

Michael Mitten, Sleemane, Roundwood	1	0	0
R. J. Devereux, Willowgrove, Delgany	1	0	0
Michael Byrne, Tobberlonagh, Tinahely	1	0	0
William Eustace, Ballyfolin, Brittas, Co. Dublin	1	0	0
Thomas O'Toole, The Sallies, Rathdangan, Baltinglass	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>£25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M. Timmins ;  
Seconded by " W. Hammond ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve, confirm and adopt the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the Meeting of that Body held on the 30th January, 1940 :—

“Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the following persons the amounts set out in respect of the use of their Private Swim Baths during the 1939 Dipping Period (at the rate of 6/- per 100 sheep double-dipped).”

Name and Address of Payee	No. of Sheep	Amount
		£ s d
1 James Heath Templemichael, Arklow	245	0 14 9
2 William Fogarty Upper Anghrim, Anghrim	628	1 17 8
3 George Woodburn Tinakilly, Anghrim	430	1 5 10
4 Joseph Langrell Cappagh, Anghrim	818	2 9 1
5 Michael Carthy Ballycurra, Anghrim	995	2 19 8
6 John Toole Farbreague, Anghrim	1715	5 2 11
7 R. Collier Coolroe, Tinahely	228	0 13 8
8 P. Doyle Yew Tree, Shillelagh	172	0 10 4
9 E. Hammond Croneyhorn, Carnew	486	1 9 2
10 James Walsh Tombrean "	104	0 6 3
11 E. Dowse Croneyhorn "	198	0 11 11
12 W. Laurence Stratnakelly, Tinahely	233	0 14 0
13 W. Porter Newry, Clonegal	305	0 18 4
14 R. Tyner Minmore, Shillelagh	229	0 13 9
15 Wm. Griffin Hall Farm, Cookkeno	104	0 6 3
16 James Healy Ardoyne, Tullow	131	0 7 10
17 S. Porter Springfield, Clonegal	220	0 13 2
18 J. Kavanagh Rosebawn, Tinahely	614	1 16 10
19 S. Kidd Ballinglen	446	1 6 9
20 G. Kerr St. Mullins, Tinahely	1624	4 17 5
21 J. Byrne Moyne, Ballinglen	2110	6 6 7
22 E. Byrne Muskeagh, Tinahely	1070	3 4 2
23 Mrs. Earls Rosnastraw, "	386	1 3 2
24 A. Griffin Greenhall, "	254	0 15 3
25 Patrick Byrne The Paddock, Enniskerry	540	1 12 5
26 Earl of Meath Kilruddery, Bray	212	0 12 9
27 H. Hawkins Kilabeg, Knockenarrigan	448	1 6 11
28 B. Case Brittas, Knockenarrigan	224	0 13 5
29 G. Tutty Cloneshannon "	144	0 8 8
30 J. Collins Coolamadra "	750	2 5 0
31 R. Lynch Ballineddin "	2274	6 16 5
32 E. Lennon Kilcough, Donard	820	2 9 2
33 S. Jackson Cowpasture, Dunlavin	1026	3 1 7
34 J. Grace Newpark, Donard	1069	3 4 2
35 Michael Devitt Killalane, Laragh	402	1 4 1
36 T. McCall Carrigeenduff, Roundwood	578	1 14 8
37 Thomas Kinlan Carrigeenshinnagh, Roundwood	125	0 7 6
38 James Conway Brockagh Laragh	256	0 15 4
39 Anthony Leeson Glassnamullen, Kilpedder	659	1 19 6
40 R. Laurie Ballinacarrig, Rathdrum	58	0 3 6
41 B. Farrar Cunniamstown "	250	0 15 0
42 M. Miley Cullentra "	48	0 2 10
43 Capt. J. Thunder Ballyduff, Ashford	145	0 8 9
44 George Knox Killoughter "	207	0 12 5
45 Wm. Stott Glanmore	128	0 7 8
46 Michael Hender Newtownboswell, Ashford	159	0 9 6
47 Peter Bradshaw Ballymacsimon, Glenealy	100	0 6 0
48 William Roe Kilmacanogue, Bray	320	0 19 2
49 J. Woods Little Sugarloaf, Bray	433	1 6 0
50 Henry Sutton Lr. Calary, Kilmacanogue	339	1 0 4
51 A. Fox Windgates, Greystones	110	0 6 7
52 E. Fox Upper Calary, Kilpedder	450	1 7 0
53 J. Toner Kileoole	846	2 10 9
54 D. Frame Bellevue, Delgany	293	0 17 7
55 G. Evans Farrankelly, Delgany	290	0 17 5
56 John O'Reilly Ballinahinch, Newtown-Ml.-Kdy.	395	1 3 8
57 John Kavanagh Season Park	526	1 11 7
58 Sylvester Bourke Kilmullen	180	0 10 10
59 S. Symes Hawkstown, Wicklow	240	0 14 11
60 Miss S. Byrne Keatingstown, Wicklow	165	0 9 11
61 Joseph Kehoe Dunbur	289	0 14 4
62 William Odem	70	0 4 2
63 Miss McDonald Dunganstown	173	0 10 5
64 J. Webster Magherymore	34	0 2 0
65 D. Byrne Ballincarrig	58	0 8 6
66 J. Edge Crone, Redcross	204	0 12 3
67 Walter Kerr Ballybeg, Redcross	171	0 10 3
68 John Nolan Ballymurrin, Wicklow	216	0 12 11
69 E. J. Byrne Coolbeg	140	0 8 5
70 John Burke Currough, Hollywood	817	0 19 0
71 Patrick Nolan Knocknadrace, Vallemount	88	0 5 3
72 Thomas Hubbard	101	0 6 0
73 Peter Conway Granamore	33	0 2 0
74 John Farrington Hollywood	2918	8 15 1

75 Patrick Murphy Oakwood, Vallemount	2166	6	10	0
76 Thomas Shannon Lugnagrough, Blessington	1502	4	10	1
77 Edward Reilly Garryknock, Vallemount	591	1	15	6
78 J. C. Kain Kilmalum, Blessington	443	1	6	7
79 Wm. Farrington Glenbride, Vallemount	577	1	14	7
80 P. Nolan Knocknadrace "	293	0	17	7
81 James Kane Blessington	427	1	5	7
82 R. A. Boothman Miley Hall, Blessington	718	2	3	1
83 John Murphy Ballinabona, Manor-Kilbride	644	1	18	8
84 Peter Byrne Corraan, Rathdangan	187	0	8	3
85 Chris. Moody Eadestown Upr. Stratford	984	2	19	0
86 Edward Hanlon Tuckmill, Baltinglass	379	1	2	8
87 Fred. O'Neill Rammers, Baltinglass	136	0	8	2
88 John Moore Deerpark	387	1	3	3
89 Rd. Hawkins Colvinstown, Kiltegan	193	0	11	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>£129</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	

Passed.

The Council again adjourned consideration of the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor D. H. Haskins :—

“ I hereby give notice that I shall move at the next Meeting of this Council—That we protest strongly against the increase of taxes imposed upon the community during the past fourteen days and we ask the Government to meet a deputation for each County to explain how heavily these taxes will press upon all classes and that the farming classes above all require immediate relief.”

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond ;  
Seconded by " J. J. Bourne ;

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, place on record our view that it would be a very desirable thing to establish branches of the Red Cross throughout our County, and we hereby request the County Medical Officer of Health, Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, to take every step that may suggest itself to him after consultation with the Red Cross Society's Secretary which will secure the establishment of Branches of the Red Cross Society throughout the County, and we request our Secretary and the County Surveyor to confer with him and to assist Dr. Beckett by every means in their power in carrying out our wishes in this matter.

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 30/3/1940.

Articles submitted for Analysis.	Date Received.	No.	From	Result of Analysis.
Milk	1-1-40	1	Fever Hospital	Genuine
Milk	8-1-40	1	Co. Hospital	"
Milk	29-1-40	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	"
Whole Milk	9-2-40	2	Dunlavin, Guard Lavery	"
Lard	"	1	"	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Rice	"	1	"	"
Milk	24-2-40	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	"
Whole Milk	29-2-40	2	Co. Home	"
Milk	1-3-40	1	Fever Hospital	"
Milk	2-3-40	1	Co. Hospital	"
Rice	"	1	Greystones, Guard O'Dwyer	"
Cheese	"	1	"	"
Flour	"	1	"	"
Tea	"	1	"	"
Sherry	"	1	"	"
Vinegar	"	1	"	"
Jam	"	1	"	"
Milk	"	2	"	"
Whiskey	"	1	"	"
Butter	4-3-40	2	Blessington, Guard Breunan	"
Whole Milk	"	2	"	"
Milk	5-3-40	2	Wicklow, Guard Bergin	"
Butter	"	2	"	"
Butter	8-3-40	1	Shillelagh, Guard Behan	"
Whole Milk	"	1	"	"
Whiskey	"	1	"	"
Cheese	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	"	1	Carnew, Guard Doyle	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Sugar	"	1	"	"
Cheese	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	15-3-40	6	Arklow, Guard O'Reilly	5 Gen. 1 not Gen
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	27-3-40	1	Rathdrum, Guard Sweeney	"
Butter	"	2	"	"
Butter	"	1	Roundwood, Sgt. Mahony	"
Raisins	"	1	"	"
Brandy	"	1	"	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Butter	28-3-40	1	Bray, Guard Staunton	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Sugar	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	29-3-40	4	Newcastle, Guard Nevin	Genuine
Whole Milk	"	1	Baltinglass District Hospital	"
Whole Milk	30-3-40	2	Bray, Guard Staunton	"
Drugs	1-1-40	3	Tinahely Dispensary	"
"	8-1-40	3	Blessington	"
"	10-1-40	3	Avoca	"
"	16-1-40	3	Dunlavin	"
"	23-1-40	3	Coolattin	"
"	"	3	Baltinglass Hospital	"
"	27-1-40	3	Arklow Dispensary	"
"	5-3-40	3	Bray No. 1	"
"	14-3-40	3	Wicklow	"
"	22-3-40	3	Aughrim	2 Gen. 1 not Gen

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 64 ; Drugs, 30.  
Total—94. Number Adulterated—1 Milk ; 1 Drug.  
Dated 13th April, 1940.

Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

24<sup>th</sup> June 1940.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne ;  
 Seconded by " J. Dunne ;  
 Resolved—That we hereby select and appoint the following two Members of this Council to fill the vacancies existing on the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee caused by the death of Mr. Mr. M. Gleeson, Stratford-on-Staney, and by the disqualification of Mr. Daniel Somers, Thomastown, Arklow :—  
 Michael Timmins, Baltinglass ;  
 Michael Mooney, Rathattan, Hollywood, Ballymore-Eustace.

Passed.  
 A file of correspondence in connection with the continuation for a further year of the Secondary School Scholarships held by students in this County was submitted, including the following letter :—

AN ROINN OIDEACHAIS,  
 Bráinne an Mheadhón-Oideachais,  
 1 Sraid Hium,  
 Baile Atha Cliath M. 2,  
 6 Marta, 1940.

An Runaidhe,  
 Comhairle Chonndae Chille Manntain,  
 Tigh na Cuirte,  
 Cill Manntain.

A Chara,  
 With reference to your communication of the 28th ultimo, enclosing a copy of a Resolution which was passed by your Council in regard to the renewal of scholarships in the case of the pupils Julia Black and Patrick J. Kavanagh, I am to state that the Department is not aware of the power by which the Council proposes to waive the terms of the Scheme under which the Scholarships were awarded, and that this Department can take no responsibility for the renewal of those scholarships.

Mise,  
 D. MacCuinn,

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

Resolved—That having considered again all the facts and the correspondence relating to the renewal of Scholarships for a further year in the case of the pupils Julia Black and Patrick J. Kavanagh, more particularly the letter from the Department of Education (Secondary School Branch), 1, Hume Street, Dublin, C.2., dated the 6th March, 1940, we would respectfully appeal to the Department to review all the facts in connection with the above mentioned two scholarship-holders and to extend formal sanction to the renewal of the Scholarships for the current scholastic year 1940/41. Towards that end we hereby request Senator C. M. Byrne and Deputy J. Everett, T.D. ; to wait upon the Secretary to the Department of Education (Secondary Schools Branch) and to press for the formal sanction sought.

Special Report from the Finance Committee regarding  
 Uncollected Rates Lists in respect of the financial year  
 ended 31st March, 1940.

At the meeting of the Finance Committee which was held on the 7th June, 1940, in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, the following Members attended :—  
 Councillor David H. Haskins, Chairman,  
 Councillors J. P. O'Donnell and J. P. Kehoe.

The Secretary presented, for the Committee's consideration, all the uncollected Rates Lists in respect of the above financial year which had been submitted by the several Poor Rate Collectors, and pointed out the rulings which he recommended in respect of each item on these Lists.

The Committee recommended the Council to approve of these Lists as set out hereunder.

The Committee deem it advisable to point out that in the case of No. 5 District (Collector Patrick Burke) of the sum shown as temporarily uncollectible £324 19s. 1d. is collectible from the Electricity Supply Board in respect of holdings or part holdings acquired by them. Similarly in the case of No. 6 District (Collector Mrs. Mary Healy) £2902 1s. 1d. of the sum set out as uncollectible represents Rates due and payable by the Electricity Supply Board in respect of holdings or part holdings acquired by them, in connection with the Poulaphuca Hydro Electric and Water supply Scheme.

For the purposes of comparison a column has been added to the Return showing the sums which were temporary uncollectible in the 1938/39 collection and carried forward into the Collection Books for the 1939/1940 Collection :—

District No.	Temporarily uncollectible and carried into 1939/40 Warrant		Temporarily uncollectible and carried into 1940/41 Warrant		Irrecoverable	
	£	s	£	s	£	s
1	75	18	75	18	75	18
2	18	14	18	14	18	14
3	5	10	5	10	5	10
4	2	4	2	4	2	4
5	5	5	5	5	5	5
6	181	17	181	17	181	17
7	37	18	37	18	37	18
8	45	6	45	6	45	6
9	4	8	4	8	4	8
10	84	14	84	14	84	14
11	80	17	80	17	80	17
12	54	18	54	18	54	18
13	19	16	19	16	19	16
14	17	7	17	7	17	7
15	749	19	749	19	749	19
16	5	6	5	6	5	6
17	12004	5	12004	5	12004	5
18	1	6	1	6	1	6
19	14895	1	14895	1	14895	1
20	1	6	1	6	1	6
Totals	12199	13	12199	13	12199	13

24<sup>th</sup> June 1940.

District No.	Collector	Total of Collectors' Warrants 1939/40
1	Luke McDonnell	6840
2	John A. Doyle	4126
3	Edward Lynch	3433
4	Patrick Burke	4603
5	Same	2886
6	Mrs. Mary Healy	8606
7	P. J. Doyle	10312
8	Patrick Maffigau	4337
9	M. J. Healy	15488
10	Wm. P. Murphy	5049
11	James J. McCull	7635
12	Wm. C. Byrne	3635
13	M. J. Roche	11442
14	P. J. O'Byrne	8484
15	P. D. J. Kirsela	6173
16	Thomas Fleming	6106
17	Michael O'Neil	4501
18		
19		
Totals		121199

The Secretary reported with regret that the Inspector of Rates, Mr. M. Donoghue, was taken very seriously ill on Thursday evening the 16th May. Two Doctors in consultation recommended his immediate removal to a Dublin Hospital, where a major operation took place that night. The two Medical Certificates submitted by Mr. Donoghue were inspected by the Committee who noted that copies of them had been furnished to the Department of Local Government and Public Health by the Secretary with his report on Mr. Donoghue's illness.

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

Dated this 7th day of June, 1940.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne ;  
 Seconded by " J. Dunne ;

Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report on the uncollected Rates Lists submitted to us to-day be hereby approved and adopted, and that the figures approved in that Report be carried forward into the Collections for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1941.

Passed.  
 Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;  
 Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That having approved and adopted the Special Report from the Finance Committee we hereby accept, approve and adopt our Secretary's Rulings in accordance with that Report on the Irrecoverable Claims and Carried Forward Lists submitted by the several Poor Rate Collectors in respect of the Poor Rate Collection for the service of the financial year 1939/1940.

Having considered the correspondence and Medical Certificates submitted in this connection, it was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne ;  
 Seconded by " M. Timmins ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of our Secretary's action in appointing Mr. W. J. Richardson, Davara, Kilscoole, to act as locum tenens to discharge the official duties in the areas formerly known as Rathdrum and Naas No. 2 Districts which would normally have been discharged by Mr. Stephen Conway, V.S., " Salem," Wicklow, but for the latter's illness. Mr. Richardson's remuneration to be paid at the same rate as that normally paid to Mr. Conway.

Passed.  
 The Council decided to take no further action in connection with the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. P. O'Donnell :—

" I hereby give notice that I shall at our next Quarterly Meeting propose that the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act be put in force in this County forthwith under the same arrangement as in other Counties "

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond ;  
 Seconded by " M. Timmins ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve, confirm and adopt the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the Meeting of that Body held on the 30th April, 1940 :

" That a similar Sheep Dipping Scheme to that in operation in Co. Wicklow in 1939, be put into force for the year 1940, and that we recommend the County Council to re-appoint the 20 Sheep Dipping Inspectors to supervise the operation of the Compulsory Sheep Dipping Scheme, 1940, who acted in a similar capacity during the 1939 Season, and that the remuneration be fixed at £25 each, to cover all work in connection with the 1940 Scheme."

Passed.  
 The following letter was submitted and noted :

AN ROINN TALMHADHEACHTA,  
 BAILE ATHA CLIATH,  
 10th June, 1940.

Sir,  
 I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to advert to the relevant Minutes of Proceedings of the County Committee of Agriculture at their Meeting on the 30th April bearing on proposed sheep dipping arrangements for the current year. I am now to state that, subject to ratification by the County Council, no objection will be offered to the re-appointment of the twenty Dipping Inspectors who were so employed last year, with remuneration at the same rate, v.z., £25 to cover the dipping period.

The proposal to renew for another year as from the 27th August next, the special allowance to Mr. G. P. Byrne in respect of extra clerical work arising in connection with the administration of the Sheep Dipping Scheme may also be regarded as approved.

The question of allowances to the Local Authority Veterinary Inspectors, and the amounts thereof, for their work in furtherance of the Sheep Dipping Scheme will be considered after the expiration of the Dipping Period. Each Veterinary Inspector should furnish a weekly report showing clearly, with particulars of dates and purposes of visits, the work actually carried out by him in such connection.

It is requested that you will be so good as to submit for approval a copy of the Sheep Dipping Regulations proposed to be adopted for this year.

I am, sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
P. O'Connor,  
for Secretary.

Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;  
Seconded by John Dunne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve, confirm and adopt the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the Meeting of that Body held on the 30th April, 1940:—

“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 Sheep Dipping Scheme, 1940.”

Passed.  
Proposed by Councillor M. Timmins;  
Seconded by J. J. Bourne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve, confirm and adopt the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the Meeting of that Body held on the 30th April, 1940:—

“Resolved—That we hereby recommend the following amounts to be paid to the Local Veterinary Inspectors for work of supervision under the 1940 Sheep Dipping Scheme:—

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

Passed.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER, 1937.

Having considered the terms of a letter dated the 16th May, 1940, Ref. L.1231/40 regarding the arrangements to be made by the County Council to secure effectual dipping of sheep in their administrative area, as prescribed under the above Order, during the dipping period—1st August to 31st October—of the current year, it was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;  
Seconded by C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm, approve, and adopt the following County Wicklow Sheep Dipping Regulations for the service of the Sheep Dipping period in 1940:—

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER, 1937.

COUNTY WICKLOW SHEEP DIPPING REGULATIONS, 1940.

We, the WICKLOW County Council, at our Meeting held on 24th June, 1940, 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 County WICKLOW required to be dipped under the Sheep Dipping Order, 1937, shall be caused to be dipped by the owner or person in charge thereof at such times and at such Dipping Stations as may be specified in a Notice signed by an Inspector of the WICKLOW County Council, and served by post or otherwise on the owner or person in charge of the sheep referred to in the Notice. It shall not be a compliance with these Regulations to dip sheep at any other times or places save those as prescribed in the Notice above referred to.

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

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

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

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

4 Dip approved by the Minister for Agriculture shall be used in all cases.

5 Whenever 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 saleyard.

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

These Regulations shall apply to the entire Area of the County of WICKLOW and shall come into force on the 1st day of August, 1940.

IN WITNESS whereof the County Council of the County of WICKLOW have hereunto set their Official Seal  
this 24th day of June, 1940.

Signed:— P. T. Healy,  
Clerk to the Local Authority  
under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

Passed.  
Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;  
Seconded by J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Michael Mooney, Rathattan, Hollywood, Ballymore Eustace, to fill the vacancy at present existing on the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture caused by the death of Mr. M. M. Gleeson, Stratford-on-Slaney.

Passed.  
Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;  
Seconded by J. Dunne;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise and direct our Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, to sell on behalf of Wicklow County Council the 4% Land Bonds for £29,000 received in respect of the Rates liabilities on certain holdings at Castle-salka acquired by the Irish Land Commission and that the proceeds be lodged to credit of Poor Rate Collector Edward Lynch's district.

Passed unanimously.  
Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;  
Seconded by J. Dunne;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise and direct the completion of the Request for the transmission of £14% Land Bonds Registered Certificates in connection with the payment of Poor Rates by the Irish Land Commission on land acquired by them from Earl Fitzwilliam.

Passed.  
The Minutes of monthly meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee held on the 3rd November, 1939, 29th March, 1940, and 3rd May, 1940, were submitted.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;  
Seconded by John Dunne;

Resolved—That pending compliance with Section 4 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1927, and in order to enable the work of improvement and extension of the Greystones Water Supply to proceed, the Wicklow County Council hereby gives its approval to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of £5,334 for this work.

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

“I hereby give Notice that at the first meeting to be held after the expiration of one month from this date 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 sum of £5,334 (Five Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty-four Pounds) for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the improving and extending of the Greystones Water Supply.”

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

“That in future men who reside in an Urban Area and who are engaged for work outside the Urban Areas of Bray, Wicklow and Arklow, or any Urban Area, be paid the same rate of wages existing in the Urban Area in which they reside.”

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;  
Seconded by P. Doyle (Coolboy);

Resolved—That the Co. Surveyor be asked to allot a sum to building a granite wall on the corner in keeping with the magnificent Cross at Ballyrahan. The Contractor to the Monument estimates that such a wall will cost £80. The cost of removing the earth and tree stumps is borne by the Committee.

Passed.  
The Council having again considered the entire correspondence relating to the proposal recently made by the County Council to increase the salary of their Courtkeeper and Office Caretaker and Attendant at Wicklow, it was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;  
Seconded by John Dunne;

Resolved—That inasmuch as the increase from £78 to £100 per annum in the salary of our Courtkeeper and Office Caretaker and Attendant, Miss Grace McDermott, was passed unanimously only when the Council had satisfied themselves that the duties of her position had greatly increased since the salary was fixed ten years ago, this Council is at a loss to understand why the Minister for Local Government and Public Health has refused on several occasions to sanction this increase, and accordingly we hereby appoint a deputation consisting of our Chairman, Senator C. M. Byrne, our Vice-Chairman, Councillor Edward Byrne and Councillor J. Everett, T.D., to wait upon the Minister and to press upon him to sanction this increase which has become doubly necessary now owing to the greatly increased cost of living.

Passed.

At this stage the Meeting ended leaving certain items of business on the Agenda to be dealt with at a future Meeting.

*Ed Byrne*  
19/8/40

Minutes of Special Meeting, 7th August, 1940

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2 o'clock, p.m., on Wednesday, the 7th August, 1940.

The following Members attended:

Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman ;  
Councillors P. P. O'Reilly, J. P. Kehoe, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ; Liam O'Cleirigh, Daniel J. Kehoe, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D. ; J. McCrea, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern) ; P. D. Kinsella, Michael Mooney, Michael Timmins, Major R. Smith, W. Hammond, J. J. Bourne, M. J. Brennan, and J. P. O'Donnell.

Proposed by Councillor M. Mooney ;

Seconded by " Senator C. M. Byrne ;

Resolved—That this County Council of the County of Wicklow have heard with deep regret of the death of Joseph McGarrity who for so many years was one of Ireland's best friends and stoutest supporters in the United States, and we tender to the Members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne ;

Seconded by " W. Hammond ;

Resolved—That we have heard with great regret of the death of Mr. Edward Byrne, of Muskeagh, Tinahely, who was for a number of years a valued member of this County Council, and we tender to his relatives the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed.

BUSINESS:

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Secretary's Office,

Court House,

Wicklow,

31st July, 1940.

To: Each Member  
of Wicklow County Council

A Chara.

I am instructed by the Chairman of Wicklow County

7<sup>th</sup> August, 1940

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7<sup>th</sup> August 1940.

Council to convene a Special Meeting of that Body to be held at 2 o'clock, p.m., on Wednesday, 7th August, 1940, in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, for the purpose of considering the matters referred to in the subjoined requisitions received by the Chairman.

REQUISITIONS.

29th July, 1940. We, the undersigned Members of the Wicklow County Council, request that a Special Meeting be called to consider and take appropriate action concerning the administration of road work and the employment and dismissal of men; and, further, the failure of the Council's officers to give effect to the Resolution passed at the last meeting directing that weekly payments be made to road workers, and also the question of the increase of wages of road workers and carters which was also passed at the last meeting.

Signed by the undersigned Members of Wicklow County Council:—

- James McCrea, Patrick Doyle, James Everett, E. Byrne, P. P. O'Reilly.

We, the undersigned Members of the County Council, request that a Special Meeting of that Body be held immediately after the conclusion of the Special Meeting which we understand is called for Wednesday, the 7th August, 1940, to discuss the giving effect to the terms of the circular letter addressed to the Members of the Co. Council on the establishment and working of the Parish Councils.

- James McCrea, J. J. Bourne, W. Hammond, C. M. Byrne, James Everett.

You are hereby requested to attend said Meeting.

Le meas mor, Is mise,

P. T. HEALY, County Secretary.

The Council proceeded to discuss the matters referred to in Requisition No. 1, concerning which the Secretary read the following correspondence:

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW.

29th June, 1940.

The Secretary, Department of Local Government, and Public Health,

(Roads) Custom House, Dublin.

A Chara,

I beg to submit herewith copy of a Resolution which was passed by Wicklow County Council at a special Meeting of that Body held on the 24th instant, which Resolution directs that men employed on works of Road Improvement and Maintenance by Wicklow County Council be paid weekly in future.

The Council made no suggestions how the provisions of this Resolution were to be implemented and I confess, that after giving the matter the most careful consideration, following interviews with the County Surveyor, I am at a complete loss to know what machinery can be devised and set up that will place the County Council as an employer on the same level as the private employer, which would appear to be the intention of the County Council when passing the Resolution. It is for this reason I would ask for any helpful suggestions which would secure the efficient operation of the Order in the Resolution.

I attach hereto some notes I have made as to how the present system of paying fortnightly will be affected. Since the establishment of Direct Labour on Roads many years ago by Wicklow County Council the men worked for a fortnight,

the working week ended on Saturday and the men themselves received their Paying Orders on the following Saturday morning by post. That meant that if a man entered the Council's employment, say, on Monday the 10th June, the wages sheets were made up on Saturday the 22nd June, the Finance Committee met on Friday the 28th June, and the workman received his Paying Order on Saturday morning the 29th June. Pay sheets reached the County Surveyor's Office for checking, etc., purposes on Monday and Tuesday, the 24th and 25th instant and consequently only two days remained for the staff in my offices to prepare all the Treasurer's Advice Notes and Paying Orders and to have these thoroughly checked before submission to the Finance Committee on Friday, the 28th, a period all too limited to allow for the satisfactory checking of these important documents.

Almost every County Council has at one time or another considered the question of weekly payments, but I am not aware that any County Council has ever managed to evolve a satisfactory scheme to operate in that connection. If weekly payments be insisted upon by the County Council it must inevitably follow that the County Surveyor must be prepared to have pay sheets made up on the Saturday of each week and to certify in advance on the Monday morning that all the men on these pay sheets have worked on that day and the two following days, Tuesday and Wednesday, and this he informs me he is not willing to do. I am in complete agreement with him that to do so would be highly irregular and lead to untold difficulties. The notes attached would appear to conflict at all points with the circulars received from Government Departments urging the most rigid economy in these disturbed times.

It may be that the Department would like the matter discussed in this office with one of their representatives and indeed I would welcome such a visit.

The Council will expect immediate action on this Resolution and consequently I shall feel greatly obliged for the Department's observations on the Resolution at the earliest date possible.

Mise, le meas, P. T. HEALY.

(Enclosure to letter).

Copy of Resolution passed by Wicklow County Council at the special Meeting of that Body held on the 24th June, 1940.

Resolved—That the Overseers prepare and send in weekly Pay Sheets, and that the men be paid weekly in future—each Pay Sheet to expire on Wednesday.

Passed.

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH (ROADS)

CUSTOM HOUSE, DUBLIN.

R/RM/33

DUBLIN.

9th July, 1940.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 29th ultimo, relative to a proposal of Wicklow County Council to pay road workers weekly, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to request an estimate of the total cost of the proposal including the extra travelling which would necessarily be involved to enable the Assistant County Surveyor to comply with the requirement that each work has been visited during the period covered by each pay sheet. It should also be indicated whether the County Surveyor is satisfied that this requirement could be met by the Assistant County Surveyors.

Mise, le meas, J. HURSON,

The Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Court House,  
Wicklow,

11th July, 1940.

J. T. O'Byrne, Esq., B.E.,  
County Surveyor,  
Court House, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

In reference to the proposal to pay wages weekly, I have received a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, in which they require information including the travelling expenses which would necessarily be involved to enable the Assistant County Surveyors to comply with the requirements that each work has been visited during the period covered by each pay sheet. The Minister also requires an indication as to whether the County Surveyor is satisfied that this requirement could be met by the Assistant County Surveyors.

I shall be obliged if you will let me have a reply to these two queries at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,  
P. T. Healy (L.W.)

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Court House,  
Wicklow,

17th July, 1940.

The Secretary,  
Department of Local Government & Public Health,  
(Roads),  
Custom House,  
Dublin.

A Chara,

Adverting to the Minister's letter of the 9th inst., Ref. R/RM/33, on the subject of Wicklow County Council's proposal to pay road workers weekly I now have pleasure in handing you, herewith, a schedule on which I have estimated the total extra cost of the proposal, and also in submitting herewith copy of a communication received from Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., County Surveyor, in which he states definitely that it would not be possible for each Assistant Surveyor to comply with the requirements that each work has been visited during the period covered by each payment.

These documents speak for themselves, and there is no comment I could usefully make upon them. I shall, however, refer to two circular letters recently received from Government Departments urging the County Council and its officers to exercise the most rigid economy during the present abnormal times through which we are passing.

Is, mise, le meas,

P. T. Healy.

(Enclosure to letter)

Estimate of Additional Expenditure by Wicklow County Council if a weekly payment system be introduced for men employed on road maintenance and works of road improvement.

Additional postage on Paying Orders issued to men weekly	£150 0 0
Cost of additional Wages Sheets required weekly (about 2,000 annually)	3 8 0
Cost of 26,000 additional envelopes	26 0 0
Cost of 26,000 additional Paying Orders	35 0 0
Cost of embossed 2d. stamp on each Paying Order used additionally	216 13 4
Additional Expenditure Books required	5 0 0
Additional Finance Committee Order Books	5 0 0
Additional Payments to 14 Overseers for overtime work	409 10 0
Cost of 3 additional Clerks to get through all the added work the new weekly payment system will impose	300 0 0
Additional travelling expenses likely to be claimed by the 3 Assistant Surveyors	172 10 0
Additional travelling expenses likely to be claimed by County Surveyor	100 0 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,423 1 4</b>

(2nd enclosure to letter)

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,

Court House,  
Wicklow,

17th July, 1940.

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

Dear Sir,

I desire to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 11th July, 1940, enclosing copy of a letter dated the 9th inst., from the Department of Local Government (Roads Section) relative to proposals to submit weekly paysheets in future, and requesting a report from me as to the adequacy of supervision by the Assistant Surveyors under these proposals.

I am satisfied that it would not be possible for those officers to inspect or fully supervise all the various works in the respective districts in their charge within the week so as to enable them to certify, conscientiously, the payments becoming due at the end of that period.

Yours faithfully,  
J. T. O'Byrne,  
County Surveyor/Engineer.

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

Ref. R/RM/33. 22nd July, 1940.

Wicklow County Council—Proposed  
Weekly payments of road workers.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 17th instant I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the County Surveyor's Report should be brought to the notice of the County Council.

The Minister could not agree to any arrangements which would involve the certification of a paysheet in respect of works which had not been visited by the County Surveyor or an Assistant County Surveyor during the period covered by the pay sheet.

Mise, le meas,

J. Hurson,

Runai.

The Secretary,  
County Council,  
WICKLOW.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,

Court House,  
Wicklow,

25th July, 1940.

Dear Mr. Healy,

With reference to our conversation on yesterday the 24th inst, regarding the supervision of Road Works by the Assistants within a weekly pay period, I feel I would be bound to state that if I were to be provided with four whole-time Assistants (not five) the necessary supervision could be ensured.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Surveyor.

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

After a prolonged discussion, and having questioned the County Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., and the Assistant Surveyors J. P. Caffrey, B.E., and P. J. Foley, B.E., it was

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea ;

Seconded by J. Everett, T.D. ;

Resolved—That having considered the letter of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, dated the 22nd July, 1940, and having heard our Assistant Surveyors state to-day that they undertake to inspect every work every week in their respective areas before they sign and certify any wages sheet for submission to the Finance Committee in connection

with the system of weekly payments, which system we direct be carried out as there appears to be no further obstacle to it now.

Passed,

The following correspondence was also read by the Secretary and considered :

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL  
Court House,  
Wicklow,  
25th June, 1940.

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

A Chara,  
Wicklow County Council at a Special Meeting of that Body, held yesterday, had under consideration again a Proposal to increase the existing wages of carters and of all men employed on works of road improvement and maintenance by Wicklow County Council. After a prolonged discussion it was decided by 9 votes to 8 to grant an all-round increase of 5/- per week to men in each class indicated. I beg to submit, for the Minister's information, copy of the Resolution which was passed by the County Council.

Le meas mor,  
Is mise,  
P. T. Healy.

(Enclosure to letter).  
Copy of Resolution passed by Wicklow County Council at the Special Meeting of that Body, held on the 24th June, 1940.

Resolved—That all Carters paid at present 10/- per day or £3 per week be paid in future 12/- per day or £3 12s. 0d. per week, and that each workman on roads in the Council's employment be paid 37/6 per week instead of 32/6 per week in all Rural Areas of this County other than the area formerly known as Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, in which latter area we fix the wage at 42/6 per week instead of the present wage of 37/6 per week.

Passed

Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
Wicklow,  
19th July, 1940.

J. T. O'Byrne, Esq., B.E.,  
County Surveyor,  
Court House,  
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,  
I enclose herewith copy of a communication which I have to-day received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, in reference to the proposed increase in wages to carters and all men employed on road improvement and maintenance by 5/- per week. The Minister requires that the extra cost should be stated and other particulars given. If you will send me a statement on this matter I will forward it to the Department.

Yours faithfully,  
P. T. HEALY. (L.W.)

(Enclosure to letter).  
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SLAINTE POIBLIDHE,  
TEAH AN CHUSTUIM  
BAILE ATHA CLEATH.

RM/33.  
18adh Iul, 1940.

A Chara,  
Adverting to your letter of 25th ultimo regarding a proposal of Wicklow County Council to increase the wages of carters and all men employed on works of road improvement and maintenance by 5/- a week, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to request that you may furnish a report from the County Surveyor as to the possibility of carrying out in full the work provided for in the current Road Works Scheme if the increased wages are paid. The extra cost should be stated, and also the amount of employ-

ment in terms of man-weeks of which the road workers will be deprived.

Mise, le meas,  
J. HURSON,  
Runai.

The Secretary,  
County Council,  
Wicklow.  
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,  
Court House,  
Wicklow,  
3rd August, 1940.

The Secretary,  
Department of Local Government and Public Health,  
Custom House,  
Dublin.

A Chara,  
Adverting to the Minister's communication of the 18th ult., Ref. RM/33., regarding a proposal of Wicklow County Council to increase the wages of Carters and of all men employed on works of road maintenance and improvement, I now have pleasure in handing you herewith copy of the report dated the 3rd inst., which I was instructed to ask for from the County Surveyor as to the possibility of carrying out in full the work provided for in the Current Road Works Scheme if the increased wages be paid.

Le meas mor,  
Is mise,  
P. T. HEALY.

(Enclosure to letter).  
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,  
Court House,  
Wicklow,  
3rd August, 1940.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,  
In reply to the letter from the Local Government Department dated 18th ult. and a copy of which you enclose in yours of the 19th ult. regarding the proposal of the Wicklow County Council to increase the wages of Carters and all men employed on work on Road Improvement and Maintenance, by 5/- per week and in which the Minister requests a report from me regarding this matter, I desire to reply as follows :

In the first instance I have to point out that the Resolution of the Council did not propose to increase the wages of Carters by 5/- per week ; the proposal was, however, a rate of 12/- per day, which was equivalent to an increase of 12/- per week. The question as to the possibility of carrying out, in full, the work provided for in the Current Road Works Scheme, if these increased wages are paid, is one which must be viewed from various aspects.

In this regard I would remind you that I submitted my proposals for the maintenance of roads in this county, for the year ending 31st March, 1941, to a meeting of the Council held on 22nd January, 1940. The Council having considered these proposals, reduced my total estimate of £78,013 to £54,000 net.

There was no question then as to whether my proposed programme could or could not be carried out to its full extent. The current Road Work Scheme, with a substantial reduction in the original estimate was duly passed and work was commenced on the 1st April, 1940. But it was soon found that even the modified proposals would have to be still further interfered with by reason of the considerable increase in the cost of Tar Bitumen and Cement, owing to the war situation. Here again no question was raised regarding the possibility of completing even a modified programme and the allocated figures had to be further readjusted.

The present proposal of the Wicklow County Council to increase the wages of road workers and carters will obviously necessitate, therefore, a further adjustment but not to the extent to which such would have had to be done if the increases had taken place earlier in the season. The greater part of the road programme, is so far as the purchase of materials is concerned, is completed, and a great deal of the work in surfacing and tar spraying has been finished. There remains the work of the ordinary winter months, together with schemes of Road

Improvement and Unemployment Schemes which will be shortly notified to the Council by the Local Government Department. It will be obvious from these facts, therefore, that a drastic alteration in my original proposals has taken place all through, and that whilst the present proposed increase in wages will apparently cause a lesser number of men to be employed, it is difficult to say whether the programme which is still remaining, can be carried out or not.

The amount available for road repairs after the pay period nearest coinciding with the meeting of the Council which proposed the increase was £28,184. Of this amount it would be safe to assume that £15,000 would be available for expenditure on labour (including Carting) exclusively.

Owing to the existing difference in the rate of wages as between the Rathdown No. 2 district and the remainder of the County, it is difficult to arrive at a comprehensive figure to show the percentage increase.

The present rate of wages in Rathdown is 37/6 per week for labourers, and £3 12s. for carters, and in the remainder of the County the weekly wage is 32/6 for labourers and £3 per week for carters.

I think that a fair figure to show the fiat increase in the wages over the whole County, would be 16 per cent. or £2,240.

To put the matter in another way I have calculated that for every 13 men employed with the amount of money available before the increase, only 11 could be now employed up to the end of the year if the increase takes place retrospectively.

I do not think, therefore, there is anything further I can add to this statement except to say that in terms of man-weeks the amount of less employment in the County will be 1,000 (approximately).

Le meas,

Seosamh T. Ua Broin.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett;

Seconded by " James McCrea;

Resolved—That we hereby direct our Solicitor to obtain Counsel's Opinion as whether this County Council has exceeded or not their powers to increase the wages paid to men employed on road works and road maintenance and the carters on these roads and works, the Members of the Finance Committee alone to dictate the case to be submitted to Counsel.

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

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors J. McCrea, Liam O'Cleirigh, P. Doyle (Coolboy); P. Doyle (Winetavern); P. P. O'Reilly, D. J. Kehoe, Edward Byrne, M. J. Brennan, J. Everett, T.D.; Senator C. M. Byrne, J. P. Kehoe—11.

AGAINST THE MOTION—Councillors J. J. Bourne, W. Hammond, M. Mooney, M. Timmins, Major R. Smith, P. D. Kinsella, J. P. O'Donnell—7.

The Chairman thereupon declared the Motion to have been carried as a Resolution eleven Members having voted for it and seven having voted against.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., brought the following unsigned letter to the notice of the Council:

IRISH TRANSPORT & GENERAL WORKERS' UNION,  
THOMAS TIMMINS, 35, Parnell Square,  
Knockfodah. Date: 6/8/40,  
Roundwood.  
(Delegate).

To: Mr. J. Everett, T.D.;  
Dear Sir,

I have received complaints from road workers in the Glendalough and Roundwood areas that the County Surveyor has given orders to all road workers that they must become members of the Local Security Force.

My Committee's opinion is that this means economic conscription as the duration of army should be left for each individual's opinion. How is it that the workers and poor men are always required to make the sacrifice. Why are not the higher officials that has very little to do give the lead.

I am not aware if the decision to get work also entails membership of the L.S.F. was passed by Co. Council.

There was no written Order on this letter, the County Surveyor having stated that he had not given orders that all

road workers must become members of the Local Security Force.

At this point the Council proceeded to discuss the matters referred to in the second Requisition, i.e. the question of giving effect to the terms of the circular letter addressed by the Secretary to the Members of the County Council regarding the establishment and working of Parish Committees.

The circular letter in question was submitted as underneath; after the Secretary had informed the Council that he had been appointed County Commissioner.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Secretary's Office,

Court House,

Wicklow.

20th July, 1940.

A Chara,

The war raging on the Continent is daily approaching nearer to our shores. Whilst it is the very earnest prayer of our people that this country will be spared from being involved in the conflict everything appears to indicate that the danger is very real. Such a condition of things would be exceedingly grave, and it might possibly bring with it a danger of the greatest magnitude, namely, a break down of food supplies for the people of our county. Recognising the seriousness of the situation it is considered that the formation of Parish Committees is a matter of the gravest urgency, and it is because of that I venture to express the hope that everyone will co-operate with the Parish Clergy in the formation of a Committee in his Parish.

The following points I suggest should engage the special attention of the Parish Committee immediately it has been set up:

(1) The great perils that may follow an invasion should be made known to everybody more especially the consequences that would follow from a complete disruption of social and economic life, and the Parishioners should be advised before hand of the best ways and means to meet these consequences in the regrettable event of their happening. Preparedness is the only weapon to allay panic. It occurs to me, therefore, that the most valuable and the most certain method of reaching the ears of everyone in your Parish would be by means of a statement on the lines of this circular in all Churches.

(2) The Committee should impress upon the local Skopkeepers the grave necessity of laying in stocks of essential goods, such as flour, sugar, tea, oatmeal, wholemeal, etc., etc., and to ascertain from all such Traders the quantities of stocks they have on hand at the moment and the period of time their past experience tells them such stocks would be likely to last in the Parish.

(3) The Committee should impress upon all Parishioners (particularly those whose financial position leaves them in a condition to do so) the necessity, in their own interests, of laying in ample supplies of food, etc., to cover as long a period as they possibly can for themselves and their families.

(4) The Committee should estimate the amounts of the different classes of food required to feed the necessitous poor and those in their parish who could not reasonably be expected to lay in supplies for themselves in the event of an emergency, and the Committee should examine and devise ways and means of providing for them.

(5) The Committee should impress upon all Parishioners that they are acting in their own interests and in the common good in assisting their neighbours in saving their crops as speedily as possible—the factor of time being so essential—thereby securing better supplies of food for everyone during the coming winter which may indeed be very severe if there be interference with shipping in this country.

(6) In the event of an Air Raid or the burning of homes or crops the Committee should make such arrangements as may be possible beforehand for fire-fighting and for the provision of shelter, etc., for the homeless.

(7) The Parishioners should be warned to keep themselves in readiness to carry out immediate instructions that may be given to them by any person vested with authority for it is conceivable that if Government should break down and lines of communication be broken it may be that the Parish Committee will finally be the only direct connecting link with the people and the Committee should, therefore, hold themselves in readiness to assist the people of their Parish in every way so that there may be no such panic as has led to great losses of life and untold misery in other unfortunate countries.

Whilst the foregoing is only a brief outline of what in my opinion can be done forthwith by a Parish Committee, Wicklow County Council, before whom this entire matter will be laid at the next Quarterly Meeting of that Body, will I am sure appreciate any helpful suggestions Parish Committees may be able to make which would have the effect of furthering the preparation that the County Council are so anxious to have made without delay for the welfare of their people of the County Wicklow to meet any and every emergency.

I shall deem myself very fortunate, indeed, if this communication secures your goodwill and co-operation fully in taking any and every step to have a Committee of the entire community set up in your Parish, and I take this opportunity of suggesting that a small Parish Committee, not exceeding say eleven members, to be representative of all classes and creeds, is best likely to be able to promptly and efficiently handle matters in the present exceedingly grave emergency.

Mise, le meas,

P. T. HEALY,

P.S.—It is, of course, to be very clearly understood that these Parish Committees to which I refer are being set up solely for the purposes above indicated and that they will disappear when the immediate necessity for them passes.



Where Parish Committees are already in process of being formed, or have been formed, no further steps need be taken beyond giving me the names and addresses of the Chairman, the Treasurer (if any), and the Hon. Secretary.

A number of points in amplification of this circular letter were raised and discussed, and the Secretary undertook to mention them to the Regional Commissioner, with whom he was to have a conference on the following day, with a view to the issue at an early date of a comprehensive letter of instructions from the Government for the help and guidance of Parish Committees in the discharge of the onerous duties likely to be imposed upon them in the event of an invasion of our country.

*Edw Byrne* 19/8/40

19<sup>th</sup> August, 1940

Minutes of Summer Quarterly Meeting, 19th August, 1940

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 19th August, 1940.

The following Members were present: Councillor Senator O. M. Byrne, Chairman; Councillors Major R. Smith, W. Hammond, Michael Mooney, David H. Haskins, T. J. Birthistle, Joseph Jacob, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); James McCrea, J. Everett, T.D.; J. J. Bourne, J. P. Kehoe, John Dunne, Edward Byrne, George Heatley, P. P. O'Reilly, Denis Condren, P. D. Kinsella, Daniel J. Kehoe, and Michael Timmins.

BUSINESS.

- 1 To consider Finance Committee's Reports.
- 2 To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance.
- 3 To consider proposals for payments from the Proposals Committee.
- 4 To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's payments.
- 5 To consider proposals for Printing and Advertising Contracts from the Proposals Committee.
- 6 To Seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 7 To sign applications for refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 8 To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 9 To consider applications for Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
- 10 To consider applications for Licences under the Explosives Act, 1875.
- 11 To consider Reports on the Council's Secondary School Scholarship Holders for the Scholastic year 1939/40, and, if so disposed, to pass a Resolution renewing these Scholarships for the year 1940/41.
- 12 To receive and consider a circular letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, dated the 8th August, 1940, conveying his decision to standardise all road workers' wages to the rate of wages obtaining on the 1st September, 1939. (Copy of this circular letter has already been forwarded to each Member of the Council).
- 13 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor John Dunne: "That in future men who reside in an Urban Area and who are engaged for work outside the Urban Areas of Bray, Wicklow and Arklow, or any Urban Area, be paid the same rate of wages existing in the Urban Area in which they reside."
- 14 To consider a letter from Messrs. O'Connor & Coonan, Solicitors, Naas, Co. Kildare, on behalf of certain Ratepayers in the Townlands of Corragh, Lugglass, Hollywood, Toor, Johnstown, Humphreystown and Lockstown to appeal to the Courts for a Mandamus to compel the County Council to improve the appalling condition of the roads in the districts of Hollywood, Valleymount and Blessington.
- 15 To consider a communication from Mr. John Murphy, 2 Wolfe

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Tone Square, West, Bray, regarding an accident suffered by his wife in front of the Meath Estate Office, Putland Hill, Bray, due, as alleged, to a hole in the pavement there.

16 To consider a claim from Mr. G. B. Griffin, Carnew, for the sum of £21 in respect of gravel stated to have been supplied for footpaths in Carnew and subsequently refused.

17 To consider correspondence regarding the claim for compensation made by Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Arklow, in connection with the flooding of the lands of Mr. Charles Byrne, Ballytunney, because, as alleged, of the neglect of the Council's employees.

18 To execute a Submission to Arbitration between Lewis P. Byrne, Sallymount House, Ballymoyle, Arklow, and the County Council in connection with lands acquired for the new road from Arinary to Sallymount.

19 To consider correspondence regarding an application for compensation received from Mr. James O'Neill, 5 St. Patrick's Terrace, Ferrybank, Arklow, who lost a horse whilst working for Wicklow County Council on the new road from Arinary to Sallymount.

20 To consider County Surveyor's Report.

21 To fill the vacancy on Wicklow County Council created by the death of Mr. Martin M. Gleeson, Stratford-on-Slaney.

22 To appoint a representative on the County Wicklow Library Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. John Kennedy, Main Street, Wicklow.

23 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor E. Byrne :-

"I hereby give Notice that at the first Meeting to be held after the expiration of one month from this date 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 sum of £5,334 (Five Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty-four Pounds) for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the improvement and extending of the Greystones Water Supply."

24 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor David H. Haskins :-

"I hereby give notice that I shall move at the next meeting of this Council—that we protest strongly against the increase of taxes imposed upon the community during the past fourteen days and we ask the Government to meet a deputation for each County to explain how heavily these taxes will press upon all classes and that the farming classes above all require immediate relief."

25 To execute Bonds submitted by the six persons recently appointed on the permanent clerical staff.

26 To approve of the arrangements made by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance for the transaction of duties of the County Medical Officer of Health whilst the latter is on his annual holidays.

27 To consider further correspondence—including a Summary Summons—from the Great Southern Railways regarding their claim for a refund of Rates amounting to £6,510 19s. 0d. paid in excess by the Company over a period of three years.

28 To consider the question of submitting the Council's views regarding the area of charge imposed by the Circuit Court Judge at Balinglass Circuit Court following the hearing of the Malicious Injury Claim submitted by the Marquis of Waterford and Doctor White.

29 To consider a communication from the Council's Solicitor in which the Members are asked for their views as to the area of charge in the event of Mr. John B. Wynne, Sevenchurches, being successful with his Malicious Injury Claim.

30 To consider a communication from Messrs. J. H. McCarroll & Co., Solicitors, 4, Church Street, Wicklow, enquiring on behalf of a client, if the old Gaol premises in Wicklow are for sale.

31 To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at a Meeting of that Body, held on the 23rd June, 1940 :-

"Resolved—That a fee of £1 10 0 per 500 sheep dipped during the dipping period 1940 be paid for the use of Private Swim Baths—and that in cases where less than 500 sheep were dipped the owners of baths to be paid proportionately—this payment to cover two dippings."

32 To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, at a meeting of that Body, held on the 28th June, 1940 :-

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to appoint Mr. John Pearse, Bolinass, Ashford, as Temporary Sheep Dipping Inspector in the District previously worked by Mr. Wm. Carr, Knockraheen, Roundwood.

