

S. MACCATHMHAOIL.

3rd March, 1939, from J. O. Power, Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Limerick, copy of a resolution passed by that Body protesting against the introduction of the Re-Valuation Bill.

4th March, 1939, from the Hon. Secretary, Social Credit Bureau, 2, Upper Ely Place, Dublin, enclosing a report of a protest meeting against the intolerable conditions of life prevailing for the majority of the people in this country.

14th March, 1939, from Miss Phyllis Ryan, M.Sc., County Analyst, 12, Dawson Street, Dublin, thanking the Council for acceding to her application to have her remuneration fixed on a scale of fees instead of an annual salary.

From the Hon. Secretary, Architectural Graduates' Association, National University of Ireland, 34, Dame Street, Dublin, enclosing memorandum setting out the advantages of the competition system, and also questionnaire on the subject.

Memorandum (undated and unsigned) posted in Liverpool criticising various matters in connection with the Government's relations with England.

RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER PUBLIC BODIES.

1st December, 1938, from Limerick County Council, Secretary's Office, 82-83 O'Connell Street, Limerick, asking the Executive Council to introduce legislation to amend the law so that Old Age Pension be paid at 65.

2nd January, 1939, from New Ross Urban District Council, The Tholsel, New Ross, protesting against the introduction of the Re-Valuation Bill in the Dail.

16th January, 1939, from Urban District Council, Town Hall, Bray, protesting against the introduction of the Re-Valuation Bill.

15th February, 1939, from the Urban District Council, Council Chambers, Mallow, calling on the Government to ensure an agreement being arrived at for the required acreage of beet to be grown this year and requesting that all foreigners employed in beet factories be dispensed with.

15th February, 1939, from Cork County Council, Secretary's Office, Court House, Cork, asking the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to increase the sickness and disablement benefits to injured persons, etc., etc.

2nd March, 1939, from Cork County Borough Council, Town Clerk's Office, Cork, demanding the withdrawal of the Treason Bill and the Offences against the State Bill.

*Cell Byrne
22/5/39*

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, 22nd May, 1939.

The following Members attended:—

Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors J. P. Kehoe, M. J. Brennan, Edward Byrge, Denis Condren, James McCreagh, James Everett, T. D.; Joseph Jacob, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); Thomas J. Birthistel, P. D. Kinsella, Michael Mooney, Wallace Hammond, J. J. Bourne, Major R. Smith, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); Michael Timmins, Daniel J. Kehoe, and J. P. O'Donnell.

The subjoined letter from Councillor M. M. Gleeson explaining the causes which have led up to his absence from meetings was considered:—

Stratford-on-Slaney,
15th May, 1939.

My dear Mr. Chairman
and Members of
Wicklow County Council.

My first duty is to tender to you all my humble apology for not intimating to you ere now the cause of my continued absence. Doubtless, most of you were aware of it.

I made several applications to my doctor (Dr. W. G. Lyons, jun.) for permission to travel, but on every occasion he turned me down. I felt the absence from your deliberations very much, not because of party purposes, but from the start, I early realised that you were all men of very sterling qualities, strongly imbued with the desire to do the best you could for your county and the welfare of its people. It was a real pleasure to me that politics were kept out of your meetings. Wicklow, I think, stands alone in that respect. If my absence deserves dismissal, let me have it and I will not grumble, neither will it lessen the esteem and friendship which I have for each and every one of you.

I would like to thank the officials from your Mr. Healy down for all the kindness and consideration shown me while I was attending over there.

With my very best wishes for your health and happiness.

I am, gentlemen,

Yours sincerely,

M. M. GLEESON.

Proposed by Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T. D.;

Resolved—That this County Council accepts without question the explanation received from Councillor Martin M. Gleeson of his inability to attend the Council's meetings owing to continuous ill health, and we desire to express our sincere hope that he may shortly be restored to his usual good health again.

Passed unanimously,

- 1 To confirm and sign minutes of previous meetings.
- 2 To consider Finance Committee's Report No. 1.
- 3 To consider Finance Committee's Report No. 2.
- 4 To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance.
- 5 To consider proposals for payments from the Proposals Committee.
- 6 To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's payments.
- 7 To sign applications for refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 8 To consider proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee.
- 9 To Seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 10 To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 11 To consider applications for Licences under the Explosives Act, 1875.
- 12 To consider applications for Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
- 13 To consider the claims for rates stated to be irrecoverable as received from the several Poor Rate Collectors.
- 14 To consider and approve the lists, prepared by the Secretary, of houses in respect of which certain abatements in rates are allowable.
- 15 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, 1940.
- 16 To recommend to the Commissioner of Valuation the revisions required in the Valuation Lists for the County.
- 17 To fix dates for the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council and of the Proposals and Finance Committees for the coming year.
- 18 To fix a suitable date for the forthcoming Annual Meeting of the County Council.
- 19 To consider a further letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the ages suggested in the Council's Scheme for re-organisation of the Clerical Staff and the appointment of new Members thereto.
- 20 To formally approve of the appointment of a locum tenens to act in the area formerly known as the Baltinglass No. 1 and Shillelagh Rural Districts during the absence through illness of Mr. Aidan F. Walsh, V.S., 35, Dublin Street, Carlow.
- 21 To consider and take suitable action on such letter as may be received from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the condition of the Poor Rate Collection in No. 19 Collecting District from which Collector John J. Doyle recently resigned.
- 22 To arrange for the appointment of a Poor Rate Collector for No. 19 Collecting District.
- 23 To take such steps as may be deemed necessary to carry on the work of Warble Fly Inspection in the Garda Sub-District of Hollywood, in which the Inspector is Mr. Patrick Murphy, Oakwood, Valleymount.
- 24 To consider the Acting County Surveyor's Report.
- 25 To consider a communication from Mr. Patrick Kearney, Clash, Rathdrum, writing on behalf of the unemployed in that area, requesting the Council to have all stones for use on roads broken by hand thereby providing much needed employment.
- 26 To pass a resolution in connection with the Council's proposal to build a Main Road from Dunbur Upper to Magherymore and the County Road from Ardairary to Sallemount.
- 27 To consider correspondence regarding the unapproved proposal in the Road Works Scheme to take over, repair and maintain the following thoroughfares :—
Kimberly Road,
Pavilion Road,
Kinlen Road,
Quarry Road, and
Bellevue Avenue.
- 28 To consider a communication from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bray, requisitioning small wooden presses for each of the thirteen Food and Drugs Inspectors appointed by the Council.
- 29 To consider an application from Mr. Michael O'Neill, Assistant Rate Checker, for additional remuneration.
- 30 To consider such letter as may be received from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the superannuation allowance which the Council propose to pay to Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., following his resignation from the position of County Surveyor.
- 31 To appoint a Representative on the Wicklow Harbour Board to replace Councillor Joseph Jacob who has resigned therefrom.
- 32 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James McCrea :—
"I hereby give notice that I shall move at the May Quarterly Meeting of this Council that we approve and adopt the following resolution in connection with the County Librarian's salary as passed by the County Library Committee :—That in view of the yearly increasing volume of work entailed by the Library expansion, in the County, and in consideration of the Librarian's efficient service during the past eight years, I move that the salary of our County Librarian, Miss B. Redmond, be placed upon an incremental basis as from the 1st November, 1938, rising by £10 yearly from £250 to £300, and for this purpose I move that Standing Orders be suspended."
- 33 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Senator C. M. Byrne :—
"I hereby give notice that I shall move at the May Quarterly Meeting of this Council that provision be made financially in our Estimates for the year 1939/40 for the purpose by means of a loan of £750 of the premises known as Belle Vue House, Wicklow, for the purpose of a County Library and Book Repository and that any resolution already on our Books in this connection be rescinded, and that Standing Orders be set aside for the purpose of considering this Motion."
- 34 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James Everett, T.D. :—
"I hereby give notice that at the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 22nd May, 1939, 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 (£151,500) One Hundred and Fifty-one Thousand Five Hundred Pounds for the purpose of carrying through a Scheme of Cottage building, and provision of plots under the Labourers Acts, 1883 to 1931, as amended by the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932."
- 35 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 May, 1939, 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 Thirty-one Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifteen Pounds

(£31,815) for the purpose of the completion of a Scheme for the provision of Seven Hundred and Seven (707) Cottages and Plots promoted by the Board in 1936 under the Labourers Acts, 1883 to 1931, as amended by the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932."

36 To consider the question of providing a Pound in Wicklow Town.

37 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture on the 28th February, 1939 :—

"Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Committee of Agriculture view with extreme dissatisfaction the continued prevalence of the Warble Fly and that we desire to impress on the County Council, our opinion that if the result of the supervision of the Warble Fly Inspectors is not more satisfactory this year, that the Scheme should be amended so as to ensure the desired results."

38 To consider a resolution passed by the Wicklow County Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held on 28th February, 1939, recommending the Council to pay a subsidy of £1 0 0 to each of seventeen owners of Swim Baths in respect of the repair and maintenance of such Baths during the year 1938.

39 To consider a resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held 28th February, 1939, recommending the Council to pay to the owners of private swim Baths sums totalling £121 13 9, calculated at 6/- per 100 sheep double dipped in such baths during 1938.

40 To consider a communication from the Minister for Agriculture with which is submitted copy of specimen regulations for use in enforcing in the County this year the Sheep Dipping Order, 1937.

41 To consider an application from Mr. John O'Rourke of the Staff in the County Surveyor's Office requesting the Council to re-consider his claim for duties discharged by him in checking Poor Rate Collectors' Accounts.

42 To consider the following resolution submitted by the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board :—

"Resolved—That a Loan of £500 be procured from the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., in order to erect a new house for the Caretaker of the Cemetery, and we request the Contributing Bodies—Wicklow County Council and Wicklow Urban District Council, to give their consent to the Board raising such loan for this work, subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health."

43 To consider a Report presented by a Sub-Committee to, and approved by, Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance in regard to County Engineering Services.

44 To consider a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health replying to the Council's recent resolution on the grievances submitted by the Shillelagh Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

45 To execute three transfer Certificates regarding certain Land Bonds which have been passed over to the County Council by the Irish Land Commission for the purpose of discharging rate liabilities on certain holdings acquired by the Land Commission.

46 To consider an application from Mr. W. J. Richardson, V.S., for the sum of £21 for acting as locum tenens to Mr. S. Conway, V.S., during the latter's illness over a period of five weeks.

47 To consider County Analyst's Report for the quarter ended 31st March, 1939.

48 To consider Minutes of monthly meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee.

49 To adopt the Rates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1940, and to allow and make the same as assessed in the Rate Books.

50 To sign and Seal the Warrants of the several Poor Rate Collectors.

51 To sign and Seal the Demands (Forms 48) on the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow for the year 1939/40.

52 To consider a Report from the Council's Solicitor as to the possibility of collecting outstanding amounts under the Seeds Supply Schemes, 1932 and 1933.

53 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

54 To receive Reports from County Officers.

55 To consider official correspondence.

56 To consider General correspondence.

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

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 21st April, 1939.

The following Members were present :—

Councillor D. H. Haskins, Chairman ;
Councillors J. P. Kehoe, Major R. Smith and Joseph Jacob.

The Minutes of previous meetings were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The Committee, having examined the proposals for payments by the Proposals Committee, recommend them for payment to the County Council, as follow :—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE—£12,139 10 5.

The Committee, having examined the Annual Demand for the service of the financial year 1939/40, 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, 1939.

County Board of Public Assistance—£11,618 0 0.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the Reports received from the Rate Inspector and Assistant Checker, Michael O'Neill, 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, 1939.

District No.	Collectors' Warrants			Amount collected to date			Discount allowed			Amount not collected		
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
1	6705	16	7	5456	0	2	28	3	7	1221	12	10
2	4012	3	8	3168	17	1	11	7	7	831	19	0
3	3251	17	2	2215	3	2	5	11	4	1031	2	8
4	4456	14	4	3090	19	4	11	12	9	1354	2	8
5	2213	1	1	1210	1	11	2	0	9	1000	18	5
6	7675	5	3	2963	16	10	8	19	0	4702	9	5
7	15664	3	2	14634	9	1	35	19	9	993	14	4
8	4274	16	7	3977	1	11	6	4	5	291	10	3
9	14698	12	3	11075	9	11	31	11	9	3591	10	7
10	5928	1	5	4305	16	8	8	16	7	1013	8	2
11	7850	18	2	6787	2	11	27	13	5	1036	1	10
12	8433	2	6	5767	14	1	10	18	9	2654	9	8
13,14,15	11677	15	4	10067	11	1	25	19	10	1584	4	5
16	8521	18	8	6217	15	11	36	1	1	2268	1	8
17	5570	8	2	3614	13	11	15	17	9	1939	16	6
18	5594	0	2	3874	8	1	28	9	9	1691	2	4
19	4184	15	0	2107	10	9	6	17	7	2070	6	3
Total	£120113	9	6	£90584	12	10	£302	5	8	£29276	11	0

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

21st April, 1939.

Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith;
Seconded by J. P. Kehoe;
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 Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 12th May, 1939.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor D. H. Haskins, Chairman;
Councillors John P. Kehoe, Major R. Smith and James Everett, T.D.