33 To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the Council's Resolution guaranteeing Miss E. F. Bobbett, Springfield, Kilbride, that no stock placed on her lands would be seized in respect of Poor Rates due.

34 To consider County Analyst's Report.

35 To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health pointing out the necessity for replacing as far as possible Imported Coal with Turf.

36 To consider a communication from the County Registrar, Circuit Court Office, Wicklow, with which he enclosed a letter from the Minister for Justice in which the hope is expressed that the safety of the Circuit Court Office would be included in any Air Raid Precaution measures taken by the Local Authority.

37 To consider an application from Messrs. James Bowe, Kilquigan, Coolkenno, to be allowed to address the Members on a grievance he complains of.

38 To consider an application from Miss Irene A. Ball Aton, Glencapple, Kilmacanogue, Bray, to have steps taken to provide telephone facilities in her village.

39 To receive a Report from the Joint Committee of the County Council and the County Board of Health and Public Assistance on the situation generally which has arisen by reason of the appointment of a County Surveyor/Engineer.

40 To receive Minutes of proceedings of Monthly Meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee.

41 To consider official correspondence.

42 To consider general correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne ;

Seconded by J. P. Kehoe ;

Resolved—That we hereby tender to our Colleague, Councillor Joseph Keenan, The Hotel, Roundwood, the assurance of our sincere sympathy with him and the members of his family on the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. Farley, Bray.

Passed.

The Minutes of previous meetings, as printed and circulated to each member of Wicklow County Council, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

The usual fortnightly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, 5th July, 1940.

The following Members attended :-

Councillor Major R. Smith, Presiding Chairman ;

Councillors James Everett, T.D., and M. J. Brennan.

The following application was submitted from five Members of the Secretarial Permanent Staff who had volunteered for service with the Local Security Force :-

To : The Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee.

Gentlemen,

We, the undersigned Members of your Clerical Staff, having volunteered for service with the Local Security Force, and being liable in the case of a major emergency to give whole-time service with the Defence Forces, would be glad of an assurance from the County Council that we shall suffer no pecuniary loss either in salary or in pension rights in the event of our services being required by the State.

In this connection it may be mentioned that other Local Authorities have already given such an assurance to their staffs.

Dated this 5th day of July, 1940.

SIGNED :

W. C. Byrne,

A. O'Connor,

J. O'Rourke,

R. A. Laven,

P. Swords.

ORDER—Refer to Council.

Signed : R. SMITH (Major),

Presiding Chairman Finance Committee.

Dated this 5th July, 1940.

Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith ;

Seconded by D. H. Haskins ;

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

Passed.

The Council, after some discussion, having decided that service with the Local Security Force is purely voluntary, no further action was taken on the application submitted from the five members of the staff who had joined that Force.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 2

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Saturday, 20th July, 1940 (the Meeting convened for Friday, the 19th July, 1940, having fallen through in the absence of a quorum).

The following Members attended :

Councillor D. H. Haskins, Chairman ;

Councillors J. P. O'Donnell, Senator C. M. Byrne, and Major R. Smith.

The Minutes of previous Meetings were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

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

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE—£9725 16 11.

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

QUARTER ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

To the County Board of Public Assistance—£14,085 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 31st MARCH, 1941.

To the County Board of Public Health—£19,170.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, such Reports as were prepared showing the condition of the Accounts of the several Poor Rate Collectors in the County.

The following application was submitted:

The Lodge, Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings, 29-5-40.

To: Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Dear Sir,

Will you please allow me something for cleaning room and giving fires for the Rate Checker while he came here. As you know I never got any payment at all. Could you please allow me 3/- per meeting—starting on December 29th, 1939, and ending on May, the 10th, 1940.

And many thanks.

I remain,

Yours obediently,

Mrs. A. Murphy.

ORDER—The Committee recommend that £3 per annum—dating from the 29th December, and to be paid Quarterly—be paid to Mrs. A. Murphy for the duties set out in her letter.

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

Dated this 19th July, 1940.

Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith;

Seconded by D. H. Haskins;

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.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 3.

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Proposals and Finance Committees was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 16th August, 1940.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor David H. Haskins, Chairman; Councillors J. P. Kehoe, Major R. Smith, J. Everett, T.D.; Joseph Jacob, Senator C. M. Byrne.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the Reports received from the Rate Inspector following his checkings of the Poor Rate Collectors' Accounts since the Committee's last Meeting.

The following Additional Proposals were considered and recommended to the County Council for payment.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS—£361 2 1.

The Secretary reported officially that he had received three Tenders in reply to the subjoined advertisement:

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

PRINTING CONTRACT

The Proposals Committee of the above-named Co. Council will, at the adjourned Quarterly Meeting, to be held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, 16th August, 1940, consider such Tenders as may be lodged in accordance with this advertisement for executing and supplying during a period of three years, commencing 1st October, 1940, the Printing and Stationery required for the County Council's Offices, and for the Office of the County Registrar according to the Specification prepared by the Secretary to the County Council, which Printing will be paid for, as supplied, at each Quarterly Finance Meeting at the prices entered by the Contractor in his Schedule of Prices for each Unit.

Printing, providing and supplying requisite books, forms, notices, circulars, etc., required for the County Council, and for the County Registrar, and their several offices as ordered. Not to exceed £700 per annum.

Printed blank copies of "Specification and Schedule of Prices," and also Forms of Tender, may be obtained free of charge on application to the undersigned during office hours.

Tenders must be on the form provided. The Tender to be accompanied by and attached to the "Specification and Schedules of Prices," which latter must give the detailed prices in writing opposite each item specified, and must be signed by the Contractor. The price to be entered in the Tender itself must correspond to the total price for each year's supply.

Tenders, enclosed in sealed envelopes, addressed to the "Presiding Chairman, Proposals Committee, Courthouse, Wicklow," and marked "Tender for Printing," must be lodged with the undersigned not later than 11.30 o'clock a.m., on Friday, 16th August, 1940, after which hour no Tender will be accepted. Each Tender must contain the name of some Approved Guarantee Society, or of two solvent Sureties, with their descriptions and addresses, willing to enter into a Bond jointly with the person tendering for the due performance of the Contract, conditioned in a penalty of double the annual amount of the Tender.

The Contractor and his Sureties must attend the adjourned Proposals Committee Meeting on the 16th August, 1940, as above, to execute their Bond, or an official letter must be then produced from the Guarantee Society undertaking to give the required Guarantee jointly with the person tendering.

Special attention is drawn to a clause in the Specification providing that Irish materials (ink, paper, etc.), are to be used in the execution of all the work (no item in the Specification will be accepted if the paper therein is not Irish made), that so much as may be required of the printing shall be executed in the Irish language, and printed in Irish as distinct from Roman characters; and that the recognised Trade Union rate of wages must be paid by the Contractor.

Each party tendering must lodge along with his Tender, or enclose in same £20 cash (a cheque will not be a compliance), which will be returned if the party attends the Meeting prepared to execute his Bond as hereinbefore provided, in the event of his Tender being accepted.

The lowest or any Tender will not necessarily be accepted. Samples of the work required may be seen at the undermentioned Office during Office hours.

P. T. HEALY, County Secretary.

County Council Offices, Courthouse, Wicklow, 3rd August, 1940.

Four Tenders were opened by the Chairman, the particulars of which are as follows:

From The Monument Press, Florence Hall Works, Bray at the bulk sum for each year of ... £673 16 5

From Henry Jackson, 73 Dame Street, Dublin Do. 63 13 7

From The County Printing Works, Wicklow, Limited, Main Street, Wicklow Do. 697 3 1

From The County Printing Works, Wicklow, Limited, Main Street, Wicklow Do. 621 3 1

The Committee declared the Tender of Mr. Henry Jackson to be informal and illegal, inasmuch as the Specification contained 201 items, and he only Tendered for 26 items thereof.

The Committee recommend the Council to accept the second Tender, at the sum of £621 3 1, received from the County Printing Works, Wicklow, Limited, it being the lowest amount.

The following Tenders were received for executing the Advertising required by the County Council and for their several Offices, and also for the advertising required by the County Registrar, during the three years commencing on 1st October, 1940, and ending on the 30th September, 1943:

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

The Manager, "Leinster Leader," Naas @ 6d. per line Single Column.

The Manager, "Bray Tribune," Florence Hall Works, Bray @ 6d. per line Single Column.

Signed: — DAVID H. HASKINS,

Chairman, Proposals and Finance Committees.

Dated this 16th August, 1940.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne; Seconded by Major R. Smith;

Resolved—That the portions relating to the Checkings of Collectors' Accounts and to Additional Proposals, and to the advertising that may be required for the three years commencing 1st October, 1940, in the Finance Committee's Report No. 3, as printed and circulated to each Member of Wicklow County Council, be, and they are hereby approved and adopted; the remaining portion of the Report which deals with the acceptance of a Tender for County Printing is hereby rejected as irregular, and will be dealt with by this Council in a separate Resolution.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne; Seconded by P. Doyle;

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

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

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

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payments chargeable to the various areas, amounting to the sum of £9,725 16 11 (any modification made therein having been first intimated by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

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

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing additional Proposals for payment, chargeable to the various areas, amounting to the sum of £361 2 1 (any modification made therein having been first intimated by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

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

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

Proposals from the Proposals Committee on Form 20 (referred to in Article 54 of the Public Bodies Order) were submitted.

COUNTY PRINTING CONTRACT.

After a prolonged discussion dealing with the manner in which the unofficial Tender at the sum of £621 3 1 received by Councillor David H. Haskins from the County Printing Works, Wicklow, Ltd., had been considered by the Proposals Committee, and recommended to the County Council for acceptance, it was

Proposed by Councillor John Dunne ;  
Seconded by Edward Byrne ;  
Resolved—That inasmuch as the Tender from the Monument Press, of Florence Hall Works, Bray, at the sum of £673 16 5 is the only Tender in order before us we hereby decide to accept it, subject to the figures therein having been carefully checked for accuracy, and we reject the Tender recommended by the Finance Committee in their Report ; and that such advertising as the Secretary may decide upon be inserted in the "Wicklow People," "Leinster Leader" and "Bray Tribune" during the period of three years commencing on the 1st October, 1940, at a price not exceeding Sixpence per line single column.

Passed.  
Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne ;  
Seconded by J. P. Kehoe ;  
Resolved—That having in a previous Resolution passed at this day's Meeting accepted the Tender of the Monument Press, Florence Hall Works, Bray, at the figure £673 16 5 per annum for County Printing for the 3 years commencing 1st October, 1940, subject to the Specification figures having been checked for accuracy, and this checking having been done and it having been disclosed at such checking that the figure which should have been in the Tender is £740 10 1—which is £40 10 1 above the figure allowed for this particular Proposal by the Wicklow County Council—we now direct that advertisements be issued inviting fresh Tenders, and we, further, formally reject and refuse the Tender from the Monument Press, of Florence Hall Works, Bray ; and the Resolution passed earlier at this day's Meeting in that connection is hereby rescinded and revoked, and is to have no effect.

Passed.  
The Council unanimously approved and adopted the acceptance of Tenders for executing such advertising as the County Secretary may decide to be necessary to fulfil Statutory obligations during the three years which will commence on the 1st October, 1940, and end on the 30th September, 1943, by Wicklow County Council and their several offices and for certain advertising required by the County Registrar, Court House, Wicklow, as follows :—

- The Manager,  
"Wicklow People,"  
A1 North Main Street,  
Wexford, @ 6d. per line single column.
- The Manager,  
"Leinster Leader,"  
Naas, Co. Kildare, @ 6d. per line single column.
- The Manager,  
"Bray Tribune,"  
Florence Hall Works,  
Bray, Co. Wicklow, @ 6d. per line single column.

The Proposals Committee having recommended the Council to raise a Loan, the repayment of which is to be spread over a period of at least five years, the said Loan to be expended in erecting a floor over the Record Court with a view to creating space for at least two large rooms, with the essential sanitary accommodation, in order to provide more space for office requirements, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D. ;  
Seconded by Major R. Smith ;  
Resolved—That our Secretary be empowered and instructed to approach our Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow Branch, to raise a Loan of One Thousand Two Hundred Pounds (£1,200) for the purpose of executing the following work which has been approved and adopted at this day's Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council, namely :—

To erect a floor over the Record Court making space for at least two large rooms and other necessary accommodation (including works providing new lavatories and repairing entrance hall-way to offices) in order to provide more space for office requirements.

Passed.  
Proposed by Councillor Senator 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 J. P. Kehoe ;  
Seconded by M. Timmins ;  
Resolved—That we hereby direct our Secretary to issue a Licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, to Mr. Leslie Murphy, Donard, Co. Wicklow, a satisfactory report on the application having been received from the Superintendent of the Garda Síochána for the area.

Passed.  
Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne ;  
Seconded by J. P. Kehoe ;  
Resolved—That our Secretary is hereby instructed to issue a Licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, to William Toomey, Esq., B.L., Annacreevy, Enniskerry, a satisfactory report on the application having been received from the Superintendent of the Garda Síochána of the area.

Passed.  
Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne ;  
Seconded by D. J. Kehoe ;  
Resolved—That a Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, be issued to Mr. John Cunningham, Donlavin, subject to the usual conditions applicable to the issue of a new Licence.

Passed.  
Proposed by Councillor M. Timmins ;  
Seconded by D. J. Kehoe ;  
Resolved—That we hereby empower our Secretary to issue a renewal of Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, to Mr. Luke McDonnell, Main Street, Baltinglass, for the Town Hall, Baltinglass.

Passed.  
There were no applications for Licences under the Explosives Act, 1875, to be considered.  
Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne ;  
Seconded by James Everett, T.D. ;

Resolved—That the Reports received from the Principals of the several Secondary Schools concerned, as to the conduct and progress during the past scholastic year 1939/40, of the holders of Secondary School Scholarships awarded by the County Council, having been accepted by this Council as satisfactory we hereby renew for the scholastic year 1940/1941 the Secondary School Scholarships awarded to each of the following, provided application is made for an extension for a further year :—

- Kathleen Desmond, 3, Park Terrace, Arklow.
- Mary Teresa Hanley, Tinahely.
- Thomas B. M. Hennessy, Blessington.
- John J. McGuirk, 7, Main Street, Bray.
- Kevin Belton, Rathdrum.
- Kathleen M. O'Kelly, Drummin, Annamoe.
- Mary Josephine Rawson, Coolfancy, Tinahely.
- Julia Black, Station House, Shillelagh.
- Bryan H. Prosser, Enniskerry.
- Patrick J. Kavanagh, 17, Condren's Lane, Arklow.

The following letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, dealing with the subject of wages payable to workers employed on road maintenance and schemes of road improvement was considered :—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,  
(Roads),  
Custom House,  
Dublin,  
RM/201/W.  
8th August, 1940.  
Road Wages.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the rates of wages paid to road workers employed on works financed either or partly out of road improvement grants, road maintenance grants, or grants for the carrying out of employment schemes, are not to exceed the appropriate rate of wages obtaining on 1st September, 1939. The decision applies to the wages payable to all road workers employed on such works.

The payment of grants in respect of the current financial year will be subject to compliance by the local authority with the terms of this circular, which should be given effect as from the commencement of the pay period following the receipt of the circular.

Mise, le meas,  
J. Hurson,  
Runai.

The Secretary of the County Council.  
The Town Clerk of the County Borough, Borough  
or Urban District.

The Council again approved and confirmed the terms of the Resolution which was passed at their Meeting held on the 7th August, 1940, by 11 votes to 7, as follows :—

Resolved—That we hereby direct our Solicitor to obtain Counsel's Opinion as to whether this County Council has exceeded or not their powers to increase the wages paid to men employed on road works and road maintenance and the carters on these roads and works, the Members of the Finance Committee alone to dictate the case to be submitted to Counsel.

Passed.  
Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne ;  
Seconded by Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That having considered the terms of the letter dated the 8th August, 1940, on the subject of Weekly Wages to Road Workers we hereby direct our County Surveyor to continue to pay to these workers in the area formerly known as Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, the 32/6 decided upon by this Council on 22nd January, 1940, and we appeal to the Minister to accord his sanction to this course being pursued, as its effect was only to place the men in that area on the same terms as those in two other areas—the men in all three areas being still in receipt of 5/- per week less than workers employed in a fourth area, i.e., the area formerly known as Rathdown No. 2 Rural District.

Passed.  
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,  
Custom House,  
Dublin,  
17th August, 1940.

A Chara,  
With reference to the recent proposal of the Wicklow County Council to pay road workers weekly, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to point out that the responsibility for the due execution of public works rests with the County Surveyor and it is noted that he is not satisfied that it will be possible for the Assistant Surveyors to supervise fully all the various works in the respective districts in their charge, within the week, so as to enable them to certify conscientiously the payments becoming due at the end of a weekly period. As the County Surveyor is responsible for the final certification of expenditure on road construction and maintenance the Minister would like the County Council to give further consideration to the matter of weekly payments. In addition to certifying the wages sheets the Assistant Surveyors must examine bills for materials, equipment, and the charges for hired machinery. It will be seen, therefore, that an Assistant Surveyor must discharge a considerable amount of such work during the week in which paysheets are prepared. Where fortnightly payments are made at least two whole days are devoted to the preparation of payments. If weekly payments are adopted the time available for supervision will be considerably lessened and this aspect of the proposal may result in a reduced standard of maintenance of the roads.

In the case of road works financed wholly or partly from State Funds the Minister must be fully satisfied that the works are properly supervised during their execution before payment of grants will be made.

The question of weekly payments has been under examination in other counties. In some cases it has been decided that the additional money which would be absorbed by making weekly payments would only

result in reducing the amount of employment for road workers. It is undesirable to increase the cost of road administration at the present time and as it is understood it is only at the commencement of a period of employment that the main difficulty is experienced, the County Surveyor should first be requested to report as to the arrangements which could be made that would enable payments to be made earlier in the initial period of employment.

Mise, le meas,  
J. HURSON  
Runai,  
Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,

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

Resolved—That having considered the letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, dated the 17th of August, 1940, we hereby instruct our County Surveyor and County Secretary to proceed with the weekly payments of road workers, the first meeting under this new system to take place on Friday, the 23rd August, 1940.  
Passed.

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,  
Dublin,

15th August, 1940.

A Chara,  
With reference to your letter of the 25th June last forwarding a resolution of the Wicklow County Council in regard to the setting up of a Joint Conference of the County Council and the Board of Health to discuss the reorganisation of the County Engineering Services, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has agreed to arrange for attendance of the Department's Chief Engineering Adviser at meetings of the Committee. Pending the result of these discussions the Minister will not approve of any proposals for the re-allocation of the districts of the Assistant County Surveyors.

Mise, le meas,  
J. Hurson,  
Runai,  
Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,

The Council directed the Secretary to convene the first meeting of the Joint Conference to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 27th August, 1940.

The Council, after a short discussion, adjourned the following notice of motion standing in the name of Councillor John Dunne (item No. 13 on the Agenda):—

"That in future men who reside in an Urban Area and who are engaged for work outside the Urban Area of Bray, Wicklow and Arklow, or any Urban Area, be paid the same rate of wages existing in the Urban Area in which they reside."

Naas,  
Co. Kildare,  
Ref. 2065/C/B. 6th May, 1940,  
Dear Sir,

We have been consulted by a number of Ratepayers in the Townlands of Corragh and Lugglass, Hollywood, Tour, Johnstown, Humphreys-town and Lockstown with reference to the appalling condition of the road in the District of Hollywood, Vallemount and Blessington. You will recollect that we had occasion to correspond with you on two occasions about a year ago with reference to the condition of the same road when a claim had arisen against the Council on behalf of a Mr. Kelly. We would remind you that on the occasion in question Mr. Kelly sustained rather serious injury as a result of an accident and compensation was paid to him on behalf of your Council.

It was pointed out at the time of settlement that the complaint with regard to the condition of the road would be considered and it was thought that some effort would be made to better conditions. It is hardly necessary to remind you of the obligations of your Council in the matter of repair and maintenance of the road over which the public and particularly ratepayers have to travel for the purpose of transacting their business. Our clients are seriously considering the question of mandatory proceedings to compel your Council to fulfil their obligations and we assure you that if immediate steps are not taken to deal with this complaint proceedings will be instituted.

Yours faithfully,  
O'Connor & Coonan,  
Solicitors,

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

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

Resolved—That Messrs O'Connor & Coonan, Solicitors, Naas, be informed in reply to their letter of the 6th May, 1940, that the condition of the roads complained of in that letter has been improved since, and we instruct our County Surveyor to make a claim on the Electricity Supply Board for the additional expenses incurred by this Council on Road No. 362 in consequence of the extraordinary traffic imposed on it by that Board.  
Passed.

2, Wolfe Tone Square W.,  
Bray, 23/5/40.

Dear Sir,  
I wish to inform you that on the 21st inst., while my wife was wheeling her child in a Tansad Car on the pavement in front of the Meath Estate Office, Putland Hill, the front wheel of car stuck in a hole in the pavement and toppled over, with the result that my wife was thrown heavily on the ground. As my wife is expecting a child about the month of July she attended the dispensary the following day and was treated for numerous bruises on the legs and told to attend the dispensary again.

When this accident occurred my wife was accompanied by a friend, who witnessed the whole accident.  
I would be very obliged if you will reply to this letter.

Yours faithfully,  
John Murphy.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor M. J. Smith;  
Resolved—That Mr. John Murphy, 2, Wolfe Tone Square, West, Bray, be informed in the event of his threatening legal action that Wicklow County Council repudiates all liability in connection with the accident his wife is alleged to have suffered in front of the Meath Estate Office, Putland Hill, Bray, owing, as alleged, to a hole in the pavement there.  
Passed.

The County Council, after considerable discussion, directed the County Surveyor to investigate and report on the claim, dated the 12th June, 1940, received from Mr. G. P. Griffin, Carnew, for the sum of £21 in respect of gravel stated by him to have been supplied for footpaths in Carnew and subsequently refused.

Ferrybank,  
Arklow,  
11th June, 1940.

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

Dear Sir,  
In connection with the making of the new road between Arklow and Brittas Bay, we have been consulted by Mr. Charles Byrne, of Ballytunny, Ballymoyle, Arklow, relative to the flooding of his lands, owing to the erection of a dam by the Council in the river adjoining his lands.

He informs us that about 20 acres of his lands were flooded, and thereby damaged and owing to the flooding the boundary ditches were also damaged.

We presume the Council will compensate our client for the damage caused by the flooding.  
We shall be glad to hear from you as to this at your earliest convenience and oblige.

Yours faithfully,  
M. J. O'Connor & Co.,  
Solicitors.

ORDER—The County Surveyor to make arrangements with the local Councillors, Messrs. D. Condren and J. P. Kehoe, to investigate and submit back a report to the Council on this claim for alleged flooding.

Proposed by Councillor J. P. Kehoe;  
Seconded by Senator C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we now execute a Submission to Arbitration between Lewis P. Byrne, Sallymount House, Ballymoyle, Arklow, and the County Council in connection with the lands acquired for the new road from Ardnary to Sallymount and that the Seal of this County Council be affixed thereto and witnessed by our Chairman.  
Passed.

The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence regarding an application for compensation received from Mr. James O'Neill, 5 St. Patrick's Terrace, Ferrybank, Arklow, who lost a horse whilst working for Wicklow County Council on the new road from Ardnary to Sallymount.

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

Resolved—That having considered at this day's Meeting of Wicklow County Council all the facts connected with the accident which led up to the death of the horse the property of Mr. James O'Neill, 5 St. Patrick's Terrace, Ferrybank, Arklow, we hereby direct that the case be resubmitted to the Hibernian Insurance Company and that that Company be informed we express the hope that they will make a payment to O'Neill that he may use in replacing his horse.  
Passed.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE MANNTAIN

CUNNTAS AN tSUIRBHEIR.

Oifig an tSuirbheir,  
Tig na Cuirte,  
15adh Lughnasa, 1940.

A Dhaoine Uaisle,

(1) The Secretary to the L. G. D. has notified me that it is desirable to form Engineering Demolition Companies (2nd Line Volunteers Reserve) for the purpose of co-operating with the Military in the event of an invasion, in the destruction of communications and the maintenance of traffic routes, according as the military situation demands. The formation of each unit will be voluntary, in the first instance, but, in the case of actual hostilities a demolition unit would become incorporated in the Army and subject to Military control.

The Minister is desirous that assistance should be given to the Military Authorities in this matter.

I am therefore proposing to arrange the formations of the necessary units immediately and operations will be undertaken to prepare certain bridges and roads for destruction, and the necessary men will be selected and instructed in each area. I am authorised to use such plant or tools as may be necessary and the men required for the work, within County Council hours.

(2) County Weighbridge:—The Minister has sanctioned (13.7.40) the proposed site for this at the northern end of Leitrim Place, Wicklow, and I propose to start the work at an early date by direct labour. The cost is not to exceed £550. This is being met by means of a Grant of £400 and a Local contribution of £150 raised out of rates during the current year.

(3) The Minister for Local Government has ordered and declared that the road within the Urban District of Wicklow from Abbey Street via Fitzwilliam Square, Bridge Street and Leitrim Place to G.S.R. Goods Station, is a Main Road and it is now being maintained as such.

(4) Sudden Damages:—I regret to inform you that the under-mentioned roads and bridges were damaged by weather action and the repairs were effected out of "Contingencies Fund."

Bridge at Aghowle, Road 251	£25
Bridge at Knockadree	£5
Bridge on Road 344	£15
Road 349, Coonmore—Trether Brook	£25
Road 344, Hollywood—Granabeg	£30
Road 355, Lockstown—Humphreystown	£30
Road 332, Intack—Kilcough	£25
Road 336, Crehelp—Dunlavin	£20
Road 355, Lockstown—Humphreystown	£30
Road 296, Knockaderry—Davidstown Glebe	£12

(5) Office Files:—I require two steel 4 drawer files, fitted with up-to-date index systems for my office correspondence and departmental returns: the quantity of those documents is accumulating rapidly and proper accommodation must be provided. I estimate that the total cost will be £35.

(6) Road Wages:—The Minister has notified the County Council that the rates of wages paid to road workers employed on works financed either wholly or partly out of Road Improvement Grants, Road Maintenance Grants, or Employment Schemes Grants, are not to exceed the rates which were recognised on 15th September, 1939. The Minister further states that the payment of Grants in respect of the current financial year will be subject to the compliance by the County Council with these conditions, and that these instructions must be given effect to immediately. One of the immediate effects of this is the reduction of the wages in West Wicklow area, where work is carried out on Main roads, from 32/6 to 30/- as the increase of 2/6 per week was made only in March, 1940.

(7) Tar Boilers: As instructed by the Council I inspected the 320 gallon Standby Tar Bitumen Boiler offered for sale by the Coolattin Estate Co., Shillelagh. The machine is in good order and could be useful to the Council on road work. I understand that the terms of the purchase are £10 payable immediately and the balance of £60 to be paid within 6 months: total £70. I recommend the Council to accept.

(8) The Department has sanctioned the temporary appointment of Mr. Michael McDonagh Fleming, B.E., as Assistant County Surveyor for a maximum period of three months or until the vacancy in the County shall have been filled by the Appointments Commissioners, whichever is the earlier. Arrangements should now be made by the Council to put this into effect.

Is mise,  
Le meas mor,  
SEOSAM T. O'BROIN,  
Suirbheir an gCondae.

**ORDERS**—Paragraph 1. No money to be expended by the County Surveyor out of Rates without the sanction of our Secretary—all expenditure he deems necessary to be out of monies to be supplied by the Department of Defence, every man to have a free choice—and assurances received from the Insurance Companies that the Council's responsibilities to men employed under this Scheme are fully protected.

Paragraphs Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8; no Orders made by the Council.

**ROINN RIAGHALTÁIS AITEAMHAIL AGUS SLAINTE POIBLIDHE,**

(Bothar),  
Teach an Chustaim,  
Baile Atha Cliath,  
10adh Iúil, 1940.

**EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE, 1940/41, RURAL WORKS.**

A Chara,  
I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to the letter (RU/207/1), addressed to you on the 14th February last, relative to the provision of a local contribution for schemes, financed out of the above-mentioned Vote, to be carried out during the current financial year in the County of Wicklow and I am to inform you that the grant provisionally allocated to road works is £3,700, subject to a local contribution of £1,300.

The grant is subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The recruitment and employment of labour and the administration of the scheme generally must be carried out in accordance with the existing regulations and such other regulations as may be issued from time to time.
- (2) The works must be carried out by direct labour.
- (3) The unskilled labour content of the works must be satisfactory. The estimated expenditure on unskilled labour must be reliable and should therefore be framed with due regard to the actual expenditure incurred on similar works in the area concerned.
- (4) When in progress the maximum possible number of workmen consistent with efficient and economical working must be employed on the works.
- (5) The location of the selected works shall be based on the requirements of the Unemployment position as indicated by the Department, priority being given to eligible non-urbanised towns having a population of 200 persons or more.
- (6) In the selection of works consideration must be given to roads of tourist importance, otherwise the question of approval may be effected.

- (7) The work must not be put in hands until a letter approving of the proposed Schemes has been received.
- (8) The works must be completed prior to 31st March, 1941.
- (9) Detailed particulars of the works proposed to be undertaken must be lodged on the prescribed forms immediately and in any case not later than 31st July, 1940.

Accordingly, I am to request that you will arrange for the submission of proposals providing for a gross expenditure of £5,000.

Detailed instructions regarding the preparation and submission of proposals, a copy of the latest Unemployment Assistance Census relating to your area and a supply of forms 11, O.D.I. and O.D.2, are being forwarded to the County Surveyor.

Mise, le meas,  
J. HURSON,  
The Secretary,  
County Council Offices,  
Wicklow.

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

Courthouse,  
Wicklow,  
19th August, 1940.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,  
**EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE, 1940 41.**

**RURAL WORKS.**

I desire to inform you that I have had a communication from the Minister for Local Government, relative to the provision of a local contribution for schemes financed out of the Employment Schemes Vote, 1940/41, to be carried out during the current financial year in County Wicklow. The grant provisionally allocated to Road Works is £3,700 subject to a local contribution of £1,300, making a total of £5,000. The grant is subject to conditions regarding the recruitment of labour and the allocation of the monies in the various areas.

In strict accordance with these regulations, therefore, I have allocated the amount as follows:

(1) Baltinglass area	£1,160
(2) Kilcoole and Delgany	£1,500
(3) Rathnew area	£1,000
(4) Ballinaclash area	£440
(5) Rathdrum area	£500
(6) Ballingate and Aghowle area	£400

Yours faithfully,  
J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Surveyor/Engineer.

ORDER—Approved.  
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.  
1/8/40.

The Secretary:  
J. HURSON,  
I ask for permission for my annual leave as and from 12th September, 1940, or as convenient after consultation with County Secretary.  
J. T. O'BYRNE.

ORDER—Granted.  
The Council adjourned the question of appointing a Representative on the County Wicklow Library Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. John Kennedy, Main Street, Wicklow.

The Council also adjourned consideration of the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne:

"I hereby give Notice that at the first Meeting to be held after the expiration of one month from this date 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 sum of £5,334 (Five Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty-four Pounds) for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the improvement and extending of the Greystones Water Supply."

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor D. H. Haskins on the Agenda for this day's Meeting, and for many previous meetings of the Council, it was stated was now out of date and the Council directed their Secretary that he need not place it as an item on any future Agenda:

"I hereby give notice that I shall move at the next meeting of this Council—that we protest strongly against the increase of taxes imposed upon the community during the past fourteen days and we ask the Government to

meet a deputation for each County to explain how heavily these taxes will press upon all classes and that the farming classes above all require immediate relief."

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne ;  
 Seconded by " J. P. Kehoe ;  
 Resolved—That the Personal Fidelity Bonds submitted by the six recently appointed Members of the Permanent Secretarial Staff be hereby approved and adopted and that the Council's Seal be affixed to each of them and witnessed by our Chairman, and we direct our Solicitor to have these Bonds stamped in due course, the expense to be included in his next account.

Passed.  
 The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence which had passed between the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance and the Department of Local Government and Public Health in connection with the appointment of a substitute for the County Medical Officer of Health during his absence on annual holidays.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne ;  
 Seconded by " Councillor J. P. Kehoe ;  
 Resolved—That we hereby approve of the appointment of Dr. P. J. O'Flynn, 13 Temple Villas, Palmerston Road, Dublin, to discharge the duties of County M.O.H., during the absence of Dr. G. P. G. Beckett on annual leave, and we approve of the payment of £7 7s. per week with vouched travelling expenses at the rate of 6d. per mile over the holiday period in question.

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 30/6/1940.

Articles submitted for Analysis.	Date Received.	No.	From	Result of Analysis.
Whole Milk	2-4-40	2	Roundwood, Sgr. Mahony	Genuine
Whiskey	"	1	"	"
Breadsoda	"	1	"	"
Whiskey	"	1	Baltinglass, Guard Conway	"
G. Wine	"	1	"	"
Rasp. Wine	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	"	1	"	"
Whiskey	6-4-40	2	Roundwood, Sgr. Mahony	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Sugar	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	10-4-40	4	Dunlavin, Guard Lavery	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Milk	17-4-40	1	Co. Hospital	"
Milk	27-4-40	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	"
Milk	1-5-40	1	Co. Hospital	Not Genuine
Milk	"	1	Fever Hospital	Genuine
Whole Milk	2-5-40	1	Rathdrum, Guard Sweeney	"
Whiskey	"	1	"	"
Jam	"	1	"	"
Margarine	4-5-40	1	Aughrim, Guard Lee	"
Sugar	"	1	"	"
Rice	"	1	"	"
Sago	"	1	"	"
Milk	28-5-40	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	"
Whole Milk	1-6-40	1	Shillelagh, Guard Behan	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Sag	"	1	"	"
Milk	4-6-40	4	Wicklow, Guard Bergin	"
Ice Cream	"	4	Bray, Guard Staunton	"
Whole Milk	5-6-40	1	Carnow, Guard Doyle	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Rice	"	1	"	"
Lard	"	1	Newtown-Mt.-Kdy., Gd. Nevin	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Cocoa	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	"	1	"	"
Tea	"	1	"	"
Flour	8-6-40	1	Blessington, Guard Brennan	"
Breadsoda	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	"	2	"	"
Whole Milk	11-6-40	8	Arklow, Guard O'Reilly	7 Gen. 1 not Gen
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
Tea	11-6-40	1	Rathdrum, Guard Sweeney	Genuine
Whole Milk	"	2	"	"
Whiskey	19-6-40	1	Roundwood, Sgr. Mahony	"
Milk	"	1	"	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Jam	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	22-6-40	4	Bray, Guard Staunton	"
Milk	27-6-40	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	"
Milk	"	8	Greystones, Guard Dwyer	"
Milk	28-6-40	1	Fever Hospital	"
Milk	"	1	Co. Hospital	"
Drugs	16-4-40	3	Fever Hospital	"
"	23-4-40	3	St. Kevin's Sanatorium	"
"	27-4-40	3	Co. Hospital	"
"	"	2	Co. Home	"
"	"	3	Kiltegan Dispensary	"
"	30-4-40	2	Co. Fever Hospital	"
"	"	3	District Hospital, Baltinglass	"
"	10-5-40	3	Blessington Dispensary	"
"	30-5-40	2	Kilmurry	"
"	29-5-40	3	Delgany	"

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 85 ; Drugs, 28  
 Total—113. Number Adulterated—2 Milks.  
 Dated 12th July, 1940.

Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy), and accepted by the Chairman :  
 "I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the sum of £3,000 be raised for the purpose of reconstructing the Shillelagh-Coolboy-Tinahely Road."

The Secretary submitted the following Schedule for the information of the Council :

**SUMMARY OF 1940 SEED SCHEME**

Class of Seeds or Fertilizers.	No. of Applicants.	Quantity Purchased.		Cost.
		Tons. Cwt.	£ s d	
Potatoes	38	16 16	93 7 9	
Oats	120	43 18	894 8 0	
Wheat	2	— 8	7 13 0	
Barley	5	— 13	14 19 9	
Fertilizers	85	74 8	413 2 10	
<b>Total</b>	<b>250</b>		<b>£1423 11 4</b>	

Signed—P. T. HEALY,  
 County Secretary.

Dated 1st July, 1940.

A discussion was initiated on the following circular letter which had been issued by the County Secretary in his capacity as County Commissioner—to which position he reported to the Council he had been appointed by the Minister for Supplies in communications dated the 17th and 23rd July, 1940, the appointment being ratified later by a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, dated the 27th July, 1940, Ref. 67A/40—with a view to establishing Parish Committees :

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.**

Secretary's Office,  
 Court House,  
 Wicklow.

20th July, 1940.

A Chara,

The war raging on the Continent is daily approaching nearer to our shores. Whilst it is the very earnest prayer of our people that this country will be spared from being involved in the conflict everything appears to indicate that the danger is very real. Such a condition of things would be exceedingly grave, and it might possibly bring with it a danger of the greatest magnitude, namely, a break down of food supplies for the people of our County. Recognising the seriousness of the situation it is considered that the formation of Parish Committees is a matter of the gravest urgency, and it is because of that I venture to express the hope that everyone will co-operate with the Parish Clergy in the formation of a Committee in his Parish.

The following points I suggest should engage the special attention of the Parish Committee immediately it has been set up :

- (1) The great perils that may follow an invasion should be made known to everybody more especially the consequences that would follow from a complete disruption of social and economic life, and the Parishioners should be advised before hand of the best ways and means to meet these consequences in the regrettable event of their happening. Preparedness is the only weapon to allay panic. It occurs to me, therefore, that the most valuable and the most certain method of reaching the ears of everyone in your Parish would be by means of a statement on the lines of this circular in all churches.
- (2) The Committee should impress upon the local Shopkeepers the grave necessity of laying in stocks of essential goods, such as flour, sugar, tea, oatmeal, wholemeal, etc., etc., and to ascertain from all such Traders the quantities of stocks they have on hand at the moment and the period of time their past experience tells them such stocks would be likely to last in the Parish.
- (3) The Committee should impress upon all Parishioners (particularly those whose financial position leaves them in a condition to do so) the necessity, in their own interests, of laying in ample supplies of food, etc., to cover as long a period as they possibly can for themselves and their families.
- (4) The Committee should estimate the amounts of the different classes of food required to feed the necessitous poor and those in their parish who could not reasonably be expected to

lay in supplies for themselves in the event of an emergency, and the Committee should examine and devise ways and means of providing for them.

(5) The Committee should impress upon all Parishioners that they are acting in their own interests and in the common good in assisting their neighbours in saving their crops as speedily as possible—the factor of time being so essential—thereby securing better supplies of food for everyone during the coming winter which may indeed be very severe if there be interference with shipping to this country.

(6) In the event of an Air Raid or the burning of homes or crops the Committee should make such arrangements as may be possible beforehand for fire fighting and for the provision of shelter, etc., etc., for the homeless.

(7) The Parishioners should be warned to keep themselves in readiness to carry out immediate instructions that may be given to them by any person vested with authority for it is conceivable that if Government should break down and lines of communication be broken it may be that the Parish Committee will finally be the only direct connecting link with the people and the Committee should, therefore, hold themselves in readiness to assist the people of their Parish in every way so that there may be no such panic as has led to great losses of life and untold misery in other unfortunate countries.

Whilst the foregoing is only a brief outline of what in my opinion can be done forthwith by a Parish Committee, Wicklow County Council, before whom this entire matter will be laid at the next Quarterly Meeting of that Body, will I am sure appreciate any helpful suggestions Parish Committees may be able to make which would have the effect of furthering the preparation that the County Council are so anxious to have made without delay for the welfare of their people of the County Wicklow to meet any and every emergency.

I shall deem myself very fortunate, indeed, if this communication secures your good will and co-operation fully in taking any and every step to have a Committee of the entire community set up in your Parish, and I take this opportunity of suggesting that a small Parish Committee, not exceeding say eleven members, to be representative of all classes and creeds, is best likely to be able to promptly and efficiently handle matters in the present exceedingly grave emergency.

Mise, le mais,  
P. T. HEALY,  
County Commissioner.

P.S.—It is, of course, to be very clearly understood that these Parish Committees to which I refer are being set up solely for the purposes above indicated and that they will disappear when the immediate necessity for them passes.

Where Parish Committees are already in process of being formed, or have been formed, no further steps need be taken beyond giving me the names and addresses of the Chairman, the Treasurer (if any) and Hon. Secretary.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D. ;  
Seconded by „ Senator C. M. Byrne ;

Resolved—That we hereby request the Government to give credit to enable the County Commissioner to purchase the necessary food that may be required in the several areas of the County and to procure depots in the various areas, the Commissioner to select the various stores.

Passed.

At this stage the Meeting ended, leaving the remaining items on the Agenda to be considered at a Special Meeting the date of which to be fixed by the Chairman.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD ON 30th SEPTEMBER, 1940.

30<sup>th</sup> September, 1940.

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 30th September, 1940.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors J. P. Kehoe, J. Keenan, P. P. O'Reilly, M. J. Brennan, J. Everett, T.D.; Joseph Jacob, J. McCrea, E. Byrne, M. Mooney, W. Hammond, J. J. Bourne, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); Daniel J. Kehoe, Michael Timmins, Major R. Smith, D. H. Haskins.

BUSINESS:

1. To consider a communication from Messrs. John S. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, 4, Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin, C.S. claiming that their Clients, the Monument Press, Florence Hall Works, Bray, were entitled to the Contract for County Printing for the three years commencing 1st October, 1940.
2. To receive and consider Tenders for such County Printing as will be required during the three years which will commence on the 1st October, 1940.
3. To consider Finance Committee's Reports.
4. To consider a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health stating that the terms of his circular letter No. RM.201/W cannot be varied so as to allow a continuation of the payment of 32/6 per week to road workers in the area formerly known as Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District.
5. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor John Dunne:—  
"That in future men who reside in an Urban Area and who are engaged for work outside the Urban Areas of Bray, Wicklow and Arklow, or any Urban Area, be paid the same rate of wages existing in the Urban Area in which they reside."
6. To receive and consider a Report from the Joint Committee of the County Council and the County Board of Health and Public Assistance on the situation generally which has arisen in connection with the Engineering required by the County Council and the Board of Health and Public Assistance following the appointment of a County Surveyor Engineer.
7. To consider communication from the County Surveyor reporting that the present supervision of roads and works does not place him in a position to certify weekly pay sheets.
8. To consider a letter from Messrs. O'Connor & Coonan, Solicitors, Naas, threatening legal proceedings if the road from Lugnagrough to Humphrystown Bridge is not repaired immediately, and stating that it is in a shocking condition and very difficult to travel.
9. To consider a communication from Arklow Urban District Council stating they consider it unfair that workmen should be expected to journey from Arklow to Ardnary and requesting that a suitable conveyance, such as a lorry, be provided by the County Council.



10. To consider communication from Dr. P. J. Hamilton, Coroner for East Wicklow, and the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Síochána, Bray, drawing attention to the request of a Jury relative to the dangerous condition of the road at Killadreenan, near the Hospital, where four fatal accidents and several minor ones have occurred during the past few years.

11. To consider a communication from Messrs. Osborne & Brady, Granite Quarries, Ballyknocken, in which it is stated that the road from Ballyknocken to Blessington via Lacken is not suitable for heavy lorry traffic since it has been in the hands of the Council for repairs.

12. To consider a complaint from forty-four persons with regard to the condition of the road from Ticknock Bridge to the village of Avoca.

13. To consider the question of submitting the Council's views regarding the area of charge imposed by the Circuit Court Judge at Baltinglass Circuit Court following the hearing of the Malicious Injury Claim submitted by the Marquis of Waterford and Doctor White.

14. To consider a communication from the Council's Solicitor in which the Members are asked for their views as to the area of charge in the event of Mr. John B. Wynne, Sevenchurches, being successful with his Malicious Injury Claim.

15. To consider and take immediate action in connection with further correspondence—including a Summary Summons—from the Great Southern Railways regarding their claim for a refund of Rates amounting to £2,510 19s. 6d. paid in excess by the Company over a period of three years.

16. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor E. Byrne:—

"I hereby give Notice that at the first Meeting to be held after the expiration of one month from this date 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 sum of £5,334 (Five Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty-four Pounds) for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the improvement and extending of the Greystones Water Supply."

17. To fill the vacancy on Wicklow County Council created by the death of Mr. Martin M. Gleeson, Stratford-on-Slaney.

18. To appoint a representative on the County Wicklow Library Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. John Kennedy, Main Street, Wicklow.

19. To pass a Resolution authorising the sale of Land Bond value £1 received from the Irish Land Commission in payment of Rates.

20. To consider what action should be taken in connection with the collection of arrears of rates due by Mr. J. Pearse, Bolinass, Ashford, who has been in the Council's employment as Warble Fly Inspector and is at present employed as Sheep Dipping Inspector.

21. To consider the Motion adjourned from a previous Meeting of the Council under which, if passed, preference in the employment of labour on road work in the County by the County Council would be given to persons who are members of the Local Security Force or who are engaged in other National Services.

22. To execute a conveyance of 3 Roods, 26 Perches of the lands of Turvey, Donabate, which had been sold to Dublin County Council by Grange-german Mental Hospital Committee for the purpose of widening the Main Road from Dublin to Drogheda.

23. To receive a Deputation from the Parish Council of Killaveney, Timahely, who desire to make suggestions with a view to improving the Regulations dealing with possible emergencies confronting this country.

24. To receive Counsel's Opinion on the powers of the Council to increase the wages of road workers and carters and on other questions submitted to him by the Finance Committee acting under the Council's direction.

25. To consider a communication from Messrs. J. H. McCarrroll & Co., Solicitors, 4, Church Street, Wicklow, enquiring on behalf of a client, if the old Gaol Premises in Wicklow are for sale.

26. To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at a Meeting of that Body, held on the 28th June, 1940:—

"Resolved—That a fee of £1 10s. per 500 sheep dipped during the dipping period 1940, be paid for the use of Private Swim Baths—and that in cases where less than 500 sheep were dipped the owner of baths to be paid proportionately—this payment to cover two dippings."

27. To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, at a meeting of that Body, held on the 28th June, 1940:—

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to appoint Mr. John Pearse, Bolinass, Ashford, as Temporary Sheep Dipping Inspector in the District previously worked by Mr. William Carr, Knockraheen, Roundwood."

28. To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the Council's Resolution guaranteeing Miss E. F. Bobbett, Springfield, Kibride, that no stock placed on her lands would be seized in respect of Poor Rates due.

29. To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health pointing out the necessity for replacing as far as possible Improved Coal with Turf, and receive a quotation from Mr. W. S. Doyle, Roundwood, for such quantities of turf as may be required by the Wicklow County Council.

30. To consider a communication from the County Registrar, Circuit Court Office, Wicklow, with which he enclosed a letter from the Minister for Justice, in which the hope is expressed that the safety of the Circuit Court Office would be included in any Air Raid Precaution measures taken by the Local Authority.

31. To consider the following resolution received from the Quarterly Board of the Wicklow and Rathfrum Circuit of the Methodist Church of Ireland:—

"We are of the opinion that Public Air Raid Shelters are an urgent necessity for the town of Wicklow and we now request the County Council to take immediate action to provide same."

32. To consider an application from Mr. James Bowe, Kilquigan, Coolkenno, to be allowed to address the Members on a grievance he complains of.

33. To consider an application from Miss Irene A. Ball-Acton, Glen-capple, Kilmacanogue, Bray, to have steps taken to provide telephone facilities in her village.

34. To consider a communication from the Secretary, The Irish Society for the Protection of Birds, in which he asks the Council to take steps which will lead to the protection of certain wild birds whose species are mentioned in this letter.

35. To consider a Report relating to Fees for County Analyst, as prepared by an Emergency Committee of the County Council's General Council.

36. To consider a communication from Veterinary Inspector W. J. Richardson, refusing to accept a Paying Order for £26 4s. 5d. as remuneration for acting as locum tenens to Veterinary Inspector S. Conway during the latter's illness.

37. To receive Minutes of proceedings of monthly Meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee.

38. To consider official correspondence.

39. To consider general correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Joseph Jacob;

Resolved—That we tender to the Parishioners of Ashford and to the Members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy on the death of the Very Rev. Pierce O'Donnell, P.P. of Ashford.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, have heard with much regret of the death in Dublin of Mr. Hugh McCarthy, a native of our County, and we tender to his wife and the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Resolved—That the two communications from Messrs. John S. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, 4, Upper Ormond Quay Dublin, C.9. in which they claim that their Clients, The Monument Press, Florence Hall Works, Bray, are entitled to the Printing Contract for the three years commencing 1st October, 1940, be forwarded to our Solicitor with instructions that he is to take every step he considers essential for the proper protection of the Ratepayers of the County.

Passed.

The Secretary read the following advertisement which had been published in the Dublin Morning Papers in accordance with the terms of a Resolution passed by the County Council at the Quarterly Meeting of that Body held on the 19th August, 1940:—

#### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

#### PRINTING CONTRACT.

At a Special Meeting to be held on the 30th September, 1940, Wicklow County Council will receive and consider Tenders for all Printing for the Secretary's Offices, County Surveyor's Office and the County Registrar's Office for the three years commencing 1st October, 1940, and ending 30th September, 1943.

Copy of the advertisement previously inserted in the daily papers containing the conditions of the Contract, and copies of the Specification and Tender Form may be had on application to the undersigned. Tenders will be received not later than 11 o'clock on the morning of the 30th Sept., 1940.

The County Council does not undertake to accept the lowest or any Tender.

(Signed) P. T. HEALY,

County Secretary;

County Council Offices,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

The following Tenders were received by the Secretary, presented by him to the Council, and opened formally by the Chairman:—

(1) From THE ECHO Printing Co., Enniscorthy, for the sum of	£523 19 6
(2) From THE MONUMENT Press, Florence Hall Works, Bray, for the sum of	£673 18 5
(3) From the County Printing Works, Ltd., Wicklow, for the sum of	£612 6 2

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we hereby accept the Tender of THE ECHO Printing Company, of Enniscorthy, for the County Printing required by Wicklow County Council and its several offices, including the Office of the County Registrar, at the sum of £523 19s. 6d., for the period of three years which will commence on the 1st October, 1940, subject to the figures in the said Tender having been proved to be accurate following a careful check, and that our Solicitor be instructed to see that the customary agreement in that connection is entered into in due course.

Passed.

The Specification and Schedule of prices submitted by THE ECHO Printing Company having been subjected to a careful check for accuracy, it was found that there were five small errors in the extensions and that the true figure that ought to have been shown in the Specification was £511 19s. 8d. As the effect of this was to favour the County Council instead of being an advantage to the would-be contractor, the Council saw no reason for interfering with the foregoing Resolution just passed.

#### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

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

The usual weekly meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 30th of August, 1940.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor Major R. Smith, Presiding Chairman;

Councillors J. P. Kehoe and James Everett, T.D.

The Secretary submitted the Reports received from the Rate Inspector on his checkings of the Accounts of the several Poor Rate Collectors in the County, and he also laid before the Committee the following Return giving a detailed analysis of the £15,145 1s. 3d. Rates uncollected in respect of the financial year which ended on the 31st March 1940, of which sum £11,168 1s. 4d. had been carried forward for collection in the financial year which will end on the 31st March, 1941, leaving £3,227 0s. 2d. Rates still to be collected in respect of the year 1939/1940 from the owners of holdings acquired in whole or in part by the Electricity Supply Board:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.  
Analysis of Uncollected Rates—Year 1939/40.