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

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS—£713 6 3.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the Reports received from the Rate Inspector and Assistant Checker, Mr. Michael O'Neill, on their checkings of the accounts of the Poor Rate Collectors since the Committee's last meeting, and also the following Return showing the condition of the Poor Rate Collection as it stood on the 12th May, 1939:—

District No.	Collectors' Warrants			Amount collected to date			Discount Allowed			Amount not collected		
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
1	6705	16	7	6272	13	7	28	3	7	404	19	5
2	4012	3	8	3815	8	8	11	7	7	185	7	5
3	3251	17	2	2779	17	2	5	11	4	466	8	8
4	4456	14	4	4157	5	3	11	12	9	287	16	4
5	2213	1	1	1604	7	10	2	0	9	606	12	6
6	7675	5	3	4534	15	7	8	19	0	3131	10	8
7	15664	3	2	15254	17	11	35	19	9	373	5	6
8	4274	16	7	4107	3	1	6	4	5	161	9	1
9	14698	12	3	12105	1	1	31	11	9	2561	19	5
10	5928	1	5	4977	17	3	8	16	7	341	7	7
11	7850	18	2	7278	12	11	27	13	5	544	11	10
12	8433	2	6	6583	5	10	10	18	9	1838	17	11
13,14,15	11677	15	4	10829	18	6	25	19	10	821	17	0
16	8521	18	8	7320	6	7	36	1	1	1165	11	0
17	5570	8	2	4098	9	3	15	17	9	1456	1	2
18	5594	0	2	4980	0	1	28	9	9	585	10	4
19	4184	15	0	2292	19	2	6	17	7	1884	18	3
Total	£120113	9	6	£102992	19	9	£302	5	8	£16818	4	1

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

12th May, 1939.

Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith;
Seconded by J. P. Kehoe;
Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 2, as printed and circulated to each Member of Wicklow County Council, be, and it is hereby approved and adopted.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith;
Seconded by J. P. Kehoe;
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 Edward Byrne;
Seconded by J. P. Kehoe;
Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payments chargeable to the various areas amounting to the sum of £12139 10 5 (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, Senator;
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 £713 6 3 (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Denis Condron;
Seconded by Michael Mooney;
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 Senator C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor J. P. Kehoe;
Resolved—That the application for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts be now signed, and sealed with the Seal of the Council.
Passed.

Proposed by Senator C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;
Resolved—That our Secretary be hereby authorised to renew the Licence already issued under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, to Mr. James McCrea, Carnew.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;
Seconded by P. D. Kinsella;
Resolved—That our Secretary be hereby instructed to issue a new Licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, to Mr. William G. Booker, of Messrs. Thomas Heiton & Co., Ltd., 23, Main Street, Bray, in room of Mr. William R. Corson, of the same address.
Passed.

There were no applications for Licenses under the Explosives Act, 1875, or the Cinematograph Act, 1909.

Proposed by Senator C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;
Resolved—That we hereby accept and approve the claims for irrecoverable rates submitted to us by the Poor Rate Collectors for the following Districts:—Nos. 1, 2, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 15, and 18, and we direct our Secretary to deal with these claims according to our ruling made thereon this day.

Further, we direct that the Irrecoverable and carry forward claims submitted in respect to the following Collecting Districts be returned to the several Poor Rate Collectors in order that they may have the sums thereon shown as uncollected reduced by further energetic efforts on their part, Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 16 and 17.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;
Seconded by Major R. Smith;
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, 1940, be hereby approved as submitted, and the appropriate reduction in rates be allowed for the said financial year in each case, as specified in said lists.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;
Seconded by Patrick Doyle (Coolboy);
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 1939/1940, 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 Edward Byrne;
Seconded by Patrick Doyle (Coolboy);
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.

The Council, after some discussion, postponed to their Annual Meeting to be held on the 27th June, 1939, the question of fixing the dates for the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council and of the Proposals Committee and Finance Committee for the coming year in order

that Councillors might have an opportunity in the meantime of ascertaining the dates that would be most suitable in all the circumstances for these meetings.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;
Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ;

Resolved—That we hereby decide 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 Tuesday, the 27th June, 1939, at 12 o'clock, noon, subject to no legislation being enacted in the meantime which will vary this date.

Passed.

The Council proceeded to consider the following further letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the ages suggested in the Council's Scheme for re-organisation of the Clerical Staff and the appointment of new Members thereto, which Scheme is given in full on pages 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of the Minutes of proceedings at the Council's meeting held on the 3rd April, 1939 :—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH
CUSTOM HOUSE,
DUBLIN,
4th May, 1939.

G.13397/39.

Cill Mhanntain,
A Chara.

With reference to your letter of the 27th ultimo regarding the re-organisation of the clerical staff, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will raise no objection to the upper age limit being extended to 26 years in the case of Junior Clerks and Shorthand-typists. Steps should be taken without further delay to have the posts filled by competitive examination.

Mise, le meas.

J. COLLINS,

T.e. an Runaidhe.

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;
Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Scheme for the clerical re-organisation in our offices and the appointment of four junior clerical officers and two Shorthand-writer typists as finally modified by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and we direct that suitable advertisements be published by our Secretary and that the Local Appointments Commission be requested to hold the necessary competitive examinations within the County Wicklow and to submit their account in that connection to the County Council in due course—ages of candidates are to be calculated as from 1st August, 1939.

Passed.

Having considered the letter from the Minister for Agriculture, dated 15th May, 1939, Ref. No. L.1717/39, the Council passed the following resolution—the Secretary having intimated that Mr. Walsh was compelled through illness to give up duty on the 27th April, 1939, the Medical Certificate submitted being dated the 29th April, 1939, and he resumed duty again on the 22nd May, 1939 :—

Proposed by Councillor M. Timmins ;

Seconded by " P. Doyle (Winetavern) ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of our Secretary's action in appointing Mr. Gerald J. Morrin, M.F.C.V.S., Mill House, Baltinglass, to act as locum tenens to discharge the official duties in the areas formerly known as Baltinglass No. 1 and Shillelagh Rural Districts which would normally have been discharged by Mr. A. F. Walshe, M.R.C.V.S., 35, Dublin Street, Carlow, but for the latter's illness, Mr. Morrin's remuneration to be at the same rate, as that normally paid to Mr. Walshe, viz. :—£92 10s. per annum.

Passed.

The Council considered the following letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the collection of Rates in No. 19 district from which Collector J. J. Doyle recently resigned :—

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

G.4152/11/39.

Cill Mhanntain.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Acting Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 28th ultimo regarding the collection of rates in No. 19 district and to state that as the enquiries concerning the collection are not yet completed, the Acting Minister considers that the balance of the collection should be taken over for the present by an existing officer of the Council.

It is suggested that, if possible, a member of the Council's clerical staff be nominated to carry out the work. In the meantime a notice should be issued to the effect that payment of Rates outstanding in this District should be made through the Council's Office.

The final Report of the Rate Inspector might be sent to this Department so soon as possible after the present enquiries are completed,

Mise, le meas.

J. COLLINS,

T.e. an Runaidhe.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne ;

Seconded by " James Everett, T.D. ;

Resolved—That having considered the Department's letter of the 15th May, inst., we hereby appoint the Rate Checker, Mr. Michael O'Neill, to collect and lodge the outstanding Rates in No. 19 District which will in due course place this Council in a position to make a formal demand on ex-Collector John J. Doyle's Sureties.

Passed.

Pending the closing of the Collection for the financial year 1938/1939 in No. 19 District the Council decided to postpone the question of arranging for the appointment of a permanent Poor Rate Collector for that district.

The following letters from the Department of Agriculture and from temporary Warble Fly Inspector Patrick Murphy, Oakwood, Vallemount, were considered :—

AN ROINN TALMHAIOCHTA,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH,
L.352-39,
10th May, 1939.

Sir,

I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that a report to the following effect has been received from a Departmental Veterinary Inspector regarding the work of temporary Inspector Patrick Murphy, Oakwood, Vallemount.

Mr. Murphy resides at Liffey-Dale, Ballymore-Eustace, which is nine miles from the above address. When the Departmental Inspector called at Mr. Murphy's farm at Oakwood, Vallemount, on the 3rd inst. he was informed by the caretaker of the farm, whose name is Murphy also, that his employer was at the Spring Show judging sheep and that he (caretaker) carries out the duties of Warble Fly Inspector on his behalf.

In view of the foregoing the Minister has decided to withdraw his approval of Mr. Murphy's further employment as a temporary Inspector pending investigation of his case by your Local Authority. He should be notified accordingly forthwith. Copy of any explanation submitted by Mr. Murphy together with particulars of the findings of your Local Authority in the matter should be forwarded to this Department as soon as possible.

I am, sir

Your obedient servant,

P. O'CONNOR.

For Secretary.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
WICKLOW.

Liffeydale,
Brannockstown,
Co. Kildare,
15th May, 1939.

Dear Sir,

Re your letter of my dismissal as temporary Warble Fly Inspector.

I will give you my reason for living in Liffeydale. My brother and his wife died here within one year of each other and left me with three young children, the eldest being six years old, and I have eleven of my own, and the house in Oakwood being small for us all is why I changed and its nearer to the church and school. Mr. Little, the head Veterinary Inspector, was here and I explained all to him and he saw the children. I had to get a man to mind either place, and I would not be able to pay one to mind this place as it is near the Poulaphouca works and the wages are 48/- per week and I could not afford that.

The Patrick Murphy who is minding Oakwood was a herd all his life and understands cattle. He worked for my brother, R.I.P., for years.

He substituted me on some occasions. I always minded the books and sheets and the day the Inspector called from the Department I was in Dublin. I was appointed judge for the Wicklow Mountain Sheep at the R.D.S. Show and was not home until the 3rd, Wednesday.

The Sheep Dipping I done it all myself and never had a sub., any of the Inspectors from the Departments can tell you that, also Mr. Walshe the Veterinary Inspector for my area. Why I got Patrick Murphy to do sub. for Warble Fly was I had to leave a note every day and it would be dishonest on my part to leave one and I not there. Liffeydale is only one mile from my area and nine miles from the furthest end.

I hope you will consider my letter as I am in rather awkward circumstances owing to my brother's death, R.I.P., and the big family I have myself.

This job means a great loss to me. Trusting you will do the best you can.

I am, dear sir,

Yours faithfully,

PATRICK MURPHY.

The Secretary reported that in compliance with the provisions of the Minister's letter he had written to Mr. Murphy on the 11th May, 1939, suspending him from his position as Warble Fly Inspector as from the 12th May, 1939, pending the Council's decision on the matter.

ORDER—Mr. Murphy is hereby restored to his position as his explanation is considered satisfactory.

The following further letter from the Department was submitted together with a letter of explanation from temporary Warble Fly Inspector Hugh O'Keefe :—

AN ROINN TALMHAIOCHTA,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH,

No. L.352/39.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDERS, 1936 & 1939

Sir,

I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that reports to the following effect have been received from a Departmental Veterinary Inspector regarding the work of temporary Inspectors Hugh O'Keefe, Rathbawn, Hacketstown, and Patrick Toomey, Lockstown, Vallemount, respectively.

When the Departmental Inspector called at Mr. Toomey's residence on the 3rd instant and at Mr. O'Keefe's residence on the 4th instant he found that no information, in writing, as to the townlands in which these Inspectors intended to carry out inspections on either those or the following days was available. He was informed by Mr. O'Keefe's mother that her son never leaves intimation, in writing, as to the townlands in which he proposes to work.

Messrs. Toomey and O'Keefe should be requested to furnish im-

mediately explanations of their failure to comply with the explicit instructions issued to them in this matter.

Copies of the explanations, together with particulars of the action taken by your Local Authority should be submitted to this Department as soon as possible.

The Departmental Inspector also reports that Mr. O'Keefe does not reside in his district and that the nearest part of Mr. Toomey's district is nine miles distant from his residence. The latter informed the Inspector that he lives with farmers in the various districts in which he is on duty but that he did not inform the County Council of this arrangement. The favour of your Local Authority's observations in regard to these matters, is also requested.

I am, sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. M. BOWERS, for Secretary.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow,

Rathbawn,
Hacketstown,
Co. Carlow,
20th May, 1939.

Mr. Healy,
County Secretary,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant asking for an explanation as to why I have not left at my home the names of Townlands I intended visiting as directed by you, I wish to say that it was the Department's Inspector that made arrangements for me to leave this information at the Barracks at Baltinglass. This was two years ago and naturally I thought they held good for this year. I am now leaving this information at my home. I was told at the Barracks that an Inspector called there on the 12th inst and of course he had no information because at that time I was leaving it at home. Now, as regards living in the district, I admit I do not but still I think that all Inspectors that have visited it will agree that it compares favourably with other districts. If it does not I am prepared to refund every penny I have received from you. In conclusion I wish to say that I am very sorry for the inconvenience I have caused.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH O'KEEFE.

The Secretary intimated to the Council that having regard to the fact that the Department's letter was dated 17th May inst., and that his letters to the two Inspectors concerned were dated the 18th May, there was not sufficient time for temporary Inspector Patrick Toomey to have his explanation in for that day's meeting.

ORDER—The Council accepted Mr. O'Keefe's letter of explanation which they believed, met the circumstances of the case, and they also considered that temporary Inspector Patrick Toomey's work as Warble Fly Inspector was most satisfactory.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

ACTING COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE,
WICKLOW.

17th May, 1939.

To : The Chairman & Members
of Wicklow County Council.

A Dhaoine Uaisle,

(1) The Summer programme of works in the repair of Roads in the County, modified in conformity with the reduction of my Estimate, has been commenced, and is progressing satisfactorily. The edging, widening, and draining of bye-roads is receiving particular attention on this occasion, but it is to be regretted that defaulters in the matter of hedge and tree cutting, who were duly served with notices during the period 1938-1939 were not compelled to comply with these notices. I suggest that the Council should pass a Resolution authorising me to prosecute in future all glaring cases that come under my notice.

(2) Pending the delivery of the Rock Drill Compressor Machine, the purchase of which was authorised by the Council, I found it necessary to hire a new Rock Drill Compressor from the same Company. The hire charges for this latter machine have amounted to £220. If the machine had been purchased outright by the Council, the price would have been £306 7 3. The Company have, at my request, consented to the balance being paid at the rate of £10 per fortnight, and, when the difference of £86 7 3 has been paid off, they are satisfied to allow the machine to become the Council's property. I would urge the Council to give formal consent to this method of acquiring the machine, which is very badly needed if the Works, in hands, and contemplated, are to be efficiently, and economically carried out.

(3) An application has been received from the Chief

Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bray, requisitioning strongly built presses for Food & Drugs Inspectors. I have ascertained that each press is required to be 3' 0" x 2' 3" x 12" with three shelves, and a door with strong lock. I estimate the cost of these to be £3 7 0 each, delivered to the various destinations.

(4) When the making of the New Road begins, which will link Road No. 104 at Dunbur with Road No. 102 at Magheramore, it will be also necessary to acquire a new Diesel Oil Roller similar to the one the Council recently purchased, and which I find to be most economical and giving entire satisfaction. This I propose to buy, with the Council's consent, from the same Firm at the lowest possible price. It is intended to pay the cost by hiring the Roller to this particular work; to the work of linking Arinary to Sallymount with the New Road; and to such other works as are contained in the Road Works Schemes.

(5) Extraordinary expenditure has been necessary in the various areas during the winter of the year 1938-39 owing to the occurrence of certain Sudden Damages to various roads in or about the months of February, March and April last. The usual procedure in regard to the matter has been followed and the required requisitions were obtained.

Amount of Expenditure allowed 1938-39.	Spent in Repairs of SUDDEN DAMAGE
Main Roads £500 0 0	£311 5 8
County Roads 500 0 0	500 0 0

(6) The Council has only one concrete mixer and it became necessary to send this machine into Assistant Surveyor Caffrey's Area for important works at present in operation there.

In order, however, to continue the very important Grant Work going on in the Rockey Valley, I found it necessary to purchase a second concrete mixing machine, and I respectfully ask your approval to my action. The price was £238, which will be largely recouped by charging it against the Grant on which it is used. I may add that the new method of treating road surfaces insisted upon by the Conditions now imposed with every Road Fund Reconstruction Grant, made the purchase of a second machine absolutely imperative.

(7) I found it necessary to retain the Temporary Clerk, Miss May Byrne, on a full-time basis in my office, owing to the very considerable increase in the clerical work therein, and with the approval of the County Secretary applied to the Department for sanction to the arrangement for a period of six months, up to 30th September next. This sanction has now been given and I ask your formal approval. The arrangement to continue until the Permanent Staff will have been appointed in my office.

Is le meas mór,
J. T. O'BYRNE,
Acting County Surveyor.

17th May, 1939.

The Council considered the seven paragraphs contained in the foregoing printed and circulated Report which was submitted by the Acting County Surveyor; approved of the expenditure contained therein (including the supplying of presses for Food and Drugs Inspectors) and the Chairman accordingly marked the Report "Passed"; Mr. O'Byrne to obtain the Minister's sanction before any expenditure is incurred.

The Council considered and granted an application dated 10th May, 1939, from Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., for a week's holidays commencing on the 30th May, 1939.

The Council also considered and granted an application dated 10th May, 1939, from Assistant Surveyor J. P. Caffrey, B.E., for three days holidays from the 23rd to 25th May, inclusive.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Major R. Smith;

Resolved—That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, undertake to construct and maintain a new Main Road from the Southern end of Main Road No. 104 on Dunbur Upper through Kilpoole Lower, Kilpoole Upper, Magheramore, and connecting with Road No. 102 at Gate Lodge near Knockaquirk;
AND, further, that the Wicklow County Council will also construct and maintain a new County Road from the southern termination of existing County Road No. 161 on Arinary, connecting with existing County Road No. 178 on Sallymount.

The above two works which are for the purpose of forming a continuous line of coastal road between the towns of Arklow and Wicklow, are to be carried out on a two years plan. The estimated cost for the first road above referred to is £12,345, spread over a period of

two years. Towards this sum of £12,345 the Government will contribute a free Grant of £8,230, the remaining portion of the cost, i.e., £4,115 will be paid out of rates.

The estimated cost of the second road above referred to is £4,176, spread over a period of two years. Towards this sum of £4,176 the Government will contribute a free grant of £2,784, the remaining portion of the cost, i.e., £1,392 will be paid out of rates.

Passed.

The Council considered and discussed at some length a communication from Mr. Patrick Kearney, Clash, Rathdrum, who wrote on behalf of a number of unemployed in that area requesting the Council to have all stones for use on roads broken by hand, thereby providing much needed employment.

The Council placed the communication in the hands of the Acting County Surveyor who undertook to give effect at as early a date as possible to the wishes of these unemployed and of the Council as expressed at that day's meeting.

Having considered a file of correspondence which had passed between the County Council and Major R. Smith and the Department of Local Government and Public Health in connection with the unapproved proposal in the Roads Works Scheme to take over, repair, and maintain the following thoroughfares in Greystones:—

Kimberley Road, Pavilion Road,
Kinlen Road, Quarry Road,
and Bellevue Avenue,

it was

Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith,
Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, hereby decide to take over, repair and maintain the following thoroughfares in Greystones:—

Kimberley Road, Pavilion Road,
Kinlen Road, Quarry Road,
and Bellevue Avenue,

subject to the condition that they are put into a thoroughly satisfactory condition of repair by means of a free grant out of funds at the disposal of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Passed.

The Council again considered a communication from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, requisitioning small wooden presses for each of the 13 Food and Drugs Inspectors appointed by the Council, which matter was referred to in the Acting County Surveyor's Report considered at this meeting.

Proposed by Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. P. Kehoe;

Resolved—That having considered the estimate submitted by the Acting County Surveyor we hereby direct him to supply, at the request of the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bray, suitable small wooden presses for each of the thirteen Food and Drugs Inspectors appointed by this Council—three Tenders to be invited by the Acting County Surveyor, who is hereby authorised to accept the lowest Tender on behalf of this Council.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a memorial signed by 6 house holders, residing on the southern slopes of Bray Head, in which the Council was asked to repair the bye road which connects the public road at Windgates Upper with the well-known Cliff Walk between Bray and Greystones, which bye-road is most extensively used by the six signatories and by all the tourists and visitors who come to the locality.

ORDER—Referred to the Acting County Surveyor for his information and suitable action.

A communication dated the 12th May, 1939, was submitted from Sergeant S. MacBrinn, Weights and Measures Office, Wicklow, in which he suggested, for economic reasons, the establishment of a permanent Weights and Measures Office in the Town of Arklow.

ORDER—Referred to the Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee.

The following application was submitted from Mr. Michael O'Neill, Assistant Rate Checker for the three collecting districts situated in the area which was formerly known as Shillelagh Rural District:—

To/

Wicklow County Council.
Gentlemen,

As you are aware, I have acted as Deputy Rate Checker under your Secretary, Mr. Healy, for three collecting districts since the year 1935 (Novr.). The remuneration for this work at present scale comes to only £15 0 0 per year. I may say it was my hope that this work would have led to some better position by way of promotion in your service.

I was a candidate for the position of Rate Inspector but the age limit fixed precluded any possible chance of my appointment.

Taking all the circumstances into account I would now ask you to be so good as to fix an increased rate of pay for my work.

I feel sure that Mr. Healy, who has always afforded me every help and advice, will be in a position to tell you that I have tried to do the work entrusted to me to the best of my ability.

Hoping for a favourable consideration of this application.

I am, gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

MICHAEL O'NEILL.

The Council, having considered all the facts of this case, and realizing the amount of work devolving on Mr. O'Neill, unanimously increased his remuneration from £15 0 0 per annum to £30 per annum.

In the absence of a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the subject, the Council found themselves unable to consider item No. 30 on the Agenda, i.e., the superannuation allowance to which Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., is legally entitled following his resignation from the position of County Surveyor.

Councillor Joseph Jacob having withdrawn his resignation as re-

presentative of the Council on Wicklow Harbour Board no further action in the matter was taken.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve and adopt the following resolution in connection with the County Librarian's salary as passed by the County Library Committee:—

"That in view of the yearly increasing volume of work entailed by the Library expansion in the County, and in consideration of the Librarian's efficient service during the past eight years, I move that the salary of our County Librarian, Miss B. Redmond, be placed upon an incremental basis as from the 1st November, 1938, rising by £10 yearly from £250 to £300."

and for this purpose I move that Standing Orders be suspended.

Passed—Councillors M. Timmins and Major R. Smith dissenting.

When the Council proceeded to consider item No. 33 on the Agenda, i.e., the Notice of Motion proposing to purchase the premises known as Bellevue House, Wicklow, for the purpose of a County Library and Book Repository, the Secretary submitted the following letter in that connection from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health; copy of which he had transmitted to the County Librarian on the 20th January, 1938, to be placed before the Library Committee:—

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

G.99357/37.

Gill Mhanntain.

Eanáir 18, 1938.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 24th November last, applying for sanction to raising a loan of £750 for the purpose of purchasing Bellevue House, The Mall, Wicklow, for County Library premises, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that sanction to the acquisition of these premises in pursuance of the Public Libraries (Ireland) Act, 1855, Section 9, has not been applied for by the Library Authority.

Before the Minister can sanction the acquisition of the premises it will be necessary for the Library Authority to show that they are suitable as to site, that the general arrangement will conduce to economy in administration, and that heating, lighting and ventilation can be adequately provided for.

An old private house with numerous rooms, and a garden and out offices let as garages, does not appear to offer a reasonable prospect of being converted into satisfactory library premises. The documents submitted contain no plan of the House, nor is there any indication how it is proposed to utilize the twenty apartments which the house is said to contain. The Minister will, however, be prepared to give further consideration to the Council's proposal if it can be shown that there is not a better alternative. A report from the Librarian as to the general suitability of the house and how it is proposed to utilise the accommodation it provides together with a plan of the house, should be forwarded in due course. An indication should be given as to the measures to be taken to minimise risks from fire and damp and also a report from the Surveyor as to the structural alterations that will be necessary.

Mise, le meas,

J. COLLINS,

T. c. an Ruisi.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Thomas Birthistle;

Resolved—That provision be made financially in our Estimates for the year 1939/40 for the purchase by means of a loan of £750 of the premises known as Bellevue House, Wicklow, for the purpose of a County Library and Book Repository and that any resolution already on our books in this connection be rescinded, and that Standing Orders be set aside for the purpose of considering this Motion.

Passed.

The Secretary having read the Special Notice issued on the 10th April, 1939, to each Member of Wicklow 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 James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Coolboy);

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 One Hundred and Fifty-One Thousand Five Hundred Pounds (£151,500) for the purpose of carrying through a Scheme of Cottage Building and provision of plots under the Labourers Acts, 1883 to 1931, as amended by the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932.

Passed.

The Secretary having read the Special Notice issued on the 10th April, 1939, to each Member of Wicklow 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 Senator 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 Thirty-One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifteen Pounds (£31,815) for the purpose of the completion of a Scheme for the provision of Seven Hundred and Seven (707) Cottages and Plots promoted by the Board in 1936 under the Labourers Acts 1883 to 1931, as amended by the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John P. O'Donnell;

Seconded by " Michael Mooney;

Resolved—That the Executive Council of the Government be asked to take immediate steps to raise a National Loan which should be devoted to a comprehensive Scheme for relieving the farmers of the country who so badly need assistance.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne ;

Seconded by " Michael Timmins ;

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, respectfully submit to the Government that a comprehensive Scheme should be initiated immediately whereby the monies at present being handed to the unemployed should be given only on the condition that these unemployed men should devote their whole time to work on farms, the owners of which should undertake to increase the amounts of the unemployment allowances to the figure for each man per week to the standard Rate of Wages.

Passed.

Proposed by Senator C. M. Byrne ,

Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;

Resolved—That we now formally execute the three Transfer Certificates regarding certain Land Bonds which have been received by this County Council from the Irish Land Commission for the purpose of discharging rate liabilities on certain holdings acquired by the Irish Land Commission from Margaret McDonald, Barrinstown Upper.

Passed.

At this stage owing to the late hour the Council adjourned the remaining business to a Special Meeting to be held on the same date as the Annual Meeting, i.e., Tuesday, 27th June, 1939.

*C. M. Byrne
27/6/39*

The Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Tuesday, 27th June, 1939.

The following Members were present :—

Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman ;

Councillors Liam O Cleirigh, James McCrea, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ; P. D. Kinsella, Wallace Hammond, J. J. Bourne, George Heatley, Miss Margaret Kelly, John Dunne, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern) ; D. H. Haskins, Michael Timmins, Michael Mooney, M. M. Gleeson, Daniel J. Kehoe, M. J. Brennan, J. P. O'Donnell, Edward Byrne, and Joseph Keenan,

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 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 " Patrick Doyle ;

Resolved—That Councillor Senator 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.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne ;
Seconded by " James McCrea ;

Resolved—That Councillor Edward Byrne, of 9, Florence Terrace, Bray, be re-elected Vice-Chairman of

Wicklow County Council for the ensuing year and until his successor shall have been appointed.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond;

Seconded by " J. J. Bourne;

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 O Cleirigh and the Chairman dissenting in the case of Councillor Birthistle's continued membership of the Arklow Harbour Board.