District No.	Collector	Carried Forward to 1940/41 Warrants												Not Carried Forward		Total of Uncollected Rates	
		Derelict or Unused Holdings	Unoccupied Houses	Ratepayer's Address not known	Under Decree or Legal Proceedings	Those paying Instalments and in poor circumstances	Holdings resumed by Irish Land Commission	Holdings awaiting Administration, etc.	Disputes re Ownership, etc.	Bankruptcy or in Liquidation	Ex-servicemen's Houses pending Legislation defining Liability	Paying from Lettings	Special Arrangement with Co. Council (Miss Bobbett)	Total carried forward	Irrecoverable and struck out		Rates on Holdings acquired wholly or partly by E.S.B.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1	Luke McDonnell	6 19 10	0 18 6			55 2 0							70 5 11	75 18 5		146 4 4	
2	John A. Doyle	185 16 1	8 17 3			6 5 4							203 6 6	7 10 8		210 17 2	
3	Edward Lynch	285 19 5			90 4 5	12 17 1							417 13 9	18 14 8		436 8 5	
4	Patrick Burke		1 16 5	0 7 1	30 15 1	165 16 6							271 1 9	5 10 6		276 12 3	
5	Same	68 11 10				115 5 10							193 4 0	2 4 11	324 19 1	520 8 0	
6	Mrs. Mary Healy	901 2 9	4 16 4			146 17 11	7 12 7						1155 14 9	5 5 0	2902 1 1	4063 0 10	
7	P. J. Doyle		116 10 6	0 6 9	106 3 5	21 0 0							438 18 5	181 17 5		620 15 10	
8	Patrick Mulligan		0 7 8		76 1 6								80 16 3	107 10 3		188 6 6	
9	M. J. Healy	852 11 1	0 13 0		786 0 7	130 5 9	539 19 8						2361 1 9	37 18 9		2399 0 6	
10	Wm. P. Murphy	237 11 9	0 14 3		69 10 3	15 4 7	3 9 9						366 7 1			366 7 1	
11	James J. McCall		3 1 10		91 11 0	6 6 1							229 12 6	45 6 11		274 19 5	
12	Wm. C. Byrne	723 7 4	0 12 3		538 11 7	28 4 9							1889 11 5	4 8 1		1893 19 6	
13, 14, 15	M. J. Roche	292 5 11	5 11 7	0 10 4	259 2 1	209 14 1		4 3 5					767 4 0	84 14 4		851 18 4	
16	P. J. O'Byrne	963 15 10	0 12 11	0 11 2	44 15 3	2 0 10	58 7 1						1269 6 3	80 17 0		1350 3 3	
17	D. J. Kinsella	601 17 11		0 11 0	52 16 8	0 5 2	4 6 2						698 2 9	54 18 7		753 1 4	
18	Thomas Fleming	91 8 9	5 1 8		53 15 0								166 4 2	19 16 9		186 0 11	
19	Michael O'Neill	101 3 3			454 9 2	32 1 7							589 10 1	17 7 6		606 17 7	
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26th August, 1940.

P. T. HEALY,  
County Secretary.

The Committee had under consideration a communication, dated the 10th August, 1940, from the County Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., applying for permission to employ a temporary clerk for two months owing to the accounts and correspondence of his office having got into arrears.

ORDER—Referred to County Council.  
The Committee recommend the County Council to consider the question of raising a loan—repayable over a period of ten years—for the purpose of discharging the claim of the Great Southern Railways referred to in the subjoined correspondence which was submitted to the Meeting—  
GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAYS,  
Law Department,  
Kingsbridge Station, Dublin.  
21st August, 1940.

W.R.

Dear Sir,

VALUATION OF RAILWAY HEREDITAMENTS  
REFUND OF RATES OVERPAID.

Referring to my letter of the 19th June last in which I set out the conditions on which the Company were prepared to accept payment of the refund of rates due, and to which you have apparently not replied; Judgment was obtained for the sum of £6,510 19s. 6d. on the 17th ultimo and £15 9s. 0d. costs plus interest at 4 per cent.

Unless your Council are prepared to comply with the terms of my letter of the 19th June and let me have cheque for one-third of the above amount due within one week from this date, I shall have to proceed further in the matter.

Yours faithfully,  
W. GORDON BRADLEY,  
Law Agent.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,  
Courthouse, Wicklow,  
23rd August, 1940.

W. Gordon Bradley, Esq.,  
Law Department,  
Great Southern Railways,  
Kingsbridge Station, Dublin.

Dear Sir,

I duly received, to-day, your letter of the 21st instant on the subject of the Judgment obtained by your Company against Wicklow County Council for the sum of £6,510 19s. 6d., and I note your request to me to let you have cheque for one-third of the above amount and one-third of the costs—£15 9s. 0d.—plus interest at 4 per cent. within one week from the date of your letter, i.e., 21st instant.

I would point out to you that a Local Authority such as Wicklow County Council is not in the same position as a private debtor, and is precluded from making a payment of this magnitude at any Meeting other than a Quarterly Meeting. Consequently it is absolutely impossible for me or for Wicklow County Council to comply with your demand. I have, however, forwarded copy of your letter to the Chairman of the County Council for his information and suitable action.

Yours faithfully,  
P. T. HEALY.

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

SIGNED: R. SMITH, Major,  
Presiding Chairman of Finance Committee.

Dated: 30th August, 1940.

Proposed by Councillor J. P. Kehoe;  
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as printed and circulated to each member of Wicklow County Council, be, and it is hereby approved and adopted, the paragraph relating to the appointment of a Temporary Clerk having been first excluded.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor J. P. Kehoe;

Resolved—That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to accord his approval to the writing off this Council's accounts all Rates that have accrued to the 31st March, 1940, as arrears not collectable on Derelict or Semi-Derelict Holdings. Further, that a copy of the List of Derelict Holdings be sent to the Board of Health and Public Assistance with a view to each Home Assistance Officer submitting to that Board his views on each derelict or semi-derelict holding in his area.

Also that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to use his influence to have the Land Commission take up all these Derelict or Semi-Derelict Holdings, and have them distributed to such people as will work the lands profitably.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

The usual Weekly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 13th September, 1940.

The following members were present:  
Councillor Major R. Smith, Presiding Chairman;  
Councillors Joseph Jacob, J. P. Kehoe, J. Everett, T.D., and, later, D. H. Haskins.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the Reports received from the Rate Inspector following his checkings of the Poor Rate Collectors' Accounts since the Committee's last Meeting.

The Council's Solicitor, Mr. J. Brazil, 4, Church Street, Wicklow, being present at the Meeting, the Secretary submitted the subjoined Resolution which was passed by the County Council at the Meeting of that Body held on the 7th August, 1940:

"Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;  
"Seconded by Councillor James McCrea:

"Resolved—That we hereby direct our Solicitor to obtain Counsel's Opinion as to whether this County Council has exceeded or not their powers to increase the wages paid to men employed on road works and road maintenance and the carters on these roads and works, the Members of the Finance Committee alone to dictate the case to be submitted to Council."

Passed by 11 Votes to 7.

The Secretary also submitted the following communication which he had received from Councillor James Everett, T.D.:

Wicklow,  
11/9/40.

Dear Mr. Healy,  
Enclosed is a list of Questions that I should like Finance Committee to approve of for Counsel's Opinion at Friday's Meeting, and oblige.  
Yours faithfully,  
J. EVERETT.

1. Has the Council exceeded its powers in deciding to increase the wages to be paid to men employed on road works and road maintenance and to carters employed on such roads?

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			£	s.	d.
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3	Edward Lynch		285	19	5
4	Patrick Burke				
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6	Mrs. Mary Healy		901	2	9
7	P. J. Doyle				
8	Patrick Mulligan				
9	M. J. Healy		852	11	1
10	Wm. P. Murphy		237	11	9
11	James J. McCall				
12	Wm. C. Byrne		723	7	4
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19	Michael O'Neill		101	3	3
Total			5,312	11	9

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Yours faithfully,  
P. T. HEALY.

WGB/MJT.

Great Southern Railways v. Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant for which I am obliged.

The claim of this Company was brought under your notice as far back as February last, and on the 19th June, following a meeting which was held between representatives of this Company and representatives of the General Council of County Councils of Ireland, your Council was informed of the concession which this Company was prepared to grant in connection with the payment of the amount due to them for overpaid rates.

Every other Council which was in a similar position has either paid in full the amount due, or has accepted the offer to pay in the manner indicated in my letter of the 19th June. Under these circumstances I must ask you to let me know within one week from to-day's date whether your Council is prepared to accept the offer contained in my letter of the 19th June last and to let me have immediate payment of one-third of the amount of the Judgment.

As you are no doubt aware the Company has no option but to collect the amount due as soon as possible having regard to the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1898.

Yours faithfully,

W. GORDON BRADLEY,  
Law Agent.

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

W/R.

The Company v. Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th instant stating that the above matter will receive the attention of the County Council at the next quarterly meeting.

I shall thank you to kindly let me know when the next quarterly meeting will be held, as the Company are not prepared to wait indefinitely in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

W. GORDON BRADLEY,  
Law Agent.

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

SIGNED: R. SMITH, Major,  
Presiding Chairman of Finance Committee.

Dated: 30th August, 1940.

Proposed by Councillor J. P. Kehoe;

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

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as printed and circulated to each member of Wicklow County Council, be, and it is hereby approved and adopted, the paragraph relating to the appointment of a Temporary Clerk having been first excluded.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. P. Kehoe;

Resolved—That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to accord his approval to the writing of this Council's accounts all Rates that have accrued to the 31st March, 1940, as arrears not collectable on Derelict or Semi-Derelict Holdings. Further, that a copy of the List of Derelict Holdings be sent to the Board of Health and Public Assistance with a view to each Home Assistance Officer submitting to that Board his views on each derelict or semi-derelict holding in his area.

Also that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to use his influence to have the Land Commission take up all these Derelict or Semi-Derelict Holdings, and have them distributed to such people as will work the lands profitably.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

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Councillors Joseph Jacob, J. P. Kehoe, J. Everett, T.D., and, later, D. H. Haskins.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the Reports received from the Rate Inspector following his checkings of the Poor Rate Collectors' Accounts since the Committee's last Meeting.

The Council's Solicitor, Mr. J. Brazil, 4, Church Street, Wicklow, being present at the Meeting, the Secretary submitted the subjoined Resolution which was passed by the County Council at the Meeting of that Body held on the 7th August, 1940:

"Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;

"Seconded by Councillor James McCrea;

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Passed by 11 Votes to 7.

The Secretary also submitted the following communication which he had received from Councillor James Everett, T.D.:

Wicklow,  
11/9/40.

Dear Mr. Healy,

Enclosed is a list of Questions that I should like Finance Committee to approve of for Counsel's Opinion at Friday's Meeting, and oblige.

Yours faithfully,  
J. EVERETT.

1. Has the Council exceeded its powers in deciding to increase the wages to be paid to men employed on road works and road maintenance and to carters employed on such roads?

2. Is the County Council empowered to pay such increase notwithstanding the Department Circular, or by what authority has the Department power to regulate the wages paid to road workers?
3. In the event of the County Council paying the increases without Department approval, has the Department Auditor the right to surcharge for such increases or the power to deduct such grant from road grants?
4. Is not the County Council entitled to the share of road fund when it complies with first conditions to raise such proportions on rates?
5. Right of Officials to comply with all orders or directions received from County Council, are officials first subject to Department or if any Official is paid from Department Fund?
6. Do road employees or workers come under the Local Officers and Employments Order, 1934 to 1940?

Order:—The Committee instructed Mr. J. Brazil, Council's Solicitor, to have Counsel's Opinion obtained on the six points referred to above in time, if possible, for submission to the Meeting of the Council which has been fixed to take place on the 30th September, 1940.

(Signed)—R. SMITH, Major,  
Presiding Chairman of Finance Committee.

Dated this 13th day of September, 1940.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Major R. Smith;

Resolved—That the 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.

In connection with Item No. 4 on the Agenda, the Secretary submitted the following letter, the contents of which was duly noted by the Council:

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Custom House,  
Dublin,  
5th September, 1940.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 20th ultimo, enclosing copy of a Resolution passed by the County Council at Meeting held on the 19th idem, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the terms of Circular R.M.201/W cannot be varied for particular areas. A Certificate from the County Surveyor that it has been given effect in all areas will be necessary before payment of any grants is made.

Mise le meas,  
J. HURSON,  
Runai.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Wicklow.

The Council postponed consideration of the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor John Dunne:

"That in future men who reside in an Urban Area, and who are engaged for work outside the Urban Areas of Bray, Wicklow, and Arklow, or any Urban Area, be paid the same rate of wages existing in the Urban Area in which they reside."

In connection with the system of weekly payments to men engaged on works of road maintenance and improvement at present being operated, the Secretary submitted the following letter received by him from the County Surveyor:

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Court House,  
Wicklow,  
19th September, 1940.

Ref. HE/1990.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL WEEKLY PAYMENTS.

A Chara,

I desire to refer to the Resolution adopted by the County Council at a Special Meeting held on the 24th June last which directed that men employed on works of Road Improvement and Road Maintenance by the Wicklow County Council be paid weekly in future.

I also refer to the letter of the 9th July, 1940, from the L.G. Department which inquired whether I was satisfied with the proposal, from the point of view of supervision by the Assistant County Surveyors.

On the 17th June, 1940, I intimated that in my opinion it was not possible for these officers to inspect or fully supervise all the works within the weekly pay period.

The Department's letter of the 22nd July, 1940, requested that my report be brought to the notice of the County Council.

At the Meeting of the County Council held on the 7th August last, the Council adhered to its original decision to adopt the system of weekly payments. Up to the date of this Meeting no variation in the system was effected, but immediately after that I was constrained to give instructions that in future the pay sheets would be taken up weekly and payments made accordingly, and the system is being carried out up to this date.

I wish to invite your attention to the condition governing payments of Main Road Upkeep Grant, and to the several similar conditions contained in notifications for Roads Rural and Road Improvement Grants, to the effect that if the general administration of schemes of road work is unsatisfactory the Minister may withhold payments.

I have pointed out definitely that, in my opinion, both from my own personal experience and in so far as the weekly payment system has been in operation for some time, that the necessary supervision is unsatisfactory.

At the present time not a very great number of men are employed on road work as compared with the early parts of the year or those winter periods when Employment Grants will be in operation. I have consulted with the Assistant County Surveyors in the matter and I have personally investigated the control which they are attempting to exercise over the work, and I repeat that I am still dissatisfied.

Fully three days each week are occupied by me in dealing with pay sheets and fully two days on the part of each Assistant is also necessary. It is obvious, therefore, that whilst at times it may be possible to see after works of a normal magnitude, there is absolutely no time left for other works falling to the duties of a Surveyor, such as the preparation of schemes, organisation of programmes of work between one section and another etc., etc.

I write to you, therefore, so that, as Chief Executive Officer, you may be aware of the true position. I think that the County Council is running a very great risk of having the payment of Grants withheld.

Mise le meas,  
J. T. O'BYRNE,  
Suirbheir an gCondae.

A protracted discussion followed, during which the Council heard the views of the Chief Engineering Adviser to the Department of Local Government and Public Health, Mr. T. C. Courtney, M.E., who was present at the Meeting.

At this stage the Secretary read the following letter:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND  
PUBLIC HEALTH

Custom House,  
Dublin,  
17th August, 1940.

A Chara,

With reference to the recent proposal of the Wicklow County Council to pay road workers weekly, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to point out that the responsibility for the due execution of public works rests with the County Surveyor, and it is noted that he is not satisfied that it will be possible for the Assistant Surveyors to supervise fully all the various works in the respective districts in their charge, within the week, so as to enable them to certify conscientiously the payments becoming due at the end of a weekly period. As the County Surveyor is responsible for the final certification of expenditure on road construction and maintenance, the Minister would like the County Council to give further consideration to the matter of weekly payments. In addition to certifying the wages sheets, the Assistant Surveyors must examine bills for materials, equipment, and the charges for hired machinery. It will be seen, therefore, that an Assistant Surveyor must discharge a considerable amount of such work during the week in which paysheets are prepared. Where fortnightly payments are made, at least two whole days are devoted to the preparation of payments. If weekly payments are adopted, the time available for supervision will be considerably lessened and this aspect of the proposal may result in a reduced standard of the maintenance of the roads.

In the case of road works financed wholly or partly from State Funds, the Minister must be fully satisfied that the works are properly supervised during their execution before payments of grants will be made.

The question of weekly payments has been under examination in other counties. In some cases it has been decided that the additional money which would be absorbed by making weekly payments would result in reducing the amount of employment for road workers. It is undesirable to increase the cost of road administration at the present time, and as it is understood it is only at the commencement of a period of employment that the main difficulty is experienced, the County Surveyor should first be requested to report as to the arrangements which could be made that would enable payments to be made earlier in the initial period of employment.

Mise le meas,  
J. HURSON,  
Runai.

Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

The Chairman intimated to the Meeting that he was prepared to accept a Notice of Motion dealing with the matter, but no such Motion was handed in, nor was any written Order made by the Council.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Court House,  
Wicklow,  
30/9/40.

Dear Sir,

I wish to make application to take the rest of my holidays from the 7th inst. for two weeks.

Yours faithfully,  
P. J. FOLEY.

Order: Granted.

The Secretary again submitted a large file of correspondence which had passed in connection with the claim of the Great Southern Railways for a refund of rates stated to have been overpaid, consequent upon a Judgement obtained by the Company in the High Courts in connection with the Poor Law Valuation of the Company's Holdings in County Wicklow outside the Urban Areas.

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

Resolved—Having regard to the fact that it is clearly impossible, in face of the condition of Wicklow County Council's finances to add to the Rates for the service of the financial year 1940/41 the sum of £8,610 19 6, and costs, being the amount of rates paid in excess on Poor Law Valuation, since reduced on Appeal by the Great Southern Railways, during the financial years 1937/38, 1938/39, and 1939/40, which sum the Railways have now demanded be refunded to them, we hereby authorise and direct the raising of a Loan of £8,610 19 6 and costs, to cover a period of eight years, from our Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health having been first obtained to this course being followed.

Passed.

The Secretary having read the Special Notice issued on the 8th July, 1940, to each Member of Wicklow County Council, under the provisions of Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, and the Notice of Motion in that connection standing in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne (Item No. 16 on the Agenda), it was Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne; seconded by Councillor Major R. Smith:

Resolved—That the consent of Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance a sum of £5,334 (Five Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty-four Pounds) for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the improvement and extending of Greystones Water Supply.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle (Coolboy);

Resolved—That we hereby request and authorise our Treasurer, the Wicklow Branch of the National Bank Limited, to dispose of the Land Bond, value £1, received from the Land Commission for the purpose of paying rates on the lands of Ballybeg, Tinahely, and that the proceeds of the sale of the said Bond be duly credited to the Poor Rate Collection of Collector D. J. Kinsella (No. 17 District).

Passed.

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

Resolved—That we hereby execute the Conveyance in relation to 3 roods and 26 perches of the lands of Turvey, Donabate, which have been sold to Dublin County Council by Grangegorman Mental Hospital Committee for the purpose of widening the main road from Dublin to Drogheda; that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Conveyance; and that it be witnessed by our Chairman.

Passed.

The Council received, and heard the views of, a deputation consisting of Mr. N. P. Murphy, Tinahely; Mr. Sean O'Connor, Tinahely, and the Rev. Mr. T. M. Bateman, Tinahely, representing the Parish Council of Killaveney, Tinahely, who made certain suggestions which they believed would materially improve the regulations dealing with the provisions to be made in the event of possible emergencies confronting the country. The Secretary read the correspondence which had passed in that connection with the Hon. Secretary of Killaveney Parish Council, Mr. N. F. Murphy.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne;  
Seconded by Councillor M. Mooney;

Resolved—That Wicklow County Council is of opinion that further regulations in connection with the duties of Parish Councils in a possible emergency are necessary if these Councils are to be of any real service should such an emergency arise.

30<sup>th</sup> September, 1940

In reaching this decision the County Council has before it the personal knowledge of its various members as to conditions prevailing in the Rural Areas of the County, together with Reports and suggestions from Parish Councils which have been active in collecting statistics, etc., as directed by the County Commissioner.

We therefore suggest the addition of the following regulations:

- (1) That a foodstuffs depot be established in each Parish. Retail traders to be instructed to place in the depot serving their area a stock of essential foodstuffs, such as Flour, Oatmeal, Tea, Sugar and Butter, calculated to cover their normal trade in these goods for a period of two to three months.

These stocks to be held as a reserve against emergency and to be under the control of the Parish Councils.

The Parish Councils to issue these reserve stocks to traders only on instruction from the County Commissioner, or in circumstances covering which powers have been delegated to them to act on their own initiative.

A small sum of money, to defray expenses of caretakers' wages, to be allowed to Parish Councils, or that the L.S.F. assume responsibility for the safety of the goods in these Reserve Depots.

The perishable portions of this reserved stock to be exchanged for fresh goods from time to time by arrangement between traders and Parish Councils.

Retail traders to carry on their normal business as long as possible and pay for their purchases in the usual way.

Should no emergency arise, undamaged reserve stocks to be taken by the retail traders at their invoice price where premises suitable for such storage exist and where a live Parish Council willing to undertake the responsibilities as suggested by us has already been established.

- (2) Payment for the reserve stocks to be made by means of a special overdraft for traders with the local Banks.

To make this possible the Government could arrange with the various Bank Directorates to issue instructions to Branch Bank Managers to grant such overdraft to approved customers when requested; or

The Government could arrange with the Wholesale Merchants to supply such stock to approved customers. The Government to indemnify Banks, Wholesale Merchants and Retail Traders against any loss incurred and pay any interest on capital which may become due as a result of these transactions.

Parish Councils will be responsible for any payment due for hire or rent of such stores.

- (3) Retail Traders to furnish to Parish Councils in their area particulars of their orders to Wholesale Merchants for reserve stocks. On arrival of these goods the Trader to notify Parish Council which will arrange for storage in their Reserve Depots.

- (4) Payment by retail traders for these reserve stocks shall not become due until a reasonable time after the stock has been handed over to them. (Reasonable time must depend on the conditions prevailing in the area at the time).

- (5) Retail Traders to be required to furnish a monthly return to Parish Councils of essential Foodstuffs held at their usual business premises.

- (6) Special Powers to be delegated to Parish Councils empowering them to deal with certain matters on their own initiative, and a special credit in the local Bank in favour of the Parish Council to be arranged.

These special powers and the credit with the Banks to be used only when communication with the County Commissioner shall have broken down, and then only for very well-defined purposes.

- (7) All officers and employees of the County Council and other County Administrative Bodies, such as Rate and Rent Collectors, Home Assistance Officers, etc., be instructed to co-operate with the Parish Council in their area.

- (8) A list of names of all those in receipt of Old Age Pensions, National Health Insurance, Unemployment Benefit, Home Help, etc., to be furnished to Parish Councils by the Societies or Bodies administering these payments.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., and accepted by the Chairman:

"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Meeting of the Council that arrangements be made to renew the University Scholarship Scheme for the year 1941/42, in order to fulfil the undertaking of the County Council as contained in the Resolution passed at the Meeting of the 22nd February, 1937, the Scheme to be exactly similar in outline and conditions to that which existed from the years 1936/37 to 1939/40, inclusive."

Owing to the late hour in the evening, the Meeting broke up and no further business was transacted.

*C. M. Byrne*  
*AS/1/1/1/1*

Wicklow County Council

21st October, 1940.

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 21st October, 1940.

The following members were present:—

Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne (Chairman).

Councillors: J. P. Kehoe, P. P. O'Reilly, J. Everett, T.D.; J. McGred, David H. Haskins, P. D. Kinsella, Michael Mooney, W. Hammond, J. J. Bourne, George Heatley, Joseph Koman, Michael Timmins, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); M. J. Brennan, Edward Byrne, Daniel J. Kehoe.

### BUSINESS:

1. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor John Dunne:—

"That in future men who reside in an Urban Area and who are engaged for work outside the Urban Area of Bray, Wicklow, and Arklow, or any Urban Area, be paid the same rate of wages existing in the Urban Area in which they reside."

2. To receive and consider a Report from the Joint Committee of the County Council and the County Board of Health and Public Assistance on the situation generally which has arisen in connection with the Engineering required by the County Council and the Board of Health and Public Assistance following the appointment of a County Surveyor Engineer.

3. To receive letters from Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., and the Acting Secretary, County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance in connection with the Conference Report.

4. To consider the Motion adjourned from a previous Meeting of the Council under which, if passed, preference in the employment of labour on road work in the County by the County Council would be given to persons who are members of the Local Security Force or who are engaged in other National Services.

5. To consider a letter from Messrs. O'Connor and Coonan, Solicitors, Naas, threatening legal proceedings if the road from Luggnacrogh to Humphreystown Bridge is not repaired immediately, and stating that it is in a shocking condition and very difficult to travel.

6. To consider a communication from Arklow Urban District Council stating they consider it unfair that workmen should be expected to journey from Arklow to Ardara, and requesting that a suitable conveyance, such as a lorry, be provided by the County Council.

7. To consider the question of submitting the Council's views regarding the area of charge imposed by the Circuit Court Judge at Balinglass Circuit Court following the hearing of the Malicious Injury Claim submitted by the Marquis of Waterford and Doctor White.

8. To consider a communication from the Council's Solicitor in which the Members are asked for their views as to the area of charge in the event of Mr. John B. Wynne, Sevenchurches, being successful with his Malicious Injury Claim.

9. To consider communications from Dr. P. J. Hamilton, Coroner for East Wicklow, and the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Síochána, Bray, drawing attention to the request of a Jury relative to the dangerous condition of the road at Killadreenan, near the Hospital, where four fatal accidents and several minor ones have occurred during the past few years.

10. To consider a communication from Messrs. Osborne and Brady, Granite Quarries, Ballyknocken, in which it is stated that the road from Ballyknocken to Blessington via Lacken is not suitable for heavy lorry traffic since it has been in the hands of the Council for repairs.

11. To consider a complaint from forty-four persons with regard to the condition of the road from Ticknock Bridge to the village of Avoca.

12. To fill the vacancy on Wicklow County Council created by the death of Mr. Martin M. Gleeson, Stratford-on-Slaney.

13. To appoint a representative on the County Wicklow Library Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. John Kennedy, Main Street, Wicklow.

14. To consider what action should be taken in connection with the collection of arrears of rates due by Mr. J. Pearse, Bolinass, Ashford, who has been in the Council's employment as Warble Fly Inspector and is at present employed as Sheep Dipping Inspector.

15. To receive Counsel's Opinion on the powers of the Council to increase the wages of road workers and carters and on other questions submitted to him by the Finance Committee acting under the Council's direction.

16. To consider a communication from Messrs. J. H. McCarroll and Co., Solicitors, 4, Church Street, Wicklow, enquiring on behalf of a client, if the old Gaol Premises in Wicklow are for sale.

17. To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at a Meeting of that Body held on the 28th June, 1940:—

"Resolved—That a fee of £1 10 0 per 500 sheep dipped during the dipping period 1940 be paid for the use of Private Swim Baths—and that in cases where less than 500 sheep were dipped the owner of baths to be paid proportionately—this payment to cover two dippings."

18. To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, at a meeting of that Body, held on the 28th June, 1940:—

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to appoint Mr. John Pearse, Bolinass, Ashford, as Temporary Sheep Dipping Inspector in the District previously worked by Mr. Wm. Carr, Knockraheen, Roundwood."

19. To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the Council's Resolution guaranteeing Miss E. F. Bobbett, Springfield, Kilbride, that no stock placed on her lands would be seized in respect of Poor Rates due.

20. To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health pointing out the necessity for replacing as far as possible Imported Coal with Turf, and receive a quotation from Mr. W. S. Doyle, Roundwood, for such quantities of turf as may be required by the Wicklow County Council.

21. To consider a communication from the County Registrar, Circuit Court Office, Wicklow, with which he enclosed a letter from the Minister for Justice in which the hope is expressed that the safety of the Circuit Court Office would be included in any Air Raid Precaution measures taken by the Local Authority.

21st October, 1940.

22. To consider the following Resolution received from the Quarterly Board of the Wicklow and Rathdrum Circuit of the Methodist Church in Ireland:—

"We are of the opinion that Public Air-Raid Shelters are an urgent necessity for the town of Wicklow, and we now request the County Council to take immediate action to provide same."

23. To consider an application from James Bowe, Kilquiggan, Coolkenno, to be allowed to address the Members on a grievance he complains of.

24. To consider an application from Miss Irene R. Ball-Acton, Glencapple, Kilmacanogue, Bray, to have steps taken to provide telephone facilities in her village.

25. To consider a communication from the Secretary, The Irish Society for the Protection of Birds, in which he asks the Council to take steps which will lead to the protection of certain wild birds whose species are mentioned in this letter.

26. To consider a Report relating to Fees for County Analyst as prepared by an Emergency Committee of the County Councils' General Council.

27. To consider a communication from Veterinary Inspector W. J. Richardson, refusing to accept a Paying Order for £26 4 5 as remuneration for acting as locum tenens to Veterinary Inspector S. Conway during the latter's illness.

28. To receive Minutes of proceedings of Monthly Meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee.

29. To receive the decision of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health upon the Inquiry held on the 16th July, 1940, into the Council's application for a Provisional Order regarding the acquiring of lands necessary for the purpose of making a new link road between Dunbur and Magherabeg.

30. To consider a communication from the Air-Raid Precaution Branch of the Department of Defence stating that the Council should enlist the co-operation of the Board of Health and of the Urban Councils in their area to ensure the most effective and most economical Fire-fighting Service.

31. To receive a communication from the Air-Raid Precaution Branch of the Department of Defence regarding a three weeks' course of instruction at the Central Fire Station, Tara Street, Dublin, for the purpose of training fire-fighting instructors for all cities and towns in which Statutory Air-Raid Schemes are being undertaken.

32. To consider printed Abstracts of Correspondence already circulated to each Member of the County Council.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor George Heatley.

Resolved—That we have heard with much regret of the great loss that has befallen Councillor Joseph Jacob by the death of his son, and we tender to Councillor Jacob and the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy with them in their sad bereavement.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following Report from the Joint Conference of the County Council and the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance on the situation generally which has arisen in connection with the Engineering required by the County Council and the County Board of Health and Public Assistance, consequent upon the appointment of Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., as County Surveyor/Engineer, at the same time stating that this Report had been printed and circulated to each Member of the County Council some weeks prior to the Meeting:

### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

#### JOINT CONFERENCE REPORT.

A Meeting of the Joint Conference set up by Wicklow County Council and by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance for the purpose of considering and drafting a complete scheme, which shall deal with all the work being done, or to be done, on roads within the jurisdiction of Wicklow County Council, and with all the engineering that may be required in future by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance, was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, the 27th August, 1940.

The following Members were present:—

Representing Wicklow County Council:

Councillor James McCrea  
" Edward Byrne  
" Senator C. M. Byrne  
" Michael Mooney  
" P. D. Kinsella

Representing County Board of Health and Public Assistance:

Councillor J. Everett, T.D.  
" Patrick Doyle (Coolboy)  
" P. P. O'Reilly  
" J. J. Bourne.

Mr. T. C. Courtney, M.E., Chief Engineering Adviser, Road Section, Department of Local Government and Public Health, was in attendance, as were also the County Secretary, Mr. P. T. Healy; the County Surveyor/Engineer, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E.; and the Acting Secretary, Wicklow County Board of Health and Public Assistance, Mr. Thomas Byrne.

Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne having been asked to occupy the Chair, the Secretary submitted the following Resolution, passed by the County Council at a Special Meeting of that Body held on the 24th June, 1940, and the two subjoined letters from the Acting Secretary of the County Board of Health and Public Assistance.

#### Copy of Resolution.

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

Resolved—Following the promotion of Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., to the position of County Surveyor, that a Joint Committee representing the County Council and the County Wicklow Board of Health be set up to meet and report on a complete scheme which shall deal with the areas, etc., etc., of the work being done on roads for the Council and the Engineering being done for the Board of Health, and that the following represent this Council on that Committee:—

Councillor J. McCrea  
" M. Mooney  
" P. D. Kinsella

with the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, and that the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to appoint a Representative to attend Meetings of the Committee and give such help as may be required.

Passed.

#### (Copy Letters).

### WICKLOW BOARD OF HEALTH,

Secretary's Office,  
County Home, Rathdrum,  
1st July, 1940.

Ref. No. 2343/40.

Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

Dear Mr. Healy,

At the meeting of the Board on 25th ult. an Order was made appointing Messrs. J. Everett, Patrick Doyle, M. Timmins, J. J. Bourne, and Miss Kelly, to represent the Board on the Committee to discuss the situation which has arisen by reason of the appointment of a County Surveyor and a County Engineer.

Yours faithfully,  
T. BYRNE,  
Acting Secretary.

21st October, 1940.

WICKLOW BOARD OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE,  
Secretary's Office,  
County Home, Rathdrum,  
26th August, 1940.

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

Dear Sir,

In connection with the conference to be held to-morrow on the subject of the Engineering Services, Mr. Timmins, one of the Board's delegates, will be unable to attend, and the Board have substituted the name of Mr. P. P. O'Reilly to attend in his stead.

Yours faithfully,  
T. BYRNE,  
Acting Secretary.

The Conference considered the following Report submitted by the County Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E.:—

### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL. RE-ORGANISATION OF COUNTY ENGINEERING SERVICES. COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT 27/8/40.

Immediately prior to the resignation of the late County Surveyor—Mr. Gallagher—the position in this County was as follows:—One County Surveyor and three Assistant County Surveyors. The Assistant County Surveyors were responsible for works in connection with the Board of Health in conjunction with their ordinary duties as Road Surveyors.

The Road Mileage was divided as between the three areas thus:—

	Main	County	Urban	Total
N.E. Area (O'Byrne)	127.81	291.44	6.46	425.7
S.E. Area (Caffrey)	65.73	308.17	2.44	376.39
W. Area (Foley)	62.0	274.0	NH	336.0

Total number of miles of Road maintained in the County—1,138. The Assistant Surveyors were also responsible for Board of Health work in the County, but the districts supervised by each Assistant for such work did not coincide with his road administrative area.

I produce a Map to illustrate these facts. The road area for each Assistant is divided by a green line into three portions—A, B, and C.

The County Health Districts are divided by a heavy coloured border, viz: Mr. Caffrey—Blue; Mr. Foley—Red, and Mr. O'Byrne—Yellow. I understand that some years ago, before the system of Direct Management of Roads was generally adopted, there were four Assistants and sometimes five in this County with the County Surveyor. It will be readily agreed that the work of the Engineering Staff in the County, as for all other Counties, has been steadily increasing.

I am of the opinion that a more equitable distribution of the existing areas in this County is desirable, and that additional Engineering and Clerical Staff is required. I, therefore, ask for approval to have Four Assistant County Surveyors and One additional Shorthand Typist Clerk in my office. Dividing the total number of miles in the County (approximately 1,138) by four give the number of 285.

I produce also a map showing the existing boundaries and extent of the Overseers' districts in the County to the number of 14. It will be necessary to modify to some extent these boundaries and areas to fit in with proposed new Administrative Districts to be controlled by each Assistant.

I put forward, therefore the following details of each district:—

Area No. 1.	Overseer	Troy	271	Mr. Fleming
Area No. 2.	Kavanagh	Doyle	303	Mr. Caffrey
	J. Byrne	W. Byrne		
	Turner	O'Neill		
Area No. 3.	Kelly	Keating	282	Another
	Condren	Keogh		
Area No. 4.	Fay	Ryan	284	Mr. Foley
	Rogers			

The work of a County Surveyor's staff, his Assistants and Overseers is not one of routine, neither is the work which is carried on in the County Surveyor's office.

In this, the County Surveyor's office will differ from most other offices. There are always new Schemes, proposals, decisions, conferences of a varying nature and this fact should be clearly grasped and understood by the members of the County Council, so as to correctly appreciate the extent of the staff which would be required to carry out road and other engineering works in the County.

I have given the matter careful consideration and I do think that the minimum number of Four Assistant County Surveyors, together with One additional Clerk in my office, is required.

In the event of the County Board of Health work coming under my direct control for the County, I will require in addition to the above, a further junior clerk in my office to deal with this branch of the service.

J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Surveyor.

Dated this 27th day of August, 1940.

The following extract from the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance at the Meeting of that Body, held on the 27th March, 1939, was submitted by the Acting Secretary to the Board, Mr. Thomas Byrne.

The Agenda contained the following item:—

"To consider Report of Committee appointed by the Board to advise as to the salaries to be paid in future to their Engineers."  
Read Report dated 27th March, 1939, from Messrs. C. M. Byrne, J. J. Bourne, and Patrick Doyle, members of the Board who formed the Committee above referred to, as follows:—

#### REPORT.

WE, the members of the Committee set up by the Board of Health and Public Assistance, at their meeting on 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 to-day, and we have gone very fully 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 Balinglass Rural District Council, 1918, at a salary of £60 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 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 10/- 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

21st October, 1940.

and Medical Charities Acts 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 1928 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 £25 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 1,032; in addition, he has the increased responsibility of the maintenance of seven new water supplies and seven new sewerage systems; the District Hospital at Baltinglass, and new burial grounds 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 of 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 1,562; six new water supplies and four new sewerage systems have also come under his charge. Mr. O'Byrne's average income in salary and fees for five years ended 31st March last amounted to £927 10 8.

**J. P. CAFFEY, 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 his hands are complete the number will have further increased to 427; three 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 Board of Health and Public Assistance should commence on 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 of 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—Approved, Mr. Everett dissenting. Copy to be sent to Wicklow County Council.

After a protracted discussion of all the facts and figures before the Conference, and having heard the views of Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., and Assistant Surveyor J. P. Caffrey, B.E., both of whom were present, it was

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

Resolved—That we hereby accept the principle of appointing four Engineers for the County, as suggested in the County Surveyor's Report, and we hereby modify that Report by increasing the area for Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., on the Map now shown to us, by adding forty miles taken from Overseer Keogh's district, leaving Mr. Foley's area with three hundred and twenty-four (324) miles of roads; that we fix a salary of £600 per annum for Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., rising by increments of £10 per annum to a maximum salary of £700 per annum; that we fix a salary of £500 per annum for Mr. J. P. Caffrey, B.E., rising by increments of £10 per annum to a maximum salary of £700 per annum; that we appoint two Assistant Surveyors for the other two districts into which the County has been divided, at a salary of £350 each per annum rising by increments of £10 per annum to a maximum salary of £450 per annum.

Further, we hereby decide that the areas of each of the above four Engineers shall be their areas also for not only all road work for the Wicklow County Council, but also for all the engineering work that may be required in each of those areas at any future time by the County Board of Health and Public Assistance. The effect of this would be that Mr. M. McD Fleming's Area, No. 1, would have two hundred and seventy-one (271) miles of roads, approximately; that Mr. J. P. Caffrey's Area, No. 2, would have three hundred and three (303) miles of roads, approximately; that the Engineer appointed for No. 3 Area would have two hundred and forty-two (242) miles of roads, approximately; and that Mr. P. J. Foley's Area, No. 4, would have three hundred and twenty-four (324) miles of roads, approximately. The County Board of Health and Public Assistance is hereby asked to undertake to refund to Wicklow County Council half the annual cost of this Scheme of re-organising all the Engineering Services of the County.

This Committee expresses their earnest desire that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health will accord his consent to the decision of the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance when that Body stated they wished Mr. Foley's rights to pension for all his years of service since his original appointment in 1917 to be preserved for him, and not interfered with by this whole scheme of re-organisation.

This Committee is of the very firm opinion that none of the four officials referred to above shall be allowed to take any other work, or position, unless and until he has first obtained the sanction, in writing, beforehand of Wicklow County Council and of the County Board of Health and Public Assistance.

Finally, this Committee strongly recommends that each of the above four Engineers be given their actual out-of-pocket travelling expenses, calculated at the rate of fivepence (5d.) per mile where a motor is used, subject to their claims for refund being adequately vouched to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor before being certified by him for payment.

Passed unanimously.

(Signed)—C. M. BYRNE, Senator,  
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 27th day of August, 1940.

The Secretary submitted, further, the following letter which had been under consideration at a Meeting of the previous Joint Conference, held on the 14th of November, 1938; and also the following letters received from Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., and from the Acting Secretary of the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance:

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

Custom House  
(Roads Section),  
Dublin.

24th Samhain, 1938.

R/RS/33.  
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	£1,650
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 mess.

J. HURSON.

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The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Wicklow.

32-33, Lower Abbey St., Dublin,  
26th September, 1940.

PF/KL/152/1474.

Dear Sir,

I have your letter enclosing copy of the Report of the proceedings of the Committee appointed to consider the position arising from the appointment of Mr. O'Byrne as County Surveyor, and I would like to make the following observations:

Mr. O'Byrne's report to the Committee states that at the time of Mr. Gallagher's resignation, I carried on works for the Board of Health in conjunction with my position as Assistant Surveyor. This is incorrect. I held the appointment as Engineer to the Board of Health separate and distinctly from the position of Assistant Surveyor.

The report does not indicate that I attended the Meeting at the request of the Board of Health. There is nothing in the report to indicate that when I was asked my views on the matter I pointed out that I held a position from the Board of Health, and for which I was paid salary and fees. I also stated that I did not wish to stand in the way of a re-arrangement provided the financial arrangement was suitable.

I mention these facts as the report might be construed as indicating that I accepted the position that I had no rights at all in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

P. J. FOLEY.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
Wicklow.

COUNTY WICKLOW BOARD OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE,  
County Home, Rathdrum,  
27th September, 1940.

2256/40.  
P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

I beg to enclose copy of report submitted to the meeting of the Board of Health on 23rd instant by Mr. Foley, B.E., on the subject of proposed alterations in the areas in charge of Engineers in County Wicklow, and to draw your attention to the Order of the Board thereon:

"Read letter, dated 23rd September, 1940, from Mr. P. J. Foley, Engineer, as follows:—

"I note on reading Mr. O'Byrne's Report to the Committee appointed to consider the position arising by the appointment of Mr. O'Byrne, that he states, the position at the time of Mr. Gallagher's resignation was that the Assistant Co. Surveyors did Board of Health work in conjunction with their duties as Assistant Surveyors. This is not correct in my case. The position of Engineer to the Board of Health is distinct from the position of Assistant County Surveyor.

"The report as circulated by Mr. Healy does not state that I said that subject to the salary being sufficient I did not wish to stand in the way of the change."—P. J. Foley.

Order: Noted; further consideration of scheme by County Council awaited.

Yours faithfully,

T. BYRNE, Acting Secretary.

The Secretary pointed out that Mr. Foley made two contributions to the deliberations of the Members at the Conference. The first was that his position under the Board of Health was held under special conditions, not specified, and the second was that if the terms of the Conference Report were satisfactory to him he would not object to it. It would be manifest to every member of the County Council present at that day's Meeting that to import into the Report of the Joint Conference verbal and unsupported statements made by Mr. Foley would be highly irregular.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;  
Seconded by Councillor J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we hereby approve and adopt the Report as printed and circulated to each Member of Wicklow Co. Council from the joint Committee of the County Council and the County Board of Health and Public

21st October, 1940.

Assistance on the situation generally which has arisen in connection with the Engineering required by the County Council and the Board of Health and Public Assistance following the appointment of Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., as County Surveyor/Engineer.

The Council wishes to make it clear that the adoption of this Printed Report is intended as an alternative to the existing state of the County Engineering.

Passed: Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and M. Timmins dissenting.

The Council proceeded to consider and answer the queries contained in the subjoined letter from the Acting Secretary of the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance:

COUNTY WICKLOW BOARD OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE,  
County Home, Rathdrum,  
11th October, 1940.

3461/40.  
P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
County Commissioner, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

The Board, at a meeting some months ago, appointed a caretaker for Burgage Burial Ground in West Wicklow, pursuant to an advertisement.

The Department, when requested to sanction this appointment, wrote to the Board requesting to be furnished with a report from the County Engineer as to the suitability of each of the other applicants for the position. This letter was read at the last Board Meeting, when it was considered that the Department did not intend the report to be from Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, but from Mr. Foley, B.E., but the Department have written again to-day requesting a report from the County Engineer, and this would seem to imply that such report was to be had from Mr. O'Byrne, B.E.

This further letter will be submitted to the next meeting of the Board, but in the meantime I would be glad if you clarify the position as regards the County Engineering Services, as follows:—

- Whether Mr. O'Byrne has been in fact appointed County Engineer with authority over Board of Health Engineers.
- Whether or not the Board of Health should be a consenting party to this appointment.
- Whether Mr. J. T. O'Byrne should in fact at present be acting as Engineer to the Board of Health in the former Rathdrum and Rathdown Rural District Areas, while at the same time having supervisory and advisory powers over the Engineers in the other areas, and
- Whether all the conditions under which Mr. O'Byrne was appointed are now in force.

Yours faithfully,

F. BYRNE, Acting Secretary.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. P. Kehoe;

Resolved—Having heard and discussed the letter from the Acting Secretary of the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance, dated the 11th October, 1940, addressed to the County Commissioner, we hereby direct our Secretary to reply to the Queries contained in that letter as follows:—

Query A.—Whether Mr. O'Byrne has been in fact appointed County Engineer with authority over Board of Health Engineers?

Answer.—Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., was appointed by Wicklow County Council as County Surveyor/Engineer with both advisory and supervisory powers in the latter position over all Board of Health Engineers and Engineering.

Query B.—Whether or not the Board of Health should be a consenting party to this appointment?

Answer.—Yes, certainly it is, because the Board of Health, through its Representatives, attended a Joint Conference held in November 1933, at which the Chief Engineering Adviser to the Department of Local Government and Public Health was present, and the Report from that Conference recommending the appointment of a County Surveyor/Engineer was duly passed by the County Council and by the Board of Health.

Query C.—Whether Mr. J. T. O'Byrne should in fact at present be acting as Engineer to the Board of Health in the former Rathdrum and Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Areas, while at the same time having supervisory and advisory powers over the Engineers in the other areas?

Answer.—Yes, because he has to act in those areas until such time as somebody else has been appointed for them and that appointment approved, and until the reorganisation of the County Engineering has been carried out in accordance with the Joint Conference Report, dated the 27th August, 1940. It is to be understood, of course, that Mr. O'Byrne has both advisory and supervisory powers over all the other Engineers.

Query D.—Whether all the conditions under which Mr. O'Byrne was appointed are now in force?

Answer.—They are in force, but they do not appear to be in practice. Passed Unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor M. Timmins;

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, desire to show our appreciation of the action of those members of our staffs, both indoor and outdoor, who have already joined the Local Security Forces or other similar organisations in the present national emergency; that we call on those not already joined to do so; and that in the granting in the future of increases in salaries, or wages, or other emoluments, and in the making of all new appointments, the Council will—all other factors being equal—give express preferential treatment to those who have proved their patriotism in the emergency.

That we call on the Government to give similar preference to those who have answered their call and make public intimation of the fact.

That we direct the attention of the Government to the anomaly which now exists in connection with those services which they have called into being, namely—as we have been informed—that all endowment and insurance policies are null and void by engagement of interested parties in L.S.F. or other semi-military duties; we hold very strongly that it is a matter which calls for immediate attention to have the Government indemnify holders of endowment policies or insurance policies, whether owners of cars, drivers, or members of the L.S.F. against any loss which otherwise they might incur by accident, ill-health, or otherwise in the existing circumstances.

Passed.  
Deputy J. Everett and Councillor P. D. Kinsella dissenting.

The following further letters were considered in regard to the condition of the road leading from Lughnagragh to Humphreystown Bridge:  
Naas, Co. Kildare,  
18th September, 1940.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Re: Condition of Roads in the Districts of Hollywood, Vallemount, and Blessington.

Dear Sir,

We received your letter of the 14th inst., and communicated the contents thereof to our clients who point out that the statement therein that all the roads complained of have been repaired is not correct. They add that no work whatever has been carried out on the road leading from Lughnagragh to Humphreystown Bridge which is still in a shocking condition and very difficult to travel. Unless steps are taken to remedy the cause of complaint we fear we will have no alternative than to institute proceedings.

Yours faithfully,

O'Connor & Coonan, Solicitors.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Court House, Wicklow,  
27th September, 1940.

SP.32790.  
P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
County Secretary,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sirs,

Re yours of the 19th instant enclosing copy of a further letter from Messrs. O'Connor & Coonan, Solicitors, with regard to the condition of the road in the district of Hollywood, Vallemount and Blessington, I desire to enclose you copy of a letter dated the 20th instant received from my Assistant Surveyor, Mr. P. J. Foley, I made a personal inspection of this road myself, accompanied by Mr. Foley, on the 20th instant, and I directed him to spend not more than £10 in making certain repairs to the surface.

I also enclose you copy of correspondence which has passed between me and the Contractor, Mr. C. W. Downey, who carried out certain constructional works for the Electricity Supply Board and during which this road was damaged as a result of excessive haulage over it from adjacent sand pits. The matter of the legal liability has been placed by me in the hands of our Legal Agent.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE.

No order was made by the Council as the County Surveyor reported that the road had been repaired.

The Council considered the following letter from Arklow Urban District Council:

## ARKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Urban Council's Office,  
Court House, Arklow,  
9th September, 1940.

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

A dhúine uasail,

I am directed by my Council to refer to the recruitment of labour from Arklow Labour Exchange recently for work on Road Relief Scheme at Ardinary, and to state that they consider it unfair that workmen should be expected to journey so long a distance to and from their work. I am to request that in future cases of this kind a suitable conveyance, such as a lorry, be provided by the County Council.

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P. J. McCRUDDEN, Acting Clerk.

Order: No Action.

After a protracted discussion it was

Proposed by Councillor Michael Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor Michael Mooney;

Resolved—That the Circuit Court Judge be asked to reconsider his decision regarding the area of charge of the award of £375, with costs, to the Marquis of Waterford, and £200, with costs, to Dr. White at Balinglass Circuit Court, and that these amounts instead of being levied on the Balinglass Electoral Division be made a County-at-Large Charge.

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

For the Motion: Councillors J. J. Bourne, W. Hammond, P. Doyle (Wintetavern); P. P. O'Reilly, D. J. Kehoe, M. Mooney, M. Timmins, Senator C. M. Byrne—(8).

Against the Motion—Councillors J. McCrea, Edward Byrne, George Heatley, M. J. Brennan, P. D. Kinsella, J. Everett, T.D., J. P. Kehoe—(7). The Chairman thereupon declared the motion passed as a Resolution by Eight votes to Seven.

The Council's Solicitor submitted the following letter:—

4, Church Street, Wicklow,  
17th June, 1940.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Claim of John B. Wynne for £200 Compensation for Alleged Malicious Injury.

Dear Sirs,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th inst., enclosing Preliminary Notice herein.

The matter is having my attention and I have written the local County Councillors:

The alleged burning took place on the lands of Sevenchurches, in the Parish of Derrylossary and in the County District of Brockagh. In the event of the Circuit Judge awarding a sum which might not be considered high would you kindly let me know the Area of Charge the Award (if any) should be levied over.