C. M. Byrne
21/8/39

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 27th June, 1939.

The following Members were present :—

Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillor Liam O Cleirigh, James McCrea, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); P. D. Kinsella, Wallace Hammond, J. J. Bourne, George Heatley, Miss Margaret Kelly, John Dunne, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); D. H. Haskins, Michael Timmins, Michael Mooney, M. M. Gleeson, Daniel J. Kehoe, M. J. Brennan, J. P. O'Donnell, Edward Byrne, and Joseph Keenan.

BUSINESS :

- 1 To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 2 To adopt the Rates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1940, and to allow and make the same as assessed in the Rate Books.
- 3 To sign and Seal the Warrants of the several Poor Rate Collectors.
- 4 To sign and Seal the Demands (Forms 48) on the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow for the year 1939/40.
- 5 To execute Warrants in the name of Mr. Michael O'Neill for the completion of the 1938/1939 Poor Rate Collection in No. 19 Collecting District.
- 6 To execute a Deed of Transfer in connection with certain Land Bonds which have been passed over to the County Council by the Irish Land Commission for the purpose of discharging rate liabilities on certain holdings acquired by the Land Commission.
- 7 To fix dates for the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council and of the Proposals and Finance Committees for the coming year.
- 8 To arrange for the appointment of a Poor Rate Collector for No. 19 Collecting District.
- 9 To consider such letter as may be received from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the superannuation allowance which the Council proposes to pay to Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., following his resignation from the position of County Surveyor.
- 10 To consider the question of providing a Pound in Wicklow Town.
- 11 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture on the 28th February, 1939 :—
"Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Committee of Agriculture view with extreme dissatisfaction the continued prevalence of the Warble Fly and that we desire to impress on the County Council, our opinion that if the result of the supervision of the Warble Fly Inspectors is not more satisfactory this year, that the Scheme should be amended so as to ensure the desired results."
- 12 To consider a resolution passed by the Wicklow County Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held on 28th February, 1939, recommending the Council to pay a subsidy of £1 0 0 to each of seventeen owners of Swim Baths in respect of the repair and maintenance of such Baths during the year 1938.
- 13 To consider a resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held 28th February, 1939, recom-

mending the Council to pay to the owners of private swim Baths sums totalling £121 13 9, calculated at 6/- per 100 sheep double dipped in such baths during 1938.

14 To consider a communication from the Minister for Agriculture with which is submitted copy of specimen regulations for use in enforcing in the County this year the Sheep Dipping Order, 1937.

15 To consider a communication from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture suggesting that the services of the Council's Engineers should be available to the Committee in connection with the erection and reconstruction of Swim Baths.

16 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting held on the 30th May, 1939 :—

“Resolved—That we hereby recommend that the sum of £50 per annum be paid to Mr. G. P. Byrne, Secretary, for extra work in respect of the 1939 Sheep Dipping Scheme.”

17 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held on 30th May, 1939 :—

“Resolved—That a similar Sheep Dipping Scheme to that in operation in County Wicklow in 1938 be put in force for the year 1939, and that Department's recommendations regarding the appointment of Inspectors be considered by the County Council, and that the question of remuneration of the Veterinary Inspectors be also considered by the County Council.”

18 To consider the following resolution submitted by the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board :—

“Resolved—That a Loan of £500 be procured from the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., in order to erect a new house for the Caretaker of the Cemetery, and we request the Contributing Bodies—Wicklow County Council and Wicklow Urban District Council, to give their consent to the Board raising such loan for this work, subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health.”

19 To consider an application from Mr. John O'Rourke of the Staff in the County Surveyor's Office requesting the Council to re-consider his claim for duties discharged by him in checking Poor Rate Collectors' Accounts.

20 To consider a Report presented by a Sub-Committee to, and approved by, Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance in regard to County Engineering Services.

21 To consider a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health replying to the Council's recent resolution on the grievances submitted by the Shillelagh Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

22 To consider an application from Mr. W. J. Richardson, V.S., for the sum of £21 for acting as locum tenens to Mr. S. Conway, V.S., during the latter's illness over a period of five weeks.

23 To consider County Analyst's Report for the quarter ended 31st March, 1939.

24 To consider Minutes of monthly meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee.

25 To consider a Report from the Council's Solicitor as to the possibility of collecting outstanding amounts under the Seeds Supply Schemes, 1932, and 1933.

26 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

27 To receive Reports from County Officers.

28 To consider official correspondence.

29 To consider General correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne ;

Seconded by „ Liam O Cleirigh ;

Resolved—That our Secretary be hereby instructed to issue a new Licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, to Mr. John Storey Annesley, 50, Main Street, Arklow, in room of Mr. Thomas Annesley, of the same address.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins ;

Seconded by „ Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That we now adopt the Rates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1940, and allow and make the same as assessed in the Rate Books and that the Poor Rate Collectors' Warrants for the financial year ending on 31st March, 1940, be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne ;

Seconded by „ Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That we hereby accept and approve the claims for irrecoverable Rates submitted to us by the Poor Rate Collectors for the following Districts :—Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 16 and 17 which had been considered at the meeting held on the 22nd May, 1939, and returned to the Collectors, and we direct our Secretary to deal with these claims according to our ruling made thereon to-day.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;

Seconded by „ John Dunne ;

Resolved—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District Council of Arklow for the sum of £3170 8 5 determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1940, be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;

Seconded by „ John Dunne ;

Resolved—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District Council of Bray for the sum of £13,187 12 8 determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1940, be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;

Seconded by „ John Dunne ;

Resolved—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District Council of Wicklow for the sum of £3,617 14 6 determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1940, be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;

Seconded by „ John Dunne ;

Resolved—That we now sign and Seal the warrants authorising the closing by Mr. Michael O'Neill, Lower Bullingate, Carnew, of the 1938/1939 Collection in No. 19 District from which Mr. John J Doyle, resigned.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;

Seconded by „ John Dunne ;

Resolved—That we hereby direct the Deed of Transfer from the County Council to the Maynooth Mission to China, incorporated, in connection with certain Land Bonds which have been passed over to the County Council by the Irish Land Commission for the purpose of discharging Rate liabilities on certain holdings acquired by the Land Commission, be sealed by affixing the Common Seal of the County Council thereto, same to be countersigned by the Chairman of the Council.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor George Heatley ;

Seconded by „ J J Bourne ;

Resolved—That, subject to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health offering no objection, we hereby fix the following dates for the following Quarterly Meetings of the Proposals Committee and of the County Council to be held during the year 1939/1940 :—

Place of Meeting,	Hour	Summer Qr.	Autumn Qr.	Winter Qr.	Spring Qr.
		1939	1939	1940	1940
PROPOSALS COMMITTEE					
Courthouse, Wicklow	12	Fri, July 21	Fri., Oct. 13	Fri., Jan. 12	Fri., Apl. 12
COUNTY COUNCIL					
Courthouse, Wicklow	12	Mon., Aug. 21	Mon., Nov. 13	Mon., Feb. 12	Tues., May 14

Passed.

The Council decided to adjourn consideration of the arrangements to be made for the appointment of a Poor Rate Collector for No. 19 Collecting District, from which Mr. J. J. Doyle, The Bakery, Carnew, resigned, in order to afford some time to the temporary Collector Mr. Michael O'Neill, of Lower Bullingate, Carnew, to proceed with the collection of the outstanding Poor Rates in that area.

The Council also adjourned to their next meeting the question of further considering the superannuation allowance which it is proposed to pay to Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., following his resignation from the position of County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne ;

Seconded by „ Liam O Cleirigh ;

Resolved—That our Acting County Surveyor be requested to select premises in the Town of Wicklow suitable for use as a Pound, and that Wicklow Urban District Council be asked if they are prepared to pay one half the actual cost of obtaining and maintaining the said Pound so that they may have the full use thereof, as is contemplated by the appropriate Act.

Passed.

The Council considered the following resolution which was passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture on the 28th February, 1939 :—

“Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Committee of Agriculture view with extreme dissatisfaction the continued prevalence of the Warble Fly and that we desire to impress on the County Council, our opinion that if the result of the supervision of the Warble Fly Inspectors is not more satisfactory this year that the scheme should be amended so as to ensure the desired results.”

ORDER—Approved—copy to be sent to the Department of Agriculture.

The Secretary submitted the following letter :—

AN ROINN TALMHADHEACHTA,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH,
27th May, 1939.

No. L.352/39.

Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Orders, 1936 and 1939.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 23rd instant and its enclosed copy of an explanation submitted by Mr. Patrick Murphy, regarding certain reported irregularities in connection with his employment as a temporary Inspector under the above-mentioned Orders, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that, in the circumstances, he cannot see his way to agree to Mr. Murphy's re-instatement.

It is suggested that for the remainder of the present season the work in the district for which Mr. Murphy was responsible be divided between the Inspectors for the adjoining areas.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,
P. O'CONNOR,
for Secretary.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse.

WICKLOW.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Mooney ;

Seconded by „ Patrick Doyle (Wintavern) ;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr. Patrick Murphy, herd, Oakwood, Vallemount, at the usual remuneration to act as Inspector under the Warble Fly Order—to continue operating the provisions of the Order in the area to which Mr. Patrick Murphy, his namesake, was for so long Inspector, this appointment to continue from this date.

Passed on a show of hands by 12 votes to 3.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne ;

Seconded by „ James McCrea ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture on 28th February, 1939 :—

“That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay 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 1938, amounting in all to £17 0 0, subject to the sanction of the Department of Agriculture :-

John Doyle	Ballymoney, Donard	£1 0 0
John Byrne	Moneystown, Roundwood	1 0 0
Joseph Fisher	Ballinahinch, Newtown	1 0 0
Patrick Bracken	Johnstown, Arklow	1 0 0
Patrick Harmon	Ballingule, Rathdangan	1 0 0
John Jones	Newtownsaunders, Baltinglass	1 0 0
Lawrence Cullen	Ballyknockan, Blessington	1 0 0
James Leigh	The Creamery, Pallynure	1 0 0
William Toomey	Annacrevy, Enniskerry	1 0 0
St. Kevin's School	Lough Bray	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, sen.	Three Wells, Aughrim	1 0 0
John Foley	Coolbawn, Aughrim	1 0 0
Mrs. Mary Loughlin	Ballykillageor, Woodenbridge	1 0 0
Patrick Toomey	Carriglineen, Rathdrum	1 0 0
Passed.	Total	£17 0 0

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea ;

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 28th February, 1939 :-

" Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the following persons the amounts set out in respect of the Private Swim Baths—in each case of which 100 or more sheep were double dipped during the 1938 dipping period, at the rate of 6/- per 100 sheep double dipped, amounting in all to £121 13 9, subject to the sanction of the Department of Agriculture :-

		£	s	d
J. O'Toole	Ballinvalley, Avoca	215	0	12 11
J. Langrell	Cappagh, Aughrim	861	2	11 8
John O'Toole	Farbrague	1744	5	4 7
William Fogarty	Upper Aughrim	601	1	16 0
Michael Carthy	Ballycurragh, Aughrim	751	2	5 0
Michael Lynch	Ballymanus, Aughrim	1388	4	3 3
Walter Kerr	Ballybeg, Kilbride	107	0	6 5
E. J. Byrne	Coolbeg, Wicklow	196	0	11 9
S. Symes	Hawkstown	172	0	10 4
John Nolan	Ballinclare, Kilbride	183	0	11 0
William McDonald	Dunganstown, Wicklow	111	0	6 8
Miss Byrne	Keatingstown	137	0	8 3
Joseph Kehoe	Dunbur, Wicklow	128	0	7 8
John O'Reilly	Ballinahinch, Newtown	361	1	1 8
Jehn Kavanagh	Seasonpark	315	0	18 11
Sylvester Bourke	Kilmullen	167	0	10 0
Michael Devitt	Killalane, Laragh	448	1	6 10
Thomas McCall	Carrigeen Duff, Annamoe	463	1	7 9
Thomas Kinlan	Carrigeenshinnagh, Annamoe	189	0	11 4
James Belton	Killiskey, Ashford	200	0	12 0
Hugh Cooney	Ballygannon, Glenealy	364	1	1 10
John Thunder	Ballyduff, Ashford	147	0	8 10
George Knox	Killoughter	102	0	6 0
Anthony Leeson	Glassnamullen, Kilpedder	593	1	15 7
Brian Somers	"	555	1	13 4
James C. Cain	Kilamalum, Blessington	1556	4	13 4
Thomas Shannon	Lugnagrough	762	2	5 9
Edward Reilly	Garryknock, Vallemount	284	0	17 0
Mrs. M. A. Farrington	Glenbride	307	0	18 5
Robert Laurie	Ballinagee	259	0	15 6
P. Nolan	Kneckadruce	244	0	14 8
James Toner	Kilcoole	623	1	17 4
G. Evans	Farrankelly, Greystones	152	0	9 0
P. Darcy	Rathdown	130	0	8 0
D. D. Frame	Bellevue, Delgany	137	0	8 3
Mrs. M. A. Jones	Tinnapark, Kilpedder	225	0	13 6
James Kane	Blessington	251	0	15 0
R. Boothman	Miley Hall, Blessington	334	1	0 2
John Murphy	Ballinatona	426	1	5 6
Bernard Farrar	Cunniamstown, Rathdrum	212	0	12 9
G. Tutty	Clonshannon, Knockenarrigan	194	0	11 9
T. Hoxey	Dernamuck	107	0	6 4
Mrs. S. Hawkins	Killabeg	509	1	10 6
J. Finlay	Ballytoole	113	0	6 8
J. Collins	Coolamadra	901	2	14 0
Mrs. K. Lennon	Kilcoagh, Donard	867	2	12 0
B. Case	Brittas, Knockenarrigan	146	0	8 10
P. Headon	Newpark, Donard	1005	3	0 3
Richard Hawkins	Colvinstown, Kiltegan	511	1	10 8
Christy Moody	Eadestown, Stratford	1182	3	11 0
James Nolan	Stratford Lodge, Baltinglass	296	0	17 9
Peter Byrne	Cornaan, Rathdangan	279	0	16 8
Patrick Murphy	Oakwood, Blessington	2194	6	11 9
John Burke	Currough, Hollywood	764	2	5 9
Patrick Nolan	Knockadruce, Blessington	214	0	12 11
Thomas Hubbard	"	360	1	1 8
John Farrington	Hollywood, Naas	2824	8	9 6
S. Jackson	Toberbeg, Dunlavin	1355	4	1 4

J. Byrne	Moyne, Ballinglen	2243	6	14 8
G. Kerr	St. Mullins, Tinahely	1686	5	1 2
J. Kavanagh	Rosbawn, "	489	1	9 4
S. Kidd	Ballinglen	512	1	10 8
A. Griffin	Greenhall, Tinahely	255	0	13 6
Mrs. Earl	Rosnastraw	315	0	18 11
E. Byrne	Muskeagh	1199	3	12 0
Michael O'Brien	Sruhaun, Baltinglass	24	0	1 6
Frederick O'Neill	Rampere	321	0	19 3
Charles Wynne	Manger, Stratford	152	0	9 0
Edward Hanlon	Tuckmill, Baltinglass	378	1	2 8
P. Byrne	Paddock, Enniskerry	368	1	2 0
Earl of Meath	Kilruddery, Bray	361	1	1 8
Henry Sutton	Lower Calary, Kilmacanogue	156	0	9 4
Anthony Gleeson	Glasnamullen, Roundwood	240	0	14 6
E. Hammond	Croneyhorn, Carnew	426	1	5 6
Peter Doyle	Yew Tree Farm, Shillelagh	251	0	15 0
R. Tyrner	Minmore, Shillelagh	170	0	10 0
S. Porter	Springfield, Clonegal	182	0	11 0
W. Lawrence	Stratnakelly, Tinahely	169	0	10 0
J. Clare	Ballynultagh, Shillelagh	186	0	11 0
W. Porter	Newry, Clonegal	301	0	18 0
Passed.	Total	£121 13 9		

The following letter was considered :-

AN ROINN TALMHAIDHEATHA.

BAILE ATHA CLIATH.

19th May, 1939.

No. L.1808/39.

Sir,

I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state, for the information of your Local Authority, that he has had before him a report from one of his Superintendent Veterinary Inspectors who recently made a tour of inspection in County Wicklow, primarily in connection with the operation of the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Orders. It appears from the report that there could, with advantage, be a revision of the area allotted to the respective Inspectors not only with respect to the work under the Warble Fly Orders but also under the Local Authority's Sheep Dipping Scheme. The Minister is of opinion that an opportune time to consider the matter would be when the question of arrangements for the forthcoming dipping period is being dealt with.

If so desired the Minister will be prepared to depute an Inspector to attend the meeting at which the matter will be discussed.

I am to request the favour of an early reply,

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,
W. M. BOWERS,
for Secretary.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

Having heard the views of Mr. W. B. Prendergast, Veterinary Inspector of the Department of Agriculture—who was present at the meeting, it was

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea ;

Seconded by " Wallace Hammond ;

Resolved—That we hereby refer to the County Committee of Agriculture the entire responsibility of drafting the Sheep Dipping Scheme for the year 1939, and we request that Committee to consider and report to this Council as to suitable Districts, etc.

Passed.

The Council adjourned to their next meeting consideration of a communication dated the 1st May, 1939, No. L.1471/39, from the Department of Agriculture with reference to the Sheep Dipping Order, 1937, together with the Draft Regulations thereunder.

The Secretary submitted a communication dated the 10th June, 1939, from the County Committee of Agriculture in which it was suggested that the services of the Council's Engineers should be made available to that Committee in connection with the erection and re-construction of Swim Baths.

No Order.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea ;

Seconded by " M. M. Gleeson ;

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 30th May, 1939 :-

" That we hereby recommend that the sum of £50 per annum be paid to Mr. G. P. Byrne, Secretary, for extra work in respect of the 1939 Sheep Dipping Scheme."

The Council adjourned to their next meeting consideration of a resolution passed by the County Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body held on the 30th May, 1939, regarding the arrangements necessary for the operation of the Sheep Dipping Scheme in 1939.

The Council also adjourned consideration of a further letter from the County Committee of Agriculture dated the 16th June, 1939, suggesting alterations in the areas of certain Sheep Dipping Inspectors.

The Secretary submitted, for the information of the Members of the Council, copy of the following letter which had been received by the

County Committee of Agriculture from the Department of Agriculture :-

AN ROINN TALMHAIDHEACHTA,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH,
N.E. 1601/39. 21st June, 1939.

LIME SUBSIDY SCHEME.

Sir,

With reference to the Department's circular letter (K.1601/39) of the 1st instant, you are informed that in addition to members of Committees of Agriculture, Members of County Councils will also be eligible to obtain lime under the Lime Subsidy Scheme administered through the Committee of Agriculture,

D. TWOMEY,
Secretary.

The Secretary,
County Committee of Agriculture.

The Council decided to adjourn consideration of the resolution forwarded by the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board in which permission is sought to raise a Loan of £500 to erect a new house for the caretaker at the Cemetery, Rathnew.

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

Resolved—After consideration of the Department's letter Ref. G.8537/39, Cill Mhanntain, and in view of the disparity between the figure sanctioned by the Department and our present Rate Inspector's salary, we consider that Mr. John O'Rourke is not being adequately remunerated for his services to this Council. He carried out the duties of Rate Inspector in a thorough and efficient manner for practically an entire Collecting Year (i.e. from 10th March to 31st December, 1938), and we are satisfied that the original figure of Seventy Five Pounds (£75) recommended unanimously by our Finance Committee and unanimously approved of by this Council, was not excessive.

We, therefore, request the Minister to reconsider his decision and to sanction payment to Mr. O'Rourke of Seventy-Five Pounds (£75).

Passed.

The following communication and Report were submitted :-

WICKLOW BOARD OF HEALTH,
Secretary's Office,
County Home,
Rathdrum,
30th March, 1939.

The Secretary,
County Council,
WICKLOW.

County Engineering Services.

Dear Mr. Healy,

I beg to enclose to enclose, for your information, copy of a report of a sub-committee of the Board in above connection, which was considered at the meeting on 27th instant, and approved.

Yours faithfully,
T. BYRNE,

J.S.

REPORT.

27th March, 1939.

WE, the members of the Committee set up by the Board of Health and Public Assistance at their meeting on the 27th February for the purpose of considering and advising the Board as to the salaries to be fixed for the Board's three Engineers under the County system of Engineering as outlined in the Report of the Joint Committee of the County Council and Board of Health, have met today and we have gone very carefully into the question of the financial effect of the new system in so far as it relates to each Engineer. The obvious intention of the new scheme is that Engineers are to be paid an inclusive salary for all work performed by them for the Board instead of the present system of salary and fees.

P. J. FOLEY, Esq., B.E.—This officer was appointed by the late Baltinglass Rural District Council in 1918 at a salary of £69 per annum, the duties to be performed for this sum were the supervision of repairs and maintenance of 206 Labourers' Cottages, maintenance of Water Supplies, pumps, sewers, burial grounds, and other small works of a public health nature. In addition, he was to be paid 5 per cent. on the total cost of new Public Health or Burial Ground Works and 2½ per cent. on expenditure on building of new cottages or fencing of cottage plots, and ten shillings per plot for marking of sites in a Labourers Act Scheme. In 1927 he was appointed by the Board of Health to perform the Engineering work in this area under the Poor Law and Medical Charities Act at a salary of £15 per annum, his duties being in connection with the maintenance of dispensaries and dispensary residences. For similar work under the Poor Law and Medical Charities and County Home, he was appointed in 1923 for a portion of the Rathdrum Union area at a salary of £15 per annum and for works in connection with 113 Labourers' Cottages and Public Health Acts in same area, at a salary of £45 per annum. The Special fees in this area were fixed at 2½ per cent. on all new works costing over £500 and the usual fees of 2½ per cent. in connection with the erection of Labourers' Cottages and the fencing of plots, and 10/- per site for each site marked. Mr. Foley's average annual income in the five years ended 31st March, 1938, in respect of salary and fees was £927 13 6 and we fully realise the difficulty of recommending a salary even nearly approaching this amount. We have, however, taken into account that since this officer was appointed, the total number of cottages has increased from 319 to 605 up to the present, and when schemes at present in hands are complete, the number will have increased to 1092; in addition he has the increased responsibilities of the maintenance of 7 new water supplies and 7 new sewerage systems; the District Hospital at Baltinglass and the new burial ground provided in recent years.

J. T. O'BYRNE, Esq., B.E.—This officer was appointed in 1928 for the former Rathdown No. 2 Union area, and a portion of the Rathdrum Rural area, at a combined salary of £140 for works and maintenance, etc., under the Public Health and Labourers Acts, and a combined salary of £40 for similar work under the Poor Law and Medical Charities Acts; 2½ per cent. on all new works costing over £500 and 2½ per cent. in connection with cottage building and fencing, and 10/- per site for sites marked. Since his appointment the number of cottages in his area increased from 452 to 947 to date and when schemes at present in hands are complete, the number will have increased to 1502, six new water supplies and four new sewerage systems have also come under his charge. Mr. Byrne's average income in salary and fees for 5 years ended 31st March last amounted to £927 10 8.

J. P. CAFFREY, Esq., B.E.—This officer was appointed in 1929 at a salary of £15 per annum in respect of works of maintenance, etc. under the Poor Law and Medical Charities Acts and a salary of £65 for similar works under the Public Health and Labourers Acts; 2½ per cent. on all new works costing over £500, and 2½ per cent. on cottage building and fencing, and 10/- per site for each site marked. Since his appointment the number of cottages increased from 197 to 300 to date and when schemes at present in hands are complete the number will have further increased to 427;—3 new water supply schemes and one new sewerage scheme have also come under his supervision.

While agreeing with the recommendation of the Joint Committee as to allowing the Engineers to complete the work at present in their hands, we find that this is hardly practicable. We consequently recommend that the date on which salary for the inclusive work for the County Council and the Board of Health and Public Assistance should commence by the 1st day of April, 1940, and that the total salaries, exclusive of travelling expenses, for County Services be fixed as follows:—

Messrs. J. T. O'Byrne and P. J. Foley—£600 per annum by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £700 per annum.

Mr. J. P. Caffrey—£500 per annum by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £700 per annum;

these salaries to be paid jointly by the County Council and the Board of Health and Public Assistance in equal parts, and all fees earned by the Engineers to 31st March, 1940 to be paid.

We further recommend that the areas supervised by each Engineer should be re-arranged to bring roads and Board of Health work into accord. For this purpose, the County Council be asked to appoint a Committee to discuss this matter at an early date with a Committee of the Board.

For pension purposes the salaries now recommended to be made retrospective to the dates on each Engineer's appointment originally. Service in each case to be regarded as whole-time and work with Urban District Councils only to be carried out with the consent of the Board of Health and the County Council.

The Engineers desire it to be understood that in the event of this arrangement not being subsequently adopted and approved by the Local Government Department, any existing rights which they may have shall not be prejudiced by these proposals.

Signed: C. M. BYRNE,
PATRICK DOYLE,
J. J. BOURNE.

Dated this 27th day of March, 1939.

ORDER—Left in the hands of the Minister for Local Government for decision.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;
Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Coolboy);

Resolved—That we place on record our appreciation of the manner in which Mr. Joseph T. O'Byrne, B.E., has discharged the duties of Acting County Surveyor since he was appointed to that position on the 3rd June, 1938—over a year ago—and we hereby appoint Mr. O'Byrne permanently to the position of County Surveyor for the County of Wicklow, a position in which we feel he will give every satisfaction.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Foyle (Coolboy);
Seconded by " Wallace Hammond;

Resolved—That we hereby request our Acting County Surveyor to make arrangements for the reception of the following deputation by the appropriate officers of the Department of Local Government for the purpose of strongly representing that all the County Roads already recommended and certain other ones which have since come to our notice be re-classified and henceforth accepted as Main Roads:—

Councillors James McCrea;
Michael Timmins
with Deputy Everitt and our Chairman and
Vice Chairman.

Passed.

A communication dated the 26th June, 1939, was submitted purporting to have been addressed to the Chairman by the single men of Finaleely, Coolboy, and district in which complaints were made as to the manner in which men were employed in these areas.

No order, as the document was not signed by any person.