For my own information I would like you to obtain the views of the Council as to what amount in Malicious Injury Awards they consider high, as the resolution passed at the meeting held on the 9th October last is vague in this respect.

Yours faithfully,

J. BRAZIL.

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

Proposed by Councillor Michael Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor Michael Mooney;

That our Solicitor be informed that all Awards over £100 for Malicious Injury Claims be levied over the County at Large (Urban), and that all Awards of £100 or under be levied over the Local Area, and that the Circuit Court Judge be urged in every Case to give effect to the Council's wishes in this connection.

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

For the Motion: Councillors J. J. Bourne, W. Hammond, P. Doyle (Whitavern); P. P. O'Reilly, D. J. Kehoe, M. Mooney, M. Timmins—(7).

Against the Motion: Councillors J. McCrea, Edward Byrne, G. Heatley, M. J. Brennan, P. D. Kinsella, J. Everett, T.D.; Senator C. M. Byrne, J. P. Kehoe—(8).

The Chairman thereupon declared the Motion to have been lost, 7 Councillors having voted for it and 8 Councillors having voted against it.

The Council considered communications, dated the 31st August, 1940 and 30th August, 1940, respectively, in which attention was drawn to the request of a Jury regarding the dangerous condition of the road at Killadreenan, near the Hospital, where four fatal accidents and several minor ones had occurred during the past few years.

The Council directed the County Surveyor to make a detailed application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for a Grant to be expended on removing the dangerous corner at this particular point of the road in question.

The Council considered a communication, dated 3rd September, 1940, from the firm of Messrs. Osborne & Brady, Granite Quarries, Ballyknocken, Vallemount, in which it was stated that the road from Ballyknocken to Blessington via Lacken is not suitable for heavy lorry traffic since it has been in the hands of the Council for repairs.

The Council referred this matter to the County Surveyor with instructions to him to make application for a Grant from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to be expended on this particular road.



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The Secretary submitted a communication, dated the 12th September, 1940, from Mr. I. Myers, Estate Office, Shelton Abbey, Arklow, in which attention was drawn to a memorial containing the signatures of forty-four persons which was submitted almost a year ago to the County Council with regard to the condition of the road leading from Ticknock Bridge to the village of Avoca.

Order: Referred to the County Surveyor, with instructions that he make application for a Grant which might be expended on this particular road.

The Secretary submitted the following Notice of Vacancy in Wicklow County Council which had been given the publicity prescribed:

#### NOTICE OF VACANCY IN WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

We, the members of the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby declare the Office of Councillor held by  
MARTIN M. GLEESON,

Stratford-on-Slaney,  
to be vacant, in consequence of his death, and we direct that this vacancy be notified by a circular issued to each Member of this Council, and to the Secretary of the County Board of Health, and that it be filed at the Quarterly Meeting of this Council to be held on the 19th August, 1940.

A copy of said circular to be posted adjacent to the outer door of the Court House, Wicklow.

Dated this 24th June, 1940.

Signed:

E. BYRNE,  
M. TIMMINS,  
J. J. BOURNE,

Three Members of Wicklow County Council.

Signed:

P. T. HEALY,  
Secretary to the Council.

Proposed by Councillor M. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. Mooney;

Resolved—That we hereby co-opt. Mr. John J. Metcalfe, of Ballylion, Donard, Dunlavin, to fill the vacancy on Wicklow County Council caused by the death of Mr. Martin M. Gleeson, Stratford-on-Slaney.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Resolved—That we hereby select and appoint: Mr. George Flood, Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow, to fill the vacancy existing on the County Wicklow Library Committee caused by the death of Mr. John Kennedy, Main Street, Wicklow.

Passed.

The Council proceeded to consider what action should be taken in connection with the collection of arrears of rates due by Mr. John Fears, Bolinass Ashford, who has been in the Council's employment as Warble Fly Inspector, and is at present employed by the County Council as a Sheep Dipping Inspector.

The Council adjourned this matter to the forthcoming Quarterly Meeting on the 19th of November, 1940, with a view to seeing what offer would be made in the meantime by Mr. Fears.

The Council's Solicitor, Mr. J. Brazil, 4 Church Street, Wicklow, submitted the following communication, dated the 19th October, 1940, received by him that morning from Mr. M. J. Ryan, S.C., of 14, Pembroke Park, Dublin, together with the subjoined Counsel's Opinion on the case submitted regarding the powers of Wicklow County Council to increase the wages of road workers and carters, and on other matters submitted to him by the Finance Committee acting under the Council's direction:

14 Pembroke Park, Dublin,  
19th October, 1940.

#### RE WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Dear Mr. Brazil,

I beg to forward herewith my Opinion on Case to Advise herein, and I regret that I was unable to finish it in time to forward it to you by last night's post. I have written the Opinion in the absence of full particulars as to the procedure concerning the making of Grants by the Minister, but I think I have indicated generally my views on the effect of the Circular dated the 8th August, 1940. The Memorandum prepared by Mr. Healy was most helpful. I had not, however, any material before me for the purpose of dealing fully with the question of Unemployment Grants. I shall be glad to answer any further Queries on hearing from you.

I return herewith all papers and documents received.

I have marked a fee of £5 5s. 0d. on case.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,  
M. J. RYAN.

Joseph Brazil, Esq.,  
County Solicitor, Wicklow.

#### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

##### QUERIES.

Submitted by the Finance Committee of the County Council re the powers of the Council to increase the wages of road workers and carters, and Counsel's Opinion thereon.

##### Query No. 1:

Has the Council exceeded its powers in deciding to increase the wages to be paid to men employed on road works and road maintenance and to carters employed on such roads?

##### Answer to Query No. 1:

In my opinion the Council has not exceeded its powers in deciding to increase the wages to be paid to men employed on road works and road maintenance and to carters employed on such roads. I presume the said employees were employed by the County Surveyor on behalf of the Council, pursuant to the powers vested in him by Article 56 (1) of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, and, accordingly, Article 56 (2) of the said Order, namely:—

"The remuneration paid to any persons employed by the County Surveyor under this Article shall be at such rate as the Council shall from time to time decide."

is applicable to such employment. I am not aware that the said Article 56 of the said Order has been revoked.

##### Query No. 2:

Is the County Council empowered to pay such increase notwithstanding the Department Circular or by what authority has the Department power to regulate the wages paid to road workers?

##### Answer to Query No. 2:

(a) In my opinion, the power of the County Council under Article 56 (2) of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, to increase the wages of road workers and road carters is not affected by the Department Circular dated the 8th August, 1940.

(b) I am not aware of any enactment which directly empowers the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to fix the rate of wages to be paid by the County Council to road workers employed by the County Surveyor on behalf of the County Council pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies Order, 1925.

In my opinion, the Department Circular dated the 8th August, 1940, is, to a certain extent, misleading as to the power of the Minister to regulate the rates of wages to be paid to road workers by the County Council. In the first paragraph of the said Circular the Minister's statement as to the rate of wages to be paid to the road workers therein mentioned is therein described by the Secretary of the Department as the "decision" of the Minister. In the second paragraph of the said Circular the Secretary of the Department states that the payment of grants in respect of the current financial year will be subject to compliance by the local authority with the "terms" of the Circular. It appears to me that the said Circular can only mean that the Minister will withhold the Grants payable in respect of the current financial year in the event of the County Council deciding under Article 56 (2) of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, to pay to the road workers concerned rates of wages in excess of the appropriate rates of wages obtaining on the 1st September, 1939.

##### Query No. 3:

In the event of the County Council paying the increases without Department approval, has the Department auditor the right to surcharge for such increases or the power to deduct such grant from road grants?

##### Answer to Query No. 3:

I assume that the County Council propose to increase the rates of wages of certain road workers employed on works financed either wholly or partly out of road improvement grants, road maintenance grants or grants for the carrying out of employment schemes. If such is the case then having regard to the terms of the Department Circular, dated the 8th August, 1940, the penalty is the withholding of the said Grants payable in respect of the current financial year, and the County Council would probably very soon find itself unable for financial reasons, to continue the employment of a number of road workers whose wages have been increased. I shall deal later with the question whether or not the Minister is legally entitled to withhold payment of the said Grants. I cannot see how the Auditor can surcharge for such increases, having regard to the power of the County Council under Article 56 (2) of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, to increase the wages of such workers.

##### Query No. 4:

Is not the County Council entitled to the share of road fund when it complies with first conditions to raise such proportions on rates?

##### Answer to Query No. 4:

Section 3 (4) of the Roads Act, 1920, provides that in every year after the making of certain payments therein specified out of the Road Fund "the moneys standing to the credit of the Road Fund shall be applied by the Minister for the purposes of Part II of the Development and Road Improvement Funds Act, 1909, as amended by this Act." These purposes are the construction of new roads, and the maintenance and improvement of existing roads. Under Section 8 (1) of the said Act of 1909 as amended by the Roads Act, 1920, and as applied and adapted in this Country the Minister for Local Government and Public Health has power with the approval of the Minister for Finance

"to make to any Council of any County or County Borough, advances in respect of the construction of new roads or the maintenance or improvement of existing roads."

Section 8 (4) of the said Act of 1909 as applied and adapted reads as follows:—

"An advance to a Council of the County or County Borough may be either by way of grant or by way of loan, or partly in one way and partly in the other; and shall be upon such terms and subject to such conditions as the Minister thinks fit."

It would therefore appear that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health is empowered to attach to Grants to County Councils but of the Road Fund such conditions as he may think fit. By the Circular dated the 8th August, 1940, the Minister has attached a certain condition to the payment of Road Improvement Grants and Road Maintenance Grants in respect of the current financial year, namely that the County Council shall not pay to road workers employed on works financed wholly or partly out of such Grants as from the commencement of the pay period following the receipt of the circular, higher rates of wages than the appropriate rates of wages obtaining on the 1st September, 1939. Having regard to the very wide power given to the Minister by the said Section 8 (4) of the Act of 1909, I am of opinion that a Court would decide that the Minister would be entitled to attach to advances by way of grants out of the Road Fund a condition that such grants should be so expended by the County Council concerned that the rates of wages of the road workers payable thereout should not exceed the rates specified by the Minister. There is, however, one point in the present case to which I desire to direct attention. The Minister's circular is dated the 8th August, 1940, and by that circular he seeks to attach a condition to the payment of Grants "in respect of the current financial year." I take it that the current financial year means the period from the 1st April, 1940, to the 31st March, 1941. I presume the County Council submitted to the Minister prior to the commencement of the current financial year a Scheme of Road Works for the current financial year based on expenditure partly out of Rates to be raised by the County Council and partly out of Grants to be made by the Minister. If such is the case, and if the Minister approved of such Schemes, I do not think that he is entitled in the middle of the financial year to attach conditions to the payment of these Grants. In other words, I am of opinion, as far as the current financial year is concerned, that if the Minister had already approved of such a Scheme of Road Works as aforesaid, he must be deemed to have agreed to make the necessary advances out of the Road Fund for the purposes of the said Scheme free from the conditions imposed by the circular dated the 8th August, 1940, and he is not entitled subsequently to attach conditions to such advances when same become payable, and after the County Council had incurred expenditure and commitments on the basis that these grants would be payable in due course, free from a condition which did not exist when the said Scheme of Road Works was approved by the Minister. I have not before me sufficient information as to the source of the money to provide Grants for the carrying out of employment schemes to enable me to advise definitely as to the power of the Minister to attach conditions to such Grants, but it appears to me that if these Grants are made by the Minister in accordance with approved Schemes then the limitation on the rates of wages payable thereunder should be specified in such Schemes. In any event I think that the same objection to the attaching of conditions to such Unemployment Grants in the middle of the financial year would apply as in the case of Grants made out of the Road Fund. Generally, I am of opinion that if the Minister had already approved of a Scheme of Road Works the expenditure on which was intended to be provided partly out of Grants to be made by the Minister, then the Minister cannot subsequently attach to the payment of these Grants conditions which did not exist when he approved of the said Scheme. I cannot find in any enactment any provision which would entitle the County Council to receive a Grant out of the Road Fund merely by reason of the fact that the County Council had raised a certain amount of money by means of rates for expenditure on road works.

##### Query No. 5:

Right of Officials to comply with all orders or directions received from County Council, are Officials first subject to Department, or if any Official is paid from Department Fund?

##### Answer to Query No. 5:

Owing to the general nature of this Query I can only answer it in a general way. Officials of the County Council are appointed by the County Council with the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health at such salaries as may be approved by the Minister, and they cannot be removed from office nor can their salaries be altered except with the consent of the Minister. The Minister has power to remove an Officer of the County Council in certain circumstances. Certain Officers of the County Council have certain statutory duties to perform and the County

21st October, 1940.

Council is not entitled to require an Officer of the Council to do any act contrary to any Statute. Certain Officers of the County Council, namely the Secretary, County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors are deemed to be paid partly out of the Agricultural Grant, but such part payment of salary does not make such Officers immune from the control of the County Council in respect of duties of a non-statutory character. Generally speaking the status of Officials of the County Council is a statutory one and not merely that of employees of the County Council in the ordinary sense of the word.

Query No. 6:

Do road employees or workers come under the Local Officers and Employments Order, 1924 to 1940?

Answer to Query No. 6:

In my opinion road employees or workers do not come within the scope of the Local Officers and Employments Orders made by the Minister under Section 15 of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923.

M. J. RYAN,  
14 Pembroke Park, Dublin.

19/10/40.

The Council adjourned consideration of this matter to a Meeting of the Finance Committee, and directed that the Case and Opinion be printed in full in the Minutes of that Meeting for the information of the Members of the Council.

The Secretary submitted a communication, dated the 17th January, 1940, from Messrs. J. H. McCarroll & Co., Solicitors, 4 Church St., Wicklow, in which the Council was asked if they were prepared to sell the Old Jail premises, Wicklow, and if so what price would be expected for them.

The Secretary was instructed by the Council to make inquiries as to the purposes for which the premises were being sought, when the matter would receive further consideration.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the Meeting of that Body held on the 28th June, 1940:

"That a fee of £1 10s. per 500 sheep, dipped during the dipping period, 1940, be paid for the use of Private Swim Baths—and that in cases where less than 500 sheep were dipped the owners of baths to be paid proportionately—this payment to cover two dippings."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve, for the 1940 Sheep Dipping Period only, of the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the Meeting of that Body held on the 28th June, 1940:

"That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to appoint Mr. John Pearse, Bollinass, Ashford, as Temporary Sheep Dipping Inspector in the District previously worked by Mr. Wm. Carr, Knockraheen, Roundwood."

Passed.

The following communication was submitted and considered:  
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,  
Custom House, Dublin,  
2nd July, 1940.

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A Chars,

With reference to your letter of the 25th ultimo, transmitting Resolution of the Council guaranteeing Miss E. F. Bobbett, Springfield, Kilbride, that no stock placed on her hands would be seized in respect of Poor Rates due, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the Council have no power to give an assurance of the nature referred to, as the matter concerns the exercise by the Collector of his powers under his Warrant. The matter has been brought to the attention of the Auditor.

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J. COLLINS,

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Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

As the County Council were satisfied they had no powers they could use in the matter no further action was taken.

A communication, dated the 5th June, 1940, Circular No. S.51/1940, was submitted from the Department of Local Government and Public Health pointing out the necessity for replacing as far as possible imported coal with turf.

In this connection a letter dated the 7th August, 1940, was submitted from Mr. W. S. Doyle, Service Garage, Roundwood, in which he offered to supply and deliver first quality Wicklow Mountain Turf at the rate of £2 per ton.

Order: Referred to the Finance Committee for consideration after they have been supplied by the County Surveyor with a comprehensive report thereon.

The Secretary submitted a communication, dated the 19th July, 1940, from Tomas MacCathmhaoil, County Registrar, Circuit Court Office, Court House, Wicklow, with which he enclosed copy of a communication dated the 17th July, 1940, received by him from the Department of Justice, in which it was assumed that the safety of the Circuit Court Office, Wicklow, will be included in any Air Raid Precaution Measures taken by the County Council.

Order: The County Registrar to be informed there is no Air Raid Precaution Scheme in operation in County Wicklow.

A communication, dated the 19th September, 1940, was submitted to the Meeting by Mr. John Sutton, Lauristown, Rathdrum, including copy of a Resolution passed by the Quarterly Board of the Wicklow and Rathdrum Circuit of the Methodist Church in Ireland expressing the opinion that Public Air Raid Shelters are an urgent necessity for the Town of Wicklow, and requesting the County Council to take immediate action to provide same.

Order: Mr. Sutton to be informed there is no Air Raid Precaution Scheme in operation in County Wicklow.

The Secretary read a letter, dated the 21st June, 1940, from Mr. James Bowe, Kilquigan, Coolkenno, who asked to be allowed to address the Members of the County Council regarding a grievance he complained of. As this was the third Meeting of the County Council at which Mr. Bowe failed to present himself the Council decided to take no action in the matter.

A letter dated the 26th July, 1940, was submitted from Miss Irene A. Ball-Acton, Glencapple, Kilmacanogue, Bray, who asked that steps should be taken to provide telephone facilities in her district because, as stated, there was neither telegraph or telephone nearer than Bray.

The Council regretted they had no power they could use to give effect to this application.

Two communications, dated the 24th August and 18th October, were submitted from Mr. C. B. Moffat, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, the Irish Society for the Protection of Birds, 21 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin, in which the Council was asked to take such steps as would forbid the taking or destroying in County Wicklow of the eggs of such wild birds as it may be thought necessary to protect.

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

"I hereby give notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council to be held on the 18th November, 1940, a Resolution appealing to the Minister for Justice to issue an Order which will protect in County Wicklow, for a period of not less than five years, the eggs of the following species of wild birds, because of their ever increasing rarity in County Wicklow:—

Peregrine Falcon  
Merlin  
Eagles (all species)  
Owls (all species)  
Ring Ousel  
Redstart  
Blackcap  
Dipper  
Crossbill  
Siskin  
Goldfinch  
Woodlark  
Chough  
Raven  
Kingfisher  
Turtle Dove  
Stock Dove  
Sandpiper  
Terns (all species)  
Black Guillemot  
Swan."

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor John P. Kehoe;

Resolved—Mr. W. J. Haskins having intimated to Mr. Lewis P. Byrne, of Sallymount House, Arklow, that it will not be possible for him to act as one of the Arbitrators in connection with the assessment of compensation for land acquired by the County Council from Mr. Byrne for the purpose of constructing a new road from Ardinary to Sallymount, and Mr. Lewis P. Byrne having now nominated Mr. Nicholas Walsh, of Ballymoney, Arklow, as Arbitrator, we hereby direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the form of Agreement of Reference to Arbitration already signed by Mr. Byrne, and that the Chairman of this Council duly sign his name thereto as witness to the Seal.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor John P. Kehoe;

Resolved—That we now sign and Seal the original Conveyance under which 8A, 2R, 0P, of land the property of Thomas Kelly, of Kilcool, is conveyed to the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance, and which Conveyance refers to the payment by the County Board of Health and Public Assistance of the sum of £340 to Messrs. William Toomey and Mark A. Toomey and discharge of claims amounting to £1,106 16s. 0d. and also refers to a Judgment Mortgage against the remaining lands the property of Thomas Kelly, Kilcool, obtained by Poor Rate Collector Michael J. Healy for rates due to Wicklow County Council amounting to the sum of £195 10s. 2d., and we hereby request the Chairman of the County Council to affix his signature to this Conveyance as Witness to the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That the attention of the Minister be directed to the very serious extent of Unemployment in the Districts of Avoca (Cronebane) and Carnew and Tinahely. Provision for the relief of unemployment has already been made for other Areas in the County under the Current Roads (Rural) Grants Schemes, which will commence during the forthcoming Winter. The Minister is requested to make available further grants on the same basis as those schemes so as to ensure that approximately 110 men, who are now available and suitable in these areas, be given work during the Winter.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to give a Grant of £800 for the purpose of relieving unemployment in the Lackan-Ballyknockan-Valleymount Districts, the work to be carried out being the completion of the Lackan-Ballyknockan-Annacorney Road, the County Council having already agreed to provide a local contribution of £600.

Passed.

The following letter was submitted:

Ballyvastron, Kilbride, Wicklow.  
21st October, 1940.To: The Secretary,  
Wicklow Co. Council.

Dear Sir,

The road from the main road passing through our farms to the road at Castletimon Old Mill, is in an almost impassable condition owing to loose stones, ruts and holes.

Last year this road was widened in parts, but the surface received very little attention, with the result that no car can travel it at the present time at more than 4 or 5 miles per hour.

We pay £120 per annum in Rates, and there are three or four other farmers, also large ratepayers, whose holdings are beside this road. Might we ask your Council to be good enough to make an Order for the repair of the road. If it is not repaired very soon some serious accident is likely to occur.

Yours faithfully,

H. MILLER,

W. C. BYRNE.

Order: Road to be repaired at once by the County Surveyor.

The following letter from the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance was considered:

COUNTY WICKLOW BOARD OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE  
County Home, Rathdrum,  
19th October, 1940.Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.Documents of County Council's Consent.  
Greystones Water Supply Loan.

Dear Sir,

The Local Government Department have written to-day in the above connection, as follows:—

"With reference to your letter of the 14th inst., transmitting documents relating to the consent of the Wicklow County Council to the raising of a loan for the purpose of the improvement and extension of Greystones Water Supply, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to point out that the documents furnished do not comply with the requirements of Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927. It appears that the Notice of Motion was handed in for consideration at the meeting of the County Council to be held on the 19th August last. The necessary Resolution was however, passed during the meeting held on the 30th ultimo, and, in the circumstances it will be necessary to submit a new Resolution which should be passed at the meeting named in the Resolution, not less than one Month's notice of the intention to propose the Resolution having been given."

I understand that you have a meeting of your Council on Monday next, 21st. Perhaps you would be good enough to have the Notice re-served.

Yours faithfully

T. BYRNE,

Acting Secretary.

21st October, 1940.

21st October, 1940.

The Secretary pointed out that the original Notice of Motion was handed in by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Edward Byrne, at a Meeting of the County Council held on the 24th of June, 1940. It could not be considered at the Special Meeting of the County Council which was held on the 7th August, 1940, because that meeting was convened in response to two separate Requisitions addressed to the Chairman each signed by five Members of the Council, and each Requisition specifying the special business for which the Meeting was being summoned. This Notice of Motion appeared as Item 23 on the Agenda for the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council held on the 19th August, 1940, but owing to the volume of business to be transacted it was not reached before the meeting ended owing to the late hour in the evening. The Secretary pointed out, further, that he had informed the Council at their Meeting on the 19th of August that if this Motion was not passed there and then the whole proceedings were likely to be invalidated. The Notice of Motion again appeared as item No. 16 on the Agenda for the Special Meeting of the County Council held on the 30th September, 1940, when it was passed. In these circumstances the following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Edward Byrne and accepted by the Council:

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at a Meeting of Wicklow County Council, to be held on Monday the 9th December, 1940, that the consent of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of £5,334 (Five Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty-four Pounds) for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the improving and extending of the Greystones Water Supply."

Owing to the late hour in the evening the Council adjourned consideration of a Report relating to fees for the County Analyst which had been prepared and submitted by an Emergency Committee of the County Council's General Council.

Minutes of Proceedings of the following Monthly Meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee were submitted: 7th June, 1940; 5th July, 1940; 2nd August, 1940; 6th September, 1940; and 4th October, 1940.

Consideration of the remaining items of business on the Agenda was deferred to a further Meeting as it was now past the hour on which the Council had decided earlier in the day that they would adjourn.

*E. M. Byrne*  
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18th November, 1940.

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, 18th November, 1940.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman;  
Councillors P. P. O'Reilly, J. Everett, T.D.; E. Byrne, J. McCrea, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); Michael Mooney, W. Hammond, J. J. Bourne, J. J. Metcalfe, Michael Timmins, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); Daniel J. Kehoe, John P. O'Donnell.

#### BUSINESS:

- To Confirm and sign Minutes of previous Meetings.
1. To consider Finance Committee's Reports.
2. To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance.
3. To consider Proposals for Payments from the Proposals Committee.
4. To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's payments.
5. To consider proposals for contracts from the Proposals Committee.
6. To Seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
7. To sign applications for refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
8. To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
9. To consider applications for Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
10. To consider applications for Licences under the Explosives Act, 1875.
11. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor John Dunne:—  
"That in future men who reside in an Urban Area and who are engaged for work outside the Urban Areas of Bray, Wicklow and Arklow, or any Urban Area, be paid the same rate of wages existing in the Urban Area in which they reside."
12. To Consider a special report from the Finance Committee relative to Council's Opinion on the powers of the Council to increase the wages of road workers and carters, and on other questions submitted to him by the Finance Committee acting under the Council's direction.
13. To appoint temporarily Mr. Michael McD. Fleming B.E., as Assistant Surveyor in the North-Eastern Area of the County to hold office until such time as his permanent successor has been appointed, sanctioned by the Minister, and is ready to take up duty.
14. To complete two Forms No. 111 asking the Local Governments Commission to select and recommend two candidates suitable for appointment as Assistant Surveyors to fill the positions at present vacant, as referred to in the recently approved and adopted re-organisation Scheme for County Engineering.
15. To consider County Surveyor's Report.
16. To receive the decision of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health following the Inquiry held on the 16th July, 1940, into the Council's application for a Provisional Order regarding the acquiring of lands necessary for the purpose of making a new link road between Dunbur and Magherymore.
17. To receive a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health showing the Main Roads in the County to which the Minister has allocated a Road Improvement Grant of £5,500.
18. To receive a communication from the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance containing a Resolution approving and adopting the Joint Conference Report on County Engineering.
19. To authorise the issue of Store Licences under the Explosives Act, 1875, to the County Surveyor for Magazines at Carrigmore Quarry, Tomacork Quarry and Glen-of-the-Downs Quarry.
20. To decide the conditions under which the County Council shall hold the lands which it is necessary to acquire from Wicklow Urban District Council for the erection of the Public Weighbridge on The Murrough, Wicklow.
21. To make arrangements for the appointment of a Weigh Clerk for the new Weighbridge which the County Council has authorised to be erected on an approved site on The Murrough, Wicklow.
22. To pass a Resolution vesting authority in the County Surveyor to institute such legal proceedings as he and the Council's solicitor may deem necessary to enforce in future Hedge Cutting Notices.
23. To consider a communication from the County Surveyor with which he enclosed copy of a letter addressed by him to the Electricity Supply Board with regard to proposals to reconstruct and alter certain roads in the West of the County affected by the Poulaphouca Hydro-Electric Scheme.

24. To consider a communication from Messrs. Patrick J. Brady and Co., Solicitors, 20, Molesworth Street, Dublin, acting for the new owner (Mr. John L. Morgan) of property at Kilpool, Wicklow, formerly owned by Mr. John Maher, in which is set forth certain conditions his client requires to be complied with before the new Road from Dunbar to Magherymore is commenced.

25. To receive and consider the County Surveyor's Report following his investigation of the claim for £21 made by Mr. Griffin, Carnew.

26. To receive and consider the County Surveyor's Report following his investigation with the assistance of Local Councillors on the claim of Mr. Charles Byrne, Ballytunny, for damages to his land by flooding in consequence, as alleged by him, of the neglect of the Council's employees.

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

"I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the sum of £3,000 be raised for the purpose of reconstructing the Shillelagh-Coolboy-Tinahely Road."

28. To consider a memorial purporting to be signed by eight road workers in the Carnew district, who represent that they are not being treated fairly and cannot obtain work on roads by reason of the fact that certain men are employed year after year to the exclusion of all other workers.

29. To consider a Report from the Council's solicitor, following the Arbitration Proceedings agreed upon between the Council and Mr. Lewis P. Byrne, Salleymount House, Ballymoyle, Arklow, in respect of lands required for the new road between Arinary and Salleymount, Arklow.

30. To consider further correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health and the Law Agent to the Great Southern Railway regarding payment by the County Council to the Company on the latter's claim for a refund of over-paid Rates to the amount of £6,510 19 6 and Costs, plus Interest at 4%.

31. To consider a further communication from the Council's Solicitor asking for instructions as to the areas of charge the Council would be satisfied with in connection with three Malicious Injury Claims to come before the Court at an early date.

32. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne:

"I hereby give Notice that I shall move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the annual allowance for travelling expenses of Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health, be increased from £200 to £300 in accordance with the recommendation towards that end which was submitted by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance."

33. To consider County Analyst's Report for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1940.

34. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Senator C.M. Byrne:

"I hereby give Notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council, to be held on the 18th November, 1940, a Resolution appealing to the Minister for Justice to issue an Order which will protect in County Wicklow, for a period of not less than five years, the eggs of the following species of wild birds, because of their ever-increasing rarity in County Wicklow:—

- "Peregrine Falcon,
- Merlin,
- Eagles (all species),
- Owls (all species),
- Ring Ousel,
- Redstart,
- Blackcap,
- Dipper,
- Crossbill,
- Siskin,
- Goldfinch,
- Woodlark,
- Chough,
- Raven,
- Kingfisher,
- Turtle Dove,
- Stock Dove,
- Sandpiper,
- Terns (all species),
- Black Guillemot,
- Swan."

35. To take such action, through the Council's Solicitor or otherwise, as the Council may deem advisable, regarding arrears of rates which have been accumulating steadily for a number of years in respect of certain holdings in the County.

36. To consider a communication from Veterinary Inspector W. J. Richardson, refusing to accept a Paying Order for £26 4 5 as remuneration for acting as locum tenens to Veterinary Inspector S. Conway during the latter's illness.

37. To consider a Report relating to Fees for County Analyst as prepared by an Emergency Committee of the County Council's General Council.

38. To consider a communication from the Air-Raid Precaution Branch of the Department of Defence stating that the Council should enlist the co-operation of the Board of Health and of the Urban Councils in their area to ensure the most effective and most economical Fire-fighting Service.

39. To receive a communication from the Air-Raid Precautions Branch of the Department of Defence regarding a three weeks' course of instruction at the Central Fire Station, Tara Street, Dublin, for the purpose of training fire-fighting instructors for all cities and towns in which Statutory Air-Raid Schemes are being undertaken.

40. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Meeting of the Council that arrangements be made to renew the University Scholarship Scheme for the year 1941/42 in order to fulfil the undertaking of the County Council as contained in the Resolution passed at the Meeting of the 22nd February, 1937, the Scheme to be exactly similar in outline and conditions to that which existed from the years 1936/37 to 1939/40, inclusive."

41. To consider a communication from Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., in which he asks, as a Member of the Local Security Force, if he is entitled in an emergency to give his whole services to that Force without prejudicing his position as Assistant Surveyor and as Engineer to the Board of Health and Public Assistance, without obtaining the consent of the County Council and of the Board of Health and the sanction of the Minister.

42. To receive Minutes of proceedings of Monthly Meetings of County Wicklow Library Committee.

43. To consider official correspondence.

44. To consider general correspondence.

The Minutes of previous meetings, as printed and circulated to each Member of the County Council, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman. The newly co-opted Member, Mr. John Metcalfe, of Ballylon, Donard, Dunlavin, who was present at the Meeting, completed before the Secretary the usual Declaration of Acceptance of Office required under Article 9 of the Application of Enactments Order, 1898.

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

Resolved: That we hereby tender to our Colleague, Councillor Patrick Doyle, Winetavern, our very sincere sympathy with him on the great loss he has sustained by the death of his sister.

Passed.  
Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Resolved—That we the County Council of the County of Wicklow hereby express our loyalty and affection to the new Archbishop of Dublin, Dr. McQuaid, and we tender to him our very sincere congratulations on his elevation to the Archbishopric.  
Passed Unanimously.

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 1.**

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock noon, on Friday, the 18th October, 1940.

The following Members attended:—  
Councillor D. H. Haskins, Chairman;  
Councillors J. P. Kehoe and J. Everett, T.D.

The Minutes of previous Meetings were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The Committee, having examined the proposals for payments by the Proposals Committee, recommended same for payment by the County Council as follows:—

**PROPOSALS COMMITTEE—£11,475 2 0**

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

**QUARTER ENDING 31st MARCH, 1941.**

**To the County Board of Public Assistance—£13,520 10 0**

The Secretary submitted the Reports received from the Rate Inspector on his Checkings since the Committee's last Meeting of the accounts of the several Poor Rate Collectors in the County, and he also submitted the following Return showing the condition of the Poor Rate Collection as it stood on the 30th September, 1940:

1940/1941 RETURN.				
District No.	Amount of Warrant	Amount collected to date	Discount allowed	Amount not collected.
1	£7,927 3 11	£2,348 10 5	35 7 10	£5,043 5 8
2	5,092 15 5	1,276 1 4	16 15 1	3,799 19 0
3	4,115 8 4	1,013 8 9	7 19 6	3,094 0 1
4/5	7,782 0 10	1,156 5 1	20 4 8	6,605 11 1
6	6,982 4 6	1,170 7 9	12 10 10	5,793 5 11
7	17,810 19 9	6,610 14 7	11 18 1	11,188 7 1
8	4,859 7 6	2,448 19 4	1 8 8	2,388 19 6
9	16,063 17 3	5,983 9 7	38 19 11	10,041 7 9
10	5,589 14 4	2,309 8 7	11 16 3	3,248 9 6
11	7,991 13 2	3,514 2 9	2 3 4	4,475 7 1
12	9,504 2 5	2,526 11 6	2 8	6,977 8 3
13/14/15	12,144 0 6	4,072 10 4	7 16 10	8,063 13 4
16	9,190 15 7	2,764 0 2	37 14 1	6,389 1 4
17	6,580 1 11	930 17 5	22 8 7	5,626 15 11
18	6,589 18 2	1,503 1 10	35 12 0	5,051 4 4
19	5,086 0 11	675 14 0	9 4 1	4,401 2 10
Totals	£133,270 4 6	£40,810 3 5	£272 2 5	£92,187 18 8

1939/1940 RETURN.				
Holdings acquired in whole or in part by Electricity Supply Board.				
District No.	Amount of Warrant	Amount collected to date	Discount allowed	Amount not collected.
5	£2,386 3 4	£2,018 18 8	£2 14 7	£169 1 2
6	8,606 14 6	4,680 0 9	11 10 10	2,754 3 2
Totals	£10,992 17 10	£6,698 19 5	£14 5 5	£2,923 4 4

**Re County Council's Proposal to provide additional office accommodation at an estimated cost of £4,000.**

The Secretary submitted the following letter:—  
Department of Local Government and Public Health,  
Custom House, Dublin.  
26th September, 1940.

L.25215/40.  
A Chara,  
With reference to your letter of the 14th instant in regard to a proposal of the Council to borrow for the purpose of carrying out improvements to offices, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that a specification, drawings and a detailed estimate of the proposed works should be submitted to the Department. A detailed report should be submitted by the County Engineer on the works to be undertaken, and a statement should also be submitted setting out particulars of the present accommodation available in the building, and indicating the extent to which it has proved inadequate.  
Mise, le meas.  
J. J. McASEY,  
a.s. Rinn.

Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.  
The County Surveyor, who was present at the Meeting, presented the subjoined Report required by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and at the same time submitted for inspection by the Members of the Committee a Plan showing the additional office accommodation which he proposed to provide. He pointed out to the Committee that since the proposal had been passed by the County Council he had been making inquiries as to the present-day cost of the materials required for the proposed building and he found that it would not be possible to complete the additional offices for a lesser figure than £5,000:

**PROPOSED ADDITIONAL OFFICE ACCOMMODATION IN THE COUNTY COUNCIL BUILDINGS.**

- To: The Secretary, Wicklow County Council at the Meeting of Finance Committee held on October 18th, 1940.
- The Office accommodation now available in these Buildings is altogether inadequate.
  - The County Secretary's permanent staff are located as follows:—  
Small private 12' x 9 1/2' office wholly insufficient for interviews, deputations, files, etc.  
No private office. Occupies outer room partitioned off pass-way, and measuring approximately 12' x 14'. The Assistant Accountant and one clerk also work in this Room, and the Rate Books of the County are stored in it, as well as numbers of other documents and books.  
This office, 20' x 13 1/2', is a room adjoining the Secretary's private office. It is occupied by two clerks and a typist.  
This room is approximately 12' x 15', badly lighted from a corner window, or rather half-window, because the other half gives light to Store Room adjoining. It is occupied by two clerks engaged in the work of preparing Road Workers' wages payments, stamping Insurance Cards, etc. It is also occupied by the Rate Inspector, who checks most of the Collector's accounts in this apartment, and stores his documents in it. When the Circuit Court is sitting (approximately three sittings in the year, and lasting from eight to fourteen

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days each) the two clerks and the Rate Inspector must vacate and take out their documents excepting such as can be stored in locked press. During these periods they have to find accommodation in the small Store Room adjoining.

In addition to being used for Meetings of the County Council and Committees, this room is occupied for approximately four and a half months in the year by from sixteen to eighteen girl clerks in preparing the Rate Books and Collecting Books for the County. On a day when a Meeting is being held these clerks are obliged to remain at home.

"Strong Rooms":

The existing room for County Registrar is too small; the County Secretary's room is fully stacked with files; a new room is needed for the Secretary and in a convenient position.

Lavatory Accommodation:

This is totally inadequate in the building, and it is unnecessary to describe the conditions except to say that, even for the existing staffs, the accommodation in this respect is most inconvenient.

County Surveyor's Department:

Consists of one large room (20' x 15') which must be made available for State Solicitors on demand on days of Court, and a very small attic apartment. Three Clerks are engaged here together with the Local Assistant Surveyor. The existing window space and its insufficient height is unsuitable for the requirements of these offices. A suitable Mapping and Drawing Office is required: a private office (small) for Co. Surveyor; a room for Typists and Clerk and a filling room which can be also used by the Assistant Surveyor; it should be noted that additions will probably be made to the County Surveyor's staff as a result of the proposed unification of the Engineering Services in the County.

I show hereunder a list of the available accommodation and the proposed additions.

## NEW OFFICES AND ULTIMATE ACCOMMODATION.

1. County Secretary's New Private Office of suitable size (19' 3" x 16' 3").
2. New Office for Secretary's Personal Typist (10' 0" x 9' 9").
3. New Large Office (29' 0" x 16' 3") to accommodate paysheet checkers and temporary clerks.
4. New adequate Lavatory Accommodation.
5. County Surveyor's New Drawing Office (19' 3" x 16' 3").
6. County Surveyor's New Private Office (10' 0" x 14' 3").
7. New Office for County Surveyor's Typist and Clerks (14' 6" x 16' 3").
8. New Office for filing and/or Assistant Surveyors (14' 6" x 16' 3").
9. A New Strong Room to be provided in the new building for:—
  - (a) The County Secretary (10' 0" x 9' 0").
  - (b) The County Registrar (10' 0" x 9' 0").
10. County Secretary's present private office to become Accountant's room.
11. Present Taxation Office to be still available and used as such.
12. Present Accountant's Office to be used by Assistant Accountant and the Clerk there.
13. Existing Store room to be available still for that purpose.
14. Rate Checker's Office (or Barristers' Room) to be available still.
15. The two offices at present being used by the County Surveyor to be made available for the County Secretary.

I have carefully considered the position of the new buildings with reference to the existing and the best location is on the space at the back of the existing County Secretary's Offices. The extensions here will prove convenient to main entrance hall and easy of access from Secretary's rooms and ample air-space and sun lighting will be ensured.

I estimate the cost of the new proposals to be £5,000.

Signed: J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Surveyor Engineer.

The Finance Committee, after careful consideration of all the facts, approved of the County Surveyor's Report and recommended the County Council to proceed with the Scheme for the provision of the required additional office accommodation making use of portion of the Jail premises for that purpose, the all in cost not to exceed £5,000.

The Committee, further, recommend the County Council to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for permission to raise a Loan not exceeding £5,000, repayment to be spread over a period of ten years.

The Committee are of opinion that the County Council should instruct the County Surveyor to make every effort to obtain a Government Grant to help the County Council in erecting these new offices having regard to the fact that the work involved would in a large measure help to reduce the steadily increasing unemployment prevailing in the Town of Wicklow more particularly during the Winter and Spring months of the year.

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

Dated: 18th October, 1940.

The Secretary read the following letter:—

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Courthouse, Wicklow,  
7th November, 1940.

## PROPOSED ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION TO COUNTY BUILDINGS.

A Chara. Adverting to previous correspondence in above which indicated that the County Council proposed to provide increased accommodation at the County Council Offices in Wicklow, and to expend the sum of £1,200 thereon.

This amount was to cover the cost of erecting a new floor across the full width and length of the existing Record Court, thus providing two or three rooms over the Court.

As you are aware, I advised against this proposal: it would destroy the amenities of the Court (lighting facilities, acoustics, etc.), and I considered that the walls of the building would be inadequate to support any additional weight. At the same time, the necessary and full additional accommodation required to the County Buildings could not be provided in this space.

I advised, therefore the Finance Committee that the proper course to take would be to construct a complete new set of offices, together with Strong-rooms and lavatory accommodation at the rear of the existing Court-house buildings.

I estimate the cost of this work to be £5,000.

The Finance Committee duly approved of the proposal, and the general lay-out plan which I submitted to the Meeting of that Committee.

I am forwarding a copy of this plan to the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

Yours faithfully,  
J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Surveyor/Engineer.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
County Secretary,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.  
Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;  
Seconded by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne:

18<sup>th</sup> November, 1940.18<sup>th</sup> November, 1940.

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as printed and circulated to each Member of Wicklow County Council, be, and is hereby approved and adopted—the portion relating to the building of additional office accommodation having been first delayed therefrom, and postponed indefinitely.

Passed.

## 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 15th of November, 1940.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor D. H. Haskins, Chairman; Councillors J. P. Kehoe, J. Everett, T.D., and Senator C. M. Byrne.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the Reports received from the Rate Inspector on his Checkings since the Committee's last Meeting of the Accounts of the several Poor Rate Collectors in the County, and he also submitted the following Return showing the condition of the Poor Rate Collection as it stood on the 31st of October, 1940:—

## 1940/1941 RETURN.

District No.	Amount of Warrant.	Amount Collected to date.	Discount Allowed.	Amount not Collected.
1	£7,927 3 11	£3,935 15 3	£38 14 7	£3,952 14 1
2	£5,092 15 5	£2,268 4 6	£17 2 4	£2,807 8 7
3	£4,115 8 4	£1,628 10 2	£13 2 1	£2,473 16 1
4/5	£7,782 0 10	£2,512 4 1	£20 12 10	£5,249 3 11
6	£6,982 4 6	£2,121 10 8	£12 10 10	£4,848 3 0
7	£17,810 19 9	£8,170 19 6	£56 6 11	£9,583 13 4
8	£4,839 7 6	£2,575 13 0	£12 2 2	£2,251 12 4
9	£16,063 17 3	£8,004 17 7	£39 5 11	£8,019 13 9
10	£5,569 14 4	£2,812 9 8	£11 16 3	£2,745 8 5
11	£7,991 13 2	£3,933 3 10	£32 17 4	£4,025 12 0
12	£9,504 2 5	£3,539 6 3	£12 9 10	£5,952 6 4
13/14/15	£12,144 0 6	£5,579 10 6	£31 14 7	£6,532 15 5
16	£9,190 15 7	£3,828 3 11	£42 17 3	£5,319 14 5
17	£6,580 1 11	£2,524 15 2	£22 8 7	£4,032 18 2
18	£6,589 18 2	£2,485 0 9	£35 12 0	£4,069 5 5
19	£5,086 0 11	£1,572 12 1	£9 4 1	£3,504 4 9
TOTALS	£133,270 4 6	£57,492 16 11	£408 17 7	£75,368 10 0

The Return showed that 56.5 per cent. of the entire Rate Collection still remained unaccounted for.

## 1939/40 RETURN

Holdings acquired in whole or in part by Electricity Supply Board.

District No.	Amount of Warrant.	Amount Collected to date.	Discount Allowed.	Amount not collected.
5	£2,386 3 4	£2,021 16 0	£2 14 7	£166 3 10
6	£8,606 14 6	£4,705 2 7	£11 10 10	£2,729 1 4
TOTALS	£10,992 17 10	£6,726 18 7	£14 5 5	£2,895 5 2

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

Additional Proposals ... .. £687 13 3.

By arrangement with the Finance Committee, Mr. M. J. Ryan, S.C., and Mr. J. Brazil, County Solicitor, attended the Meeting for the purpose of considering all the points involved in Mr Ryan's Opinion which was submitted to the County Council at the Special Meeting of that Body held on 21st October.

After a protracted discussion lasting several hours the Committee directed that Mr. Ryan be furnished, through the Council's Solicitor, with copies of further documents so as to place him in a position to give a Supplemental Opinion at an early date.

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

Dated: 15th November, 1940.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne:

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 2, as read by our Secretary at this day's Meeting of Wicklow County Council, be, and it is hereby approved and adopted.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne:  
Resolved—That the Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance be now signed.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne:  
Resolved—That Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's payments, as approved by the Council, be now signed.

Passed.

## PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

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

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payments, chargeable to the various areas, amounting to the sum of £11,175 2s. (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

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

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing additional proposals for payments, chargeable to the various areas, amounting to the sum of £687 13s. 3d. (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

There were no Proposals for Contracts for submission to the Council from the Proposals Committee, and consequently there were no Contracts to be Sealed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne:

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

Passed.

There were no applications for:—

- (1) Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- (2) Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
- (3) Licences under the Explosives Act, 1875, for submission to the Council.

18<sup>th</sup> November, 1940.

As Councillor John Dunne was not able to be present at the Meeting the following Notice of Motion standing in his name was not moved and the Council decided that if it was intended that this matter should be discussed at some later meeting a new Notice of Motion would be required:

## NOTICE OF MOTION.

"That in future men who reside in an Urban Area and who are engaged for work outside the Urban Areas of Bray, Wicklow and Arklow, or any Urban Area, be paid the same rate of wages existing in the Urban Area in which they reside."

The next item on the Agenda (No. 12) was to consider a Special Report from the Finance Committee relative to Counsel's Opinion already received on the powers of the Council to increase the wages of road workers and carters, and on other questions submitted to Counsel by the Finance Committee acting under instructions received from the County Council. Consideration of this matter was adjourned as the Council were awaiting a supplemental Opinion from Mr. M. J. Ryan, S.C., following his attendance at the Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 15th November, 1940, and the protracted discussion lasting over several hours that took place at that Meeting (vide the last two paragraphs in Finance Committee's Report No. 2).

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint, temporarily, Mr. Michael Mc.D. Fleming, B.E., as Assistant Surveyor in the North-Eastern Area of the County Wicklow to hold office until such time as his permanent successor has been appointed, sanctioned by the Minister, and is ready to take up duty, and we fix as his remuneration for this temporary appointment a Salary at the rate of £250 per annum, together with an allowance at the rate of £100 per annum, for travelling expenses; this appointment to be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Passed.

The next item on the Agenda (No. 14) was the question of completing two Forms No. 111 requesting the Local Appointments Commissioners to select and recommend two candidates suitable for appointment as Assistant Surveyors to fill the positions at present vacant as referred to in the recently approved and adopted re-organisation scheme for County Engineering.

Order: Adjourned pending receipt of a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health on the Resolution passed by the County Council at the Meeting of that Body held on the 21st October, 1940, after due consideration of the Report from the Conference of Representatives of the County Council and County Board of Health and Public Assistance which took place on the 27th August, 1940.

## COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE MANNTAIN.

## COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

## QUARTERLY MEETING TO BE HELD ON 18th NOVEMBER, 1940.

Oifig an tSuirbheir,

Tig na Cuirte,

13adh Samhain, 1940.

A Dhaoine Uaisle,

(1) I find it necessary to transfer certain funds as follows:—  
(Act, 51, P.B.O., 1925)

From Group D Main to C Main ... ..	£240
From Group E Main to B Main ... ..	£340
From Group D County to C County ... ..	£16
From Main Contingency Fund to County Contingency Fund	£100

(2) I recommend that the Council should adopt the Regional and Town Planning Act. Plans will be proposed for extensive reconstruction and widening of certain main roads in the County and it is desirable, now, to control the development of adjoining lands in anticipation.

(3) The Local Government Department have requested that Surveys be submitted for certain road routes with a view to Improvement Works on a large scale and I ask the Council to approve the engagement of a Special Engineering Assistant immediately for the preparation of the proposals.

(4) The following Sudden Damages have occurred:—

Road 347 ... ..	£20 0 0
Road 367 ... ..	£25 0 0

(5) Mr. MacDonagh Fleming, B.E., has been Acting Assistant Surveyor in a temporary capacity; his term of office, as sanctioned, has now expired: I ask that his services be continued until such time as the vacancy is filled by the Appointments Commissioners. His duties have been carried out very satisfactorily.

(6) I ask that the Council reconsider the question of weekly pay sheets: the system is causing arrears in keeping of accounts in the office, and complaints have been received from Assistants and Overseers indicating that they are unable to cope with the work.

(7) I recommend that a Diesel Oil Roller be purchased: these machines have proved very economical and in view of future difficulties, anticipated, in procuring coal it would be wise to have an additional machine of this type in the County.

(8) I had an interview on the 7th instant at the Local Government Department with the Deputy Chief Engineering Adviser, L.G.D., and the Chief Engineer, Electricity Supply Board, with reference to the proposals of the E.S.B. for the reconstruction of the Road System in West Wicklow.

I had already put forward certain objections to the proposals on behalf of the County Council and stated that I could not agree to any commitments until the County Council would have considered the proposals. The correspondence has been filed with your Law Agent.

The County Secretary has handed me a letter received by him on the 13th instant from Councillor P. P. O'Reilly in which the latter describes the manner in which the traffic has been completely disturbed by the fact that the Road No. 357 (Ballyknockan to Vallemount) has been submerged by water and is now impassable.

This is a matter which should receive the very earnest and careful consideration of the Council.

(9) I recommend that a lease of a gravel pit on State Forest lands at Ballinafunshogue be taken from the Minister for Lands at a rent of £3 per annum.

(10) The County Council should relieve the Assistant Surveyors of the necessity of attending future meetings of the Council: the loss of even one day in the week in necessary supervision of the roads is undesirable, particularly having regard to the system of payment each week.

Is mise,

SEOSAMH T. O'BROIN,  
Suirbheir an gConndae.

The Council, acting on a suggestion made by the County Surveyor, decided to consider Item No. 15 and 23 on the Agenda conjointly.

The following were submitted to, and considered by, the Council:—  
32-33, Lower Abbey Street,  
Dublin, C.8.  
11th November, 1940.

PF/KL/152/1727.

Dear Sir,

I have your letter with reference to Road Estimates. I shall be glad to know what the rate of wages will be, what the machinery charges will be, and if it is the intention to open any new quarries or gravel pits. It would be well also if I got some indication of the probable price of tar.

As regards quarterly inspections, there is no prospect of finishing the entire road inspection between now and the 6th December. I have inspected a number of roads during the last ten days or so with a view to seeing what condition they were in. There is not a whole day left available for general road inspection, when it is taken into account that I have to make weekly inspections of the works during the pay period, and to waste a day in Wicklow. The latter seriously interfere with the carrying out of work in the district. I must point out in addition that it involves an expenditure of over £80 per annum in travelling, and, further, as I pointed out before, it is not part of my duty, and has been done at your personal request. The quarterly inspections, as such, were abandoned when system of direct labour was adopted which in itself entails more inspections of the roads.