The following application was considered:—

BLESSINGTON,
28/6/39.

Dear Sir,

Can you arrange for me to take the balance of my holidays—the dates to be arranged with you and the County Surveyor—some time in August.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. FOLEY.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,
Secretary, County Council,
ORDER—Granted.

The following communication was considered:—

AUGHRIM,
27/6/39.

P. T. Healy, Esq.
Dear Sir,

I wish to apply to the Council for three weeks of my annual leave from July 10th.

Mr. O'Byrne will attend to any urgent business during my absence
Your faithfully,
J. P. CAFFREY.

ORDER—Granted.

The Secretary submitted the following communication which he had received in connection with complaints made by the Shillelagh Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee as to the difficulties they were confronted with from time to time in the administration of the Acts:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,
(Old Age Pensions Branch),
CUSTOM HOUSE,
DUBLIN,

B⁰9/5
Shillelagh.
A Chara,

15th May, 1939.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th instant; and I am to state that the Minister has no responsibility for Investigation Officers who are officers of the Revenue Commissioners, and are, therefore, under the control of the Minister for Finance.

Mise le meas,
M. de Lasaigh,
Leas Runai.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,
Wicklow Local Pension
Committee,
Courthouse,
WICKLOW.

The Secretary intimated that on receipt of this letter he had taken the matter up with the Department of Finance and was awaiting the reply to his communication.

The following claim, dated 30th March, 1939, was submitted from Mr. W. J. Richardson, M.E.C.V.S., Leabeg House, Newcastle.

To professional services rendered during Mr. Conway's illness for five weeks @ £4 4s. = £21 0 0.

ORDER—To be paid the amount that would normally be payable to Mr. Conway in respect of the period during which Mr. Richardson was acting.

The following report from the County Analyst on the articles analysed by her during the quarter ended 31st March, 1939, was 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 31/3/1939.

Articles submitted for Analysis.	Date Received.	No.	From	Result of Analysis.
New Milk	26-1-39	2	Co. Home, Rathdrum	Genuine
New Milk	27-1-39	1	Fever Hospital	"
New Milk	"	1	Co. Hospital	"
Milk	28-1-39	1	Baltinglass District Hospital	"
Whole Milk	4-2-39	1	Dunlavin, Guard Laverty	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Lard	"	1	"	"
Butter	8-2-39	1	Blessington, Guard Brennan	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	"	2	"	"
Whiskey	10-2-39	1	Carnew, Guard Doyle	"
Whole Milk	"	1	"	"
Sugar	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	25-2-39	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	"
Milk	3-3-39	1	Co. Hospital	"
Milk	"	1	Fever Hospital	"
Whole Milk	8-3-39	3	Newtown, Guard Nevin	2 gen. 1 not gen
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	9-3-39	2	Rathdrum, Guard Sweeney	"
Butter	"	2	"	"
Whole Milk	10-3-39	4	Bray, Guard Staunton	"
Whole Milk	11-3-39	4	"	"
Jam	14-3-39	1	Shillelagh, Guard Behan	"
Cocoa	"	1	"	"
Port Wine	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	22-3-39	2	Wicklow, Guard Bergin	"
Cream	"	1	"	"
Skim-Milk	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	29-3-39	4	Greystones, Guard Dwyer	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Dripping	"	1	"	"
Cocoa	"	1	"	"
Drugs	7-1-39	3	Sanatorium, Rathdrum	"
"	12-1-39	3	Aughrim Dispensary	"
"	"	3	Blessington "	"
"	25-1-39	3	Annamoe "	"
"	26-1-39	3	Rathdrum "	"
"	28-1-39	3	Fever Hospital	"
"	14-2-39	3	Newcastle Dispensary	"
"	1-3-39	3	Co. Home, Rathdrum	"
"	3-3-39	3	Dunlavin Dispensary	"
"	13-3-39	3	Co. Hospital	"
"	22-3-39	1	Dalgany Dispensary	"
Water	4-1-39	3	Wicklow Urban Council	Passed

Total number of samples analyzed during the Quarter—Foods, 49; Drugs, 31; Waters, 3. Total 83. Number Adulterated—1 Whole Milk.
Date 6/4/1939.

Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

The Minutes of proceedings of monthly meetings of the County Library Committee were submitted.

Proposed by Councillor David H. Haskins;
Seconded by " J. J. Bourne;

Resolved—That our Solicitor be requested to report to this Council in respect to all the facts which have led up to the loss of £1880 a year approximately following the taking over of about 6,000 acres of land at Poulaphuca in connection with the Electric and Water Supply Scheme there.

Passed.

The following Report from the Council's Solicitor was submitted:—

4, Church Street,
WICKLOW,
12th May, 1939.

Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

Referring to our recent interview when you handed me copy of the Report of the Finance Committee on the Rate Estimates for year ending 31st March, 1940, and directed my attention to the paragraph in said report dealing with the amount outstanding in respect of the operation of the Seeds Supply Scheme in the years 1932 and 1933.

As I pointed out to you at said interview, the sums due in respect of the year 1932 are Statute barred and accordingly I would be slow to recommend the Council to institute proceedings, as, in the event of the Statute of Limitations being pleaded, Defendants would be entitled to have the proceedings dismissed with costs against the County Council.

As regards the amount due under the 1933 Scheme, I have done everything possible to secure payment of the balance by writing the defaulters from time to time and the only course that would now appear open to the Council is to institute proceedings against the defaulters.

Before instructing me to institute such proceedings the Council should consider in what cases there would be even a reasonable chance of recovering the amounts due by invoking the aid of the Court.

Yours faithfully,
J. BRAZIL.

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

No Order.

Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond;
Seconded by " J. J. Bourne;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Rev. Alfred K. Palmer, to fill the vacancy existing on the Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee for the area formerly known as Shillelagh Rural District in room of Rev. W. Maitland, who has left the Rectory, Shillelagh.

Passed.

A file of correspondence was submitted from the Secretary, The Drainage Commission, 6, Harcourt Street, Dublin, including a letter dated the 20th May, 1939, again requesting a written statement of the evidence to be submitted to the Commission by representatives of the Council.

The Secretary pointed out that the Council a considerable time ago had placed upon the shoulders of the Acting County Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., the responsibility of collating and submitting to the Secretary of the Drainage Commission the evidence which it was proposed to submit, and he understood that Mr. O'Byrne had this matter well in hand and would be in a position to submit written statements to the Commission at a very early date.

Councillor Patrick Doyle, of Winetavern, who had been appointed as one of the Council's representatives for the purpose of giving evidence, asked the Council's permission to withdraw, which permission was duly given.

The Council, thereupon, appointed the Chairman, Senator C. M. Byrne, Ballykillavane, Glenealy, in Councillor Doyle's place to give evidence before the Commission as one of the Council's representatives.

The following letter from the Irish Farmers' Federation was submitted:—

Springfield,
Kilbride,
WICKLOW,
26th June, 1939.

The Secretary,
Co. Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
WICKLOW.

A Chara.
At a meeting of the Co. Executive of the Irish Farmers' Federation held in Aughrim on the 20th inst., I was directed to forward you the following resolution and to ask the members of the Wicklow County Council to press for a very special increase in the Agricultural Grant for Co. Wicklow, owing to the exceptional position of County Wicklow with regard to motor traffic compared with other counties.

Resolution:—That pending de-rating we call on the County Council to immediately call on the Government to ask them to give an extra Agricultural Grant to County Wicklow, owing to the condition Wicklow bears in relation to Dublin especially on the subject of roads and motor traffic.

Mise le meas,
ELIZABETH F. BOBBETT,
Co. and General Secretary.

ORDER—Copy of this letter to be sent to the Executive Council of the Government.

Proposed by Councillor G. Heatley;
Seconded by " M. M. Gleeson;

Resolved—We hereby direct that the empty oil drums in the

southern areas of this County be disposed of at One Shilling each.
Passed.

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

Resolved—That we, the County Council for the County of Wicklow, having given the most careful consideration to all the facts appertaining thereto, hereby place on our records our unanimous opinion that the following Poor Rate Collectors at present in our service, all of whom were appointed prior to 1st December, 1923, should be and are entitled to a superannuation allowance whenever they submit satisfactory documentary evidence that they are no longer able to discharge their duties efficiently by reason of the fact that they are suffering from permanent infirmity of body, or mind, or age :—

Collecting District.	Name of Collector.
1	Luke McDonnell
3	Edward Lynch
7	P J Doyle
8	Patrick Mulligan
9	Mrs. K M Doyle
13/14/15	Michael Roche
16	P J O'Byrne
18	Thomas Fleming

The County Council has deliberately included Poor Rate Collector Mrs. K. M. Doyle (No. 9 District) in the above list notwithstanding the fact that to give effect to Government policy as expressed at that time to our Chairman the word "part-time" was introduced in connection with her original appointment on the 19th November, 1923, because every member of this Council is aware that it was at all times the unanimous wish and desire of this Council that, as the widow of the late Secretary, Mr. Simon J. Doyle, her position should be pensionable, and, further, because it is within the personal knowledge of the members of this Council that, as her annual remuneration clearly indicates, she has had to devote her whole time to discharging all the duties of her position. The Council desire to strongly emphasise that Mrs. K. M. Doyle and her late husband, Mr. Simon J. Doyle, between them, have devoted forty years of their lives, approximately, to the service of Local Administration in County Wicklow, and to the further fact that the late Mr. Doyle, County Secretary, gave invaluable service and assistance both prior to and during the change over from the British form of Local Government in 1922, and shortly afterwards died in office, due, as was freely stated at the time, to the strain that period imposed upon him.

Passed unanimously.

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 21st August, 1939, I will move—That the approval of the County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of £7,600 for the purpose of re-laying the Water Main from the Glen of the Downs to Greystones, for the improvement of Greystones Water Supply."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

ABSTRACT OF CORRESPONDENCE.

Abstract of correspondence laid before the Spring Quarterly Meeting held on Monday, the 22nd May, 1939.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH.

23rd March, 1939, No. G.31/39, transmitting, for the Council's attention, an application received from Mr. Michael Bracken, Kilmorra, Woodenbridge, to be supplied with free seeds.

3rd April, 1939, sanctioning overdraft accommodation not exceeding £35,000 for the period ending 31st May, 1939.

3rd April, 1939, No. G.8736/2/33 Cill Mhanntain, referring to the Council's resolution re Seeds Supply Schemes and pointing out that where the 1933 Seed Scheme was properly administered the loss sustained was negligible.

21st April, 1939, No. R/RS/33, sanctioning the retention in the County Surveyor's Office in a temporary capacity until the 30th September next of Miss May Byrne.

25th April, 1939, No. IR/113, intimating that a Conference of County Surveyors will be held in Dublin on 2nd and 3rd May, and it was hoped arrangements could be made for some Assistant Surveyors to attend in addition to the County Surveyor.

2nd May, 1939, No. P.61/1939, Ighneitheach, intimating that the Minister has made an Order amending the County Scheme, and copy of the Order will be forwarded when printed.

3rd May, 1939, Cir. H.60/39, requesting local authorities, before making an advance under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, to secure repayment by an instrument vesting the ownership of the property in the local authority.

9th May, 1939, No. A.1228/39, reporting that the Minister has nominated the following persons to be the Council's representatives on the Insured Persons (Local Authorities Nominees) Members' Electorate under the National Health Insurance and Widows and Orphans Pensions Acts :—

Mr. Charles O'Reilly, Blacklion, Greystones,
Mr. John McDonald, Drumeen, Annamoe,
Miss Kathleen McCall, High Street, Wicklow.

11th May, 1939, No. P.H.29276/38, Cill Mhanntain (Pd), forwarding copy of an Order made by the Minister altering the area of Charge for the special expenses of providing and maintaining a sewerage system at Kilmool from Newcastle Dispeusary District to the area formerly known as Rathdrum Rural District.

12th May, 1939, No. P.H.29260/3/38, Cill Mhanntain (Pd), forwarding copy of an Order made by the Minister determining the former Rathdrum Rural District to be the area of charge for the purpose of providing and maintaining a water supply at Newcastle.

16th May, 1939, No. RGS/201, intimating that the approval of the Minister for Finance has been received to the recoupment from the Road Fund of the allowances to County and Assistant Surveyors in respect of road work under grants from Public Funds during the present financial year on the same basis as in the year 1938-39.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

29th March, 1939, No. L.4637/38, requesting all Local Authorities that supply sheep dip in connection with compulsory Sheep Dipping Scheme to obtain a guarantee beforehand that any dip tendered for is free from colouring matter which cannot readily be washed out of the wool, as otherwise the value of the fleeces may be considerably depreciated.

March, 1939, Memorandum regarding regulations dealing with the landing of bringing into a Port in the State of Hay, Straw, and Peat Moss Litter.

17th May, 1939, No. 10652/F, stating the Department is advised that on the abandonment of the old county road which runs through the State Forest lands at Garnagowlan the property therein passed to the owner of the lands over which it ran, and intimating that the Department will be prepared to allow Mr. Mooney to continue to have a right of way for foot traffic over the passage, but not for vehicular traffic.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

15th May, 1939, Memorandum, stating if the Council desire to re-introduce a Scheme of Scholarships from Primary Schools to Secondary Schools details of such scheme should be forwarded to the Department not later than the 1st July in the year preceeding that in which the examination is to be held.

FROM THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS.

5th April, 1939, No. C.94.347/1/39, drawing the Council's attention to the National Monuments Act, 1930, which extends considerably the powers of Local Authorities in regard to the protection and preservation of National Monuments.

FROM THE COUNCIL'S SOLICITOR.

23rd March, 1939, reporting the refusal of the District Justice at Newtownmountkennedy District Court on the 23rd instant to commit a boy named Michael Farrell, Tiltour, to an Industrial School.

10th May, 1939, reporting the conviction at Blessington District Court on the 8th instant of Mr. Martin Donoghue, Monaspick, Brittas, for having under his charge 35 sheep which were affected with sheep scap—the defendant being fined 10/- and ordered to pay £1 10s. expenses.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.

5th August, 1938 (addressed to the Chairman), from Mr. Thomas A. Murphy, B.A., St. Joseph's, 61, Booterstown Avenue, Blackrock, Dublin, suggesting the County Council should actively interest themselves in the preservation of old Graveyards, Rath, Forts, etc.

21st January, 1939, from J. J. Scallan, Solicitor, 23, Suffolk Street, Dublin, C.3, intimating that Mr. James J. Magee, assigned to his clients, the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company all his right and title and interest in such compensation as may be recoverable by him under the provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and amending statutes.

15th March, 1939, from S. Conway, V.S., Salem, Wicklow, regarding the necessity for some kind of supervision of the work of the Warble Fly Inspectors.

15th March, 1939, from Mr. George Irvine, Hon. Secretary, The Irish Union for Abolition of Vivisection, 6, Mountpleasant Square, Ranelagh, Dublin, forwarding copy of a resolution passed by the Union calling upon the Government to abolish vivisection.

21st March, 1939, from Mr. John McGrath, Town Clerk, Town Hall, Wicklow, conveying a protest from the Wicklow Urban District Council against the fixing of the area of charge to include Wicklow Urban area in the recent award of the Circuit Court Judge of the sum of £435 to Mr. James J. Magee, Delgany, for the burning of hay.

31st March, 1939, from Mr. T. Kennedy, Hon. Secretary, Social Credit Bureau, 2, Upper Ely Place, Dublin, enclosing leaflets dealing with the high rates of interest on loans to local authorities.

31st March, 1939, from the Separatist Club, 4, Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin, enclosing a "Separatist Statement on Irish Defence."

March, 1939, 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 25th Annual Conference to be held at Belfast, June 29th to 1st July, 1939.

8th April, 1939, from Mr. E. Dignam, Rail Transport Employees' Political Organisation, "Cuil Aodha," Ballysimon Road, Limerick, stating the Transport Tribunal offers a good opportunity to County Councils to make a good case for increased grants for road maintenance.

12th April, 1939, from Mr. J. M. Brennan, Hon. Secretary, 1916 Veterans' Association, 16, Parnell Square, Dublin, forwarding copy of a resolution passed by that Body calling on all gaelts to display the National Flag on 24th April to commemorate the Rising of 1916.

18th April, 1939, from the Secretary, The Library Association, Chaucer House, Malet Place, London, W.C.1, enclosing memorandum on the provision of books to Elementary Schools by County Libraries, prepared by the County Libraries Section of the Library Association.

15th April, 1939, from the Superintendent, Garda Síochána, "F" District, Dunlaoghaire, reporting the committal to St. Anne's Industrial School, Booterstown, of a girl named Mary Teresa Mills, Donard Co. Wicklow.

4th May, 1939, from the Secretary, Royal Sanitary Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1, asking the Council to consider the advisability of organising a Health Week celebration.

11th May, 1939, from the "Bray Tribune," Florence Hall Works, Bray, asking for a share of the Council's advertising and printing.

17th May, 1939, from Mr. James Larkin, General Secretary, Workers' Union of Ireland, Unity Hall, Marlboro' Street, Dublin, requesting the Council to make arrangements to have the members of the above Union employed on Road Works paid weekly instead of fortnightly as at present.

May, 1939, from the National Association for the prevention of Tuberculosis, Tavistock House, N., Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1, inviting the Council to appoint Delegates to the 25th Annual Conference to be held in Belfast from June 29th to July 1st, 1939.

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 31st July, 1939.

The following Members attended:—

Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman,
Councillors Miss Margaret Kelly, Daniel J. Kehoe, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern), John Dunne, Edward Byrne, Wallace Hammond, Michael Timmins, J. J. Bourne, P. P. O'Reilly, Michael Mooney, James McCrea, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy), James Everett, T. D., M. J. Brennan and Major R. Smith.

BUSINESS:

1 To approve and adopt Regulations for use in enforcing in the County this year the Sheep Dipping Order, 1937, as recommended for adoption by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture.

2 To consider and decide upon the recommendations of the County Committee of Agriculture for the revision of the districts for Sheep Dipping Inspectors.

3 To appoint the Sheep Dipping Inspectors for the 1939 dipping period.

4 To consider a further letter from the County Committee of Agriculture requesting the Council to make available the services of their Engineers in connection with the erection and reconstruction of Sheep Dipping Baths.

5 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Committee of Agriculture at their meeting held on 27th June:—

“Resolved—That we recommend the following amounts to be paid to the Local Veterinary Inspectors for work of supervision under the Sheep Dipping Scheme, 1939, provided that the Scheme proves a success, as we regret to note that there has been a good bit of criticism and adverse comment in certain areas:—

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

6 To consider the following further resolution passed by the County Committee of Agriculture at the meeting held on 27th June, 1939:—

“Resolved—That the fee of £1 10s per 500 sheep be paid for the use of approved private swim baths—and that in cases where 100 to 500 sheep were dipped, the owners of baths to be paid proportionately—this payment to cover two dippings.

7 To pass in modified form a further resolution in connection with the proposed pension to Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., following his resignation from the position of County Surveyor.

8 To complete Form No. 111 to be sent to the Local Appointments Commission with a view to filling permanently the vacant position of County Surveyor consequent upon the resignation of Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E.

9 To consider the following resolution submitted by the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board:—

“Resolved:—That a Loan of £500 be procured from the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., in order to erect a new house for the Caretaker of the Cemetery, and we request the contributing bodies—Wicklow County Council and Wicklow Urban District Council, to give their consent to the Board raising such loan for this work, subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health.”

10 To consider a letter from the Department of Finance replying to the Council's recent resolution on the grievances submitted by the Shillelagh Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

11 To appoint a locum tenens for Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health, for the month of August during his annual leave.

12 To appoint a Member on the Bray Old Age Pension Sub-Committee in room of the Very Rev. Canon Bowden, P.P., deceased.

13 To take steps to fill the vacant position of Clerk to the Newcastle Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee rendered vacant by the death of Mrs. Maria Shortt, “Valley Pass,” Newtownmountkennedy.

14 To execute in duplicate the usual annual Local Contribution Agreement with the Irish Tourist Association under the Tourist Traffic (Development) Act, 1931.

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

16 To consider correspondence received in connection with the claim by Dr. Joseph M. Murray, of 5, Adelaide Road, Bray, for compensation consequent upon an injury stated to have been received outside Cassandra House, Bray, alleged to have been due to the condition of the footpath.

17 To consider correspondence received in connection with the claim by Miss Maguire, of 3, Lower Ormonde Quay, Dublin, consequent upon an injury stated to be due to a fall from a pedal cycle by reason of a hole in the road.

18 To make arrangements for the appointment of Poor Rate Collector in No. 19 (Aghowle) Collection District rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. John J. Doyle.

19 To take such action as the Council may deem advisable after consideration of a letter from Poor Rate Collector Mrs. K. M. Doyle (No. 9 District) regarding the collection of the 1939/1940 Rates in her District.

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 Senator C. M. Byrne.

Seconded by “ D. J. Kehoe.

Resolved:—That we hereby tender to Mrs. Cullen, her son, and other relatives, the assurance of our sincere sympathy with them in their sad bereavement in the death of Mr. Patrick Cullen, who was for so many years a valued public official in County Wicklow.

Passed

The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence which he had received from the Department of Agriculture, and also from the County Committee of Agriculture, on the subject of sheep dipping, more particularly referred to in the first six items on the Council's printed Agenda. Details of the various letters were as follow:—

From the Department of Agriculture

1st May, 1939, No. L. 1471/39

18th May, 1939, No. L. 1471/39

19th May, 1939, No. L. 1803/39

25th July, 1939, No. L. 3405/33 (Addressed to the County Committee of Agriculture).

From the County Committee of Agriculture.

10th June, 1939, (with enclosures, including draft regulations)

30th June, 1939, (with enclosures)

30th June, 1939, (with enclosures)

4th July, 1939, (with enclosed copy of Report dated 17th Sept. 1938 from Veterinary Inspector S. Conway, V.S.)

From Sheep Dipping Inspector Patrick Murphy, dated 10th July, 1939.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne,

Seconded by “ Wallace Hammond.

Resolved:—That we hereby approve and adopt the following Regulations now submitted for enforcing in 1939 in County Wicklow the provisions of the Sheep Dipping Order, 1937, and we direct that the Seal of the Council be attached thereto:—

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER, 1937.

COUNTY WICKLOW SHEEP DIPPING REGULATION, 1939.

We, the Wicklow County Council, at our Meeting held on the 31st July, 1939, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in us under the Agriculture Act, 1931, the Diseases of Animals (Ireland) Acts, 1894 to 1938, 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 the County of 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, 1937, twice yearly (with an interval of not less than seven or more than fourteen days) in the period between the first 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 had 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 requirement 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, County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, Market Square, Wicklow, and must be made on or before the nineteenth day of August, 1939.

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 sale yard in the area between the 1st day of September and the 31st 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 sale yard.

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 Acts, 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, 1939.

IN WITNESS whereof the County Council of the County of Wicklow have hereunto set their Official Seal this 31st day of July, 1939.

P. T. HEALY.

SEAL. Clerk to the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by “ Patrick Doyle (Winetavern);

Resolved:—That we hereby approve of the two following resolutions passed by the County Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held on the 27th June, 1939, and sent forward to this Council for consideration (Resolution B having been first modified so as to include the name of Inspector Hugh O'Keefe):—

A. Resolved:—That we recommend that the districts of Upper and Lower Calary and Kilmacanogue be added to the Greystones district. Passed.

B. Resolved:—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to re-appoint the following Inspectors under the Sheep Dipping Scheme for 1939, at a remuneration of £25:—

Matthew Devitt, Monumeen, Greenane.
Andrew Fleming, Aughavannagh, Aghrim.
Robert Johnson, Kilpoole, Wicklow.
William A. Carr, Knockraheen, Roundwood.
Andrew Kavanagh, Knockfodda, Roundwood.
Bernard Malone, Baltinavina, Roundwood.
George Miley, Knockadruce, Vallemount.
Patrick Toomey, Lockstown, Vallemount.
Joseph Clancy, Ballycreen, Aghrim.
James Kavanagh, Cloneshannon, Knockenarrigan.
John Byrne, Blackrock, Rathdangan.
Peter Whelan, Killamoate, Rathdangan.
Patrick Murphy, Oakwood, Vallemount.
Patrick J. O'Toole, Monroe, Donard.
Thomas Kinsella, Muskeagh, Tinahely.
Martin Fitzpatrick, Coollatin, Carnew.
Albert Fox, Bohilla, Kilmacanogue.
John Roche, Carrigower, Kilpedder.
Hugh O'Keefe, Rathbawn, Hacketstown.
William Healy, Clara, Rathdrum.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Winetavern);
Seconded by " Michael Timmins;

Resolved—That having given careful consideration to the statistics supplied to us by the Wicklow County Committee of Agriculture showing the approximate number of sheep in the several sheep dipping Inspectors' districts, we find that in the Donard District (in which the Inspector is James J. Kavanagh) there are about 13,138 sheep and in the Dunlavin district (in which the Inspector is P. J. O'Toole) there are only about 2,759 sheep; we, therefore, direct the County Committee of Agriculture to divide these two districts, for the 1939 sheep dipping period, in such a manner that each of these two inspectors shall have about 7,900 sheep to deal with.

Similarly we find that in the Talbotstown, Eadestown and Baltinglass West district (in which the Inspector is John Byrne) the sheep population is about 4,246, whilst in the Haristown, Stratford and Tuckmill district (in which the Inspector is Hugh O'Keefe) the sheep population is only about 1,485, we, therefore, hereby direct the County Committee of Agriculture to amalgamate these two districts into one with a sheep population of 5,731 approximately in it and to place this newly created district in charge of Inspector Hugh O'Keefe.

We, also, find that in the Aghrim district (in which the Inspector is Andrew Fleming) the sheep population appears to be 14,044. We hereby direct the County Committee of Agriculture to divide this large district into two districts in such a way as to give a sheep population of about 7,500 to each, and we further direct that Inspector Andrew Fleming be placed in charge of one of these newly created districts, and that Inspector John Byrne be placed in charge of the other.

The Council hereby instructs the County Committee of Agriculture to go further into this question of sheep population in the areas of the several Sheep Dipping Inspectors prior to the Sheep Dipping period in 1940 so as to secure a greater degree of uniformity in the number of sheep each Inspector will be called upon to deal with.

Passed.

The Council considered a further letter from the County Committee of Agriculture requesting that arrangements be made to make available the services of their Engineers in connection with the erection and reconstruction of Sheep Dipping Baths.

After some discussion the following Order was made thereon:—
ORDER:—Agreed to—supervisory work to be carried out in the Council's time—Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) dissenting.