Yours faithfully,

P. J. FOLEY,

Joseph T. O'Byrne, Esq., B.E.,  
County Surveyor, Wicklow.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Courthouse, Wicklow.

13th November, 1940.

Ref. HE/13110.

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

## CONDITION OF ROADS IN WEST WICKLOW.

Dear Sir,

I enclose copy of a letter, dated 11th inst., from the Assistant Surveyor, Western Area, with regard to the condition of roads in that district, and if their condition is as bad as indicated in this letter it would seem to me to be a very serious state of affairs. I have written to the Assistant Surveyor asking for more detailed particulars.

(Enclosure).

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Surveyor/Engineer.  
11th November, 1940.

PF/KL/152/1713.

Dear Sir,

I noted this morning that quite a number of roads I travelled over and of which I will give you more detailed particulars, are so worn down that the water is flowing along the centre of the roads and cutting channels, and no amount of drainage on the sides will help them. This is mostly noticeable in the Stratford and Grangecon area.

Yours faithfully,

P. J. FOLEY.

Joseph T. O'Byrne, Esq., B.E.  
County Surveyor, Wicklow.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

## STATEMENT

By the County Surveyor to the Meeting held on the 18th November, 1940.

With reference to Item No. 6 of my Report, I would ask that the Council would consider Item No. 10 at the same time. With reference to these items I have brought this matter forward again in the hope that the Council will reconsider the question of the weekly payments.

I would like it to be understood that I fully appreciate the point of view of the Council in its previous decision in adopting this system of payments—namely, the benefit it would be to the workers and the saving that it would entail in the cost of Home Assistance.

I feel, however, that you have not fully considered the consequences of the arrangement, and at the risk of being accused of repetition, I believe it to be my duty to refer to the subject again.

First of all, the proposal to pay weekly did not come from the workers themselves, and in fact I know many who have expressed themselves as either quite satisfied with the fortnightly system, or even preferring it.

The decision to pay weekly was made primarily as a result of representations to the Board of Health by the Home Assistance Officer, who indicated that payments each week would reduce the annual cost of Home Assistance to the ratepayers.

Obviously, this suggestion could refer only to casual labour, and I suggest that the difficulty could be got over by employing the men, in the first instance, on a Monday immediately preceding the Finance Meeting and payments will thus be made on the Subsequent Saturday during the same week.

Payments thereafter would be made fortnightly. The payment of additional Home Assistance is thus avoided from the very first moment of employment and the difficulty as regards the Board of Health solved.

Now with regard to the definite disadvantages and losses to the County Council:—

(1) Loss in additional postage, cheques, etc., can be explained by the County Secretary, and I believe it must be very considerable.

(2) The serious decrease in the amount of time remaining for proper external supervision and organisation will eventually affect the work of road administration and repairs. I am unable to personally afford the time such as I would like, to visit and organise the works throughout the County, and I believe that the County will, if I may put it, miss the tide and lose opportunities of Schemes of Work owing to this fact.

(3) The work in my office, which normally would be increasing in the ordinary way, has now become so heavy that it has been found impossible to keep accounts and books up to date, owing to the weekly payment system the increase is accentuated to such an extent that the accounts and books are in arrears.

If I am prevented from giving what I consider would be the time necessary for the personal investigation of road matters, I do believe that the Road Administration will very rapidly deteriorate.

And in referring to this aspect I regret that I have received very alarming reports as to the condition of the roads in the Western District of the County. I am aware personally of the condition of some of the road sections in that area, but the Assistant Surveyor for the district has drawn my attention to what must be described as a very serious state of affairs.

The Council will have to give careful consideration to this matter.

There are several ways in which a remedy could be applied. First of all, the weekly payment system, which is materially affecting the supervision right down the line, should be revoked. Secondly, of course, the Council will have to make up its mind to provide additional money; and thirdly, the situation, whereby the activities of an Assistant Surveyor compel him to leave the County frequently in pursuit of such activities will have to be examined.

18<sup>th</sup> November, 1940.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Court House,  
Wicklow,  
24th October, 1940.

## WEST WICKLOW ROADS: POULAPHOCA SCHEME.

Dear Sir,

I enclose a copy of a letter, dated the 18th inst., which I addressed to the Secretary, E.S.B., dealing with the proposals to reconstruct and alter the road system in the West of the County. I suggest that the advice of our Law Agent should be obtained as to whether the County Council are bound to take over the new routes. It is probable that the Council are not bound to do so. This whole question may lead to further proceedings.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE.

P. T. Healy,  
Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.  
(Enclosure)

18th October, 1940.

## RE: RIVER LIFFEY DEVELOPMENT ROAD DIVERSIONS.

Dear Sir,

Referring to previous correspondence in above, and to my interview at Poulaphoca on the 26th ult., with your Engineer, at which Mr. Rorke, County Surveyor, Kildare, was present, I have to say that I have since examined the plans and specifications for works Nos. 1, 3, 4, 6A, 8, 10, 13 and 14, received on the 28th ult., and beg to make the following observations:—

As mentioned previously, it must be accepted as a general principle in connection with these reconstruction works, that any portion of a public road which has been altered in level or alignment or in both, shall be restored to a width not less than the original width in-the-clear between fences.

The same principle would apply to a new section of road constructed in lieu of a destroyed link, in which case, the width between the fences of the new section of road shall not be less than the width between the fences of the existing approach roads. Similarly, the quality of the altered road or new road shall not be inferior to that of the road which it replaces or links.

The question of the responsibility, control and maintenance for the new road also arises: the Dublin Corporation constructed new roads at Roundwood, County Wicklow, in connection with the reservoir at that place, and these roads have since been the responsibility for maintenance by that Body. If the Electricity Supply Board intends that the new roads shall be taken over and maintained by the Wicklow County Council, they should be constructed in such a manner that no immediate undue hardship in the cost of maintenance should occur.

The Specification and Quantities submitted do not indicate the depth of the excavation proposed in existing ground to obtain a foundation for the proposed waterbound macadam roads. The extent of the camber and super-elevation is not indicated. The foundation pitching is not specified, as broken stone and the type and quality of stone is not mentioned.

Surface dressing on roads other than in connection with Road No. 6A is not specified, and I consider that waterbound macadam without surface dressing is unsatisfactory; it will loosen and break up in a short time, and heavy expense would fall on the County Council in treating and maintaining such roads.

With regard to Road Works No. 6A, would you kindly say whether it is intended to carry out Proposal No. 1 or Proposal No. 2.

The width between existing fences on approach roads to Road Works No. 6A is 48 feet, and this width should be maintained throughout the new works.

The quantity of Tar Bitumen to be used in connection with the Tar Macadam is not specified.

The Drainage for the proposed new roads does not afford sufficient facilities for the easy and adequate removal of surface water from the carriageway: deep drains beside the road are dangerous.

Annamacree Bridge: I have already conveyed my views to you regarding the width of the footpath proposed on one side—namely, 1' 6"—which I consider is inadequate and would be dangerous to users of the road. I have to remind you also that the Road Traffic Act, 1933, contemplates and allows for vehicles of 9 feet in width: a minimum width of 5 feet should be provided on both sides.

I shall be obliged for a reply to my letter of the 19th ult., in which I asked for details of the extra cost to provide a width of 48 feet between the fences over the cost of your present proposal for Works No. 6A.

I am unable to recommend the Wicklow County Council to accept your proposals in their present form.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Surveyor/Engineer.

Secretary,  
Electricity Supply Board,  
60, Upper Mount Street,  
Dublin.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Court House,  
Wicklow,  
23rd October, 1940.

Ref. HE/29100.

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

LIFFEY DEVELOPMENT SCHEME: WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL  
RECONSTRUCTION OF LACKEN-BALLYKNOCKAN ROAD  
No. 365/6.

Dear Sir,

I enclose copy of a letter dated 16th instant which I addressed to the Chief Engineer, Electricity Supply Board, 41, Merrion Square, Dublin, in which I asked him to be good enough to pass payment to the Wicklow County Council for the full amount expended, that is the amount of the E.S.B. Grant, £2,500, in the reconstruction of the above road.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Surveyor/Engineer.

ENCL.  
(Enclosure)

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Court House,  
Wicklow,  
16th October, 1940.

EE/16100.

J. McDonald, Esq.,  
Chief Engineer,  
Electricity Supply Board,  
41, Merrion Square,  
Dublin.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL: RECONSTRUCTION OF LACKEN—  
BALLYKNOCKAN ROAD No. 365/6.

Dear Sir,

I append herewith particulars of the amount of work done and the expenditure to date on the above road, and the Secretary of the County Council has requested me to ask you if you will be good enough to advise the Electricity Supply Board to pass payment to the Wicklow County Council for the full amount expended so as to relieve the very heavy strain on our financial commitments.

The portion which has been completed was found to have taken a considerable amount of additional stone than was originally anticipated owing to the soft nature of the foundation.

18<sup>th</sup> November, 1940.

The road is being continued and the cost is from now onwards being defrayed out of rates, and next year it will be necessary to provide an additional sum from rates and a grant in aid from central funds is also anticipated.

The particulars submitted by the Assistant Surveyor are as follows:—  
2,240 linl. yards have been rolled; 1 1-5th miles have been tarred; about 1/2 mile of 365 has been widened; the material on hand is approximately 450 cubic yards of granite crushed, 600 cub. yards of hand-broken granite (spalls), 400 cub. yards of crushed limestone, 400 cub. yards chips. The tar for the pre-dressed stone has been delivered.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: J. T. O'BYRNE.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

RIVER LIFFEY DEVELOPMENT—ROAD DIVERSIONS.  
REPORT.

On Meeting held at Custom House, Dublin, at 4.0 p.m. on Thursday, 7th November, 1940, with regard to the roads affected by the River Liffey Development.

There were present: the Assistant Chief Engineering Adviser to the L.G.D., Mr. McDonald, Chief Construction Engineer, E.S.B., and the County Surveyor, Wicklow.

The Secretary of the Electricity Supply Board wrote under date 31/10/40 to the County Surveyor, and asked if the latter could attend a meeting between representatives of the L.G.D. and the E.S.B., and as a result the hour of 3.30 p.m. on the 7th inst. was agreed to by the County Surveyor a meeting to be held at 60, Upper Mount Street.

On arrival at the above office, the County Surveyor was informed that the meeting was to be conducted at the office of the Chief Engineer, L.G.D., Custom House, Dublin.

A letter of the 18th October, 1940, addressed to the Secretary, E.S.B., by the County Surveyor, formed the subject of the discussion. At the outset the County Surveyor said that the whole question regarding the proposals for the roads in West Wicklow had been submitted to the Secretary of the Wicklow County Council and the Law Agent to the said Council, and that the matter would be discussed at the forthcoming meeting of the Council to be held on the 18th November, 1940; consequently, he (County Surveyor) was not in a position, and would not give any undertaking or enter into any agreement.

The first point discussed was the question of the width of the main road at Works No. 6, between Blessington and Poulaphoca. The Chief Engineer, E.S.B., contended that the average width of the existing road at this point was only 42 feet between fences. The County Surveyor said that the width was 48 feet.

The E.S.B. proposals contemplated a width of 35 feet only as between boundary fences, but the County Surveyor pointed out that the E.S.B. would be bound to provide a width of road at least equal to the existing. The Assistant Chief Engineer of the L.G.D. agreed that the E.S.B. must provide the same width of road.

The Law Adviser to the E.S.B. had pointed out that the E.S.B. were not bound to do so, but it was revealed that he had not considered the accepted legal description of a road.

The question of the easement of the dangerous corner to the North of the New Road Works was discussed. It was mutually agreed that the ideal job would be to make a road diversion right through the fields and bank, but the E.S.B. would not, of course, bear the additional expense of this, nor would they take any steps to acquire the necessary lands. They would, however, align their new road across the embankment, so as to conform with the proposed continuation by-pass line through the fields.

The position of the E.S.B. as advised by their Chief Engineer was as follows, apparently:

**PROPOSAL No. 1**—New Road across embankment to be aligned somewhat westward of the centre line of the present road. The idea in this was to allow traffic using half of the existing road whilst the new works would be under construction. The new alignment would, of course, ease the approach turn on the Blessington side slightly, and the Chief Engineer, E.S.B., emphasised this point. At the same time, this proposal provided only for a 35-foot width between fences. If it was insisted that the full width of 42 (or 48 feet to be later decided on) must be maintained, then the Chief Engineer would insist upon building this new road directly over the centre line of the present road without any deviation whatsoever.

He pointed out that the latter proposal would make it more expensive for the Council or whatever Body would carry out the work in easing the corner on the Blessington side at a future date. This work he described as Proposal No. 2.

The third proposition, as mentioned above, was to align the new road in such a way as to allow of the full diversion on the Blessington side, through the fields. This proposal he described as No. 3.

The E.S.B. Estimate of these proposals was as follows:—

Proposal No. 1	£4,200
Proposal No. 2	£5,500
Proposal No. 3	£7,350

The L.G.D. representative pointed out that it would be desirable to have this diversion or by-pass carried out properly, and the E.S.B. Engineer said that the difference of £1,800 would, of course, not be made by the E.S.B., but must be put up by the County Council or the L.G.D.

The County Surveyor pointed out that the County Council would not contribute anything to the work, and he gave it as his opinion that it seemed unreasonable to expect the Council to contribute £1,800 for the removal of a corner, whilst the roads in this district were in such need of surface repairs. He also pointed out that he thought that a simple easement of the bank and increase super-elevation of the surface of the road at the corner might meet the situation.

It was decided that the County Surveyor and Chief Engineer, E.S.B., should meet at Poulaphoca at 3 o'clock on Friday, 15th inst.

The Chief Engineer, L.G.D., pointed out, of course, that nothing can be done until the Wicklow County Council had fully discussed the matter and that then all parties could again meet at his office for a further discussion.

The question of the proposed bridges at Annacree and Rundle was then discussed. The County Surveyor contended that the bridges were not wide enough, either as regards carriageway or width of footpaths. The E.S.B. Engineer said that he was giving a wider carriageway than the existing road, and that, if he were compelled to increase the width of the footpaths at either side, he would further restrict the carriageway to 12 feet in width.

A discussion followed as to the increased diverted traffic which would be bound to fall on these roads, as a result of the general re-distribution of traffic, consequent on the whole Poulaphoca Works, but the Chief Engineer, E.S.B., very strongly held to his contention, that in this item, at all events, he was going to the full limits of the powers conferred on the E.S.B. under the Act.

The County Surveyor put forward the question then of the maintenance of these new roads and road diversions, and he pointed out that portion of the new road diversions would be actually laid on ground the property of the E.S.B., and within the limit of flood deviation. The E.S.B. Engineer replied that this made no difference, inasmuch as the E.S.B. would make over these lands to the County Council. The County Surveyor said that he might be advised that the lands could not be taken over. He certainly would not advise the taking over of these roads at all for maintenance.

The next question considered was the Specification for the construction of the new roads.

The County Surveyor pointed out that the new roads would be water-bound macadam un-surface dressed: this would entail expense by the County Council in surface dressing these roads if they were taken over and it was his opinion that water-bound macadam would "ravel" to such an extent that it would be an even worse road than the ordinary mud and clay road. The E.S.B. Engineer said that the roads would not "ravel" if

properly consolidated and put together, but that the E.S.B. had a maintenance period of Twelve Months, and it might be cheaper for the E.S.B. in the end to surface dress the roads before handing them over to the County Council.

No promise to this effect apparently was given. The Engineer pointed out also that the County Council was being relieved of a considerable amount of road maintenance in West Wicklow by reason of the Liffey Scheme, but the County Surveyor disagreed with this statement. The point was not pursued further.

J. T. O'BYRNE, B.E., M.I.C.E.I.,  
"Carrigbawn,"  
Wicklow.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,

HE/13110,  
P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
County Secretary,  
Court House,  
Wicklow.

Court House,  
Wicklow,  
13th November, 1940.

## POLLAPHUCA.

Dear Sir,

I enclose copy of a letter dated the 11th instant, received from Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., Assistant Surveyor, with regard to the closing of Road No. 357, between Ballyknocken and Vallemount, by the authority of the Electricity Supply Board.

In this regard I have to inform you that I received a telegram at 4.30 p.m., on Saturday evening last, from Councillor O'Reilly, Ballyknocken, informing me that the "Ballyknocken road has been closed," and directing me to take action to protect the public.

I immediately sent a telegram to Mr. P. J. Foley, Assistant Surveyor for the district, informing him of the contents of Mr. O'Reilly's telegram, and pointing out that it was his duty to report to me and also to protect the interests of the public. It will be observed from Mr. Foley's letter that he is of the opinion that the flood will recede and I presume, therefore, that this road will be then left free for traffic temporarily.

The reference in his letter to a Mr. McDonald means, I believe, the Chief Engineer to the E.S.B., who is, I understand, frequently in residence at the Pollaphuca Works, and I expect that information could be procured by the Assistant Surveyor from him.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Surveyor/Engineer,  
11th November, 1940.

(Enclosure)  
Dear Sir,

The Electricity Supply Board have placed notices at Vallemount and Ballyknocken "Road Closed." These notices are where Road 357 meets 365 and 358. There was no barricade to prevent traffic travelling the road, but the road is flooded for a length of about 150 yards. Whether this is a temporary flood due to the very heavy rains during the week-end, or is due to the lake filling up, I cannot say. I am inclined to think that the flood will recede. In these circumstances, there is nothing I can do to facilitate or help anyone.

I understand you had an interview recently with Mr. McDonald, and possibly you may have discussed the matter in general with him.

Yours faithfully,

P. J. FOLEY.

Jos. T. O'Byrne, Esq., B.E.,  
County Surveyor,  
Wicklow.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,

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

Court House,  
Wicklow,  
14th November, 1940.

RIVER LIFFEY DEVELOPMENT.  
ROAD DIVERSIONS.

Dear Sir,

Herewith is copy of a letter, dated the 13th instant, which I have received from the Secretary, Electricity Supply Board, in reply to my letter of the 11th instant, addressed to him, dealing with the proposals for Roads in West Wicklow in connection with the River Liffey Development.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Surveyor/Engineer.

(Enclosure)

## ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD.

60-62, Upper Mount Street,  
Dublin. C.13.  
13th November, 1940.

Your Ref: EE/11110.  
J. T. O'Byrne, Esq.,  
County Surveyor/Engineer,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Court House,  
Wicklow.

RE: RIVER LIFFEY DEVELOPMENT.  
ROAD DIVERSIONS.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Electricity Supply Board to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, re above, and am to inform you as follows: Arising from the interview which you had with the Engineering Adviser to the Department of Local Government and Public Health and the Chief Civil Works Engineer, Electricity Supply Board, on the 7th instant, the following is proposed:

(1) **Width of Road Diversions:** The new road diversions are to have the same width between fences as that portion of the road which they will replace. The surfaced widths of roadway will be the same as the roads which they will replace.

(2) **Maintenance of the New Road Diversions:** This matter has to be examined by the Board's Legal Adviser, but generally it would appear that these road diversions will be handed back to the Wicklow County Council when the Contractor's maintenance period of twelve months has expired and subject to the roads being in a satisfactory condition.

(3) **Details of Construction of Roads:** The Contract provides the following:

(a) The depth of excavation from existing ground is to be determined on the site, depending on the nature of the ground and on ruling gradients. If the ground is not sound at the design formation level, the unsound portion may require to be cut out and replaced by sound material or otherwise re-designed and constructed to give a suitable road foundation.

(b) The camber and super-elevation is to be in accordance with the regulations set out in "Ministry of Transport Memorandum on the Layout and Construction of Roads" (Memorandum No. 483). Should you, however, desire any particular camber and super-elevation it will be adopted.

(c) On Road Works Nos. 6A and 8, pitching is to be 8" thick hand-pitching, and cobbles or rounded stones will not be permitted. The water-bound macadam is to be broken stone, broken to 2" gauge, and to have a finished thickness of 4". The surface is subsequently to be covered with the spray and chippings.

On Road Works Nos. 1, 4, 10, 13 and 14, the pitching is to be 6" thick hand pitching, and cobbles or rounded stones will not be permitted. Surfacing is to be 4" finished thickness broken stone, broken to 2" gauge. Granite surface metalling will not be permitted. None of these roads is to have surface dressing.

(d) The quantity of tar bitumen to be used in the tar macadam is as specified in Clause 11, pages 5 to 8, of the Specification issued to you. It should be noted that the existing roads on the Bridges have not got tar macadam.

(4) **Drainage:** The drainage for the proposed new roads will be as required on the site and will generally consist of shallow drains across the verges to the existing side drains, or such modifications of these side drains as are necessary.

(5) **Road Bridges at Annacarney and Rundle:** These will be shown on Drawing No. CW/D.2146. The existing roads have a narrower width of roadway and between fences than the dimensions given on this drawing.

(6) With regard to alternatives for Road Works No. 6A, these are not yet completed, but at present Proposal No. 3 is being prepared on the basis of a width between fences on the top of the bank of 42 ft., and a width between side slopes in the cutting of 35 ft., with a ruling gradient in the cutting of 1 in 30. The present proposal is, however, to have the new road on the upstream side of the existing road and located so that at any future date the approaches from Blessington to this road diversion could be improved.

Yours faithfully,  
(Signed): PATRICK DEMPSEY,  
Secretary.

J. T. O'Byrne, Esq.,  
County Surveyor/Engineer,  
Wicklow County Council.

Blessington,  
17th November, 1940.

To: Presiding Chairman,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Court House, Wicklow.

## NOTICE.

Dear Sir,

I wish to bring under the notice of your Council the deplorable state of road through Carrigacurra to Ballyknocken, which I have to travel very frequently with my cars, as the main road to Ballyknocken is covered with water under Liffey Scheme. My only way now to Ballyknocken is through Carrigacurra or through Lacken. Either of these roads are in a deplorable state. I am after having a lot of mechanical trouble, broken springs, etc. As I am paying between forty and fifty pounds Road Tax per year on my cars, if I meet with any accident to my cars or passengers, I will hold your Council liable.

Yours,

JOHN KELLY.

Ballyknocken Quarry,  
Blessington, Co. Wicklow,  
17th November, 1940.

To: Presiding Chairman,  
Wicklow Co. Council,  
Court House, Wicklow.

## NOTICE.

Dear Sir,

I wish to bring under the notice of your Council the deplorable state of Road through Carrigacurra (or I might say laneway or sheep path) which we have to travel to Vallemount R.C. Church.

Our old road to Vallemount is closed this last week or so and covered with water under the Liffey Scheme. Our only way to go to Mass now is through Carrigacurra, or otherwise swim across the lake. I have paid my Rates in full; also my Tax of £16 on V-8 Car.

If any accident happens to my car on these roads or any accident to my family, servants, etc., I will hold your Council, Engineers, etc., liable. Only an hour ago coming from Mass I was very near meeting with an accident.

I am sorry to have to write in this matter, but it is better to let your Council know the state of the roads, etc., in that part of the County. I am sending a copy of this letter to the Minister.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL JOS. McEVOY.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Seconded by Councillor M. Mooney;

Resolved: That we hereby authorise the County Surveyor to expend the sum of £200 on the necessary repairs to the Ballyknocken Bridge and on the other two small gulleys on the Lackan/Ballyknocken Road—pending the discussions to be arranged with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and the Electricity Supply Board.

Further, that the County Surveyor be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £100 on endeavouring to make passable the road from Ballyknocken via Annacarney to Vallemount—on the understanding that the stones required be given free, as stated to the Meeting to-day.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Resolved: That having considered the proposals of the Electricity Supply Board for the alteration, reconstruction and layout of the road system in the Western District of the County, in connection with the Liffey-Hydro-Electric Scheme, we desire to express our dissatisfaction therewith; that we approve of the action taken by the County Surveyor in dealing with those proposals; that our Law Agent is hereby instructed to advise as to whether (a) the County Council is bound to take over and maintain the newly-constructed roads or road deviations now completed or proposed to be done; (b) whether the E.S.B. is bound to provide new bridges of sufficient width and, at least, 18 feet carriageway (where and if it is necessary to construct new bridges), so as to ensure that the County Council will not be involved in heavy additional expenses, if the necessity for widening the approach roads thereto becomes the responsibility of that Council in the near future, consequent on the anticipated increase in traffic; (c) whether the E.S.B. should provide in full the funds necessary to reconstruct the Lackan-Ballyknocken-Annacarney-Vallemount Road, which will be expected henceforth to bear considerably increased and heavy traffic, as a result of the submerging of several alternative roads in the area.

And we direct that our Law Agent, after consultation with the County Secretary and County Surveyor, should advise as soon as possible on any other matters affecting the interests of the Council; and that the Department of Local Government be reminded that the Wicklow County Council will be at a loss of £1,500 approximately per annum for the future from local rates, as a result of the completion of the Liffey Hydro-Electric Works.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved: That we hereby appoint the following Deputation to wait upon the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and the Electricity Supply Board to submit the numerous grievances under which Wicklow County Council, as representing the Ratepayers of the County, suffers by reason of the operation of the Liffey Reservoir Act, 1936:—

Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman,  
James Everett, T.D.  
J. Brazil, County Solicitor.  
J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., County Surveyor,  
P. T. Healy, County Secretary.

Passed unanimously.

The following Orders were thereupon made on the ten individual paragraphs set forth in the County Surveyor's printed Report:

Paragraph No. 1: Transfers allowed and authorised subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Paragraph No. 2: Postponed indefinitely.

Paragraph No. 3: County Surveyor to be allowed to employ a suitable Assistant Surveyor for a period of two months at a weekly all-in payment of £6 6 0 per week, this Council to make the appointment on the 9th December, 1940.

Paragraph No. 4: Noted and allowed.

Paragraph No. 5: See Resolution already passed.

Paragraph No. 6: No Order—See appropriate Standing Order.

Paragraph No. 7: No Order.

Paragraph No. 8: See Resolution.



Paragraph No. 9: Council's Solicitor to take steps to take a Lease of this Gravel Pit.

Paragraph No. 10: No change authorised—Resolution passed on 12th February, 1934, to stand.

Assistant County Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., read the following letter, dated the 15th inst., to the Chairman:

32-33, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin. 15th November, 1940.

Ref. PF/KL/152/1771. The Chairman, Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

Gentlemen, Since your Special Meeting on the 7th August, when the Council decided on Weekly Payments, I have been requested by the County Surveyor to attend at his office once a week for the purpose of being present when he examines the pay-sheets for the period.

I have been asked also to collect the pay-sheets which have been heretofore sent to me by post, and this will involve an outlay of approximately £50. As my ordinary expenses last year amounted to £170, £100 of which was repaid to me, it will be observed that only a sum of £20 or £30 will be left out of my salary of £200.

This method of collection and dealing with the pay-sheets was not provided for in the direct labour scheme adopted by the Council, and I would respectfully suggest that, if there are any matters that require explanation as regards the pay-sheets, such explanation should be in writing so that it will be available for the Auditor.

I have up to the present attended at Wicklow at the County Surveyor's personal request.

If the present system is to continue, I shall have to ask the Council to extend the limit of the expenses payable to me to cover these journeys. If I did not use a motor-car it would be quite impossible to cover the work at all.

I am confident the Members will deal with me fairly in this matter.

I am, Your obedient servant,

P. J. FOLEY.

Order: Submitted, and referred to the Council's next Meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

The Secretary read the following communication:

Custom House, Dublin. 5th November, 1940.

F 26116/40. Cill Mhanntain.

A Chara.

With reference to the petition of the Wicklow County Council for powers to acquire otherwise than by agreement certain lands for the purpose of constructing a new road between Wicklow and Arklow (Silver Strand (Dunbur) Magherabeg Section), I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state for the information of the Council that he has given direction for the preparation of a Provisional Order investing the Council with the powers sought.

Mise, le meas,

J. HURSON,

Rural.

The Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Courthouse, Wicklow.

It was decided, after consultation with the Council's Solicitor, that no further steps could be taken in this matter until the actual Provisional Order has been received.

In connection with Item No. 18 on the Agenda, the Council read and noted the following communication from the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance:

COUNTY WICKLOW BOARD OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Secretary's Office, County Home, Rathdrum. 4th November, 1940.

3672/40. Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

I submitted to the Meeting of the Board on the 28th ultimo your letter of the 24th October, 1940, forwarding copy of Report of Joint Conference on County Engineering Scheme.

The Board, having considered the matter, it was proposed by Senator C. M. Byrne, and seconded by Mr. P. P. O'Reilly:

"That we hereby approve and adopt the Resolution passed by Wicklow County Council at a Special Meeting held on the 21st October, 1940, on the distinct understanding that the Board's Engineers be allowed, until the 1st April, 1941, to complete all schemes now in their hands.

That while the County Engineering will have advisory and supervisory powers in the case of all schemes formulated by the Board, these powers will not in any way apply in schemes now in the hands of the Board's Engineers; further, that in the case of schemes prepared by the Board's Engineers between this date and 1st April, 1941, the Engineers concerned be paid fees at usual rate for all work in connection therewith carried out by them to that date."

The Resolution was passed, Mr. Timmins, M.C.C., dissenting.

Yours faithfully,

T. BYRNE, Acting Secretary.

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was Proposed by Councillor P. Doyle (Coolboy); Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond: Resolved: That the sum of £3,000 (Three Thousand Pounds) be raised for the purpose of reconstructing the Shillelagh-Coolboy-Tinahely Road.

Passed. The following letter was considered:

4, Church Street, Wicklow. 22nd October, 1940.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL. MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS.

Table with 4 columns: Applicant, Claim, Situation of Property, Parish. Rows include John B. Wynne (£200), Laurence O'Toole (£9), and Minister for Lands (£45 14. 0).

Dear Sir, In the event of the Circuit Court Judge deciding to make awards in above cases which might be considered to be small, please let me know the respective Areas of Charge to be suggested to the Circuit Judge.

Yours faithfully, J. BRAZIL.

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

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne; Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.; Resolved: We hereby express the opinion that the Circuit Court Judge should decide that all awards of £100 or under be raised over the local Area formerly described as the Rural District; and that whenever the award is over £100 the Area of Charge should be the County at Large Rural. The Circuit Court Judge to be also informed that whenever an award is made in respect of a Malicious Injury that has taken place within an Urban Area, the Area of Charge should be that Area, and in no circumstances should the Award be raised over any portion of the County at Large Rural. Passed.

QUARTERLY REPORT.

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by her during the Quarter ending the 30th September, 1940:—

Table with 5 columns: Articles Submitted for Analysis, Date Received, Number, From, Result of Analysis. Lists various food items like Milk, Coffee, Butter, etc., and their analysis results.

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter: Foods, 35; Drugs, 39; Waters, 1. Total, 75.

Number adulterated: 1 Water condemned.

14th October, 1940.

(Signed): PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

Handwritten signature and date: 12/12/41

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, 9th December, 1940.

The following Members attended:

Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman;  
Councillors Edward Byrne, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); P. P. O'Reilly, Joseph Jacob, Patrick Doyle (Wintavern); David H. Haskins, Michael Mooney, W. Hammond, J. J. Bourne, Michael Timmins, Major R. Smith, J. J. Metcalfe, J. Everett, T.D.; Daniel J. Kehoe, Malachy J. Brennan, John P. O'Donnell.  
The Secretary intimated that Councillor John Dunne was not feeling too well that morning and sent his apologies for his absence from the Meeting.

#### BUSINESS:

1. To consider Finance Committee's Report.
2. To pass the Resolutions required to effect the sale of Land Bonds Certificates for £103, being in respect of rates paid by the Irish Land Commission on the Skeffington-Jones Estate up to the 31st March, 1940.
3. To consider further correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health and the Law Agent to the Great Southern Railway regarding payment by the County Council to the Company on the latter's claim for a refund of over-paid Rates to the amount of £6510 19 6 and Costs, plus Interest at 4%.
4. To authorise the purchase, at a cost of £3 5s. for Weights and Measures purposes, of certain equipment for the Weights and Measures Standards as suggested in a communication from the appropriate Government Department.
5. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne:—  
"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at a Meeting of Wicklow County Council to be held on Monday, the 9th December, 1940, that the consent of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of £5,334 (Five Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty-four Pounds) for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the improving and extending of the Greystones Water Supply."
6. To appoint a temporary Engineer applied for by, and allowed to, the County Surveyor following his report to the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, held on the 18th November, 1940.
7. To authorise the issue of Store Licences under the Explosives Act, 1875, to the County Surveyor for Magazines at Carrigmore Quarry, Tomacork Quarry and Glen-of-the-Downs Quarry.
8. To decide the conditions under which the County Council shall hold the lands which it is necessary to acquire from Wicklow Urban District Council for the erection of the Public Weighbridge on the Murrough, Wicklow.
9. To make arrangements for the appointment of a Weigh Clerk for the new Weighbridge which the County Council has authorised to be erected on an approved site on The Murrough, Wicklow.
10. To receive the decision of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the Council's Resolution approving and adopting the Conference Report in connection with the re-organisation Scheme for County Engineering, and to complete two Forms No. 111 asking the Local Appointments Commission to select and recommend two candidates suitable for the two vacant positions as Assistant Surveyors in the County.
11. To receive a Supplemental Opinion from Mr. M. J. Ryan, S.C., following his consultation with the Finance Committee regarding the powers of the Council to increase the wages of road workers and carters and other questions submitted to him.
12. To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health transmitting copies of a Provisional Order made by him regarding the acquiring of certain lands necessary for the purpose of making a new road between Dunbur and Magherybeg.
13. To consider a memorial purporting to be signed by ten persons complaining of the Sea Road, Newcastle, and calling on the County Council to have it attended to immediately.
14. To consider a communication from Killaveney Parish Committee calling the Council's attention to the state of the foot-path leading to Killaveney Parish Church, and also to the state of the road leading from Killaveney Parish Church to the Protestant Church at Kilcommon.
15. To consider a Claim for £12 received from Patrick McEvoy, Ballyknockan, Blessington, in respect of stones supplied for road construction at Ballyknockan.
16. To consider a further letter from Messrs. Osborne and Brady, Granite Quarries, Ballyknockan, asking the Council what steps have been taken to make provision for proper roads for use by the lorries of his Firm in transporting cut stone to Dublin and elsewhere.
17. To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health outlining the conditions under which a Grant, for expenditure on Roads Rural, of £3,700 is being made from Employment Schemes Vote 1940/41 subject to the County Council contributing £1,300.
18. To receive a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health showing the Main Roads in the County to which the Minister has allocated a Road Improvement Grant of £5,500.
19. To consider a letter from Mrs. Sarah Roberts, Laragh, Glendalough, protesting against the Council's action in closing a style from the public road to the back of her premises, which style she claims has been in existence for 60 years.
20. To consider a communication from Messrs. Patrick J. Brady and Co., Solicitors, 20, Molesworth Street, Dublin, acting for the new owner (Mr. John L. Morgan) of property at Kilpool, Wicklow, formerly owned by Mr. John Maher, in which is set forth certain conditions his client requires to be complied with before the new Road from Dunbur to Magherymore is commenced, and the County Surveyor's Report thereon.
21. To receive and consider the County Surveyor's Report following his investigation of the claim for £21 made by Mr. Griffin, Carnew.
22. To receive and consider the County Surveyor's Report following his investigation with the assistance of Local Councillors on the claim of Mr. Charles Byrne, Ballytunny, for damages to his land by flooding in consequence, as alleged by him, of the neglect of the Council's employees.

9th December, 1940.

23. To consider a memorial purporting to be signed by eight road workers in the Carnew district, who represent that they are not being treated fairly and cannot obtain work on roads by reason of the fact that certain men are employed year after year to the exclusion of all other workers.

24. To consider a Report from the Council's Solicitor, following the Arbitration Proceedings agreed upon between the Council and Mr. Lewis P. Byrne, Sallemount House, Ballymoyle, Arklow, in respect of lands required for the new road between Ardnary and Sallemount, Arklow.

25. To pass a Resolution vesting authority in the County Surveyor to institute such legal proceedings as he and the Council's solicitor may deem necessary to enforce in future Hedge Cutting Notices.

26. To consider a communication from Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., in which he asks, as a Member of the Local Security Force, if he is entitled in an emergency to give his whole services to that Force without prejudicing his position as Assistant Surveyor and as Engineer to the Board of Health and Public Assistance, without obtaining the consent of the County Council and of the Board of Health and the sanction of the Minister.

27. To again consider an application from Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., for an increase in his allowance for travelling expenses.

28. To consider a large file of correspondence dealing with a number of matters having relation to Air Raid Precautions, including a letter from the Air Raid Precautions Branch of the Department of Defence, dated the 25th November, 1940, and to re-examine the entire position in the County in which there is not at the moment any approved and adopted Air Raid Precaution Scheme.

29. To consider an application from Greystones Branch, Air Raid Auxiliary Branch of St. John Ambulance Brigade for remission of rates on premises in Church Road, Greystones, the property of Mr. J. P. Traynor, which premises are now being used as a First Aid Post.

30. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. P. O'Donnell:—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council, to be held on the 19th November, 1940, a Resolution appealing to the Minister for Justice to issue an Order which will protect in County Wicklow, for a period of not less than five years, the eggs of the following species of wild birds, because of their ever-increasing rarity in County Wicklow:—

Peregrine Falcon,  
Merlin,  
Eagles (all species),  
Owls (all species),  
Ring Ousel,  
Redstart,  
Blackcap,  
Dipper,  
Crossbill,  
Siskin,  
Goldfinch,  
Woodlark,  
Chough,  
Raven,  
Kingfisher,  
Turtle Dove,  
Stock Dove,  
Sandpiper,  
Terns (all species),  
Black Gullmot,  
Swan."

31. To take such action, through the Council's Solicitor or otherwise, as the Council may deem advisable, regarding arrears of rates which have been accumulating steadily for a number of years in respect of certain holdings in the County.

32. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne:—

"I hereby give Notice that I shall move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the annual allowance for travelling expenses of Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health, be increased from £200 to £200 in accordance with the recommendation towards that end which was submitted by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance."

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

"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Meeting of the Council that arrangements be made to renew the University Scholarship Scheme for the year 1941/42 in order to fulfil the undertaking of the County Council as contained in the Resolution passed at the Meeting of the 22nd February, 1937, the Scheme to be exactly similar in outline and conditions to that which existed from the years 1936/37 to 1939/40, inclusive."

34. To consider a communication from Veterinary Inspector W. J. Richardson refusing to accept a Paying Order for £28 4 5 as remuneration for acting as locum tenens to Veterinary Inspector S. Conway during the latter's illness.

35. To consider a Report relating to Fees for County Analyst as prepared by an Emergency Committee of the County Council's General Council.

36. To consider the following Resolution passed by the Co. Committee of Agriculture on the 26th November, 1940:—

"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, 1940:

S. Conway, V.S.	..	£50
A. F. Walshe V.S.	..	£25
W. J. Richardson, V.S.	..	£30."

37. To consider the following Resolution passed by the Co. Committee of Agriculture on the 26th November, 1940:—

"Resolved: That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the balance of £15 to each of the twenty Sheep Dipping Inspectors for the 1940 Sheep Dipping Period."

38. To consider the following Resolutions passed by the Co. Committee of Agriculture on the 26th November, 1940:—

"Resolved: That we recommend that in future a subsidy of £25 be allowed for the erection of new swim baths, and that we agree to four new baths being erected in Mr. Conway's area, subject to the sanction of the Department of Agriculture."

"Resolved: That we hereby approve of our Committee's previous proposal of a subsidy of £25 each being allowed to the following persons—recommended by Mr. S. Conway, V.S.—for the erection of public swim baths:—

Joseph Clancy, Ballygreen, Aghrim.  
Michael Kelly, Knockrath, Rathdrum.  
Peter Bradshaw, Ballymacsimon, Glenealy.  
W. Doyle, Glenmacanass, Laragh."

39. To institute such proceedings as may be deemed advisable against Mr. J. Dowling, Ballylea, Cobinstown, who failed to bring his sheep for Dipping although notified on two occasions to do so by the Inspector.

40. To receive Minutes of proceedings of Monthly Meetings of County Wicklow Library Committee.

41. To consider official correspondence.

42. To consider general correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;  
Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle (Coolboy);

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, have heard with regret of the bereavement that has befallen our esteemed Colleague, Councillor James McCrea by the death of his mother, and we tender to him and the other members of the family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.  
Passed.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The usual weekly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 22nd November, 1940.

The following Members attended:—  
Councillor D. H. Haskins, Chairman, Councillor J. P. Kehoe, Councillor Joseph Jacob.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the Reports received from the Rates Inspector on his Checkings, since the Committee's last Meeting, of the Accounts of the several Poor Rate Collectors in the County.

The Secretary also submitted to the Meeting the following communications received from the County Surveyor:—

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Ref. HE/21110  
P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
County Secretary,  
Court House,  
Wicklow.

Court House,  
Wicklow.  
21st November, 1940.

## PAY SHEETS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 16/11/40.

Dear Sir,  
With reference to your query to-day as to the reason why no paysheets for the above period are being presented to you for the Finance Meeting on to-morrow, 22nd instant, I enclose copy of a letter dated 19th instant received from Assistant Surveyor Foley, B.E.

I appreciate his anxiety in having these paysheets properly completed before presentation, but it would appear from his letter that either he or his gangers (I presume he means Overseers) are not yet sufficiently experienced in the preparation of these documents, or else this is a further example of a careless supervision, which would seem to prevail in the West Wicklow District.

I think Mr. Foley's letter clearly supports my contention, that it is necessary that he should attend personally at my office in Wicklow at the end of each pay period for the purpose of examining all documents in connection therewith.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Surveyor/Engineer.

(Enclosure)

32-33, Lower Abbey Street,  
Dublin.  
19th November, 1940.

Dear Sir,  
The paysheets for last week did not contain sufficient information on the face of them to warrant placing them before an Auditor. I have communicated with the gangers on the matter, and asked them to make the necessary returns which should be attached to the paysheets.

Yours faithfully,

P. J. FOLEY.

J. T. O'Byrne, Esq., B.E.,  
Wicklow.

ORDER: The Committee are at a complete loss to understand the letter from the Assistant Surveyor, having regard to the great number of years that the direct labour Scheme is in full operation.

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

Dated: 22nd November, 1940.

Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins;  
Seconded by Councillor Joseph Jacob;  
Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report as printed and circulated to each member of Wicklow County Council, be, and it is hereby approved and adopted.  
Passed.

In connection with this Report from the Finance Committee the following letter was read by Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., who was present at the Meeting:—

32-33, Lower Abbey St.,  
Dublin, C.E.  
6th December, 1940.

PF/KL/152/1925.

Gentlemen,

I have seen a copy of the Finance Committee's Report which includes a letter from Mr. Joseph O'Byrne, County Surveyor. In the letter he makes certain innuendos and suggests careless supervision in the Western District, but it is not clear in his letter to whom he refers. He submits a letter of mine as evidence of this, and suggests there were other matters. At no time has he given me specific incident as indicating that such a condition existed.

The letter, on which he relies, indicates that I gave very particular attention to these particular paysheets, and the fact that the payments did not contain certain information has nothing to do with the supervision at all. The fact that I did not allow the paysheets to pass through me is proof that his contention is wrong.

As regards the gangers, I may say that all four of them are honest, hardworking men. They have, during all the years I have known them, done their best to carry out the work and supervise the work in their areas, and no specific incident has been quoted to me that they have not been so doing.

From the order made by the Finance Committee, it would appear that the Committee was not informed that vast changes have taken place in the preparation of these paysheets in comparison with what used to be the procedure. Numbers of forms and returns have to accompany the paysheets now, and these are rather complicated, and occasionally errors are made in them. When that happens, I cannot let the paysheet go through. One instance, which might indicate the degree to which this is carried out, is the coal merchant's bill was refused because he did not sign his name in ink although the account was on his own billhead.

Paysheets have been held back by the Co. Surveyor on more than one occasion for further information. I have contended that once the ganger certified that the men worked on certain dates and that certain materials were supplied, and that I countersign the sheet, it is in order, but the County Surveyor has ruled it necessary that certain other returns giving the quantity of work done and where be attached. I have to accept that ruling.

As regards the attendance in Wicklow to go through paysheets, I may say that before the paysheets are signed by me they must be absolutely correct, and if, by any chance, they are not, my attendance in Wicklow will not rectify them.

I am, Your obedient servant,  
P. J. FOLEY.

The Chairman,  
Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

Order: Referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and a further Report.

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

Resolved—That we hereby authorise and direct the completion by our Chairman of the Request for Transmission of 4 per cent. Land Bonds Register Certificates value £103 in connection with the payment of Poor Rates by the Irish Land Commission on the Skeffington-Jones Estate at Tinnapark in the Electoral Division of Kilcoole.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise and direct our Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, to sell on behalf of Wicklow County Council the 4 per cent. Land Bond Certificates value £103 received from the Irish Land Commission in respect of rate liabilities on the Skeffington-Jones Estate in the Townland of Tinnapark Demesne, Electoral Division of Kilcoole, and that the proceeds be lodged to the credit of Poor Rate Collector M. J. Healy (Collecting No. 9 District).

Passed.

The Council considered a large file of correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health and from the Law Agent to the Great Southern Railways (including the following letters) re payment by the County Council to the Company on the latter's claim for a refund of overpaid rates to the amount of £6,510 19s. 6d., together with costs and interest from the date of Judgment (the 17th July, 1940) at 4 per cent.

## DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

Custom House, Dublin.  
19th October, 1940.  
G.14658/13/40.  
A Chara.

With reference to your letter of the 12th instant regarding the refund to the Great Southern Railways Company of rates in excess of the sum which would have been payable if the valuation had stood as altered on appeal, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is not prepared to sanction the raising by the County Council of a Loan to enable them to discharge their liability to the Company. Arrangements should now be made with a view to enabling portion of the sum due to be paid out of current revenue and the balance in the forthcoming financial year.

Mise le meas,  
J. COLLINS Th. c. an. Runaidhe.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

## GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAYS.

Law Department,  
Kingsbridge Station, Dublin,  
29th November, 1940.

WGB/MJT.

Dear Sir,

## The Company v. Wicklow County Council.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 28th instant and note that the Company's claim against the Council was not dealt with on the 18th instant owing to the volume of business transacted. Considering the fact that this claim was made as far back as February last I would have expected that you would have thought it desirable to place this item on the Agenda so that it could have been considered at your Meeting.

Having regard to the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1933, it is necessary for the Company to enforce payment of the Judgment without delay, and I regret, therefore, that I must now give you final notice that unless I receive on or before the 11th December next, payment of one-third of the amount of the Judgment and at the same time you send me an Order from the Department of Local Government and Public Health extending the time for payment of the balance until the 31st July, 1941, this offer is withdrawn and my Company must take immediate steps to recover the full amount due.

Yours faithfully,

W. GORDON BRADLEY, Law Agent.

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

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

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, having considered the letter dated the 29th November, 1940, from the Law Agent to the Great Southern Railways, hereby authorise and direct our Finance Committee to pay to the Great Southern Railways, on foot of the Judgment obtained by that Body, the sum of £2,170 6s. 6d., being one-third of the amount of Judgment, i.e. £6,510 19s. 6d., they obtained on the 17th July, 1940, the Costs connected with the Judgment (£15 9d.); the Interest thereon at 4 per cent. from the date of the Judgment and the two-thirds balance of the Judgment itself to be paid before the 31st July, 1941.

Passed.

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, give formal authority for the purchase of

- Punches and Steel Dies for Weights and Measures Standards at a cost of £3 5s. 0d., as requested by the Weights and Measures Section of the Department of Industry and Commerce, in letter dated 7th November, 1940.
- for the purchase of a Cone for Sandblast machine for the Weights and Measures Standards at Bray, at a cost of £2 12s. 6d., as requested by Sergeant Sean Scanlan, Weights and Measures Inspector, Bray, in letter dated 3rd December, 1940.

The Secretary submitted the following Report:—

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

## SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To: The Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council.  
A Chairde,

Following consideration of paragraph 8 of the County Surveyor's printed Report which was circulated to, and considered by, Wicklow County Council at the Quarterly Meeting of that Body, held on the 18th November, 1940, the following Resolution was passed:—

"Resolved: That we hereby appoint the following Deputation to wait upon the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and the Electricity Supply Board to submit the numerous grievances under which Wicklow County Council (as representing the Ratepayers of the County) suffers by reason of the operation of the Liffey Reservoir Act, 1936:—

"Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman.  
James Everett, T.D.  
J. Brazil, County Solicitor.  
J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., County Surveyor.  
P. T. Healy, County Secretary."

Pursuant to the terms of this Resolution, a Conference was held on Tuesday, the 3rd December, 1940, at 60, Upper Mount Street, Dublin, between Representatives of the Electricity Supply Board and the Representatives appointed by your Council. The Electricity Supply Board were represented by Messrs. J. M. Fay (Director), J. McDonald (Chief Constructional Engineer) and Mr. Kenny (of the Secretarial Staff). The County Council's Representatives, as set out in the Resolution above, were present.

It was not considered advisable by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, having regard to the provisions of Section 15 of the Liffey Reservoir Act, 1936, that any representatives from his Department should be present at the Conference.

A protracted discussion covering all matters affecting the Wicklow County Council in connection with the Liffey Hydro-Electric Scheme took place, Mr. Fay presiding. Eventually it was mutually decided that application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under the provisions of Section 15 of the Liffey Reservoir Act, 1936, to exercise his powers as Arbitrator in regard to the matters in which the Board and the County Council find themselves in disagreement. This course the County Council is hereby asked to adopt at their Special Meeting to be held on the 9th December instant. It is understood that the Electricity Supply Board will make an application on similar lines from a Meeting of their Directors to be held on Tuesday, the 10th December, 1940.

The Council will remember that the Electricity Supply Board undertook to contribute the sum of £2,500 towards the cost of providing an alternative route to replace roads submerged by the Board as a result of the operation of their Scheme. This £2,500 was duly expended, and as there was no further money available to proceed with the work, the equipment engaged on the road was removed to areas where it was badly needed. Of the £2,500 the Electricity Supply Board has recouped to the County Council, the sum of £1,325, leaving still to be recouped £1,175. The representatives of the Board undertook to refund to the County Council this £1,175 so soon as the Council had brought back to the uncompleted route in question the Plant and machinery necessary for the work to proceed. The question of the provision of funds for the purpose of continuing this work must engage the attention of the County Council at their Special Meeting on the 9th instant, before the County Surveyor will be in a position to undertake any further expenditure in that connection.

There was mutual agreement that if the County Council were to endeavour to provide funds that would allow of the work continuing pending the decision of the Arbitrator—the Minister for Local Government and Public Health—the fact that they did so was not to be accepted as prejudicing the case to be made and presented to the Arbitrator.

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Is misc.  
P. T. HEALY,  
County Secretary.

4th December, 1940.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne;  
Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, at our Meeting held this 9th December, 1940, having heard and discussed the report on the action taken by the representatives of our Council at the Conference with the representatives of the Electricity Supply Board, in Dublin, on the 3rd December, 1940, regarding matters arising out of the Hydro-Electric Liffey Scheme, hereby request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to exercise the powers vested in him by the Liffey Reservoir Act, 1936, to act as Arbitrator in such matters as may be submitted to him on behalf of this Council; we, further, direct that special legal assistance be obtained to advise the Council on all matters in regard to the forthcoming Arbitration and regarding all other actions which the Council may be disposed to take thereafter; and, further, we desire to impress upon the Minister that the Arbitration referred to is a matter of great urgency for the purpose of protecting the Cut Stone Industry at Ballyknocken and the rights of the ratepayers and the public generally in the entire neighbourhood affected.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle, Winetaverns;

Resolved—That we, the County Council for the County of Wicklow, having heard the report of the Conference between our Representatives and the Electricity Supply Board, and having regard to the urgent necessity to have the work on the road between Lackan and Ballyknocken proceeded with, without prejudice to the case to be presented to the Arbitrator, we hereby direct that the County Surveyor make arrangements immediately to spend a sum not exceeding £1,175 in continuing this work, which £1,175 represents the portion not yet recouped to us of the £2,500 already spent on this particular work by the County Council acting as Agent for the Electricity Supply Board.

Passed.

The Secretary, having read the Notice issued on the 26th October, 1940, to each Member of the County Council pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, in accordance with Notice of Motion it was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor Major R. Smith;

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 sum of £5,334 (Five Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty-Four Pounds) for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the improving and extending of the Greystones Water Supply.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Resolved—That the following represent this County Council at the next Meeting of the Board of Health and Public Assistance when the items in the Estimates for the Financial Year, ending 31st March, 1942, are expected to be under consideration: Councillor D. H. Haskins, Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Passed.

The Secretary read the following advertisement which had appeared in the "Irish Independent," the "Irish Press," and the "Irish Times" on the morning of the 2nd of December, 1940:

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.**  
Temporary Engineer Required.

Applications are invited by Wicklow County Council for the position of temporary Engineer for a period of two months from the date of his taking up duty from persons holding a University Degree in Civil Engineering. The person appointed will be required to prepare plans and all details in connection with proposals for the reconstruction of certain roads in the County of Wicklow and to discharge such other duties in that connection as may be entrusted to him. The salary will be at the rate of £6 6s. per week, to include the whole cost of any travelling that may be found necessary.

The successful candidate will be required to take up duty immediately his appointment has been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Any further information required may be obtained from the County Surveyor, Court House, Wicklow.

Applications in the candidate's own handwriting, with copies of testimonials and full particulars as to qualifications, must be lodged with the undersigned not later than 11 a.m., on Monday, the 9th December, 1940.

By Order,  
P. T. HEALY, County Secretary.

County Council Offices,  
Court House, Wicklow.  
Dated this 29th day of November, 1940.

The Secretary also submitted the following letters:—  
**DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.**  
Roads,  
Custom House, Dublin,  
28th November, 1940.

9th December, 1940.

A Chara.

With reference to your letter of 21st instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will raise no objection to the employment by Wicklow County Council of a temporary engineer for a period of two months to prepare surveys of certain roads needing improvement at remuneration of £6 6s. a week to include cost of any travelling necessary.

The enclosed query form should be completed in respect of the person selected for the work.

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J. HURSON, Runai.

The Secretary,  
County Council, Wicklow.

**THE ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION,**

1/3 Westmoreland St., Dublin.

EW/CC.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

County Secretary, Co. Council Offices,  
Court House, Wicklow.

4th December, 1940.

Dear Sir,

Re: Temporary Engineer  
Wicklow County Council.

We refer to the advertisement which appeared in the Press recently under your name in connection with the above position, and we are instructed to forward your Provisional Minimum Salaries and Conditions Schedule prepared by the Cumann, and which it is considered should apply to such position as that advertised.

With reference to the inclusion of travelling expenses in the Salary of £6 6s. per week we are instructed to ask that your Council reconsider the terms, and we trust that you will be able to advise us of a revision of conditions of the appointment in this regard according to established practice. Certainly if a car is necessary this accommodation should be separately covered, particularly having regard to such short term of appointment.

Yours faithfully,

Ke vans and Son, Secretaries.

Applications for the position were received from the following eighteen candidates:—

Application received.	Name and Address.
3rd Dec., 1940	Francis M. Cagney, 13, St. Patrick's Place, Cork.
" "	Patrick J. Diskin, 127, Mohbi Road, Glasnevin.
" "	J. M. Howard, Ballyanchor, Lismore.
4th Dec., 1940	Daniel S. Coughlan, Ballydehob, Co. Cork.
" "	Lewis J. Rhatigan, Clonbonny House, Lanesboro', Longford.
" "	Robert J. Reynolds, Bornacoola, Dromod, Co. Leitrim.
6th Dec., 1940	Enda F. Glynn, 7, William Street, Galway.
" "	Gerald J. Fleming, University Road, Galway.
" "	Wm. F. Johnston, 3, Pembroke Road, Dublin.
7th Dec., 1940	Michael Donnelly, c/o Fitzroy, Church St., Wicklow.
" "	Michael Moran, 9, New Road, Galway.
" "	John Merry, Station House, Galway.
9th Dec., 1940	Niall O'Loughlin, 2, Lr. Drumcondra Rd., Dublin.
" "	Thos. F. J. Bourke, "Assolas," Kanturk, Co. Cork.
" "	Desmond J. McGuinn, 91, Leinster Road, Rathmines.
" "	Matthew Turley, Wexford Arms Hotel, Portlaw, Waterford.
" "	P. Heffernan, Prospect Park, Kilkenny.
" "	Lieut. Andrew W. Horgan, 7 Waltham Tee., Blackrock, Dublin.

Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins;

Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, hereby select and appoint Mr. Wm. F. Johnston, of 3, Pembroke Road, Dublin, for the position of temporary Engineer for a period of two months at an inclusive remuneration of £6 6s. per week in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Council's published advertisement, and subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise and direct the issue of Store Licences under the Explosives Act, 1875, in our County Surveyor's name for the County Council Magazines, erected at Carrigmore Quarry, Tomacork Quarry, and the Glen-of-the-Downs Quarry.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby direct our Solicitor to take such steps as he may deem advisable to acquire from Wicklow Urban District Council a Lease of the Ground on the Murrough, Wicklow, near the Goods Store, which is required for the erection of the Public Weighbridge to be set up by this Council under the Road Traffic Act, 1933.

Passed.

The Council adjourned to a future Meeting the question of making arrangements for the appointment of a Weigh Clerk for the new Weighbridge which the County Council has authorised to be erected on an approved site on the Murrough, Wicklow, pursuant to the provisions of the Road Traffic Act, 1936.

An application, dated the 5th inst., was submitted from the Newtownmountkennedy Branch of the Labour Party in which the Council was asked to provide such work on roads as would tide the unemployed over the Christmas season.

Order—Referred to the County Surveyor to do what lies within his power

As no decision has been received from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the Council's Resolution approving and adopting the Conference Report in connection with the re-organisation scheme for County Engineering, the Council again found themselves unable to complete at this Meeting the two Forms 111 asking the Local Appointments Commission to select and recommend two candidates suitable for the two vacant positions as Assistant County Surveyors in the County.

In connection with Item No. 11 on the Agenda, to receive a supplemental opinion from Mr. M. J. Ryan, S.C., following his consultation with the Finance Committee regarding the powers of the Council to increase the wages of road workers and carters, and their powers in connection with other questions submitted to him, the Council's Solicitor, who was present, explained that certain documents to be submitted by the County Surveyor, had not been received in time to allow of Mr. Ryan considering and forwarding his supplemental Opinion to that day's Meeting.

In connection with Item No. 12 on the Agenda, the following letters were read by the Secretary:

Department of Local Government and Public Health,

Custom House, Dublin,  
5th November, 1940.

F.26116/40.

Cill Mhanntain.

A Chara,

With reference to the petition of Wicklow County Council for powers to acquire otherwise than by agreement certain lands for the purpose of constructing a new road between Wicklow and Arklow (Silver Strand (Dunbar) Magherabeg Section), I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state for the information of the Council that he has given direction for the preparation of a Provisional Order investing the Council with the powers sought.

Mise, le meas.

J. HURSON, Runai.

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

9th December, 1940.

With reference to previous correspondence, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to forward herewith copies of a Provisional Order made by him in pursuance of Section 10 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1893, subject to the provisions of Section 68 of the Local Government Act, 1925, empowering the Wicklow County Council to purchase and take the lands described in the Schedule thereto for the purpose of constructing a road between Wicklow and Arklow (Silver Strand (Dunbur) Magherabeg Section) in the Administrative County of Wicklow.

A copy of the Order should be served on the persons interested in the lands authorised to be acquired.

I am at the same time to draw your attention to the Local Government and Public Health Provisional Orders (Petitions) Order, 1925, prescribing the manner in which provisional Orders are to be served. Attention is directed to the following requirements:—

Clause 2 (1).

A copy of the Provisional Order shall be served not later than seven days after the receipt of copies from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. Special attention is directed to paragraph (c) of the clause, if service is made by post.

Clause 2 (2).

A copy of the Provisional Order shall be accompanied by a statement that the Order will be confirmed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and have the effect of an Act of the Oireachtas unless within five weeks from the date upon which the Provisional Order is served personally or posted, as the case may be, a petition by some person interested is presented to the Minister or to the Circuit Court having jurisdiction where the land to be acquired is situate praying that the Order or any specified part thereof shall not become law without further inquiry.

A certificate of service of the Provisional Order should be furnished in accordance with Clause 2 (3) of the Order.

In view of the nature of the interests affected it is usual in the case of Provisional Orders that evidence as to service thereof be supplied in the form of a statutory declaration stamped with a 2s. 6d. stamp. The Minister would be obliged if this course were followed in the present instance.

Mise, le meas,

J. HURSON, *Rúnaí*.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne:

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, hereby make application to the Land Values Reference Committee, to appoint an Arbitrator to assess compensation as between the County Council and the Owners of certain lands being acquired otherwise than by Agreement for the purpose of constructing a new road between Wicklow and Arklow (Silver Strand (Dunbur) Magherabeg Section) if and when the Order confirming the Provisional Order, dated the 20th day of November, 1940, has been made.

Passed.

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

Seconded by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne:

Resolved—That we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to allow the work on the Ordinary Road to proceed, having regard to the fact that there are so many unemployed in that area and the County Council have raised the necessary local contribution.

Passed.

The Council, after some discussion, referred to the County Surveyor, for his information and suitable action a memorial purporting to be signed by ten persons complaining of the condition of the Sea Road, Newcastle, and calling on the County Council to have it attended to immediately.

The following letter was considered:—

Palm Lodge, Tinahely.

15th November, 1940.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
Sec. Co. Council, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

Killavenny Parish Council at their Meeting on the 14th inst., decided to call the attention of the Wicklow County Council to the state of the footpath leading to Killavenny Parish Church, and the state of the road leading from the same Church to the Protestant Church, Kilmacomen.

The Parish Council request that in the case of the footpath the necessary repairs to it be carried out. They wish to point out that these include the making up and surface finishing, and with regard to the surface finishing they have to point out that this ought to be done in fine gravel and not with very coarse material. The footpath also requires a concrete kerb.

The road between the two churches is in very bad repair and ought to be attended to as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

N. P. MURPHY.

Hon. Sec. Parish Council.

Order—Referred to the County Surveyor so that he may include these works in the Provisional Road Work Scheme for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1942.

The Council had under consideration a file of correspondence from the County Surveyor, from the Assistant Surveyor, P. J. Foley, B.E., and from Overseer James Ryan, in connection with the claim of £12 received from Mr. Patrick McEvoy, Ballyknockan, Blessington, for 80 cubic yards of stone at 3s. per cubic yard, claimed to have been supplied by him and used for road construction at Ballyknockan. The correspondence intimated that Mr. McEvoy, in common with a number of other Quarry Owners in that area, had undertaken to give these stones free of charge because of the particular road work they were to be devoted to, and consequently the County Council decided that there was no money due to Mr. McEvoy for them.

A further letter, dated the 21st November, 1940, was submitted from Messrs. Osborne and Brady, Granite Quarries, Ballyknockan, Blessington, in which the Council was asked what steps had been taken to make provision for proper roads for use by the lorries of their firm in transporting cut stone to Dublin and elsewhere. The Council directed that this firm be referred to Resolutions passed in that connection at an earlier stage of this meeting.

The Council considered a communication, dated the 16th November, 1940, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, outlining the conditions under which a Grant for expenditure on Roads Rural of £3,700 is being made from Employment Schemes Vote 1940/1941, subject to the County Council contributing £1,300 out of rates. The County Surveyor reported to the Council that these monies had been allocated long since to specific works and that the monies were in actual process of being expended.

Order—Approved.

The Secretary read a communication, dated the 2nd November, 1940, containing the conditions under which a Grant of £5,500 has been provisionally allocated to the Council out of Road Improvement Grant 1940/1941 on the following Main Road Improvements:—

1. T.61 Kilmacanogue-Roundwood Road at Sraghmore and Ballinastoe. Ease hogbacked culverts and regrade ..	£500
2. L.107 Laragh to Glendalough Road. Regrade, shape, strengthen and surface in creophalte macadam ..	£4,000
3. L.107 Laragh-Hollywood Road; Lockstown to Coonmore, Widen, strengthen and surface in creophalte macadam ..	£1,000
	£5,500

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Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan:  
Resolved—That we hereby approve, adopt, and confirm the allocation of Road Improvement Grant of £5,500 as shown in the Minister's letter, dated the 2nd November, 1940, Ref. No. SGV/201/40, and we authorise our County Surveyor to proceed with these works forthwith.

Passed.  
The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence which had passed with Mrs. Sarah Roberts, Laragh, Glendalough, the County Surveyor, and Mr. D. J. Cogan, of Laragh, in connection with the closing, during the progress of road works, of a stile adjoining Mrs. Roberts' house at Laragh, the existence of which stile appeared to be a matter in dispute between Mrs. Roberts and Mr. Cogan who is the owner of the adjoining field. The Council referred the entire correspondence to their Solicitor for a Report to their next Meeting.

The Secretary submitted the following communication from the Solicitors acting for Mr. John L. Morgan, the new owner of property at Kilpoole, Wicklow, formerly owned by Mr. John Maher, and also submitted copy of a communication, dated the 7th October, 1940, from the County Surveyor to Messrs. Patrick J. Brady and Co., Solicitors, 20 Molesworth Street, Dublin, replying seriatim to the points raised in the latter's letter:—

20 Molesworth St., Dublin.

Ref. BA/7100.

22nd October, 1940.

Dear Sir,

We regret not having acknowledged or replied to your letter of the 7th inst., earlier, but the matter was having the very careful consideration of our client and he has instructed us now to reply to you as follows:—  
To paragraph 2, you are right in presuming that he would prefer the erection of a sod ditch with a low fence on top and a hedge planted in the ditch.

To paragraph 3, he is inclined to the view that the sod banks, and hedge and wire, would have to be completed once the site had been opened for work so as to prevent trespass and straying cattle. If the site for the road were to be opened up it would be a difficult matter for our client to graze the lands in the vicinity as cattle could stray from one field to another and eventually on to the public road.

To paragraph 4, we note what you say and the objection would seem to be met with so long as the undertaking by you to the County Council that the road would be completed in its entirety prior to its opening to the public was adhered to.

Mr. Morgan does not anticipate anything but the fullest co-operation between himself and the Council. As already stated, he does not approve of the new road, but that is not going to prevent him from assisting you so far as possible. On the other hand, he expects that the best possible fences will be laid on the road so as to preserve as far as possible the privacy of his lands, and particularly to prevent trespass of cattle. Consequently, he does not see any reason why he should anticipate anything but friendly relations between the Council and himself.

Regarding Mr. Maher's verbal agreement to procure materials from the Quarry and to carry same down his avenue across the fields to the new works, Mr. Morgan understands that this offer was subject to such route being temporarily fenced. Mr. Morgan is prepared to make a similar offer to the Council, but it would be necessary, in his opinion, to fence the route so that the carts and lorries would keep to the same track. Otherwise more land than necessary would be rendered useless for some time.

So far as the maintenance of the new fence is concerned, Mr. Maher's objection was entirely reasonable since the corrugated iron which it is proposed to use will have a very short life owing to its proximity to the sea. Consequently, Mr. Morgan has a similar difference of opinion.

We hope this letter states our client's views on the subject sufficiently clearly, but if you are in any doubt would you kindly let us know when we will elucidate same for you.

With renewed apologies for the delay.

Yours faithfully,

Patrick J. Brady and Co.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

Court House, Wicklow.

Order—Noted.

The following Report was submitted by the County Surveyor following his investigation of the claim for £21 made by Mr. G. B. Griffin, Carnew, in respect of gravel:—

Court House, Wicklow.

18th November, 1940.

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

Court House, Wicklow.

Re: Griffin's Claim, Carnew.

Dear Sir,

I had the claim of Mr. Griffin, Carnew, investigated. He writes under date 16th instant, to say that he agrees to withdraw the claim on the following conditions:—

1. He is to deliver 100 tons of stones from pit to road at 2s. 6d. per ton.
2. The Wicklow County Council to strip, raise and take stones at 1s. per ton, also gravel at 1s. 6d. per ton from his pit for the doing of the Mill Lane and Umrigar Road.

I could not agree to any conditions which would compel the Wicklow County Council to take all the stones required for the reconstruction of these roads from Mr. Griffin's pit.

I would agree to take, definitely, 100 tons of stones from pit to road at 2s. 6d. per ton.

The matter is one for further negotiation, but I desire it to be recorded that any arrangement arrived at does not alter my opinion that the material which he supplied originally and which forms the subject of his claim was dirty and unsuitable for the purpose for which it was needed at the time.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE.

In connection with Item No. 22 on the Agenda, the Secretary intimated that no Report had been received yet from the County Surveyor following his investigation, with the assistance of local Councillors, of the claim presented by Mr. Charles Byrne, Ballytunny, for damages to his lands by flooding in consequence, as alleged by him, of the neglect of the Council's employees.

The Secretary submitted a memorial purporting to be signed by eight road workers in the Carnew District who allege that they are not being treated fairly and cannot obtain work on roads by reason of the fact that certain men are employed year after year to the exclusion of all other workers, and also the following Report thereon from the County Surveyor:—

Court House, Wicklow.

9th December, 1940.

To: The Secretary, Wicklow Co. Council,

Court House, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

We have nine regular men employed in the Carnew district and it has not been our practice to rotate labour, consequently these men are kept on whole time.

They are employed on the general repair, drainage, etc., on the Main and County Roads and when Grant Works or other special works comprising quarrying, rolling or surface dressing are in hands most of these men can be placed in charge of the various portions of the work.

At the present moment we have no work available for the signatories of the letter from Carnew district, dated October 21st last, but if the Grant for Road 222 is sanctioned these men will be employed.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE.

Order—County Surveyor's Report accepted.

4, Church St., Wicklow.  
15th November, 1940.

Wicklow County Council  
Ordinary-Sallymount Road  
re Mr. Lewis Byrne, Sallymount.

Dear Sir,  
The Arbitration proceedings herein took place on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at Sallymount.

The Arbitrators, Messrs. Nicholas Walsh for Mr. Lewis Byrne, and Mr. Edwin Hammond for the County Council, heard the several witnesses produced on behalf of Mr. Byrne, and the County Surveyor and Mr. J. P. Caffrey, B.E., gave evidence on behalf of the County Council.

After inspecting the scene of the alleged flooding the Arbitrators intimated that they had agreed on the amount to be awarded Mr. Byrne, viz., £38, and the award will be drawn up and signed by the Arbitrators in due course.

In addition to the amount awarded Mr. Byrne, the Arbitrators will provide for payment of a sum to cover the costs of Messrs. M. J. O'Connor and Co. Solicitors for Mr. Byrne, for their work preparing for the Arbitration, interviewing witnesses, attendance at the Arbitration, and approving of and having Submission to Arbitration completed, etc., etc.

The Arbitrators pointed out that in arriving at the sum awarded Mr. Byrne they did not take into consideration any claim that Mr. Byrne may have against the County Council for sand and/or gravel taken off the beach adjoining his lands, as there is at present a dispute as to the boundaries of Mr. Byrne's land and that this dispute must first be settled between Mr. Byrne and the adjoining owner.

Yours faithfully,  
J. BRAZIL.

P. T. Healy, Esq., County Secretary,  
Court House, Wicklow.  
Order—Approved and confirmed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Bourne.

Resolved—That we hereby authorise and direct the County Surveyor to institute such legal proceedings from time to time on behalf of the Wicklow County Council as he and the local Councillors may deem necessary to enforce in future hedge cutting Notices in respect of hedges, the boughs of trees, or the trees themselves that the County Surveyor may deem to be detrimental to the road surfaces.

Passed, County Surveyor strongly objecting.

The following letter was submitted by Assistant Surveyor, P. J. Foley, B.E.:

32-33, Lower Abber St., Dublin, C.8.  
30th October, 1940.

Dear Sir,

I would be glad of your advice and ruling in the following matter:  
As a member of the Local Security Force, am I entitled to give my whole services if called on in an emergency without prejudicing my position as Engineer in charge in the district of the Public Health Services, roads, etc., or is it necessary to obtain the consent of the County Council and Board of Health, and sanction of the Minister?

I can well see myself that a position may arise where my services might be required in connection with these works, and if I were absent on other duty serious exception might be taken to it.

I called to see you to-day, but you were engaged.

Yours faithfully,  
P. J. FOLEY.

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

Order—In the event of an emergency arising Mr. Foley must obey his Local Security Force Officers.  
Assistant Surveyor Foley, B.E., also read the following letter to the Meeting:

32 Lower Abber St., Dublin, C.8.  
15th November, 1940.

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The Chairman,  
Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

Gentlemen,

Since your Special Meeting on the 7th August, when the Council decided on weekly payments, I have been requested by the County Surveyor to attend at his office once a week for the purpose of being present when he examined the paysheets for the period. This will involve an annual out-of-pocket expense to me of at least £75, and in addition involves the loss of a day.

I have been asked also to collect the paysheets which have been hitherto sent to me by post, and this will involve an outlay of approximately £50. As my ordinary expenses last year amounted to £170, £100 of which was repaid to me, it will be observed that only a sum of £20 or £30 will be left out of my salary of £200.

This method of collection and dealing with the paysheets was not provided for in the direct labour scheme adopted by the Council, and I would respectfully suggest that, if there are any matters that require explanation as regards the paysheets, such explanation should be in writing so that it will be available for the Auditor.

I have, up to the present, attended at Wicklow at the County Surveyor's personal request.

If the present system is to continue, I shall have to ask the Council to extend the limit of the expenses payable to me to cover these journeys. If I did not use a motor car it would be quite impossible to cover the work at all.

I am confident the Members will deal with me fairly in this matter.  
I am, your obedient servant,  
P. J. FOLEY.

Order—The Council decided (a) that the travelling expenses referred to cannot be increased without Notice of Motion having first been served, and (b) that this letter shall form an item on the Agenda for the next Meeting of Wicklow County Council and be considered in conjunction with the Finance Committee's Report on the written explanation submitted by Mr. Foley, accounting for the fact that there were no Pay Sheets for his district presented at the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on Friday, the 22nd November, 1940.

The Secretary submitted a large file of correspondence dealing with a variety of matters having relation to Air Raid Precautions in the County, including a letter from the Air Raid Precautions Branch of the Department of Defence, dated the 25th November, 1940, in which the County Council was requested to re-examine the entire position of the County in which there is at the moment no approved and adopted Air Raid Precautions Scheme.

The Secretary pointed out that this was a matter of vital importance and should be dealt with by the County Council without further delay, having regard to the extraordinary difficult times through which this country was at present passing.

No action was taken by the Council.

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

Resolved—Having regard to the fact that all expenditure in County Wicklow (outside Bray Urban Area) is under Section 34 sub-Section 4 of the Air Raid Precautions Act, 1939, to be a County at Large Charge, we the County Council for the County of Wicklow, desire to press upon the Minister for Defence, in the very strongest manner, that Wicklow Urban District Council, as well as some of the larger towns throughout the County Wicklow, such as Baltinglass and Rathdrum, should be provided with Auxiliary Fire-fighting Equipment free from the Department of Defence in like manner as has already been provided and supplied to Arklow Urban District Council and Bray Urban District, for we are satisfied that the Ratepayers of the

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County of Wicklow are not, for reasons which are apparent to everybody, able to shoulder a heavier burden of taxation than those necessarily imposed upon them by the fundamental social services operating in the County.

Passed.

The Council considered an application, dated the 13th November, 1940, from Greystones Branch, A.R.P. Auxiliary Reserve of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, for remission of rates on premises at Church Road, Greystones, the property of Mr. J. P. Traynor, which premises are now being used as a First Aid Post.

The Council approved of the Secretary's action in submitting the application for revision to the Commissioner of Valuation, and if the Commissioner thought fit for exemption from rate assessments.

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was

Proposed by Councillor J. P. O'Donnell;

Seconded by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we, the County Council for the County of Wicklow, hereby appeal to the Minister for Justice to issue an Order which will protect in County Wicklow, for a period of not less than five years, the eggs of the following species of wild birds, because of their ever increasing rarity in County Wicklow:—

Peregrine Falcon

Merlin

Eagles (all species)

Owls (all species)

Ring Ousel

Redstart

Blackcap

Dipper

Crossbill

Siskin

Goldfinch

Woodlark

Chough

Raven

Kingfisher

Turtle Dove

Stock Dove

Sandpiper

Terns (all species)

Black Guillemot

Swan

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That our Secretary be instructed to prepare a case for submission, through our Solicitor, to Senior Counsel with a view to securing legal advice concerning the many causes that have contributed to the carrying over into the Poor Rate Collection for the financial year ending 31st March, 1941, of no less a sum than £11,168 1s. 4d.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we, the County Council for the County of Wicklow, have had our attention drawn to the case of a very good road employee named John Owens, of Rathmore, Ashford, who gave most satisfactory service to the Council for many years and who only ceased to work for us some time ago because of the fact that he was well over seventy years of age. We find that because he was both able and willing to work for us whilst over 70 years of age is now being used against him by the O.A.P. Authorities to prevent his receiving the Old Age Pension, to which we believe he is entitled, and we desire to make the strongest possible representation to the Old Age Pensions Section of the Department of Local Government and Public Health in favour of this man receiving this Pension, to which his age ought to entitle him.

We believe this particular case is the strongest possible argument that Wicklow County Council advances to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in favour of the view which this Council has already held that there should at all times be a permanent staff of road employees in our service year after year, and that these permanent men should be included in and have the advantage of a Pension Scheme so that when they reach the age of sixty-five the County Council would be in a position to give them the pension which their years of service would entitle them, and thus prevent very many cases of hardship which we are aware of from time to time. This County Council understands that such a scheme has been long in contemplation by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and accordingly we would urge him to have it introduced and put into operation at the earliest possible date.

Passed.

The Council adjourned for a further period of six months consideration of the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne:—

"I hereby give Notice that I shall move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the annual allowance for travelling expenses of Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health, be increased from £200 to £200 in accordance with the recommendation towards that end which was submitted to the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance."

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That arrangements be made to renew the University Scholarship Scheme for the year 1941-1942, in order to fulfil the undertaking of the County Council, as contained in the Resolution passed at the Meeting of the 22nd February, 1937, the Scheme to be exactly similar in outline and conditions to that which existed from the years 1936/37 to 1939/40 inclusive.

Passed.

The following letter from the Council's Veterinary Inspector, Mr. W. J. Richardson, V.S., was considered:—

Leabeg House, Newcastle,  
22nd August, 1940.

To: P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
County Council, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

Thanks for Paying Order for Twenty-six Pounds Four Shillings and Five Pence, which I cannot accept. I herewith return it. It cost me that for motor petrol alone.

You must admit I had a very busy time of it doing the Tubercular Reports and very long journeys.

Your Council cannot expect a part-time Veterinary Inspector to do the duty as your permanent Inspector for the same salary.

Yours faithfully,

W. J. RICHARDSON.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That inasmuch as this County Council has no powers to give W. J. Richardson, V.S., more than the paying Order for £26 4s. 5d. already handed to him for his temporary services, acting as Veterinary Inspector during the illness of the adjoining Veterinary Inspector—S. Conway, V.S.—which Paying Order he has returned to us, we offer to Mr. Richardson the suggestion that as he does not appear to want this money he might very usefully divide it between the Red Cross Funds and the Funds of the Local Security Force.

Passed.

The Council adjourned to their next ordinary Meeting consideration of a Report relating to Fees for County Analyst as prepared by an Emergency Committee of the County Council's General Council.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at their meeting held on the 26th November, 1940:—

"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, 1940:

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

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the following Resolution passed by the County Committee of Agriculture at their Meeting held on the 26th November, 1940:—

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the balance of £15 to each of the twenty Sheep Dipping Inspectors for the 1940 Sheep Dipping Period."

Matthew Devitt, Monumeen, Greenane, Rathdrum.  
Andrew Fleming, Aughavannagh, Aughrim.  
Martin Fitzpatrick, Coollattin, Carnew.  
Thomas Kinsella, Muskeagh, Tinahely.  
Albert Fox, Bohilla, Kilmacanogue.  
James Kavanagh, Cloanshannon, Knockanarrigan.  
Patrick O'Toole, Munroe, Donard.  
William Healy, Clara, Rathdrum.  
Bernard Malone, Baltinanima, Roundwood.  
Joseph Clancy, Ballycreen, Aughrim.  
Andrew Kavanagh, Knockfodda, Roundwood.  
John Roche, Carrigower, Kilpedder.  
John Pearse, Bolinass, Ashford.  
Robert Johnson, Kilpool, Wicklow.  
Patrick Murphy, Glenree, Valleymount.  
George Miley, Knocknadruc, Valleymount.  
Patrick Toomey, Logstown, Valleymount.  
Peter Whelan, Killamoate, Rathdangan.  
John Byrne, Blackrock, Rathdangan.  
Hugh O'Keefe, Rathbawn, Hacketstown.

The Council adjourned to their next ordinary Meeting consideration of the following Resolutions: passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at their Meetings held on the 30th July, 1940, and 26th November, 1940, respectively:—

"Resolved—That we recommend that, in future, a subsidy of £25 be allowed for the erection of new swim baths, and that we agree to four new baths being erected in Mr. Conway's area, subject to the sanction of the Department of Agriculture."

"Resolved—That we hereby approve of our Committee's previous proposal of a subsidy of £25 each being allowed to the following persons—recommended by Mr. S. Conway, V.S.—for the erection of public swim baths:

Joseph Clancy, Ballycreen, Aughrim.  
Michael Kelly, Knockrath, Rathdrum.  
Peter Bradshaw, Ballymacsimon, Glenealy.  
W. Doyle, Glenmacnass, Laragh."

Having considered a letter, dated the 28th November, 1940, from the County Committee of Agriculture, and the copies of correspondence attached thereto, it was

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Bourne:

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, having considered the correspondence dealing with the default of a certain Sheep Owner—including a letter dated the 28th November, 1940, submitted by the County Committee of Agriculture—hereby direct our Law Agent to institute legal proceedings against Mr. J. Dowling, Ballylea, Colbinstown, for his failure to bring his sheep to be dipped although notified to do so on two occasions by the County Council's Sheep Dipping Inspector.

Passed.

There were no Minutes of Proceedings of Monthly Meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee submitted by the Secretary to that Body for consideration at this day's Meeting.

The County Council made an Order that the County Surveyor be instructed to deal with the following three matters (received too late to form items on the printed Agenda for this day's Meeting) in such manner as he may think advisable, provided the interests of the Council and the Ratepayers are fully protected:—

- (1) The dangerous condition to cyclists and others of a Grating opposite Hollywood School, as reported by Mr. Nicholas Toomey, Secretary to Hollywood Parish Committee, in his letter dated the 3rd December, 1940.
- (2) Letter dated the 28th November, 1940, from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor and Co., Solicitors, Ferrybank, Arklow, complaining that Wicklow County Council for years past has been using as a store a small plot of ground near Tinahely Bridge, the property of Mr. Frank Yillek, Town View, Tinahely, who requires all the Council's property removed from the plot within one week from that date.
- (3) Letter, dated 31st July, 1940, from Mr. Edward Collins, Coolmadra, Knockanargan, Dunlavin, who complained bitterly of the state of the road from Coolmadra via Castleruddery, and also of the condition of the road through Lower Knockaderry via Ballytoole.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Edward Byrne, Chairman of the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance, and was accepted by the Council:—

"I hereby give Notice that at the Quarterly Meeting of this County Council, to be held on the 17th February, 1941, I will move that the consent of this 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 their Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., for the purpose of installing a Water Supply at Valleymount, in the County Health District, the Loan to be repaid in ten years."

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

### Abstract of Correspondence No. 1.

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

11th April, 1939, No. R/RU/33, approving of the proposal to undertake the construction of new roads linking up the existing roads between the Urban Districts of Wicklow and Arklow and connecting the Silver Strand, Brittas Bay and Ardinary, such work to be carried out through the medium of a two years' scheme and providing for an annual expenditure of £8,250.

8th September, 1939, Ref. P.H.21681/4/39, approving of the continuance of the appointment of Dr. Conway as acting County Medical Officer of Health up to the 8th inst., at a remuneration of £7 7 0.

21st November, 1939, Ref. G.22737/5/39, sanctioning the permanent appointment of Mr. M. J. Healy as Poor Rate Collector for No. 9 Collecting District on the terms and conditions set forth in the published advertisement.

24th November, 1939, No. G.22019/3/39, transmitting the Order under Seal of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health consenting to the award of a Superannuation Allowance of £97 15 5 to Mrs. Katherine Mary Doyle who was formerly employed as Poor Rate Collector under Wicklow County Council in No. 9 District.

28th November, 1939, No. G.25729/4/39, refusing to grant an increase in the salary of Miss G. McDermott, Court Keeper, Wicklow.

9th December, 1940.

28th November, 1939, No. G.22737/39, returning the Fidelity Bond on Collector M. J. Healy, No. 9 District, same having been noted by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

29th November, 1939, No. G.16676/4/39, sanctioning an increase in the remuneration of Miss E. Redmond, County Librarian, Wicklow, to £260 per annum as from the 13th inst., and rising thence by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £300 a year.

29th November, 1939, No. RU/206/33/2, approving of the Scheme of Road Works proposed to be carried out by the County Council under the Employment Schemes Vote, 1939/40 Roads (Rural).

30th November, 1939, No. IR/20, approving of the County Council purchasing a Diesel type Road Roller in the manner reported.

4th December, 1939, consenting to the grant to Mr. S. G. Gallagher, former County Surveyor, of an annual superannuation allowance of Five Hundred and Six Pounds-Fifteen Shillings and Eight Pence (£506 15 8).

7th December, 1939, No. RM/33, referring to proposed amendment of the conditions governing employment on schemes sanctioned under the Employment Schemes Vote and stating the Minister is not prepared to amend the regulations.

8th December, 1939, No. G.13397/10/39, sanctioning the appointment of Messrs. E. A. Lavin and J. F. Nichols as Junior Clerical Officers and sanctioning the appointment of Miss E. Hagan as Shorthand-typist.

15th December, 1939, No. RU/206/201V, stating that funds have been made available under the Employment Schemes Vote 1939/40 (Opening up Scenic Views) for the purpose of allocating grants to meet the cost of opening up views of scenery from the roadways throughout the country, the grant provisionally determined for allocation to the County Council being £400.

19th December, 1939, No. RU/33, referring to the proposal to construct new roads to link up existing roads between the Urban Districts of Wicklow and Arklow and approving of the portion of the scheme providing for an expenditure of £2,100 on the roads adjacent to the Arklow Urban District.

19th December, 1939, No. G.13397/11/39, sanctioning the appointment of Mr. J. P. McDonnell as Junior Clerical Officer.

4th January, 1940, No. G.193/9/39, sanctioning overdraft accommodation to the extent of £45,000 to the 29th February, 1940.

8th January, 1940, No. G.13397/10/39, sanctioning the appointment of Miss E. Molloy as Shorthand-Typist.

14th February, 1940, No. RU/207/1, stating that the amount of the local contribution to be provided out of rates by the Council in respect of schemes financed out of Employment Schemes Vote 1940/41 is £2,300, i.e., the same as that provided for the current year.

20th February, 1940, No. G.6318/40, sanctioning such departure from the terms of Article 78 and 79 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, as will enable the Council to consider and adopt their Estimates for 1940/41 on a date not later than the 4th March, 1940.

23rd February, 1940, No. G.13397/10/39, sanctioning the appointment of Mr. Patrick J. Swords as Junior Clerical Officer.

#### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

19th December, 1939, No. I/62/39, approving of the payment of a special allowance to the Veterinary Inspectors in connection with the operation of the Sheep Dipping Scheme and also the payment of the balance of £15 remuneration to each of the 19 Sheep Dipping Inspectors.

16th February, 1940, No. L.883/39, approving of the temporary employment of Mr. W. J. Richardson, as substitute for Mr. S. Conway, V.S., from the morning of the 12th to the afternoon of the 15th instant, inclusive, with remuneration at the normal rate.

#### FROM THE DRAINAGE COMMISSION.

29th November, 1939, No. E.51, asking the County Surveyor to furnish the Chief Engineer, Board of Works, with a report on Drainage Schemes and Drainage Areas requiring attention in County Wicklow.

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

22nd November, 1939, notifying an Order made by the District Justice at Dublin District Court committing a child named Rose Mary Smith to Newtownforbes Industrial School.

23rd November, 1939, notifying the refusal of the District Justice at Newtown District Court to commit a boy named James Byrne, Killadreenan, to an Industrial School.

28th December, 1939, stating that the District Justice at Newtown District Court convicted Joseph Monteith, under the Food and Drugs Act, and applied the Probation Act on him paying 10/6 costs.

15th January, 1940, intimating the conviction of Michael J. Murray, Main Street, Arklow, under the Food and Drugs Act, and stating that the Probation Act has been applied—the defendant paying £1 5 6 costs.

24th February, 1940, stating that a boy named James J. Barry was committed to Glencree Industrial School by Order of the District Justice at Newtownmountkennedy; and also that a child named Mary Gaynor was committed to an Industrial School by Order of the District Justice at Bray.

11th December, 1939, from Miss Bridget Lawlor, 5, Lower Fitzwilliam St., Dublin, thanking the County Council for the extension of her Scholarship.

28th December, 1939, from Dr. J. M. Clerkin, Blessington, and enclosing undated Medical Certificate for Mr. P. J. Foley, Assistant Co. Surveyor.

5th January, 1940, from Irish Prisoners' National Aid Society relative to alleged victimisation stated to be taking place in the North of Ireland.

From the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, Tavistock House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1, relative to their 25th Annual Conference to be held in Belfast this year.

From Miss E. F. Bobbett, dated the 21st February, 1940, stating the decision of the Irish Farmers' Federation to send a Deputation to the County Council Meeting on the 4th March, 1940.

6th February, 1940, from Mr. S. Conway, Salem, Wicklow, intimating that he expected to be absent from duty from the morning of the 12th inst. to the afternoon of the 15th inst., and nominating as his substitute, Mr. W. J. Richardson, V.S.

An anonymous letter received on the morning of the 22nd February, 1940, enclosing Postal Order for the sum of Ten Shillings (10/-) restitution money.

Acknowledgment Card from the family of the late Councillor M. Gleeson returning sincere thanks for the kind expression of sympathy passed by Wicklow County Council to them.

Staff House,  
Curragh Camp,  
Co. Kildare,  
28/1/1940.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

Please convey to the Chairman and Members of the Wicklow County Council the sincere thanks of my father's family for the sympathy extended on the occasion of his death.

We appreciate very much your personal sympathy and that of the Secretarial Staff.

Yours sincerely,  
John Gleeson, Major.

Kilmantin Hill,  
Wicklow,  
30th January, 1940.

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

A Chara,

I beg to acknowledge with sincere thanks the resolution of sympathy passed by your Council with me in my recent bereavement. Will you be so good as to convey to the Chairman and Members my gratitude for their kind thoughtfulness, and please to accept same for yourself and your staff who associated themselves with it.

Mise, le meas mor,  
P. J. Noonan.

Summerhill,  
Wicklow,  
7th February, 1940.

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

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter of the 22nd ult., enclosing copy of a Resolution of sympathy, kindly passed by Wicklow County Council on the death of my father. I wish to convey to the Members of the Council my deep gratitude and thanks for their sympathy so expressed, and I also wish to express sincere appreciation to you and to the Members of the Secretarial Staff for your kind association with the terms of this resolution.

Yours faithfully,  
James Everett.

The Vicariate,  
47, Westland Row, Dublin.  
February, 1940.

The Vicar Capitular (The Bishop of Thasos), on behalf of the Priests of the Diocese of Dublin, wishes to return sincere thanks for your gracious manifestations of sympathy and your deep appreciation of the character and life-work of their late revered Archbishop.

49, Sandford Road,  
Clonskea,  
Dublin.  
19th February, 1940.

Dear Mr. Healy,

Please convey to the Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council my very deep appreciation of their kindness in passing the Resolution, of which you have forwarded me a copy.

Wicklow is indeed the County of my adoption and I have never received anything but kindness from its charming people. Thanks, too, for your own friendly interest and association with the terms of the Resolution.

Sincerely yours,  
Martin C. Maguire.

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

St. Catherine's,  
Ballyboden,  
Rathfarnham,  
Co. Dublin.

Dear Mr. Healy,

I desire through you to thank the County Council and the individual Members of the Council for their very flattering Resolution which they passed at their recent Meeting on the occasion of my appointment to the Supreme Court. I appreciate their good wishes all the more in view of the very genuine encouragement and support which I always received from your Council during my practice at the Bar, which support meant so much to me. I also desire to thank you very sincerely for your personal good wishes.

Very sincerely yours,  
JOHN O'BYRNE.

COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE,  
Copy of Instructors' Reports for the Year 1939.  
RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER PUBLIC BODIES.

28th November, 1939, from Sligo Mental Hospital, enclosing copy of a Resolution passed by that Committee protesting against the increased interest on Loans to Public Bodies.

14th December, 1939, from Cork County Council protesting against increasing the rate of interest on advances to local authorities out of the Local Loans Fund from 4½ to 5½ per cent.

15th December, 1939, from Limerick County Council calling on the Government to withdraw the County Management Bill, 1939.

11th January, 1940, from Cobh Urban District Council, asking that the Dole and Unemployment Assistance, and also the Old Age Pensions, be increased by 50 per cent. owing to the exorbitant prices of the necessaries of life at present existing.

#### Abstract of Correspondence No. 2.

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

26th February, 1940, No. G.7466/40, sanctioning the continuance of Overdraft Accommodation not exceeding £40,000 on the Accounts of the County Council to the 31st March, 1940.

11th March, 1940, Interim Notification of Grant of £9,993, being provisionally allocated for the upkeep of Main Roads for the year 1940/41.

15th March, 1940, No. G.8386/40, sanctioning an allowance at the rate of £60 per annum with effect as from the 12th ult., to Mr. M. Donoghue, Rate Inspector, to cover travelling and subsistence expenses incurred by him in the discharge of his duties.

21st March, 1940, Ref. RD/33, stating that under a new Main Road Order made for County Wicklow the following roads will be included in the Schedule, viz.: Road from Enniskerry via Powerscourt to Kilmacanogue, and in Wicklow Urban District from Abbey Street via Fitzwilliam Square, Bridge Street, and Leirinn Place to G.S.R. Goods Station entrance.

5th April, 1940, Ref. A.8392/40, enclosing copy of Auditor's Report of the Accounts of Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board for the half-year ended 30/9/39.

5th April, 1940, A.8390/40, enclosing copy of Auditor's Report of the Accounts of Wicklow County Committee of Agriculture for the half-year ended 30/9/39.

5th April, 1940, No. G.7466/3/40, consenting to the continuance of Overdraft Accommodation not exceeding £25,000 on the Accounts of the County Council for the period ending 31st May, 1940.

10th April, 1940, Ref. A.6187/40, enclosing copy of Auditor's Report on the Accounts of Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance for the two half-years ended 30th September, 1938, together with attested Abstracts.

12th April, 1940, No. RD/33, enclosing two copies of the Wicklow Main Roads Order as from the 1st instant, indicating all the Main Roads in the County.

13th April, 1940, No. G.5637/3/40, referring to an application from ex-Collector J. J. Doyle (No. 19 District) for the payment of a sum of £64 7 9 due to his solicitor, Mr. J. V. Lombard, and stating that the Minister has sanctioned payment of Poundage at the rate of Sevenpence in respect of amounts collected and lodged by ex-Collector Doyle on foot of warrants and arrears for 1938/39, payments of the sum now sanctioned to be made to Mr. Doyle's sureties who lodged the equivalent of the unaccounted portion of his warrant to credit of the County Council.

16th April, 1940, Ref. IR/113, referring to the conference of County Surveyors proposed to be held on the 7th to 9th May, 1940, and stating that the conference will be opened at 10.30 a.m., at the Engineers' Hall, Dawson Street, Dublin.

17th April, 1940, Ref. C.P.125/40, forwarding copy of the Emergency Powers (No. 18) Order, 1939, authorising an increase in the price of a commodity for which an official contractor has been appointed and providing for the revocation of the appointment of an official contractor for the supply of any commodity, etc.

18th April, 1940, No. 35/40, stating that the Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Bill, 1940, validating the Seed Schemes of 1939 and 1940, has now become law, and enclosing copy of the Bill.

9th December, 1940.

9th December, 1940.

26th April, 1940, No. G.12210/40, transmitting Query Form for completion by Miss C. V. Byrne (Shorthand-typist) and also Medical Report Form which Miss Byrne must have completed by a registered medical practitioner and returned direct to the Department.

22nd May, 1940, No. 48/1940, enclosing copy of the Public Assistance Act, 1939.

Copy of the Foot and Mouth Disease (Imported Carcasses and Packing Materials) (Amendment) Order, 1940.

23rd May, 1940, No. G.16734/39, transmitting copy of the Inspector's Report and also copy of the Engineer's Report for the purchase of Bellevue House, Wicklow, and stating the Minister is not prepared to approve of the acquisition of the premises for County Library purposes.

29th May, 1940, No. G.15260/40, stating that Tenders should be invited by advertisement in the customary manner for continuation of Printing Contract.

29th May, 1940, No. G.7466/4/40, consenting to the continuance of over-draft accommodation not exceeding £43,500 on the accounts of Wicklow County Council for the period ending 31st July, 1940.

20th June, 1940, No. F.53/40, stating that a Bill entitled "The Local Elections (Amendment) Act, 1940," has been introduced providing the day fixed as the appointed day for the purpose of the Local Elections Act, 1937, to be a day not later than the 30th September, 1941, instead of the 30th September, 1940; that the year 1940 be deemed to be a year in which triennial Elections are not held, that the provisions of the Act of 1927, re holding of Annual and Quarterly Meetings apply, and providing for the removal of any difficulties which may arise consequent upon the passing of the Bill.

21st June, 1940, No. G.12210/2/40, sanctioning the permanent appointment of Miss Veronica C. Byrne as Shorthand Writer-Typist.

1st July, 1940, No. F.16607/40, Cill Mhanntain (Pg) re holding of public Inquiry at Courthouse, Wicklow, on 16th July, in connection with Petition of County Council to be invested with powers to acquire compulsorily lands for the purpose of making New Link Road.

2nd July, 1940, No. 12210/5/40, transmitting Blank Query Forms for completion by Miss H. M. Meagher (Shorthand Writer-Typist) and Blank Medical Report Form for completion by a qualified Medical Practitioner.

4th July, 1940, sanctioning the renewal of Secondary School Scholarships in the cases of Julia Black and Patrick J. Kavanagh.

13th July, 1940, No. F/SGO/33 (addressed to County Surveyor) approving of the site at Leirinn Place, Wicklow, for the erection of a Weighbridge under Works No. Q.896 of the Road Improvement Grant, 1937/38.

16th July, 1940, No. G.12210/6/40, sanctioning the appointment of Miss H. M. Meagher as Shorthand Writer-Typist.

17th July, 1940, No. C.L. No. 46A/40, forwarding copy of the Local Government (Remission of Rates) Act, 1940.

18th July, 1940, No. G.11478/2/40, confirming the decision already arrived at concerning the proposed increase in remuneration to Miss G. McDermott, Courtkeeper, and refusing to receive a deputation in connection therewith.

19th July, 1940, noting the appointment by Wicklow County Council of Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., as County Surveyor, on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners.

22nd July, 1940, Ref. R/RS/33, approving of the appointment of Mr. Michael McDonagh Fleming, B.E., as Assistant County Surveyor for a period not exceeding three months or until the Local Appointments Commission recommend a permanent appointment, whichever first occurs.

22nd July, 1940, Ref. G.5762/9/40, setting forth the basis for payment of Second Moleity Poundage to Poor Rate Collectors.

25th July, 1940, stating arrangements have been made for distribution of balance of Estate Duty Grant to 31/3/40, Wicklow County Council's share being £359 0 1, and that a debit balance of £29,744 15 11 against the share of the County has been met out of Agricultural Grant.

30th July, 1940, G.7466/5/40, consenting to the continuance of over-draft accommodation on the accounts of Wicklow County Council to the extent of £46,000 for the period ending 31/8/40.

12th August, 1940, Ref. R/RU/206/31V, approving of the provisional allocation from the Employment Schemes Vote of a Grant of £400 towards the cost of works providing for the opening up of views of scenery.

13th August, 1940, Ref. A.22107/40, Cill Mhanntain (F), enclosing copy of Auditor's Report on the Accounts of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee for the year ended 31/3/40, and enclosing attested Abstract of the Accounts.

##### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

24th February, 1940, No. L.597/40, approving of the appointment of Wicklow County Council's Warble Fly Inspectors, and stating that the appointment of Mr. L. Wolohan to carry out organising and clerical work under the Warble Fly Order has been referred to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

29th March, 1940, No. L.597/40, approving of the appointment of Mr. John Pearse, Bolmass, Ashford, as temporary Warble Fly Inspector.

22nd May, 1940, No. L.1143/40, approving of the continuance temporarily of Mr. W. J. Richardson to substitute Mr. S. Conway, V.S., during the latter's illness.

7th June, 1940, re illness of Mr. S. Conway, V.S., and pointing out that no payment may be made to a Local Authority Veterinary Inspector when sick leave absence exceeds three months in any period of twelve months.

28th June, 1940, submitting copy of notice issued to the Press re Noxious Weeds Act, 1936, and drawing particular attention to the necessity for destroying noxious weeds on lands and roadsides for which the Council is responsible.

2nd July, 1940, L.1574/40, relative to Sheep Dipping Regulations and advising the necessity for issuing Forms and Posters in connection with these Regulations.

9th July, 1940, L.1438/40, approving of the Sheep Dipping Regulations adopted by Wicklow County Council for the current year.

11th July, 1940, No. L.1143/40, relative to remuneration allowed to Mr. W. J. Richardson, V.S., whilst acting as substitute for Mr. S. Conway, V.S., during the latter's period of sick leave, and stating the Minister does not approve of any payment of remuneration to Mr. Richardson in excess of that normally payable to Mr. Conway.

##### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE.

2nd April, 1940, No. ARP/95, referring to Section 35 of the A.R.P. Act, 1939, which provides that the Minister for Defence with the concurrence of the Minister for Finance shall, out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas pay towards such expenditure by a Local Authority under Part II of the Act as he may approve in accordance with Regulations.