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

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 27th June, 1939:—

"Resolved—That we recommend the following amounts to be paid to the Local Veterinary Inspectors for work of supervision under the Sheep Dipping Scheme, 1939, provided that the Scheme, 1939, proves a success, as we regret to note there has been a good bit of criticism and adverse comment in certain areas:—

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

Passed.

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

Resolved:—That we hereby approve of the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held 27th June, 1939:—

"Resolved—That the fee of £1 10s. per 500 sheep be paid for the use of approved private swim baths—and that in cases where 100 to 500 sheep were dipped, the owners to be paid proportionately—this payment to cover two dippings.

Passed.

A discussion was initiated by Deputy James Everett, regarding the possibility of the overflow from one particular swim bath in the County reaching the river thereby causing a serious breach of the regulations governing the erection of Swim Baths.

The Council directed that the County Committee of Agriculture be requested to investigate the whole question of the possibility of overflow from any sheep dipping bath reaching a river and if necessity arose to take immediate steps to see that this condition of things did not continue.

The Council's Solicitor, Mr. Joseph Brazil, 4, Church Street, Wicklow, with his letter dated the 21st July, 1939, submitted a further communication which he had received from Mr. M. J. Ryan, S.C., in connection with the pension proposed to be given to Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., following his resignation from the position of County Surveyor:—

Proposed by Senator C M Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That taking into account the whole of the yearly salary and emoluments of Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., at the time of his resignation of his office as County Surveyor (including cost of living bonus) and being of opinion that Section 46 of the Local Government Act, 1925, does not apply to his case we hereby grant him an annual allowance of £506 15 8 under Section 44 of that Act.

Passed unanimously.

The following communication was submitted in connection with the filling of the vacant position of County Surveyor consequent upon the resignation of Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E.

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,
(Roads),

CUSTOM HOUSE,

DUBLIN.

R/RS/33.

17adh Jul, 1939.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 12th instant in regard to the appointment of a County Surveyor, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that as already intimated the appointment can only be made by the County Council on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners.

The Minister has sanctioned a salary for the post of £750 per annum rising by annual increments of £20 to £900 per annum with an allowance for travelling expenses in accordance with such regulations as may be made by the Minister from time to time, subject to a maximum of £200 per annum. The County Surveyor will be responsible for all engineering works to be undertaken by the County Council and the Board of Health.

Application should be made as soon as possible to the Local Appointments Commissioners to have a person recommended for appointment.

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J. HURSON,

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The Secretary,
County Council,
WICKLOW.

ORDER—Consideration adjourned to the forthcoming Quarterly Meeting.

The Secretary submitted a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads Section) dated the 25th July, 1939, No. SGT/201/39, intimating that the sum of £11,000 has been provisionally allocated to the Council under the usual conditions out of the Road Improvement, 1939/40, for Main Road Improvement as follows:—

1	Bray-Glendalough Road.	
	(a) T.61, Laragh East to Laragh Village; widen, strengthen and surface in creophalte macadam	£1,500
	(b) L.107 Laragh Village to Glendalough Village, widen, fence, sidefill, strengthen and make good sides	6,100
2	L. 32 Carnew-Newtownbarry Road. Ballingate Lower to Wexford Co. Boundary; widen, strengthen and surface in creophalte macadam.	1,400
3	L.107 Laragh-Hollywood. Clashaboy Brook to Lockstown Bridge; widen, strengthen and surface in creophalte macadam	2,000
		<u>£11,000</u>

The Council approved and adopted the expenditure in the above-mentioned works as submitted by the Minister, and directed the Acting County Surveyor to take these works in hands and have the money expended as soon as possible.

The Council adjourned to their forthcoming Quarterly Meeting consideration of the following resolution from the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board, which appeared as item No. 9 on the Agenda:—

"Resolved—That a Loan of £500 be procured from the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., in order to erect a new house for the Caretaker of the Cemetery, and we request the contributing Bodies—Wicklow County Council and Wicklow Urban District Council, to give their consent to the Board raising such a Loan for this work, subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

The Secretary submitted a communication dated the 26th July, 1939, Ref. No. S.88/4/39, which he had received from the Department of Finance, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, in reply to the Council's recent resolution dealing with certain grievances submitted by the Shillelagh Old Age Pensions Sub Committee.

ORDER—Consideration adjourned to the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council to be held on the 21st August, 1939, the Secretary to circulate meantime a copy of the letter to each Member of the County Council and also to the Clerk and Members of the Shillelagh Old Age Pensions Sub Committee.

Two communications were submitted from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated 21st and 28th July, in connection with the Annual Leave of Dr. G P G Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health, and the suggested appointment of Dr. Josephine Con-

way, Salem, Wicklow, as his substitute during the period of leave in question.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;

Seconded by " Miss Margaret Kelly ;

Resolved—That we hereby grant leave of absence to Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health, from the 1st to the 31st August, 1939, and, further, we hereby approve of the appointment of Dr. Josephine Conway as substitute for the County Medical Officer of Health at remuneration at the rate of £7 7s. per week with vouched travelling expenses (Vide letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated 28th July, 1939, Ref. No. P.H.21206/39, Cill Mhanntain (Sc.).

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;

Seconded by " John Dunne ;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Rev. F. Gleeson, C.C., Bray, to fill the vacancy on the Bray Old Age Pensions Sub Committee caused by the death of the Very Rev. R. Canon Bowden, P.P.

Passed.

A communication was submitted from Mrs. Mary Short, Clerk to Newcastle Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, intimating that at a meeting on the 12th July, 1939, that Committee had accepted her resignation of the position of Clerk.

Proposed by Councillor M. J. Brennan ;

Seconded by " Miss Margaret Kelly ;

Resolved—That this County Council, acting as County Local Old Age Pensions Committee, hereby direct our Secretary to issue in the "Wicklow People" and "Bray Tribune" advertisements inviting applications from suitable persons for the position of Clerk to the Newcastle Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee rendered vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Mary Short, "Valley Pascis," Newtownmountkennedy, which resignation is hereby accepted with regret.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne ;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That we hereby execute in (duplicate) the Agreement required by the Irish Tourist Association in connection with the Council's contribution to the Association under the terms of the provisions of the Tourist Traffic (Development) Act, 1931, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to such agreement.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne ;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Winetavern) ;

Resolved—That we hereby grant a Licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, to Mr. Michael Hayes, Roundwood, a previous Licence being in existence for the same premises in the former owner's name.

Passed.

An application was submitted from Mr. P. J. Hayes, the General Supply Stores, Killoole, for a Licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908. The Council found themselves unable to accede to this application as the report on the suitability of the premises received from the Garda Síochána stated it would be unsafe to do so.

The Council referred to their Law Agent, to protect the interests of the County Council, the correspondence received in connection with the claim by Dr. Joseph M. Murray, of 5 Adelaide Road, Bray, for compensation consequent upon an injury stated to have been received outside Cassandra House, Bray, alleged to have been due to the condition of the footpath.

The Council also referred to their Law Agent, to protect the interests of the County Council, the correspondence received in connection with the claim by Miss Maguire, of 3, Lower Ormonde Quay, Dublin, consequent upon an injury stated to be due to a fall from a pedal cycle by reason of a hole in the road.

The Council adjourned to their next Quarterly Meeting consideration of the arrangements to be made for the appointment of a Poor Rate Collector in No. 19 (Aghowle) Collecting District rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. John J. Doyle, The Bakery, Carnew.

A letter dated the 25th July, 1939, was submitted from Mrs. K. M. Doyle, 3, Wentworth Place, Wicklow, Poor Rate Collector for No. 9 (Newcastle) Collecting District in which she intimated her intention to resign her position as Rate Collector provided the County Council can grant her a pension.

The following letter was submitted :—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH
CUSTOM HOUSE,
DUBLIN,
G. 22019/39. 28th July, 1939.
A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that having considered the resolution adopted by the County Council on the 27th ultimo regarding the pensionability of Poor Rate Collectors holding office under the Council he is prepared to regard Mrs. K. M. Doyle as a pensionable officer within the meaning of Section 42 of the Local Government Act, 1925, as from the date of her appointment. Mrs. Doyle will, therefore, on resigning her office owing to incapacity due to permanent infirmity or old age be entitled to an annual allowance. The allowance according to the usual practice should be at the rate of 1/60th of the average emoluments for each completed year of service.

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

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

A further letter dated the 29th July, 1939, was submitted from Mrs. K. M. Doyle, tendering her resignation as Rate Collector for No. 9 Collecting District and accompanying the letter with a Doctor's Certificate.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne ;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That we hereby accept Mrs. K. M. Doyle's resignation, acting on the advice of her Doctor, from the position of Poor Rate Collector in No. 9 (Newcastle) Collecting District, and we hereby request our Finance Committee to consider and recommend to this Council the full superannuation allowance to which her years of service will entitle her.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;

Seconded by " Michael Mooney ;

Resolved—Realizing as we do that the utmost difficulty is being experienced by our Secretary in keeping the County Social Services operating, owing to the present very serious condition of the Council's finances ; and realizing further that it is of vital importance that the work of collecting the 1939-1940 Rates in No. 9 (Newcastle) District, which is one of our largest and most important areas, should be proceeded with at the earliest practicable date, we

herby appoint Mr. Michael J. Healy, Hillside, Wicklow, to the temporary position of Poor Rate Collector, at the usual Poundage of Sevenpence, our Insurance Broker, Mr. Thomas Fleming, to obtain on our behalf from the Ocean Accident Guarantee Corporation a Fidelity Bond for a sum of not less than one quarter of the Warrant, and Mr. M. J. Healy's Warrants to be executed at this meeting, this wholetime, permanent and pensionable position to be filled at our November Quarterly Meeting after advertisements have been issued at the usual Poundage Rate at present payable to all our Collectors, i.e., Sevenpence.

Passed unanimously.

The Secretary read the following letter :—

BALLYKNOCKAN,
BLESSINGTON,
Co. WICKLOW.
27th July, 1939.

Re: Roads to be submerged
by the E.S.B.

P. T. Healy Esq.,

Dear Sir,

At a public meeting of the people interested re above, held at Vallemount Hill last evening it was decided to send a deputation to your Council meeting to be held on next Monday to discuss the making of new roads to replace those that will be submerged by the E.S.B. Scheme. The undermentioned were selected and will be in attendance :—

Rev. D. Barrett, C.C.

Mr. James Osborne (Osborne and Brady) representing Quarry Owners.

Mr. James Quinn, business and representing users of the roads.

I was speaking on Monday last to the Chairman and Deputy Everett and both promised they would do all they can for us.

I was instructed to write you.

Yours truly,
P. P. O'Reilly.

The Council having heard the views of the following Members of the Deputation referred to in the letter :—

Rev. D. Barrett, C.C., James Osborne (Osborne & Brady) and James Quinn, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly ;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Winetavern) ;

Resolved—Having heard the very reasonable and pressing views of the Deputation of residents from Ballyknockan area who have convinced this County Council that the residents on behalf of whom they speak are likely to suffer grave hardships by reason of the closing of the bog road to Lackan, via Ballyknockan and Carrigacurra in furtherance of the Hydro Electric and Water Supply Scheme, we urge upon the E. S. B. and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health the very urgent necessity of replacing immediately the above referred to road by a road which will not lengthen the distance the products of the Quarrying Industry will have to be transported—and we submit that immediate steps must be taken in this direction if the Quarrying Industry with its 300 dependents is to be preserved—to help, we instruct our Acting County Surveyor to prepare and submit forthwith plans, etc., to the E. S. B. to show the Council's Road requirements in the exceptional circumstance outlined. The following Deputation to wait upon the E.S. Board for the purpose of submitting the Council's views, etc., etc. :—

Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman,

James Everett, T.D.,

Michael Mooney,

P. P. O'Reilly,

accompanied by Messrs. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., Acting County Surveyor, and P. J. Foley, B.E., Assistant Surveyor.

Passed.

The Council considered the following letter from the Drainage Commission :—

THE DRAINAGE COMMISSION,
6, Harcourt Street,
DUBLIN.

Ref. No. E.51,

26adh Iul, 1939.

A Chara.

With reference to previous correspondence concerning the submission of a written statement of evidence by your Council, I am to state that it is the intention of the Drainage Commission to complete during the month of September the taking of oral evidence from the few County Councils which have not yet been heard. It is, therefore, essential, that your Council's statement of evidence should be submitted for consideration as soon as possible, and certainly not later than the 26th of next month (August).

I am directed to state that statements received after that date cannot be considered by the Commission.

Mise, le meas,
J. CULLINANE,
Runaidhe.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
WICKLOW.

ORDER—Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., Acting County Surveyor is requested to submit the Council's statement of evidence at as early a date as possible, but certainly not later than the 26th August.

A communication dated the 26th July, 1939, was submitted from Mr. Frank Whittle, The Green, Danlavin, Court-keeper of Dunlavin Courthouse, who reported breakages to certain windows in the Courthouse, which, he alleges, took place between the 24th and 25th July.

ORDER—Referred to the Acting County Surveyor for his attention.

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

"I hereby give notice that I shall move at the Quarterly Meeting of this Council to be held on the 21st August, 1939, that the salary of the Court House Keeper in Wicklow Court House (who is also Caretaker and attendant of all the County Council's Offices) Miss Grace McDermott, be increased to One Hundred Pounds (£100) per annum, to compensate her for all the extra work she has been compelled to take on since her appointment by the Council in June, 1934."

Call Byrne
21/8/39