10th May, 1940, No. ARP/345, relative to the posting of designation notices under the Air Raid Precautions Act, 1939, and the keeping of a Register in connection therewith under Section 20 (1) of the Act.

20th May, 1940, No. ARP/93, relative to the appeal of any person against the designation of any premises by a local authority.

7th June, 1940, No. ARP/495, regarding Gas Street Lighting.

5th July, 1940, No. ARP/99, referring to Section 61 of the A.R.P. Act, 1939, concerning storage of A.R.P. equipment acquired by the Minister and the loan and sale of such equipment.

11th July, 1940, No. ARP/31, enclosing copy of an Order made under the Emergency Powers Act, 1939, waiving as far as contracts for works or supplies for A.R.P. purposes are concerned, the provision in Section 57 of the Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847, and Section 201 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, that at least 18 days' public notice be given of contracts over £100.

15th July, 1940, No. ARP/781, notifying the distribution free to every householder in town and country of a booklet entitled "Civilian War Duties."

17th July, 1940, Ref. ARP/123, enclosing copy of the Emergency Powers (Control of Sounds) Order, 1940.

25th July, 1940, Ref. ARP/126, regarding the cowling and central control of street lighting.

10th August, 1940, Ref. ARP/43, relative to the advisability of advising the public to have Air Raid Shelters erected.



## FROM THE VALUATION DEPARTMENT.

26th July, 1940, stating that Mr. John McGrath will commence the Annual Revision of Valuation in County Wicklow on the 29th inst.

## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONERS.

11th May, 1940, Ref. IR.10409/482/40, drawing attention to the Resolution passed by Dáil Eireann on the 8th May, 1940, making the standard rate of Income Tax imposed for the year beginning on the 6th April, 1940, 6/6d in the pound.

## FROM THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL EDUCATION.

25th May, 1940, Uimír: TR.57048, stating that it is desirable that Schemes for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools should be submitted, in duplicate, for the approval of the Minister not later than 1st July.

## FROM THE COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

9th July, 1940, stating that notification has been given to Mr. C. H. Manders, 41, South King St., Dublin, pending instructions from the Library Committee, to use the vacant room in the Public Library, Greystones, for First Aid, A.R.P., and Local Security Force.

## FROM THE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

22nd July, 1940, enclosing two printed copies of the Sheep Dipping Regulations for the current year.

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

1st March, 1940, quoting sanction of Board of Directors to continue use of overdraft accommodation to the extent of £40,000 expiring 31/3/40.

3rd June, 1940, containing sanction of Board of Directors of increased overdraft accommodation up to £43,000 for period to 31/7/40.

6th August, 1940, sanctioning overdraft accommodation for the sum of £46,000 to 31/8/40.

## FROM THE COUNCIL'S SOLICITOR.

19th March, 1940, re application for the committal of Patrick Smyth, John Synctt and Christopher Byrne to Industrial Schools.

3rd April, 1940, re breach of Food and Drugs Act.—Peter O'Reilly, Avoca.

25th April, 1940, relative to Malicious Injury Claim of John Dillon.

9th May, 1940, notifying the committal of Margaret Porter, William Porter, John Porter, and Jane Porter to Industrial Schools.

10th May, 1940, relative to the Malicious Injury Claim of the Marchioness of Waterford v. Wicklow County Council.

10th May, 1940, relative to the Malicious Injury Claim of Dr. R. J. White.

25th May, 1940, relative to Malicious Injury Claim of John J. Doyle for the sums of £800 and £300.

18th July, 1940, reporting on the inquiry re the acquisition of land compulsorily for the construction of the new Link Road, Mr. Ryan, B.E., Local Government Inspector, attending.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS TO RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

Ta Tomas MacCathmhaoil agus a bhean Brighid an-bhuidheach de bharr do chomh-bron ar a bhas a mac, Colm.

"Teach Mhuire."  
Cill Mhantain.

Márta, 1940.

The relatives of the late Seamus Moore will hold in grateful remembrance your kind expression of sympathy in their great sorrow.

15, Albany Road,  
Ranelagh,  
Dublin.

June, 1940.

## RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER PUBLIC BODIES.

28th February, 1940, from Cavan County Council entering their emphatic protest against the Government's interference in the relations of farmers and their employees.

16th March, 1940, from Corporation of Drogheda, urging the Government to increase the Old Age Pension.

29th March, 1940, from Limerick County Council requesting the introduction of legislation by the Government to relieve the Ratepayers from the crushing burden imposed on them consequent upon the reduction of valuations of the Great Southern Railway properties.

1st April, 1940, from Longford County Council, condemning the unnatural Border existing in this country.

9th April, 1940, from Dublin County Council, adjourning consideration of their Estimates and Determination of Rates with a view to a reduction of the Demands furnished by the Subsidiary Bodies.

3rd May, 1940, from Longford County Council, protesting against the low controlled prices from all farm produce exported and the high prices payable for all imported stuffs, and asking that the Government pass a Short Bill entitled "The 1940 Economy Salary Bill."

22nd May, 1940, from Grangeegorman Mental Hospital, rescinding the Resolution granting a cost of living bonus to all attendants and nurses and disapproving of a supplemental demand on the contributing Councils for the payment thereof.

27th June, 1940, from Wicklow Urban District Council, resolving that the Air Raid Precautions Scheme should provide for Air Raid Shelters and the necessary equipment in the Town of Wicklow.

6th July, from Wexford Urban District Council calling for the release of all untried political prisoners.

2nd March, 1940, from the New Ireland Assurance Co., Ltd., 12 Dawson Street, Dublin, dealing with the inauguration of an insurance scheme for employees of Wicklow County Council.

5th March, 1940, from the Hon. Secretaries, Cumann na mBan, 12, St. Andrew Street, Dublin, outlining the position in Arbour Hill and Mountjoy Prisons where a hunger-strike is in progress, and protesting against criminal treatment being given to political prisoners.

(Undated) from Irish Prisoners' National Aid Society, Belfast, regarding the treatment of the internees in Derry Prison and the alleged persecution of the people of North-East Ulster.

12th March, 1940, from Mrs. M. Foley, Blessington, enclosing Medical Certificate signed by Dr. J. M. Clearkin, to the effect that Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., is unfit to resume duty for one week.

19th March, 1940, Ref. 1050/40, correspondence relative to complaints received concerning the premises of Mrs. J. Stephens, Ashford.

20th March, 1940, from Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County M.O.E., Rathdrum, enclosing copy of Report from the Sanitary sub-Officer of his inspection of the premises of Mrs. J. Stephens, Ashford.

27th March, 1940, from Garda C. McCarthy (Acting for Sergeant on Leave), stating that Mrs. J. Stephens, Ashford, was convicted at Wicklow District Court on the 20/3/40 for an offence under Section 10, Sub-Section 5 of the Summary Jurisdiction Act, 1861, for laying rubbish, etc., on the public road at Ashford.

3rd April, 1940, from Grangeegorman Mental Hospital, relative to the admission of a patient from Farnham House Private Asylum subject to rate of payment proposed being accepted by Wicklow County Council.

5th April, 1940, from The Institute of Municipal and County Engineers, 3, Brandstone Road, Kew Gardens, Surrey, stating the sixty-seventh Annual General Meeting and Conference will be held in London on the 20th and 21st June, 1940.

11th April, 1940, from C. P. Curran, Esq., B.E., Abbey Buildings, Middle Abbey Street, Dublin, seeking engagement should the County Council require any professional assistance regarding the compensation, etc., which it may be necessary to allot to owners of lands in connection with the construction of the new Link Road.

12th April, 1940, from Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health, County Home, Rathdrum, enclosing his Annual Report for the year 1939.

27th April, 1940, from the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers, 3, Irvine Terrace, East Road, Dublin, enclosing an Agreement between the Wicklow Master Builders and Wicklow Branch of above Society, for the guidance of all concerned.

9th December, 1940.

3rd April, 1940, from Sergeant P. J. Silke, Garda Síochána, Ashford, relative to complaints received concerning the premises of Mrs. J. Stephens, Ashford.

9th May, 1940, from the County Printing Works, Wicklow, pointing out that owing to conditions prevailing consequent upon the European War, it is an impossibility for would-be Contractors to quote prices extending over the required period, and offering to supply during the year ending 30/9/41 all Printing set forth in the present Contract at the fixed prices appearing therein plus 20%.

14th May, 1940, from Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health, stating he was refused admission to inspect the premises of Mrs. Jane Stephens, Ashford.

18th May, 1940, from the Irish Society for the Protection of Birds, Dublin, thanking the County Secretary for the information he has given in connection with Wild Birds Protection Orders.

24th May, 1940, from Mr. Edwin Hammond, Carnew, stating he would act as Arbitrator in connection with the acquisition of lands for the construction of the New Link Road.

27th May, 1940, from Mrs. J. Conway, "Salem," Wicklow, enclosing Medical Certificate, signed by Dr. H. Quinlan, to the effect that Mr. S. Conway, V.S., is convalescent from bronchitis and asthma and will be unfit for duty for three weeks.

4th June, 1940, from Mr. Michael Donoghue, Mountain Villa, Ballybrack, Co. Dublin, enclosing Medical Certificates from Dr. A. A. O'Connor and Dr. M. Hegarty.

10th June, 1940, from the Women's Societies and Social Workers' Joint Committee, 9, Ely Place, Dublin, asking the opinion of the Council concerning an enclosed memorandum relating to work of probation officers.

12th June, 1940, from Arklow Urban District Council, returning circular letter re A.R.P.—Gas Street Lighting—which had been forwarded by County Secretary to the former.

17th June, 1940, from Miss Veronica C. Byrne, 14, Brennan's Parade, Bray, explaining her inability to take up duty immediately due to vaccination.

21st June, 1940, from S. Conway, V.S., Salem, Wicklow, notifying his resumption of duty from that date.

24th June, 1940, from Miss Veronica C. Byrne, 14, Brennan's Parade, Bray, stating she is prepared to take up duty as shorthand writer-typist from the 1st prox.

1st July, 1940, from Dr. A. A. O'Connor, Wicklow, stating Mr. Michael Donoghue will not be fit to resume duty for one month.

1st July, 1940, from Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health, on the establishment of branches of the Red Cross in the County.

1st July, 1940, from the Secretary, Comradh na Gaedhíge, 14, Parnell Square, Dublin, relative to the appointment of the President of University College, Dublin.

16th July, 1940, from the Secretary, University College, Dublin, stating that Miss Bridget Lawler, a Wicklow County Council Scholarship Holder, passed the recent Higher Diploma in Education Examination with second class Honours.

25th July, 1940, from Mr. M. Donoghue, stating he attended that day for X-Ray examination and hoped to be in a position to resume duty on the 1st prox.

Report from the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis for the year 1939.

9th December, 1940.

*Handwritten signature and date:*  
12/12/40

17<sup>th</sup> February, 1941.

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 17<sup>th</sup> February, 1941.

The following Members were present:—Councillors Edward Byrne, P. P. O'Reilly, J. Everett, T.D.; Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); P. D. Kinseila, J. J. Bourne, W. Hammond, George Heatley, J. J. Metcalfe, Major R. Smith, Patrick Doyle (Wincavern); M. J. Brennan, James McCreagh, Daniel J. Kehoe, Michael Timmins, John P. O'Donnell.

In the absence of the Chairman the Chair was taken by Councillor Edward Byrne, Vice-Chairman.

**BUSINESS.**

- To consider County Surveyor's Report on the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the year 1941-1942.
- To consider the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the Services of the financial year ending 31st March, 1942, as prepared and submitted by the County Surveyor.
- To consider letters from Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E.: (1) explaining why there were no Paysheets submitted by him in respect of the men employed in his area for the week which ended on the 15th November, 1940, and (2) asking for an increase in the £100 travelling allowance made annually to him.
- To consider application from Assistant Surveyor J. P. Caffrey, B.E., for an increase in the £100 travelling allowance made annually to him.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE MANNTAIN.

**COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.**

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In presenting my estimate for the upkeep of the Roads in County Wicklow during the forthcoming year 1941/42, I have had due regard to the suggestions contained in the Resolution passed by your Finance Committee on 10th January, 1941, requesting that "the figures in the Scheme for 1941/42 should be kept as low as possible." I believe, that when you will have compared the figures submitted to you hereunder, you will agree that I have complied with the terms of that Resolution and that I have well attempted to meet the circumstances of the situation. You will observe that I have made a drastic, and, perhaps, unjustifiable reduction in the amounts I seek now, as compared with my figures for 1940/41. Having regard to the requirements of the road system, generally, and the maintenance, repairs and improvements which are desirable, I am somewhat in fear that I have rather gone below the limits necessary for your roads during 1941/42. Very careful and intensive supervision will be necessary to get through the coming year with the low amounts estimated. If the roads are not maintained, even in their present condition, and, perhaps, you decide to lower still further, the necessary expenditure on them, you will find, within a short time, that much greater expenditure will be needed to restore them even to their present condition.

It would not be altogether logical to suggest that, because a temporary diminution in traffic is likely, owing to war restrictions, a lesser amount of money will be required: I agree with that argument, to some extent, and, indeed my agreement is reflected in the reduced demand which I put before you to-day. At the same time, roads are roads, and there are obvious limits from below which I cannot advise you to depart; ordinary weather conditions are affecting surfaces continually, and, even so, the numbers of heavier motor vehicles using them will not be materially reduced. Traffic on "County" Roads, as such, will, I think, increase, a fact which has been impressed on you in reports during the last two or three years. An endeavour has been made to meet this problem by progressively increasing the County Road demand in the last two or three estimates. Another point to be observed is that the amount passed for Main Roads (maintenance) carries with it a forty per cent grant from Central Funds, so that almost pound for pound is borne by the Ratepayers and the Central Authority. The considerable number of men engaged in road works during the year, both permanently and casually, is also a factor to be remembered in making your decisions; a reduction in employment during these vital times is to be avoided if possible.

Therefore, I put before you my Road Estimate for 1941/42 as being the very lowest limit of expenditure which I can conscientiously recommend to you for acceptance. I do so with confidence that you will carefully consider it, and, that, realising that extended and full thought has been given to it, especially on this occasion, you will agree to give it your approval in its entirety.

Below is a series of comparative figures, compiled for your information, and to enable you to appreciate the position of the Road Administration in this County.

There appeared to be an impression, in some parts of this County, that a dis-proportionately amount of monies is expended on roads in the North-Eastern section, as compared with the Western and perhaps the Southern Areas. Hereunder is shown the relative expenditure for 1940/41.

17<sup>th</sup> February, 1941.

TABLE I.

(a) Total Road Mileage (all roads)...	Amount for Maintenance 1940/41	Rate per mile
Main Roads ... 264 miles.	£24,984	£94 6s.
County Roads ... 874 miles.	£18,948	£21 6s.
<b>TOTALS</b> 1,138 miles.		

  

(b) Mileage in each Road Area.		
North Eastern Section		
Main Roads ... 134 miles.	£12,250	£91 4s.
County Roads ... 292 miles.	£6,525	£22 4s.
Southern Section		
Main Roads ... 68 miles.	£7,608	£111 8s.
County Roads ... 308 miles.	£7,075	£22 9s.
Western Section		
Main Roads ... 62 miles.	£5,126	£82 6s.
County Roads ... 274 miles.	£5,318	£19 5s.

An examination of these figures will show that, whilst the heaviest traffic and the most important road routes are in the North Eastern Section, the rate per mile is not the highest; the rates shown for the Western Area are in equal proportion to, and would read the same as the general county figure if the rate of wages were similar; the wages in the Western District are 30/- per week as compared with 32/6 and 37/6d. per week in the Northern District. It is, therefore, quite erroneous to assume that the Western portion of the County was not relatively as well served, at least in the allocation of Road Monies.

TABLE II. COMPARISON OF ESTIMATE FOR REPAIRS TO MAIN AND COUNTY ROADS FROM 1930/31 TO 1941/42

	Main	County	Totals
1930/31	45,720	18,883	64,603
1931/32	43,180	20,357	63,537
1932/33	42,834	27,487	70,321
1933/34	36,099	26,359	62,458
1934/35	49,854	26,731	76,585
1935/36	49,849	55,532	105,381
1936/37	54,583	73,747	128,330
1937/38	61,546	87,278	148,824
1938/39	66,865	88,734	155,609
1939/40	32,008	29,795	61,803
1940/41	33,763	31,509	65,272
1941/42	29,452	20,242	49,694

TABLE III. COMPARISON OF AMOUNTS ALLOWED BY COUNTY COUNCIL FOR REPAIRS TO MAIN AND COUNTY ROADS FROM 1930/31 TO 1940/41.

	Main	County	Totals
1930/31	17,683	13,122	30,805
1931/32	17,083	13,622	30,705
1932/33	21,883	16,061	37,944
1933/34	17,960	13,332	31,292
1934/35	23,446	13,332	36,778
1935/36	28,420	13,484	41,904
1936/37	26,552	13,150	39,702
1937/38	26,572	18,581	45,153
1938/39	27,107	21,960	49,067
1939/40	27,042	19,644	46,686
1940/41	29,452	20,242	49,694
(Estimate) 1941/42			

TABLE IV. TOTAL ESTIMATE FOR ALL ROADS, 1940/41.

	Main	County	Totals
Repairs	33,763	31,608	65,371
Proposals	5,204	4,974	10,178
Loans	318	149	467
Contingencies	1,500	500	2,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£40,785</b>	<b>£37,231</b>	<b>£78,016</b>

TABLE V. TOTAL AMOUNT ALLOWED BY COUNTY COUNCIL, 1940/41.

	Main	County	Totals
Repairs	27,042	19,644	46,686
Proposals	2,190	3,500	5,690
Loans	318	146	464
Contingencies	450	250	700
<b>Total</b>	<b>£30,000</b>	<b>£22,500</b>	<b>£52,500</b>

TABLE VI. TOTAL ESTIMATE FOR ALL ROADS, 1941/42.

	Main	County	Totals
Repairs	29,452	20,242	49,694
Proposals	2,125	3,855	5,980
Loans	312	714	1,026
Contingencies	400	400	800
<b>Total</b>	<b>£32,289</b>	<b>£25,211</b>	<b>£57,500</b>

An examination of those tables will show that my Estimate for this year has been fairly modified in an effort to meet your own difficulties; but at the same time I must again impress on you that the total demand of £57,500 is the extreme limit of safety necessary to deal with the situation.

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SEOSAMH T. Ua BROIN, B.E.,

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10ad Feabhra, 1941.

Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith; Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly. Resolved: That the County Surveyor's Report, as printed and circulated to each Member, be approved and noted. Passed.

**PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME FOR YEAR 1941/1942.**

The Secretary submitted this Scheme which had been prepared by the County Surveyor.

After a prolonged discussion on the amounts to be allowed for Main Roads in the forthcoming financial year it was

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

17<sup>th</sup> February, 1941.

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne:

Resolved: That we raise by means of Poor Rates for expenditure on Main Roads in the coming year 1941/1942, the same figure as the County Surveyor asked for Main Roads in the Provisional Road Works Scheme, i.e., £32,289, the whole Scheme, so far as Main Roads are concerned, to be marked by the County Surveyor accordingly.

After further discussion as to the amount to be raised and set aside for County Roads during the forthcoming financial year, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne:

Resolved: That we raise by means of Rates for expenditure on County Roads in the coming year 1941/1942, the same figure as the County Surveyor asked for County Roads in the Provisional Road Works Scheme, viz., £25,211, the whole Scheme, so far as County Roads are concerned, to be marked by the County Surveyor accordingly. Passed. The effect of these two Resolutions is shown in the following Schedule, and these are the figures that will be incorporated in the Council's Estimates for the service of the financial year which will end on the 31st March, 1942:—

Description.	SUMMARY OF ESTIMATE.			ALLOWED BY COUNCIL		
	Main Roads.	County Roads	Total	Main Roads	County Roads.	Total
Part 1 (REPAIRS)	£29,452	£20,242	£49,694	£29,452	£20,242	£49,694
Part 2 (IMPROVEMENTS)						
(a) Proposals submitted by Acting County Surveyor	600	2,910	3,510	600	2,910	3,510
(b) Proposals submitted by County Councillors	1,525	945	2,470	1,525	945	2,470
(c) Loan Repayments	312	714	1,026	312	714	1,026
Part 3 (CONTINGENCIES)	400	400	800	400	400	800
Total Estimate	£25,211	£25,211	£57,500	£32,289	£25,211	£57,500

The following letters were again submitted by the County Secretary,  
Court House,  
Wicklow,  
21st November, 1940.

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

## PAYSHEETS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 15/11/40.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your query to-day as to the reason why no paysheets for the above period are being presented to you for the Finance Meeting on to-morrow, 22nd instant, I enclose copy of a letter dated the 19th instant received from Assistant Surveyor Foley, B.E.

I appreciate his anxiety in having these paysheets properly completed before presentation, but it would appear from his letter that either he or his gangers (I presume he means Overseers) are not yet sufficiently experienced in the preparation of these documents, or else this is a further example of a careless supervision which would seem to prevail in the West Wicklow District.

I think Mr. Foley's letter clearly supports my contention that it is necessary that he should attend personally at my office in Wicklow at the end of each pay period for the purpose of examining all documents in connection therewith.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Surveyor/Engineer,  
32-33 Lower Abbey Street, Dublin.  
19th November, 1940.

Dear Sir,

The paysheets for last week did not contain sufficient information on the face of them to warrant placing them before an Auditor. I have communicated with the gangers on the matter, and asked them to make the necessary returns which should be attached to the paysheets.

Yours faithfully,

P. J. FOLEY,  
J. T. O'Byrne, Esq., B.E., Wicklow.  
32-33 Lower Abbey Street, Dublin, C.S.  
15th November, 1940.

The Chairman,  
Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.  
Gentlemen,

Since your Special Meeting on the 7th August, when the Council decided on weekly payments, I have been requested by the County Surveyor to attend at his office once a week for the purpose of being present when he examines the paysheets for the period. This will involve an annual out-of-pocket expense to me of at least £75, and in addition involve the loss of a day.

I have been asked also to collect the paysheets which have been hitherto sent to me by post, and this will involve an outlay of approximately £50. As my ordinary expenses last year amounted to £170, £100 of which was repaid to me, it will be observed that only a sum of £20 or £30 will be left out of my salary of £200.

This method of collection and dealing with the paysheets was not provided for in the direct labour scheme adopted by the Council, and I would respectfully suggest that if there are any matters that require explanation as regards the paysheets such explanation should be in writing so that it will be available for the Auditor.

I have up to the present attended at Wicklow at the County Surveyor's personal request.

If the present system is to continue I shall have to ask the Council to extend the limit of the expenses payable to me to cover these journeys. If I did not use a motor car it would be quite impossible to cover the work at all.

I am confident the Members will deal with me fairly in the matter.

I am, your obedient servant,

P. J. FOLEY.

17<sup>th</sup> February, 1941.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;  
Seconded by Councillor P. D. Kinsella:

Resolved: that the County Surveyor be informed that in our opinion it is not necessary for Assistant Surveyors to come weekly to his offices with Pay Sheets, and we hereby relieve the Assistant Surveyors from that particular duty.

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

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors W. Hammond, P. P. O'Reilly, D. J. Kehoe, J. J. Metcalfe, M. Timmins, George Heatley, Major R. Smith, M. J. Brennan, P. D. Kinsella—9.

AGAINST—Councillors James McCrea, J. J. Bourne, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy), Patrick Doyle (Winetavern), James Everett, T.D.—5.

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

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., requested that it be recorded in the Minutes that in his opinion this matter should have been dealt with by a Notice of Motion, it being as he suggested a financial subject. The Chairman, after consultation with the Secretary, ruled that a Notice of Motion was not required in the circumstances.

Further, the Presiding Chairman having obtained the views of the Council on Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley's application for an increased travelling allowance, marked his letter of application with the word "Refused."

The following application was submitted by Assistant Surveyor J. P. Caffrey, B.E.:

Aughrim,  
P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.  
24th January, 1941.

Dear Sir,

I would like you to put before the next Meeting of the County Council my application for an increase in travelling expenses.

I receive from the County Council £100 per year, but my out-of-pocket expenses amount to £195 per year and this figure does not include any item for car-renewal.

When the County Council had before them the re-organization of the Engineering Services for the County they approved of giving the Engineering staff full travelling expenses at 5d. per mile, and I would be obliged if the Council would consider putting this part of the scheme into operation in my case.

Yours faithfully,

J. P. CAFFREY.

After some discussion Mr. Caffrey submitted the following further letter:

Court House, Wicklow.  
17th February, 1941

The Presiding Chairman,  
Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

During the luncheon interval I have had a conversation with the County Secretary, Mr. Healy, and he informed me that the County Council has already passed a resolution covering the points raised in my application and that this resolution is awaiting the approval of the Minister for Local Government. In the circumstances I wish to withdraw my application.

Yours faithfully,

J. P. CAFFREY.

Having considered this letter the Council were unanimous in deciding to allow Mr. Caffrey to withdraw his application.

*Cawara Byrne*

19/5/1941

17<sup>th</sup> February, 1941.

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 p.m. on Monday, the 17th February, 1941.

The following Members were present:—

Councillors Edward Byrne, P. P. O'Reilly, J. Everett, T.D.; Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); P. D. Kinsella, J. J. Bourne, W. Hammond, George Heatley, J. J. Metcalfe, Major R. Smith, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); M. J. Brennan, James McCrea, Daniel J. Kehoe, Michael Timmins, John P. O'Donnell, Senator C. M. Byrne.

In the absence of the Chairman, the chair was taken by Councillor Edward Byrne, Vice-Chairman.

#### BUSINESS:

- To confirm and sign Minutes of previous Meetings.
- To consider Finance Committee's Reports.
- To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance.
- To consider proposals for Payments from the Proposals Committee.
- To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments.
- To consider proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee.
- To Seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- To sign applications for refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- To consider applications for Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
- To consider applications for Licences under the Explosives Act, 1875.
- To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne:—  
"That the consent of this Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of £1,000 (One Thousand Pounds) from their Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., for the purpose of installing a Water Supply at Valleymount, in the County Health District; the Loan to be repaid in ten years."
- To pass a Resolution ratifying the permanent appointment of Mr. Michael J. Healy as Poor Rate Collector in No. 9 District, he having completed satisfactorily, long since, the prescribed probationary period.
- To make arrangements for the appointment of a Welsh Clerk for the new Weighbridge which the County Council has authorised to be erected on an approved site on The Marrows, Wicklow.
- To receive a Supplemental Opinion from Mr. M. J. Ryan, S.C., following his consultation with the Finance Committee regarding the powers of the Council to increase the wages of road workers and carters and other questions submitted to him.
- To consider correspondence from the Department of Agriculture regarding the balance of £15 remuneration withheld from Mr. John Pearse, of Bolinass, Ashford, because of adverse reports of his work as Sheep Dipping Inspector by Mr. S. Conway, V.S.
- To consider County Surveyor's Report.
- To consider the County Solicitor's report on a letter from Mrs. Sarah Roberts, Laragh, Glendalough, protesting against the Council's action in closing a stile from the public road to the back of her premises, which stile she claims has been in existence for sixty years.
- To receive and consider the County Surveyor's Report following his investigation, with the assistance of Local Councillors, on the claim of Mr. Charles Byrne, Ballytunny, for damages to his land by flooding in consequence, as alleged by him, of the neglect of the Council's employees.
- To consider an offer of a Special Grant from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health of £370 for the repair of the County Road in the vicinity of Cornagower Cross Roads, subject to a contribution from the Rates of £130.
- To consider an offer of a Special Grant from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health of £1,500 out of Employment Scheme Vote 1940-41 (Roads) Rural subject to the contribution from the Rates of £560.
- To consider a file of correspondence received from the Electricity Supply Board in connection with the roads affected by the operation of the Liffey Reservoir Act, 1936.
- To consider a communication from the County Surveyor intimating that the work on the road from Lacken to Ballyknocken, in which the Electricity Supply Board is mainly concerned, is held up because it was not possible to arrive at an agreement for reasonable compensation to the owners of land adjoining the road where widening is essential.
- To consider a Memorial from Residents and Ratepayers in Blessington and District demanding the construction of a concrete footpath from Blessington to Crosschapel, and also the immediate removal of the dangerous corner at the latter place.
- To consider a communication from Greystones and District Ratepayers' Association to have a footpath made on the south side of Victoria Road from the Railway Arch to the intersection of Church Road.
- To consider a communication from Belgany Labour Club pointing out a number of works in their district, which it is believed require to be carried out urgently.
- To receive the decision of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the Council's Resolution approving and adopting the Conference Report in connection with the re-organisation Scheme for County Engineering, and to complete two Forms No. 111 asking the Local Appointments Commission to select and recommend two candidates suitable for the two vacant positions as Assistant Surveyors in the County.
- To consider an application from Tinahely Parish Committee to have certain alterations made in the Courthouse, Tinahely, so as to leave it suitable for the holding of Meetings, Lectures and Social events.
- To re-appoint the Warble Fly Inspectors for the period commencing on the 1st March, 1941, and to consider a letter from the Department of Agriculture on the subject.

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- To consider two applications for compensation for damage to property alleged to be due to the explosion of two Magnetic Mines near Kilmacanogue by Government Order.
- To consider application from the Irish Tourist Association for the continuation in 1941-42 of the Council's annual contribution for Tourists purposes.
- To consider the following Resolutions passed by the County Committee of Agriculture on the 26th November, 1940:—  
"Resolved: That we recommend that in future a subsidy of £25 be allowed for the erection of new swim baths, and that we agree to four new baths being erected in Mr. Conway's area, subject to the sanction of the Department of Agriculture."  
"Resolved: That we hereby approve of our Committee's previous proposal of a subsidy of £25 each being allowed to the following persons—recommended by Mr. S. Conway, V.S.—for the erection of public swim baths:—

Joseph Clancy, Ballyereen, Aghrim.  
Michael Kelly, Knockrath, Rathdrum.  
Peter Bradshaw, Ballymacsimon, Glencaly.  
W. Doyle, Glenmacanass, Laragh."

- To consider a large file of correspondence dealing with a number of matters having relation to Air Raid Precautions, including a letter from the Air Raid Precaution Branch of the Department of Defence, dated the 25th November, 1940, and to re-examine the entire position in the County in which there is not at the moment any approved and adopted Air Raid Precaution Scheme.
- To consider a Report relating to Fees for County Analyst as prepared by an Emergency Committee of the County Council's General Council.
- To receive Minutes of proceedings of Monthly Meetings of County Wicklow Library Committee.
- To consider official correspondence.
- To consider general correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Major R. Smith;

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

Passed unanimously.

The following letter from the County Secretary of the Irish Farmers' Federation was submitted:—

#### THE IRISH FARMERS' FEDERATION

P. T. Healy, Esq., Secretary, Springfield, Wicklow County Council, Kilbrida, Wicklow, Courthouse, Wicklow, 15th February, 1941.

Dear Mr. Healy,

At our Annual Convention on the 4th February, I was instructed to ask you what date will the General Meeting of the County Council be held as we wish to send a small Deputation to the County Council that day.

I believe we have to apply at the previous meeting if we want a Deputation received, and as I understand there is a meeting on the 17th inst., I hope you will bring this letter before them.

As the farmers at the present need all available cash procurable for the purchase of seeds, manures, and wages, in order to get in sufficient crops, we request the Council to extend by two months the period for payment of 1940-41 Rates. Owing to the dislocation caused by the Foot-and-Mouth Disease, it would be a dreadful hardship to have farmers forced to sell their cattle now.

Yours faithfully,  
ELIZABETH F. BOBBETT,  
County Secretary.

Order: The reception of a small Deputation from the Irish Farmers' Federation to be placed as an Item on the Agenda for the Special Meeting of the County Council to be held towards the end of March, 1941.

On the Secretary's Application it was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor James McCrea;

Resolved: Having regard to the fact that it was not possible to consider the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1942, until this day's meeting, we hereby direct that a Special Meeting of the County Council be convened for the 19th March, 1941, at which Special Meeting this Council will strike the Rates for the service of the year 1941-1942, and will transact such business as may not have been reached to-day and also transact such other business as may arise in the meantime, and we hereby direct our Secretary to make formal application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to vary the terms of Article 79 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, so as to allow of the Rates for the forthcoming financial year 1941-1942 being struck at the forthcoming Special Meeting to be held on Wednesday, the 19th March, 1941.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Major R. Smith;

Resolved: That we, the County Council for the County of Wicklow, who have sixteen Poor Rate Collectors in our service, of which eleven are compelled to keep, maintain and run motor vehicles because of the extent of the area comprised in their respective collections, having learned that no Petrol Vouchers have so far been granted for the current period to any of our Poor Rate Collectors, and, further, having been informed by the County Secretary that the Poor Rate Collection is already and must be in future very gravely affected as a consequence of the Collectors being unable to travel through their areas, hereby appeal to the Minister for Supplies to grant to each of our Collectors his sufficient supply of petrol to carry on his duties, and we direct our Secretary to ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to use his influence with the Minister for Supplies with a view to giving effect to the terms of this Resolution, as otherwise it is not alone possible, but highly probable, that the Social Services in this County will collapse for want of money.

Passed.

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### FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

(No. 1).

The usual Weekly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 10th January, 1941.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor D. H. Haskins, Chairman; Councillors Major R. Smith, J. P. Kehoe, J. P. O'Donnell, J. Everett, T.D., and Senator C. M. Byrne.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the Reports received from the Rate Inspector since the Committee's last Meeting, and also the following Statement showing the condition of the Poor Rate Collection in the County as it stood on the 31st December, 1940:—

#### 1940/1941 RATES.

District No.	Amount of Warrant	Amount Collected to Date	Discount Allowed	Amount not Collected
1	£7,927 3 11	£4,133 17 5	£38 14 7	£3,749 11 11
2	5,692 15 5	2,437 0 1	17 2 4	2,588 13 0
3	4,115 8 4	1,879 3 0	13 2 1	2,223 3 3

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4/5	7,782 0 10	3,537 14 9	20 12 10	4,223 13 3
6	6,923 4 6	3,943 9 2	12 10 10	4,021 4 6
7	17,810 19 9	9,241 5 2	56 6 11	8,513 7 8
8	4,839 7 6	2,656 17 0	12 2 2	2,170 8 4
9	16,063 17 3	8,733 5 9	39 5 11	7,291 5 7
10	5,569 14 4	3,089 7 1	11 10 3	2,483 11 0
11	9,991 13 2	4,251 18 4	32 17 4	3,702 17 6
12	9,504 2 5	3,213 7 10	12 9 10	5,673 4 9
13/14/15	12,144 0 6	6,017 6 6	31 14 7	6,094 19 5
16	9,190 15 7	4,495 16 6	42 17 3	4,652 1 10
17	6,580 1 11	2,993 3 10	22 8 7	3,559 9 6
18	6,589 18 2	3,206 1 2	35 12 0	3,348 5 0
19	5,086 0 11	2,129 8 6	9 4 1	2,947 8 4
Totals	£133,270 4 6	65,604 2 1	£408 17 7	£67,257 4 10

## 1939/1940 RATES.

Holdings acquired in whole or in part by Electricity Supply Board.

District No.	Amount of Warrant	Amount Collected to Date	Discount Allowed	Amount not Collected
5	£2,386 3 4	£2,148 3 3	£2 14 7	£239 16 7
6	6,006 14 6	5,832 10 5	11 10 10	1551 13 6
Totals	£10,992 17 10	£8,030 13 8	£14 5 5	£1,591 10 1

The Secretary submitted the following letter:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,  
Custom House, Dublin.

Circ. No. 116/40.

20th December, 1940.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

## SEEDS AND FERTILISERS SUPPLY SCHEME.

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I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state he has received representations that the special facilities authorised by the Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Act, 1940, for the supply of seed potatoes, wheat, oat and barley seeds and fertilisers to cultivators of land who cannot obtain supplies out of their own resources, should be continued in the forthcoming season. The Minister accordingly desires every County Council to consider as early as possible whether there is need for a seeds and fertilisers scheme in the county, and, if there is to adopt a scheme.

The usual steps should be taken to ensure there is adequate publicity of whatever facilities are made available. The instructions given in Circular Letter of 1st February, 1940 (No. 3/40) with regard to undertakings to pay will apply.

A Bill on the lines of the Act passed this year to validate action taken by the County Council in accordance with the above instructions will be introduced by the Government.

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To the Secretary of  
the County Council.

Having regard to the exceptional circumstances prevailing consequent upon the War, the Committee were unanimously of the opinion that a Scheme should be operated in 1941 along the lines of the Scheme approved and adopted by the Council in 1940.

The Committee further decided to approve and adopt the following Scheme, and as its success demands that it receive immediate publicity, the Committee directed the Secretary to have the usual advertisements issued forthwith in the local papers, all applications thereunder to be submitted to this Committee for approval at the first available meeting after they have been received in the Council's Offices.

## SEEDS AND FERTILISERS.

The Wicklow County Council is prepared to receive and consider such applications as are addressed to the Secretary, Wicklow County Council, County Council Offices, Court House, Wicklow, and received by him up to but not later than the 1st April, 1941, for a supply, on loan terms, of seed potatoes, wheat seeds, oat seeds, barley seeds, and fertilizers, to occupiers or cultivators of land who cannot procure supplies out of their own resources. The conditions and terms under which loans will be entered into are the same as in the 1940 Scheme, namely:—

1. The maximum amount of loan to any one applicant will be £15.
  2. This amount will be varied according to the amount of land in the possession of each person down to five acres.
  3. Persons having under five acres, or cottiers, may, however, procure seeds up to the value of £1.
  4. All persons, including those referred to in paragraph three, will be required to give the names and addresses of two guarantors undertaking responsibility for the repayment of the loan, who are rate-payers in County Wicklow.
  5. The loan is to be repaid in full with interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum after the crop is harvested.
  6. The amount of the loan (if any) advanced will not be paid to the applicant, but will be paid to the merchant or the neighbouring farmer from whom the applicant has purchased the seeds or fertilizers, on properly vouched accounts submitted to the Secretary of the County Council.
- In order to procure a loan under this Scheme, the applicant must comply with the following conditions:—
1. Write an application to the Secretary of the County Council as directed above.
  2. Give his full name, postal address, and the Electoral Division in which he resides.
  3. Attach to his application the rate receipt or rate receipts, showing that he has paid his rates in full up to the 30th September, 1940. In the case of cottiers, the rent receipt must be attached instead of the rate receipt.
  4. He is to give the acreage to be planted, the quantity of seeds of each class required, and (or) the amount and class of fertilizers required.
  5. He is to give the name and address of the Merchant or Neighbour Farmer who is prepared to supply the seeds, and the name and address of the Merchant who is prepared to supply the fertilizers.
  6. He is also to give the names and addresses of the ratepayers guaranteeing repayment of the loan, as well as their rate numbers.

It is to be clearly understood that any person who still owes money to the County Council under a loan obtained for seeds on any previous occasion must pay that amount, including interest, to the County Council before he can obtain a loan under this new Scheme.

The County Council, acting through the Members of their Finance Committee, reserve the right to reject any application.

If it is decided to give a loan to an applicant, a form of official application and bond will be immediately sent to him or her, and this document must be signed by the applicant and the guarantors in the presence of the Merchant or person from whom the seeds are to be obtained, and stamped with a 6d. stamp.

This document must then be returned to the Secretary of the County Council, and if it is found to be in order the Secretary of the County Council will then send an order to the Merchant or person from whom the applicant is to arrange to take delivery of the seeds or fertilizers, and following the receipt of this Order the said Merchant or Farmer may notify the applicant

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to take delivery.

By Order,

Signed—P. T. HEALY,  
County Secretary.Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow,  
14th January, 1941.

The Secretary, in accordance with the Order made by the County Council at their Special Meeting held on the 9th December, 1940, submitted to the Committee (1) a letter from the County Surveyor, dated the 21st November, 1940, enclosing (2) a letter dated the 19th November, 1940, from Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., explaining why there were no Pay Sheets submitted by him in respect of the men employed in his area for the week which ended on the 15th November, 1940, and (3) a letter dated the 15th November, 1940, from Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., asking for an increase in his annual travelling allowances.

Believing that these were matters which should be considered by the County Council as a body, the Committee directed the Secretary to submit them to the Council at the Special Meeting of that Body which is to be held for the purpose of considering the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the Service of the Financial Year 1941/1942.

The Committee having discussed with the County Surveyor the matters which had held him up in his preparation of the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the year 1941/42, it was

Proposed by Councillor David H. Haskins;

Seconded by Councillor J. P. O'Donnell:

Resolved: That we, the Finance Committee of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct our Secretary to convene the Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council to consider the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the Service of the Financial Year 1941-1942 for twelve o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 27th January, 1941, and that our Secretary point out meantime to the Department of Local Government and Public Health that the preparation of the above Scheme cannot be completed and handed to the County Printer until the Minister has issued to this Council his decision on the re-organisation Scheme for County Engineering approved long since by the County Council and the Board of Health and Public Assistance, as in that Scheme it is contemplated to have four whole-time Engineers for the County instead of three Engineers as has been the condition of things for many years past.

Further, that this Committee would like to impress upon the County Surveyor in the exceptional times through which we are now passing the urgent necessity of keeping the figures in the Road Works Scheme to the lowest point possible—as no useful purpose would be served by placing exaggerated figures in the Scheme which could not possibly be met by the already overburdened Ratepayers of County Wicklow.

Signed: DAVID H. HASKINS,

Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Dated: 10th January, 1941.

Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne:

Resolved: That Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as printed and circulated to each Member of Wicklow County Council, be, and it is hereby approved and adopted, the Scheme under the Seeds and Fertilizers Act being operated in 1941 having been first amended as follows:—

Paragraph 1. The £15 therein to be increased to £25.

Passed.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2

The Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee, which was fixed to take place on the 17th January, 1941, and adjourned from that date, was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 7th February, 1941.

The following Members attended: Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Presiding Chairman; Councillors J. P. Kehoe and J. Jacob.

The Minutes of previous Meetings were confirmed and signed by the Presiding Chairman.

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

Proposals Committee—£10,190 16s. 11d.

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, 1941.

To the County Board of Public Assistance—£13,768.

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, 1941.

To the County Board of Public Health—£14,831.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the Reports received from the Rate Inspector since the Committee's last Meeting.

Five applications under the Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme being operated by the County Council during the year 1941 were submitted and approved.

The following application was submitted:—

Courthouse, Wicklow.

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

7th February, 1941.

Gentlemen,

My annual increments of Ten Pounds cease on the 31st March next. I would respectfully ask that they be extended for a further five years.

When these increments were fixed originally, between 9 and 10 years ago, it was mentioned informally at the then meeting of the Committee that there was no reason why I should not make an application for this extension when the aforementioned increments ceased.

I confidently refer you to the County Secretary for a testimonial as to the manner in which I have discharged the duties entrusted to me during the 10½ years I have been in your Offices.

Your obedient servant,

A. O'CONNOR.

Order: The Committee recommend that the annual increment of £10 be extended for the five years which commence on the 1st April, 1941.

The Secretary submitted the following application:—

Garda Síochána, Bray,

10th January, 1941.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

Secretary, Wicklow Co. Council,

The Court House, Wicklow.

## APPLICATION FOR LEATHER CASE FOR CARRYING SAMPLES

## TAKEN UNDER THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

Dear Sir,

I beg to apply for a Food and Drugs Case for use in the enforcement of the Food and Drugs Acts in the Garda sub-Districts of Bray and Enniskerry. The case which is in my possession is in a very dilapidated condition.

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the stitching is all worn and the inside of the case is dirty and torn; in fact, it is so bad that I am ashamed to take it with me when taking samples, in case some trader would remark its condition. It is in use by me since early in 1926, and when I got it from my predecessor it was in a bad state of repair. It was issued to this Station, to the best of my knowledge, in 1922, and I am unable to say if it was new when issued, I would be grateful for a replacement at your early convenience.

Yours faithfully,

THOMAS STAUNTON, GD. 1296.

Insp. Food and Drugs.

Order: New Leather Case to be supplied to Ex-Officio Food and Drugs Inspector Garda Thomas Staunton at a cost not exceeding 35s.

Signed: JAMES EVERETT, T.D.,

Presiding Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Dated this 7th day of February, 1941.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;  
Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

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

Resolved: That 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

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

Resolved: That we hereby approve of the following proposals for Payments chargeable to the various areas, amounting to the sum of £10,16s. 11d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.  
Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;  
Resolved: That 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 there were no Contracts to be signed.

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

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 Edward Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;  
Resolved: That the Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, be renewed for the year 1941, by our Secretary, to the following:—

Michael Hayes, Roundwood.

Ellen Fleming, Barnadrig, Redcross.

William B. Kidd, Moyne, Ballinglen.

Arthur Hennessy, Blessington.

Edwin Doyle, Church Road, Greystones.

P. J. Graham, Knockananna, Ballinglen.

William F. Murphy, Aughrim.

Edmund L. O'Higgins, Main Street, Dunlavin.

William Wynne, Kyle, Kiltegan.

Albert Farrar, Bridge House, Lower Street, Rathdrum.

S. V. Delahunt, Abbey Street, Wicklow.

James Craul, Oldcourt, Maner-Kilbride.

Patrick Thorpe, Killeuigan, Tullow.

William Quinn, Main Street, Baltinglass.

William Morrissey, Aughrim.

John Briscoe, Kiltegan.

Samuel R. Cole, Kilboy, Wicklow.

D. J. Cogan, Laragh.

F. J. Loughran, Delgany.

Thomas P. Doyle, Commercial House, Baltinglass.

James F. E. Souers, The Corner House, Carnew.

A. S. Miller, Blessington.

Terence Finnegan, Abbey Street, Wicklow.

Joseph Owens, Dunlavin.

Thomas Whifton (Manager, E. H. Murdoch, Ltd.), 23-24 Main St., Bray.

Robert Williams (E. H. Murdoch, Ltd.), 23-24 Main St., Bray.

Joseph Walsh, Rathdrum.

William Pratt (Messrs. Symes and Co.), Tinahely.

Samuel H. Correll, Carnew.

James Lawler, Railway Hotel, Dunlavin.

Denis O'Sullivan (c/o Miss Geraty), Mill Lane, Carnew.

Harold Fisher, Dunlavin.

Arthur J. Boyers (Manager, Tinahely Co-op. Agric. Society), Tinahely.

James Bellon, Killee, Ashford.

Robin Haskins, Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow.

F. J. Sutton, Ltd., Rathdrum.

John Synott, Newtownmounkennedy.

Edward Dowse, Carnew.

P. J. Bradshaw, Shillelagh.

William Toomey, Annacreevy, Enniskerry.

Garnet B. Hopkins, Main Street, Wicklow.

William Saul, 18, Main Street, Rathdrum.

Patrick Hoxey, Knockenarrigan.

Michael Tutty, Hollywood.

Mary Toomey, Hollywood.

John S. Annesley, 50, Main Street, Arklow.

James Healy, Rathangan.

Malachy J. Brennan, Roundwood.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved: That we hereby grant a new Poisons Licence to Mr. Thomas Byrne, of the Firm of Messrs. D. H. Haskins and Son, Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow, which Firm has already been granted a Licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved: That the Licence issued to Mr. Joan Hipple, of the Picture House, Greystones, under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, be hereby renewed for a further year under the conditions which govern the issue of the original licence.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved: That we hereby grant the renewal of Licences under the Explosives Act, 1875, to the following for the year ending 5th November, 1941, for the sale and storage of Mixed Explosives and Gunpowder:—

S. Weir and Sons, Tinahely.

William Saul, 18, Main Street, Rathdrum.

Edward V. Briscoe, Ballinalea, Ashford.

Olive H. Parr, Dunlavin.

Thomas P. Doyle, Main Street, Baltinglass.

Passed.

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The Secretary having read the Special Notice issued on the 16th December, 1940, to each Member of the 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 Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved: That the consent of this Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of £1,000 (One Thousand Pounds) from their Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., for the purpose of installing a Water Supply at Vallemount, in the County Health District; the Loan to be repaid in ten years.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved: That we hereby ratify and confirm the appointment of Mr. Michael J. Healy, of the Bungalow, Bayview, Wicklow, as Poor Rate Collector in No. 9 Collecting District, he having completed satisfactorily long since the prescribed probationary period referred to in the Council's published advertisement.

Passed.

As the Weighbridge had not been yet erected, the County Council postponed consideration of Item No. 14 on the Agenda, i.e., to make arrangements for the appointment of a Weigh Clerk for the new Weighbridge which the County Council has authorised to be erected on an approved site on the Murrough, Wicklow.

The Secretary submitted the following letter and Supplemental Opinion received from the Council's Solicitor:—

4, Church Street, Wicklow,  
4th February, 1941.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL—RE ROAD GRANTS, 1940-1941.

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith Copy of Supplemental Opinion of Mr. Michael J. Ryan, K.C.

Yours faithfully,  
J. BRAZIL.

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

ROAD GRANTS, 1940-1941.

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION OF MR. MICHAEL J. RYAN, K.C.,  
RE POWERS OF COUNCIL TO INCREASE WAGES OF ROAD  
WORKERS AND CARTERS.

In the course of my reply to query (4) in the Original Case to Advise herein I stated as follows:—

Having regard to the very wide power given to the Minister by the said Section 8 (4) of the Act of 1909, I am of opinion that a Court would decide that the Minister would be entitled to attach to advances by way of grants out of the Road Fund a condition that such grants should be so expended by the County Council concerned that the rates of wages of the road workers payable thereout should not exceed the rates specified by the Minister."

I, however, pointed out that inasmuch as the Minister's Circular, dated the 8th August, 1940, purported to attach a condition to the payment of grants "in respect of the current financial year (1st April, 1940, to 31st March, 1941)," there was a possibility that the Minister's action might be challenged on the ground that if the Minister had already approved of a Road Works Scheme for the current financial year based on expenditure partly out of Rates to be raised by the County Council and partly out of Grants to be made by the Minister, he would not be entitled subsequently to attach to the payment of these Grants conditions which did not exist when he approved of the Scheme. As a result of the Conference which I held with the Finance Committee of the County Council on the 15th November, 1940, I have now before me information, which I did not possess when I wrote my original opinion, concerning the Road Grants to the Wicklow County Council, which would appear to come within the scope of the Minister's Circular Letter, dated the 8th August, 1940. Generally speaking, the Grants affected up to the date of the Conference were as follows:—

- (1) The Main Road Upkeep Grant of £9,993
- (2) The Road Improvement Grant of £5,500
- (3) The Employment Scheme Grant of £3,700

I shall deal with each Grant seriatim:—

(1) The Main Road Upkeep Grant.

Under the Road Works Scheme for the year ending the 31st March, 1941, adopted by the County Council on the 22nd January, 1940, the amount allowed by the Council for the repairs of Main Roads in 1940-41 was £24,984. By letter dated the 11th March, 1940, the Minister notified the Council that a Grant of £9,993 (being 40 per cent. of the said sum of £24,984) had been provisionally allocated for the upkeep of Main Roads for the year 1940-1941, and that a formal letter notifying the Grant and the Conditions attaching thereto would be issued in due course. This formal letter was not, however, issued until the 12th September, 1940, more than a month after the Circular Letter of the 8th August, 1940. Hence at the latter date the Minister would have been entitled to issue a formal letter confirming the said Grant and stipulating as one of the conditions attaching thereto the condition as to rates of wages payable to road workers set out in the said Circular Letter of the 8th August, 1940. In other words, on the 8th August, 1940, the Council had no definite guarantee that the said Grant of £9,993 or any Grant towards the cost of the upkeep of Main Roads for the year 1940-41 would be made. Everything was, so to speak, in the provisional stage. There was no certainty that the Grant would materialise, and furthermore the Conditions which the Minister might think fit to attach to the Grant when same would be formally notified, were unspecified and were unknown to the Council. The Council when making the rate for the year 1940-41, no doubt relied upon the Minister's letter of the 11th March, 1940, as an assurance that a sum of £9,993 would be available in the course of the financial year to recoup them in respect of their expenditure on the repairs of Main Roads, and assumed that the Conditions which the Minister would attach to such Grant would be similar to the Conditions attached to the Grants made in previous years for the same purpose. It is true that in the formal letter of the 12th September, 1940, confirming the said provisional Grant of £9,993, and specifying the conditions attaching thereto, there is not any express mention of the restrictions on rates of wages payable to road workers set out in the Circular Letter of the 8th August, 1940. I am, however, of opinion, and I believe a Court would so decide, that in so far as conditions attaching to the said Grant of £9,993 are concerned, the Circular Letter of the 8th August, 1940, and the formal letter of the Minister dated the 12th September, 1940, must be read together, and, accordingly, the said restrictions as to rates of wages set out in the said Circular Letter of the 8th August, 1940, must be deemed to be applicable to the said Grant of £9,993.

(2) The Road Improvement Grant.

By letter dated the 2nd November, 1940, the Minister notified the Council that a sum of £5,500 had been provisionally allocated to the Council out of the Road Improvement Grant 1940-41, for the Main Road Improvement specified in the said letter. The said Grant might be described as a "free Grant" because it was not conditional on any contribution from the County Rates, but is expressed in the said letter to be made subject to the conditions therein specified. Although there is no express mention in the said letter of 2nd November, 1940, of the restrictions as to rates of wages payable to road workers set out in the Minister's Circular Letter of the 8th August, 1940, I am of opinion that the said Circular Letter of the 8th August, 1940, and the said letter of the 2nd November, 1940, must be read together, and, accord-

ingly, the restrictions as to rates of wages set out in the Circular Letter of the 8th August, 1940, must be deemed to be applicable to the said Grant of £5,500.

(3) **The Employment Scheme Grant of £3,700.**

On the 14th February, 1940, the Minister notified the County Council that the amount of the local contribution to be provided out of rates in respect of Schemes financed out of the Employment Schemes Vote, 1940-41, should be the same as that provided for the year 1939-40. On the 10th July, 1940, the Minister, by letter of that date, informed the Council that the Grant out of the said Vote provisionally allocated for road works in the County of Wicklow to be carried out during the year 1940-41 was £3,700, subject to a local contribution of £1,300. The conditions attaching to the Grant are set out in the said letter and condition (1) thereof is as follows:—

"The recruitment and employment of labour and the administration of the Scheme generally must be carried out in accordance with the existing regulations and such other regulations as may be issued from time to time.

Although there is no express mention in the said letter of 10th July, 1940, of the restrictions as to rates of wages payable to Road Workers set out in the Circular Letter of the 8th August, 1940, the said restrictions must be deemed to be restrictions applicable to the said Grant of £3,700 by virtue of condition (1) of the Conditions set out in the said letter of the 10th July, 1940, which provided that "the employment of labour" must be carried out in accordance with the existing regulations, and "such other regulations as may be issued from time to time." I am, therefore, of opinion that the restrictions as to rates of wages payable to road workers set out in the said Circular Letter of the 8th August, 1940, are applicable to the said Grant of £3,700.

Having reviewed the position of the said three Grants in relation to the Circular Letter of the Minister, dated the 8th August, 1940, I have reached the conclusion that it would be futile for the Council to challenge in the Courts the right of the Minister to regulate the wages payable to road workers employed on works financed either wholly or partly out of the said three Grants. It is unfortunate for the Council that the Minister should seek to regulate these wages by a Circular Letter issued by him in the middle of the financial year, and owing to the unsatisfactory and precarious position of the Council in respect of these Grants, the Council have been in a dilemma, that is to say, the Council must either accept the conditions laid down by the Minister or else forego the Grants. In the Circular Letter of the 8th August, 1940, the Minister has stated expressly that the payment of Grants in respect of the current financial year will be subject to compliance with the terms of the Circular, and also that these terms should be given effect to as from the commencement of the pay period following the receipt of the Circular. To comply strictly with the terms of the Circular the Council would have been bound on the receipt of same to terminate the employment of all road workers, employed on works financed directly or indirectly out of the Grants mentioned in the Circular, who had obtained increases in their wages since the 1st September, 1939, or who were at the date of the receipt of the Circular in receipt of wages at a rate higher than that obtaining on the 1st September, 1939, and re-employ these workers at the rates obtaining on the 1st September 1939. It will, therefore, be seen that, although the Minister was acting within his powers in laying down the conditions as to rates of wages set out in his Circular Letter of the 8th August, 1940, the repercussions upon the Council and the particular road workers affected was a serious matter with which apparently the Minister was not directly concerned.

It would, therefore, appear that the Council cannot without jeopardising the Grants for the current financial year, continue to pay road workers (including carters) who are employed on works financed directly or indirectly out of the said Grants at rates of wages higher than the rates obtaining on the 1st September, 1939. Having regard to the drastic nature of the Circular Letter of the 8th August, 1940, which was issued by the Minister without warning in the middle of the financial year, the Council and the ratepayers of the County of Wicklow should not be penalised by the Minister who, in this particular matter, had all the cards in his own hand. The Minister has power to attach conditions to the payment of these Grants, but he has also power to waive these conditions, and, while he may state (as he stated in his letter to the Council of the 8th September, 1940) that the terms of the Circular of the 8th August, 1940, cannot be varied for particular areas, he has, nevertheless, the power to do so. Hence I can only suggest that any difficulties which may have arisen as a result of the said Circular Letter should be adjusted if possible between the Minister and the Council on a commonsense and equitable basis.

M. J. RYAN,

14, Pembroke Park, Dublin.

1st February, 1941.

In order to give the County Committee of Agriculture time to consider the matter further, the Council postponed consideration of Item No. 16 on the Agenda, i.e., to consider correspondence from the Department of Agriculture regarding the balance of £15 remuneration withheld from Mr. John Pearse, of Bolinass, Ashford, because of adverse reports of his work as Sheep Dipping Inspector by Mr. S. Conway, V.S.

14 Minutes of Meeting, 17th February, 1941.

The County Surveyor submitted the following Report:—

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.**

Tig Na Cuirte,  
Chill Manntaigh,  
12adh Feabhra, 1941.

**TUARASGABAIL AN INEALTOIRA.**

A Dhaoine Uaisle,

(1) **SNOW, 1941.** I regret to inform you that the recent very heavy fall of snow caused considerable damage to many roads, main and county, in Wicklow. The results have been more widespread and severe than for several years. I found it necessary to employ several additional men for the purpose of clearing roads to essential points and an expenditure to date of approximately £300 has had to be incurred.

Even so, I have had many complaints that greater measures were not authorised to open up alternative routes in districts where people were, as alleged, isolated. In fact, men were engaged or went to work themselves without my authority, to clear certain routes and they were told or believed that they would be remunerated. The Council can well visualise the impossible situation which was thus created: these men are now seeking to be paid. Had I given instructions for a wholesale attack on the blocked routes, I could readily have run up an expenditure of £2,000 or £2,500. This I hesitated to do, and even the amount so far disbursed (£300) is the maximum figure reached, by far, for many years. It should not be necessary for me to ask your agreement to the fundamental fact that nobody is empowered to engage men for work under any circumstances; only the County Surveyor, or the Assistant Surveyors under his directions, may undertake such employment. The reasons are obvious: inter alia, Insurance and danger of actions against the Council, etc. I ask for formal approval for the expenditure of £300 (approximately).

(2) **DIESEL ROLLER:** War conditions are making it increasingly difficult to obtain coal for our engines. It is likely, therefore, that steam-rolling and crushing operations will have to cease suddenly in two or three months' time. I took the precaution last year of laying in a stock of oil for use with Diesel Rollers; which can be used to drive Crushers; and I have 18 months' supply in store. To anticipate possible difficulty I recommend that a 12-ton Diesel Oil Roller (with Crusher attachment) be advertised for and obtained as soon as possible, and paid for by hire purchase. The total cost would be £1,400 (approximately).

Le meas mor,

SEOSAMH T. UA BRÓIN,

12adh Feabhra, 1941.

Siurbheir an gCoimdae.

After a protracted discussion the following Order was made:—  
Order: Such payments to be made as the Engineer may approve of after a thorough investigation of the facts.

After some discussion, during the progress of which the opinion of the Council was conveyed to the County Surveyor—who took part in the discussion—the Council referred to him the County Solicitor's Report, dated the 30th January, 1941, as shown hereunder in order that he might carry out the Council's wishes in the matter.

4 Church St., Wicklow.

30th January, 1941.

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

Re Complaint of Mrs. Sarah Roberts, Laragh, Glendalough.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter dated the 16th ultimo, enclosing file of correspondence.

From the information furnished me by the County Surveyor it would appear that prior to the widening of the road at Laragh the only access Mrs. Roberts had to her yard, situated at the rear of her cottage and from the yard to the garden adjoining, was by means of a stile in a hedge on the public road alongside her cottage, there being no back entrance from the cottage to the yard at the rear.

As there was a stile in the hedge demolished by the County Council when widening the road there should be a stile provided in the new fence erected by the County Council.

I would like to draw your attention to the letter dated the 18th November, 1940, from Mr. D. J. Cogan to the County Surveyor in which he stated:

"When looking at the place with you I understood you intended straightening out the road at the village end and taking away all the obstructions placed on it by Roberts, and running it up by the wall of his garden and making a stile in the wall to enable him to get into his garden. Am I right in my recollection of it? I am sure if this is done he can have no complaint whatever since it will complete the road improvement."

I return file you sent me.

Yours faithfully,

J. BRAZIL.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

County Secretary,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

At the request of the County Surveyor the County Council postponed consideration of Item No. 19 on the Agenda, i.e., to receive and consider the County Surveyor's Report following his investigation with the assistance of Local Councillors on the Claim of Mr. Charles Byrne, Ballytinny, for damages to his land by flooding in consequence, as alleged by him, of the neglect of the Council's employees.

The following letter was submitted:

**DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH (ROADS).**

Custom House,  
Dublin.  
24adh Eanáir, 1941.

RU/207/33.S.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that representations have been received regarding the need for the repair of County Road No. 161 in the vicinity of Carnagower Cross Roads; and I am to inform you that a special grant of £370, subject to a local contribution of £130, has been allocated from the current Employment Schemes Vote to the Wicklow County Council to meet the cost of the proposed works.

The grant is subject to the conditions governing the recruitment and employment of labour and the administration of the schemes generally, as laid down in the Department's Memorandum (SGA/207/E) of the 29th October, 1940.

I am to request that you will arrange with the County Surveyor for the submission, as soon as possible, on the prescribed forms of particulars of the proposed works. A supply of forms is enclosed.

Mise le meas.

J. HURSON, Runal.

The Secretary,

County Council Offices, Wicklow.

Order: Accepted with thanks; the Council's contribution of £130 to this Special Work to be made available; the County Surveyor to proceed with the work with as little delay as possible.

The following letter was submitted:

**DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,**

Roads,  
Custom House, Dublin.  
13th December, 1940.

RU/207/33.S.

A Chara,

**EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE, 1940/41, ROADS (RURAL)  
SUPPLEMENTAL.**

With reference to previous correspondence relative to the provision of employment through the medium of a scheme for the improvement of roads and footpaths, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has approved of the scheme of road works proposed to be carried out by your Council with the aid of a grant from the above Vote and the works should be put in hands immediately. The works should be completed on or before the 31st March, 1941.

Works No. U902E has been assigned to the scheme and should be quoted in requisitions when applying for instalments of the grant and in correspondence.

The amount allocated by way of Grant from the Employment Schemes Vote towards the cost of the scheme is £1,580, subject to a local contribution of £500.

The grant is subject to the conditions governing recruitment and employment of labour as laid down in the Department's (Revised) memorandum (SGA/207/E) of the 29th October, 1940, and such other regulations as may be issued from time to time. Particular attention is directed to the instructions in the memorandum regarding the furnishing of returns, the requisitioning of instalments of grants, departures from approved works, and the keeping of a record of detailed particulars, as indicated, of the expenditure on each separate work.

Particulars of the number employed and expenditure on the scheme should be furnished fortnightly (in duplicate) on RH/207/E2. A supply of forms is being forwarded to the County Surveyor under separate cover.

A supply of requisitions (form No. 97 (R.U.)) is enclosed. The requisitions for payment in respect of the grant should be accompanied by Form RU/207/E4 (supply enclosed) duly completed.

Mise le meas.

J. HURSON, Runal.

17<sup>th</sup> February, 1941.

To: The Secretary,

County Council Offices, Wicklow.

Order: Accepted with thanks; the Council's contribution of £560 to this Special Work to be made available; the County Surveyor to proceed with the work with as little delay as possible.

The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence that had passed between the Council's Offices and the Electricity Supply Board regarding certain roads in West Wicklow affected by the operation of the Liffey Reservoir Act, 1936, and he pointed out that the County Surveyor and his staff had expended long since on that Board's behalf the £2,500 special contribution made for the purpose by the Board, but that only £1,835 had been recouped so far by the Board to the Council leaving the sum of £675 still due to the County Council from the Board.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved: That we hereby modify the resolution passed at the Special Meeting of this County Council for the County of Wicklow held on the 9th December, 1940, requesting the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to exercise the powers vested in him by the Liffey Reservoir Act, 1936, to act as Arbitrator in such matters as may be submitted to him on behalf of this Council, and we hereby agree that the matters in dispute between the Electricity Supply Board and the Council shall be submitted to the Arbitration of Mr. T. C. Courtney, Chief Engineering Inspector of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and if this proposal is agreed to by the Minister, by Mr. Courtney, and the Electricity Supply Board, that Mr. Courtney be asked to call a conference of Representatives of the Electricity Supply Board and this Council, to be presided over by him solely, and attended by three persons representing the Electricity Supply Board (their Solicitor, Engineer, and Secretary) and by the County Law Agent, County Surveyor and County Secretary on behalf of this Council, and that this Council hereby agrees to abide by the decision of Mr. T. C. Courtney in lieu of the Arbitration proceedings contemplated by Section 15 of the Liffey Reservoir Act, 1936, and we ask the Minister to obtain in writing from the Electricity Supply Board a similar undertaking to agree to abide by Mr. Courtney's decision on each and every matter submitted to him in above connection.

Passed unanimously.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter:

Court House,

Wicklow.

4th January, 1941.

HE/411.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

County Secretary,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

ROAD No. 365 (LACKEN-BALLYKNOCKEN) E.S.B.

A Chara,

I desire to inform you that the work on the above road was suspended by my instructions on Saturday, the 28th ultimo. As you know, it is necessary to widen the portion of this road between Ealinstockan and Ballyknockan by setting back the fence or ditch so as to provide a reasonably suitable highway, having regard to the alternative road originally available to the public before interference by the Electricity Supply Board, and the increased traffic anticipated as a result. I found that it was not possible to arrive at a reasonable agreement with the land and quarry owners adjoining, and I decided, therefore, that the matter should be dealt with by the County Council itself, using whatever powers which may be considered necessary.

Mise le meas,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Surveyor/Engineer.

Order: Noted.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDERS, 1936/1939.

The Secretary submitted a number of letters on above subject from the Department of Agriculture, including the following:

AN ROINN TALMHAIDHEACHTA,

Baile Átha Cliath,

6th February, 1941.

L.149-41.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDERS,  
1936 AND 1939.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 24th ultimo and enclosure, regarding the appointment of Temporary Inspectors under the above-mentioned Orders for the forthcoming season, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that, in the circumstances, he will offer no objection to the proposal not to advertise the posts and to the appointment on the same terms and conditions as last year, of the twenty Inspectors referred to in the enclosure to your letter under reply. In the event of any of the persons concerned not being prepared to accept the positions offered, the vacancies should be advertised.

Before taking up duty, each Inspector should be required to give, in writing, the undertaking referred to in the second paragraph of this Department's communication (L.121/41) of the 21st ultimo.

I am

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

J. MEEK,

for Secretary.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved: That we hereby re-appoint the following twenty persons to act as temporary Inspectors under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Orders, 1936 and 1939, during the treatment period which commences on the 1st March, 1941:

1. Matthew Devitt, Monameen, Greenane, Rathdrum.
2. Andrew Fleming, Aughavannagh, Aughrim.
3. Martin Fitzpatrick, Coolattin, Carnew.
4. Thomas Kinsella, Muskeagh, Timahilly.
5. John King, Junior, Killoogh, Kilmacanogue.
6. James Kavanagh, Clonsannan, Knockenarrigan.
7. Patrick O'Toole, Munroe, Donard.
8. William Healy, Clara, Rathdrum.
9. Bernard Malone, Ballynanna, Roundwood.
10. Joseph Clancy, Ballygreen, Aughrim.
11. Andrew Kavanagh, Knockfodda, Roundwood.
12. Andrew Fitzsimon, Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue.
13. Joan Pearse, Eoinnass, Ashford.
14. Robert Johnson, Kilpool, Wicklow.
15. Patrick Murphy (Herd), Glenree, Valleymount.
16. George Miley, Knockadruce, Valleymount.
17. Patrick Toomey, Lockstown, Valleymount.
18. Peter Whelan, Killamoate, Rathdangan.
19. John Byrne, Blackrock, Rathdangan.
20. Hugh O'Keefe, Rathbawn, Hacketstown.

These appointments to be under exactly the same terms and conditions as last year, the remuneration to be £2 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 an Officer of his Department or by the Secretary of the County Council.

17<sup>th</sup> February, 1941.

It is to be clearly understood that in accordance with the letter issued by the Department of Agriculture, dated the 21st January, 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.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

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

A late hour in the evening having been reached at this stage, the Meeting ended leaving a large number of items on the Agenda still awaiting consideration.

Edward Byrne

19/5/1941



26<sup>th</sup> March, 1941.

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Wednesday, the 26th March, 1941.

The following Members attended:

Councillors Miss Margaret Kelly, P. P. O'Reilly, J. McCrea, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy), Joseph Jacob, W. Hammond, Major R. Smith, J. J. Bourne, J. Everett, T.D., J. J. Metcalfe, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern), Michael Timmins, Daniel J. Kehoe, Joan P. O'Donnell, M. J. Brennan, Michael Mooney, George Heatley, C. M. Byrne.

The Chair was occupied by the Chairman, Senator C. M. Byrne, who during the progress of the Meeting was called away on important business to Dublin. At the unanimous request of the Council the Chair was then occupied by Councillor W. Hammond, the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Edward Byrne, being absent from the Meeting owing to illness.

#### BUSINESS:

- To consider application from the Irish Tourist Association for the continuation in 1941-42 of the Council's annual contribution for Tourists purposes.
- To consider a very important letter from the Parliamentary Secretary to the Department of Defence pointing out that it is the County Council's duty under Statute to prepare, adopt and operate a comprehensive Air Raid Precautions Scheme in the County, which Scheme should have been in operation in the County for the past year and a half.
- To receive a deputation from the Irish Farmers' Federation who wish to place their views on Rates generally before the Council.
- To consider the advisability of passing a Resolution extending to the 30th April, 1941, the period within which Rate Collectors shall have their Poor Rate Collections closed for the financial year ending 31st March, 1941.
- To consider the Finance Committee's Report on the Estimates for the service of the Financial Year 1941-1942.
- To consider the Estimates (Forms 42 and 43) and pass a Resolution adopting same and determining the rate in the £ to be levied by means of the Poor Rate for the service of the Financial Year ending on the 31st March, 1942, and, further, to determine the amount to be demanded from each of the Urban Districts in the County in respect of that year.
- To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- To consider applications for Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
- To receive and consider the Local Government Auditor's Report on his Audit of the Accounts of Wicklow County Council for the year which ended on the 30th September, 1939.
- To pass a formal resolution undertaking to take over, repair and maintain in future certain roads set forth in the Road Works Scheme as approved and adopted by Wicklow County Council for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1942.
- To make arrangements for the appointment of a Weigh Clerk for the new Weighbridge which the County Council has authorised to be erected on the approved site on The Murrrough, Wicklow.
- To receive and consider the County Surveyor's Report following his investigation with the assistance of Local Councillors on the claim of Mr. Charles Byrne, Ballytunny, for damages to his land by flooding in consequence, as alleged by him, of the neglect of the Council's employees.
- To consider a Memorial from residents and Ratepayers in Blessington and District demanding the construction of a concrete footpath from Blessington to Crosschapel, and also the immediate removal of the dangerous corner at the latter place.
- To consider a communication from Greystones and District Ratepayers Association to have a footpath made on the south side of Victoria Road from the Railway Arch to the intersection of Church Road.
- To consider a communication from Delgany Labour Club pointing out a number of works in their district, which it is believed require to be carried out urgently.
- To receive the decision of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the Council's Resolution approving and adopting the Conference Report in connection with the re-organisation Scheme for County Engineering, and to complete two Forms No. 111 asking the Local Appointments Commission to select and recommend two candidates suitable for the two vacant positions as Assistant Surveyors in the County.
- To consider a communication from the County Surveyor intimating that the Electricity Supply Board are proceeding with certain works on roads which the Council believed should form the subject of the Arbitration asked for.
- To consider a communication from Delgany Labour Club complaining of the system of employing men for the work on Daunt's Corner claimed to be in the area of his Club.
- To consider correspondence from Mr. Patrick Doyle, Ballynabrockey, Blessington, who alleged that the road leading to his place is impassable and who threatens that he may have to institute legal proceedings.
- To consider correspondence from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., solicitors, Ferrybank, Arlow, regarding a plot of land near Tinahely Bridge used for the past forty years by the County Council and now claimed by Mr. Frank Yilek, Town View, Tinahely, as his property.
- To consider a communication from Greystones and District Ratepayers Association inquiring when the work of relaying the roadways and footpath at Kinlen Road will be put in hands.
- To consider a communication signed by Miss Mary Chisholm and Miss Irene A. Bail-Acton of Glencap Commons South, Kilmacanogue, Bray, regarding the dangerous condition of the road leading to their houses, and to ten other houses.
- To consider a communication from the Roundwood Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, regarding the conditions of the roads in and adjoining Roundwood following the recent snow storm.
- To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads Section) notifying a Supplemental Grant of £370 for expenditure on Cornagower Cross Roads on conditions that the sum of £130 is devoted to that work out of Rates.
- To consider a communication from Mr. C. P. Curran, B.E., M.I.C.E.L., F.S.I., Abbey Buildings, Middle Abbey Street, Dublin, offering his professional services as a Valuer before the Official Arbitrator in connection with the lands being acquired for the Dunbur-Magherbeg New Road.
- To consider an application from Tinahely Parish Committee to have certain alterations made in the Courthouse, Tinahely, so as to leave it suitable for the holding of Meetings, Lectures, and social events.
- To consider two applications for compensation for damage to property alleged to be due to the explosion of two Magnetic Mines near Kilmacanogue by Government Order.
- To consider a large file of correspondence dealing with a number of matters having relation to Air Raid Precautions, including a letter from the Air Raid Precaution Branch of the Department of Defence, dated the 25th November, 1940, and to re-examine the entire position in the County in which there is not at the moment any approved and adopted Air Raid Precaution Scheme.
- To consider a communication from the Department of Agriculture intimating that the Minister deems it undesirable to have Inspectors under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Orders moving from farm to farm and handling cattle, and that as a consequence the services of these Inspectors will not be required.
- To consider the following Resolutions passed by the County Committee of Agriculture on the 26th November, 1940:—  
"Resolved: That we recommend that in future a subsidy of £25 be allowed for the erection of new swim baths, and that we agree to four new baths being erected in Mr. Conway's area, subject to the sanction of the Department of Agriculture."

26<sup>th</sup> March, 1941.

"Resolved: That we hereby approve of our Committee's previous proposal of a subsidy of £25 each being allowed to the following persons recommended by Mr. S. Conway, V.S.—for the erection of public swim baths:—

Joseph Clancy, Ballygreen, Aughrim.  
Michael Kelly, Knockrath, Rathdrum.  
Peter Bradshaw, Ballymacsimon, Glenealy.  
W. Doyle, Glenmacanass, Laragh."

31. To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the Meeting of that Body held on the 28th January, 1941:—

"Resolved: That we hereby recommend Wicklow County Council to pay the postage accounts of the twenty Sheep Dipping Inspectors for the year 1940 as set out on the attached Schedule."

32. To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the Meeting of that Body held on the 28th January, 1941:—

"Resolved: That we hereby recommend Wicklow County Council to pay the amounts set out on attached Schedule to the persons mentioned thereon in respect of the use of their Private Swim Baths during the 1940 Dipping Period at the rate of 6s. per 100 Sheep double-dipped."

33. To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the Meeting of that Body held on the 28th January, 1941:—

"Resolved: That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the sum of £1 each to the persons mentioned on the attached Schedule in respect of maintenance and repairs of their Public Sheep Dipping Baths for the year 1940."

34. To consider a communication from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture regarding the £15 withheld from Mr. John Pearse, Bolinass, Ashford, representing part of his remuneration as Sheep Dipping Inspector during portion of the year 1940.

35. To consider a communication from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture regarding Sheep Dipping Baths on the premises of Patrick Bracken, Johnstown, Arlow, and John Byrne, Moneystown, Roundwood.
36. To fill the vacancy on the Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-committee caused by the transfer of the Very Rev. F. A. Gleeson, P.P., to Aughrim.

37. To consider County Analyst's Report.
38. To receive the Reports asked for from the Board of Health Home Assistance Officers in connection with the list of holdings stated by the Poor Rate Collectors to be more or less derelict.

39. To consider a Report relating to Fees for County Analyst as prepared by an Emergency Committee of the County Council's General Council.
40. To receive Minutes of proceedings of Monthly Meetings of County Wicklow Library Committee.

41. To consider the following Resolution passed by the Bray Old Age Pensions Committee at their recent Meeting:—

"That we, the Members of the Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, consider that the method as set out in the Old Age Pensions Act of assessing the means of an applicant for an Old Age Pension in relation to the possession of capital or property is grossly unfair and inequitable. We are of opinion that the just and equitable method of assessment should be on the basis of the actual net revenue received by the applicant for the year previous to the date of application instead of assuming a revenue which has invariably no foundation in fact, and we direct that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Minister for Local Government, the County Wicklow Pensions Committee, the Wicklow County Council and the Bray Urban District Council."

42. To consider an application from the Manager of "The Echo and South Leinster Advertiser" for a share of the Council's advertising.

43. To consider printed Abstract of Correspondence already circulated to each Member of the County Council.

The Secretary submitted the following letter and explained that it was not possible to hold this meeting for the purpose of striking the rates for the financial year 1941/1942 on the 19th March, instant, owing to the Meeting of the Finance Committee summoned to consider the whole question of Rates Estimates having fallen through in the absence of a quorum.

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

Custom House,  
Dublin,  
26th February, 1941.

G.6089/41,  
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 that, pursuant to the Public Bodies Order, 1925, he has sanctioned such departure from the terms of Article 79 of that Order as may be necessary to enable the County Council by a date not later than the 19th proximo, to strike the rates for the financial year 1941-1942.

I am to request that you will be so good as to furnish to this Department a draft copy of the estimates for the service of the year referred to.

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

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

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

Custom House,  
Dublin,  
14th March, 1941.

G.6089/3/41,  
A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 10th instant, and I am to state that, pursuant to Article 3 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, he has sanctioned such departure from the terms of Article 77 (2), 78 and 79 of that Order as may be necessary to enable the Finance Committee by a date not later than 19th instant, and the County Council by a date not later than the 26th idem, to consider and adopt the estimates for the services of the current financial year.

Mise, le meas,  
J. COLLINS,  
Th. c. an Rúnal.

Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;  
Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea:

Resolved: That we have heard with much regret of the death of Mr. Tobias Kinsella, of Umrigar, Carnew, a former valued Member of the Wicklow County Council, and we tender to the Members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

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

Resolved: That we the Wicklow County Council learned with deep regret of the death of Mrs. Jenny Wyse Power, and we tender to the Members of her family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.—Passed.

A letter dated the 3rd January, 1941, was submitted from the Irish Tourist Association in which the Council was asked to make provision for a contribution to the funds of that Association for Tourist purposes.

As the Finance Committee had already recommended a contribution of £50 for the financial year 1941/1942, this communication was marked "noted."

A voluminous file of correspondence from Arklow Urban District Council, Wicklow Urban District Council, and from the Air Raid Precaution Branch of the Department of Defence was submitted and considered, including the following letter from the Parliamentary Secretary of the Department of Defence, A.R.P. Branch:—

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS BRANCH,  
Ref. No. A.R.P./157. St. John's Road, Kingsbridge,  
Dublin,  
26th February, 1941.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence to refer to previous letters from this Department relating to your Council's Air Raid Precautions Scheme and to state that it has now been decided that a more elaborate scheme should be provided for your Council's A.R.P. area. Accordingly, A.R.P. services are to be headquartered at Wicklow town and Arklow instead of at Arklow alone, and Decontamination and Rescue Services, in addition to First-Aid and Firefighting, are to be actively organised in each of the two towns.

The requirements in each of these services are as follows:—

#### FIRST AID.

The County Medical Officer of Health and the County Surveyor should select a building in Wicklow Town which would be suitable for a First Aid Post. If possible it should be a municipal building other than a Hospital. An estimate should be forwarded immediately of any adaptation or additional amenities, such as water supply, wash-hand basins, presses for the storage of drugs and dressings, etc., which will be required to make it an efficient First Aid Post. This Department will, at an early date, forward you on a repayment basis, supplies of drugs and dressings for the Post.

I am to ask you to confirm that the Medical Officer of Health and the County Surveyor concur in the selection of the Courthouse, Arklow, as the most suitable premises for a First Aid Post for that town. An estimate should be forwarded on the same lines as that for Wicklow Town in connection with the adaptation, etc., of the building. A supply of drugs and dressings on a repayment basis for Arklow will also be sent to you without delay. The County Medical Officer of Health should actively organise both posts and seek the honorary services of local doctors, nurses to be available to render services in time of emergency. You are requested and members of the public who have received some training in first-aid to be available to render services in time of emergency. You are requested to state whether any stretchers will be supplied by the Irish Red Cross Society. Eight stretchers are required for each post, and blankets (three per stretcher) and pillows should be purchased. It should be ascertained whether a van which can be adapted as an ambulance will be available locally in time of emergency. In this connection I am to enclose a suggested design of a stretcher frame for general guidance in so far as it may be appropriate to the van it is proposed to convert. Schedule (No. 1) for completion in triplicate is enclosed. Two copies should be returned to this Department.

#### FIREFIGHTING.

This Department will, as in the case of Arklow, supply a trailer pump, accessories and small equipment to be located in Wicklow town. The pump will, however, be of a lighter type than that supplied to Arklow. It should be stated whether suitable accommodation, free of rent, will be available for the housing of the pump. Preferably the accommodation should be obtained in a local authority building. Volunteers to man the pump will have to be trained by Mr. Redmond of Arklow, who attended the A.R.P. course in firefighting. I am to state that the crew of the Arklow pump is five and that of Wicklow will be but four, but equipment and protective clothing for five or six men, respectively, are authorised, and in this connection I am to approve of your Council purchasing the following items of equipment:—

1. 11 Firemen's axes (Arpex make).
2. 11 " belts and pouches.
3. 11 " overalls or dungarees.

The prices of these have been approximately 9/-, 10/-, and 9/- each, respectively, and if the prices your Council propose to pay are appreciably in excess of these figures, the matter should be referred to this Department again. This Department will supply steel helmets, rubber boots and oilskins as soon as they are available. The crews of the pumps should be available to travel to any part of your Council's A.R.P. area if required in an emergency due to air raids. The Parliamentary Secretary is anxious that your Council consult the authorities in the County area responsible for peacetime firefighting and arrive at an amicable and efficient arrangement for the co-ordination of all firefighting services. Schedule (No. 2) for completion in triplicate is enclosed. Two copies should be returned to this Department.

#### DECONTAMINATION SERVICES.

Decontamination services are to be organised in each of the towns of Wicklow and Arklow. A list is forwarded herewith showing the equipment which your Council should obtain for this service and the protective clothing which will be supplied by this Department. Copy of A.R.P. Handbook No. 4, "Decontamination of Materials" is also herewith, but pages 58 and 59 should not be followed as the information therein has been superseded by the documents now being sent you. A proposal is at present under consideration that a member of the Garda Síochána who has been trained in this service will undertake the instruction and supervision of a local squad. A further communication will, however, be sent to you on this aspect. Schedules (No. 5) are forwarded herewith, but they need not be completed until you receive the further communication.

#### RESCUE SERVICE.

One light squad should be organised in each of the towns, Wicklow and Arklow, by or under the direction of the County Surveyor. The following documents are enclosed:—

1. Specimen form of enrolment with a list of trades from which men for the service should be taken.
2. Memoranda of instruction, list of equipment required, and list of sheets of reference date referred to therein will be forwarded later).
3. Schedule (No. 4) for completion in triplicate is enclosed. Two copies of this should be returned to this Department.

The assistance of the local builders should be obtained for this service and they will probably be able to make available voluntarily the bulk of the equipment required. They should be approached to lend a suitable lorry in each town. The lorries would be required only in the event of emergency and the lending of them would not interfere with their normal use. A statement of the equipment which cannot be so obtained locally should be submitted, with the relative approximate prices, also of any lamps or torches which may be required.

#### GENERAL.

I am to state that before your Council incurs any expenditure on any of the above matters, the prior approval of this Department should be obtained where it has not been accorded already. Such approved expenditure will rank for grant under the Air Raid Precaution Act at the rate of 60 per cent.

The Parliamentary Secretary desires to forcibly remind your Council and yourself that your Council is the Statutory A.R.P. scheme-making authority for the County Wicklow, excluding the Bray Urban District. He deplores your action up to the present in passing on to the Arklow Urban District Council all questions referred to you by this Department in connection with the A.R.P. measures for Arklow. While the Arklow and Wicklow Urban District Councils are required to render your Council every assistance in connection with the organisation of A.R.P. measures, and the Parliament-

ary Secretary feels from letters received from the Town Clerks of both these bodies, that they will be only too pleased to do so, the onus of the A.R.P. Scheme rests on your Council and on yourself.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. O'DRISCOLL,  
a/s Runaidhe.

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

The Secretary intimated that in a long letter, dated the 28th February, 1941, he had placed before the Parliamentary Secretary all the facts explaining why there was no Air Raid Precautions Scheme operated by the County Council during the financial year 1940/1941.

After a protracted discussion it was

Proposed by Councillor P. Doyle (Coolboy);  
Seconded by Councillor Major R. Smith:

Resolved: That in our present abnormal times, with outbreaks of Foot-and-Mouth Disease in our County, we consider it quite impossible for the Ratepayers to face any increased Rate, and for that reason we hereby decide to strike out the £400 in the recommended Estimates set aside in 1941/1942 for the operation of an Air Raid Precautions Scheme—which £400 Scheme we feel is not alone now much too late, but is unnecessary in the County; Wicklow County Council has reached this decision after a long discussion and with much regret, but we are operating a very large Over-draft, and are confronted in 1941/1942 with the certainty of a huge increase in our Rates.

Passed unanimously.

The following letter from the County Secretary, County Wicklow Executive of the Irish Farmers' Federation, was submitted:

THE IRISH FARMERS' FEDERATION,

Springfield,  
Kilbride,  
Wicklow,  
15th February, 1941.

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

Dear Mr. Healy,

At our Annual Convention, on the 4th February, I was instructed to ask you what date will the General Meeting of the County Council be held, as we wish to send a small Deputation to the County Council that day.

I believe we have to apply at the previous meeting if we want a Deputation received, and, as I understand there is a meeting on the 17th inst., I hope you will bring this letter before them.

As the farmers at the present need all available cash procurable for the purchase of seeds, manures, and wages, in order to get in sufficient crops, we request the Council to extend by two months the period for payment of 1940-41 Rates. Owing to the dislocation caused by the Foot-and-Mouth Disease, it would be a dreadful hardship to have farmers forced to sell their cattle now.

Yours faithfully,

ELIZABETH F. BOBBETT,  
County Secretary.

Proposed by Councillor Senator G. M. Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy):

Resolved: That having regard to the abnormal times through which the Ratepayers of County Wicklow are passing, we hereby extend to the 30th April, 1941, the period within which Rate Collectors shall have their Poor Rate Collections closed in respect of the financial year which ends on the 31st March, 1941.

Passed.

The County Council, having decided to receive the Deputation which was present at the Meeting from the County Wicklow Executive of the Farmers' Federation, heard the views on Rates generally submitted by Miss E. F. Bobbett, Springfield, Kilbride, Wicklow, and by Mr. W. McDonald, Dunganstown, Wicklow, who were assured that the points made by them receive the serious consideration of the Council.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON RATE ESTIMATES FOR THE SERVICES OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1942.

A Special Meeting of your Finance Committee was summoned for Monday the 10th March, instant, to consider the Estimates. This Meeting, however, fell through in the absence of a quorum, only Councillor Everett, T.D., attending.

The Meeting was resummoned for Friday, the 14th March, at 12 o'clock noon, when the following members attended:—

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., presiding Chairman; Councillors Major J. Smith, J. P. Kehoe, and J. P. O'Donnell.

The Secretary submitted on the prescribed Explanatory Tables the annual Estimates of amounts which he believed should be raised as General Charges and as Separate Charges during the financial year ending 31st March, 1942, to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council, and for sums demanded in respect of that period by Subsidiary Bodies. He also submitted the following report:—

#### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

##### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

County Secretary's Office,  
Court House, Wicklow,  
1st March, 1941.

The Chairman,

And Members of Wicklow County Council.

#### RATE ESTIMATES FOR THE SERVICE OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON THE 31st MARCH, 1942.

##### GENTLEMEN,

I submit to you herewith my Estimates of the amounts which, in my opinion, will be required during the ensuing financial year to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the County Council, and to meet the demands of the other Public Bodies financed by the Council.

Great Care has been taken to describe fully in the Estimates the precise service to which each sum raised is to be applied. For that reason it occurs to me no useful purpose will be served by referring at length in this Report to each individual service.

Should the Council decide to strike out of my Estimates a sum I have provided for any service, I submit that the Council should abide by that Decision, and refuse to expend during the forthcoming financial year any monies on that service. Should the amount I have set forth in the Estimates opposite any particular service be reduced, then the Council should exercise particular care throughout the ensuing year to see that no greater amount than the sum raised in the Estimates is expended on that service.

The Council's finances are in an extremely unsatisfactory condition. Whilst in no way minimizing the extraordinary difficulties confronting Ratepayers this year, I would earnestly urge the Council to adopt immediately such measures as will secure a return of their finances to a normal condition again after a limited number of financial years. The cumulative effect of reducing Estimates year after year with a view to striking a rate which it was considered would be within the power of Ratepayers to pay, in conjunction with the withdrawal of large amounts of Government Grants to meet unpaid Land Purchase Annuities, has contributed largely to the Council's present financial difficulties.

The policy of existing on overdrafts is perhaps the most unsound one that could be followed by a Local Authority. A study of the subjoined table will more clearly indicate my submission in that regard:—

Financial Year ending 31st March	Number of days in year on which Overdraft was necessary.	Interest paid to Council's Treasurer on Overdraft during year.
		£ s. d.
1931-1932	43	49 4 10
1932-1933	143	34 8 0
1933-1934	252	349 8 6
1934-1935	287	509 10 0
1935-1936	263	483 0 9
1936-1937	303	900 16 0
1937-1938	307	1394 11 3
1938-1939	305	1358 15 3
1939-40	295	1684 0 6
1940-1941 to 27/2/41	275	1165 1 3
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>2452</b>	<b>£7,324 14 4</b>

**DEMANDS FROM SUBSIDIARY BODIES.**

The following demands have been received from the Subsidiary Bodies, and in giving you the amount I am also giving a comparison with the amounts actually raised in the rates for the year ending 31st March, 1941.

	Amount demanded for the Coming Year.	Increase on figures raised for the Year 1940/1941	Decrease on figures raised for the Year 1940/1941
	£	£	£
County Board of Health	29,662	—	9,278
County Board of Assistance	53,982	—	1,230
Joint Committee of Grange-gorman Mental Hospital	25,434	2,652	—
County Vocational Education Committee	3,863	—	—
Co. Committee of Agriculture	2,518	—	64
County Library Committee	779	102	—

The net decrease in these demands is approximately £7,813.

**ROADS.**

Last year the expenditure allowed by the Council in the Road Works Scheme amounted to £52,836. The amount already adopted for 1941/1942 for the Road Works Scheme is £55,674. Under this heading, therefore, the requirements are increased by £2,838. It will also be necessary to provide a rate under the heading of Roads for three items of expenditure, amounting to £1,475, which expenditure was authorised by various resolutions of the Council during the financial year now drawing to a close.

**COUNTY SERVICES.**

There are just a couple of headings of proposed expenditure to which I wish to specially direct the attention of each Member of the Council. These items are:—

**1.—AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS.**

I have included in my Estimates a sum of £10,000 for expenses in connection with Air Raid Precautions.

Last year a Scheme was prepared and submitted to the Council on the 13th November, 1939, and an item of £5,000 was included in my Estimates, as submitted to the Finance Committee. The Scheme was not adopted by the Council and the item included in the Estimates was struck out, notwithstanding the fact that I had warned the Council of the very grave responsibilities imposed upon them under the Air Raid Precautions Act, 1939. These responsibilities have unfortunately, in no way lessened since then, and I must again warn each Councillor to give this matter his fullest and most careful consideration before either reducing or striking out the sum now included in the Estimates.

**2.—REDUCTIONS IN RAILWAY VALUATIONS.**

You will observe that I have included a sum of £8,812 to meet a payment with interest and costs, to the Railway Company, for refund of rates from the 1st April, 1937, to the 31st March, 1940, following the legal decision in connection with the Railway Valuation reductions. These payments are mandatory, and you will recollect that the Local Government Department declined to sanction the raising of a loan in this connection.

**3.—PROPOSED REDUCTION IN OVERDRAFT.**

At the commencement of this Report I dwelt on the absolute necessity for placing the Council's Financial position on a better footing than exists at present. In view, however, of the abnormal expenditure under the two headings referred to above, i.e., Air Raid Precautions, and Railway Company's repayment, I have placed a sum of £7,900 only, in my Estimates for the Reduction of Overdraft, and this sum of £7,900 includes £2,900 which was received last year as Arrears of Agricultural Grant, but was in fact, at your meeting of the 20th March, 1940, placed as a credit in the Estimates Sheet for the purpose of reducing this year's rates.

**4.—ARREARS OF AGRICULTURAL GRANT.**

The sum of £14,222 appearing in the Estimates represents only the balance of Agricultural Grant actually allowed off the Council's requirements in past years but not yet received or raised by way of rate.

The following are the General Rates which I suggest should be struck for the service of the forthcoming financial year, 1941/1942:—

Roads	3/11
County Services	7/4
Poor Relief	3/0
Health District Charges	1/6
<b>Gross Total</b>	<b>16/8</b>

I subjoin for the purpose of comparison the General Rate assessed on other Hereditaments during the current year and the four previous years:—

Year ended the 31st March, 1937	9/2
Year ended the 31st March, 1938	12/0
Year ended the 31st March, 1939	11/8
Year ended the 31st March, 1940	11/4
Year ended the 31st March, 1941	12/5

In submitting this comparison of rates I would like to draw attention to the serious reduction in the valuation of the County owing to the acquirement of property by the Electricity Supply Board and the reduction in Railway Valuations. For instance when preparing the rates for the year ended 31st March, 1940, I was able to use a total County Valuation of £310,407, as against the present total valuation of £303,767.

Yours faithfully,

P. T. HEALY, County Secretary.

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.**

The Committee proceeded to consider each item as entered in the Explanatory Tables, which Printed Tables had been circulated already to all the Members of the County Council.

After very careful investigation the Committee unanimously decided to reduce certain items in the estimates as follows:—

ITEM	Amount allowed by the Committee.	Reduction made by the Committee.
Salary and expenses of Assistant Surveyors	£1,355	£145
Extra expenditure on Ballyknockan Road under Resolution 9/12/'40	£400	£775
Miscellaneous	County Urban £12 County Rural £64	£65

**COUNTY SERVICES.**

Repairs to Courthouse and Offices	£400	£255
Temporary Clerks applotting Rates, etc.	£500	£129
Part of the £11,168 carried forward to 1940/'41 Warrants	Nil	£4,000
Election Expenses	Nil	£1,500
To reduce Overdraft	£2,900	£5,000
Deficiencies in Agricultural Grant	Nil	£14,222
Expenses under Air Raid Precautions Act	£400	£9,600
Warble Fly Order	Nil	Net Reduction £395
To Meet Loss on Seeds Scheme	£600	£90
Expenses of Seeds Scheme	£100	£100
Miscellaneous	County Urban £57 County Rural £270	£150

**POOR RELIEF.**

To Reduce Debit Balance	£1,000	£2,500
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**HEALTH DISTRICT CHARGES.**

No Alteration.

**SEPARATE CHARGES.**

No Alteration.

Total Amount by which the Estimates are Reduced £38,926

**AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS.**

As set out above the Committee reduced the amount from £10,000 to £400. In considering this matter they had before them a letter, dated 18th March, 1941, from the Department of Defence (A.R.P. Branch), St. John's Road, Kingsbridge, Dublin, and addressed to the County Secretary, as follows:—

**A CHARA,**

I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence to refer to your letters of the 28th ultimo and 7th instant. It has been noted that your Council will give attention to A.R.P. Measures at their next meeting on the 19th inst. I am to state however that the amount £10,000 mentioned by you as expenses of the A.R.P. Scheme is altogether excessive. As far as can be seen at present the total cost will be from £300 to £400, and 60 per cent. of any such expenditure as approved will be met by a grant from this Department.

Mise, le meas,  
T. J. O'DRISCOLL,  
a/s Runaidhe.

**COUNTY LIBRARY.**

No change has been made in the figure entered by me to be transferred to the County Library during the coming year. The figure of £700 is, however, £198 10s. less than the amount requested by the County Library Committee. This is accounted for as follows:—

To meet increase in County Librarian's Salary, which according to Governmental sanction must be raised as a separate item, and is shown as such in my Estimates	£20 0 0
Sundry receipts as appearing in the last two half year's Library Accounts	£28 8 7
Sums to be transferred by Arklow and Wicklow Urban Districts	£71 0 0
Part of Credit Balance in the Library Accounts	£79 0 0
Adjusting Entry	1 5
	£198 10 0

In reference to the item of £79 for credit balance: the last abstract of accounts for the half year ended September 1940 showed a debit balance of £19 15s. 6d., but a Paying Order for £185 10s. issued from my Office on the 27th September was not paid by the Treasurer until the 2nd October.

In the Copy of the Minutes of the County Library Committee, for their Meeting held on the 7th February, 1941, the following resolution appears:—

"Resolved—That the County Library Committee having considered the Estimates for 1941-'42 as submitted to us by the County Librarian this day, judge them to be an accurate forecast of our expenditure for the year 1941-'42 and request the County Council to allocate the sum of £898 10s. 0d. to the County Library Committee, which sum represents the product of a special rate of three halfpence in the £, amounting approximately to £55 from Arklow Urban District Council; the product of a halfpenny rate, amounting approximately to £16 from Wicklow Urban District Council and a special levy for the maintenance of the Libraries in the Rathdown area. We would respectfully indicate to the County Council that owing to the drastic reductions effected in our Estimates during previous years, the Carnegie Trustees have withheld payment of a grant of £150 which we will be compelled to sacrifice this year in the event of further reductions."

The Committee wish to point out that they have not lessened in the Estimates submitted by the County Library Committee any figure for any individual service, and more particularly they have not interfered with the £300 set forth therein as being required for the purchase of books and rebinding.

The Committee are struck by the fact that in the Estimates submitted by the County Library Committee no balance on the 31st March, 1941, is shown, and no miscellaneous receipts for the year ending 31st March, 1942, are brought into the Estimates either.

I do not think that any useful purpose can be served by my referring at any length to the Estimates now being submitted to you, as approved by the Finance Committee; the Committee's recommendations in this Report, if adopted by the County Council, will have the effect of reducing the rate, on the four main services, suggested in the Secretary's Report, to the following figures:—

(a) Roads	8s. 10 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> d.
(b) County Services	4s. 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> d.
(c) Poor Relief	3s. 7d.
(d) Health District Charges	1s. 6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> d.

TOTAL 13s. 6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d.

The system of relief of rates on Agricultural Land with which the Council and Ratepayers are now familiar will remain in operation in respect of the forthcoming financial year.

(Signed): J. EVERETT,  
Presiding Chairman Finance Committee.

Dated this 14th March, 1941.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;  
 Seconded by Councillor J. P. O'Donnell;  
 Resolved: That Finance Committee's Report on the Estimates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1942, as printed and circulated to each Member of Wicklow County Council, be, and it is hereby approved and adopted, subject to the reductions made at this day's Meeting having been first made therein in the several calculations of the Rate.  
 Passed unanimously.

Description of Item.	Amount Struck Out.	Amount Reduced to
<b>A. ROADS</b>		
To meet Cr. Allowed in 1939/40 for Estate Duty which was not received	£326	
<b>B. COUNTY SERVICES</b>		
To reduce Overdraft including the sum of £2,900 Arrears of Grant received, but placed to reduce last year's Rates	2900	
Expenses under Air Raid Precautions Act, 1939, chargeable to Functionable Area	400	
Money supplied to County Committee of Agriculture		£2357
<b>C. POOR RELIEF</b>		
To reduce Debit Balance in County Council Ledger	1000	
To meet Cr. for Estate Duty allowed in Estimates for 1939/40, and not received	920	

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;  
 Seconded by Councillor J. P. O'Donnell;  
 Resolved: That we hereby confirm, adopt and Seal the Estimates (Forms 42 and 43) now submitted to us, as amended, and determine the Rates in the £ to be levied in the County by means of the Poor Rate for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1942, as follows:

GENERAL CHARGES.	s.	d.
Construction and Maintenance of Roads	3	92
County Services	4	21
Poor Relief	3	5
Board of Health Charges	1	62
Total Rate on other Hereditaments	12	112

Resolved: That we hereby confirm, adopt and Seal the Estimates (Forms 42 and 43) now submitted to us, as amended, and determine the Rates in the £ to be levied in the County by means of the Poor Rate for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1942, as follows:

SEPARATE CHARGES.	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1 R.D.—Water Supplies	9	31
Rathdown No. 2 R.D.—Water Supplies	5	11
Delgany Parish—Sewerage	11	11
Powerscourt Dispensary District—Sewerage	8	11
Greystones E.D.—Lighting	11	11
Newcastle Dispensary District—Water and Sewerage	2	11
Rathdrum R.D.—Water Supplies, etc.	3	11
Shillelaga R.D.—Water Supplies and Sewerage	1	11
Enniskerry E.D. (Part of)—Lighting	2	11
Blessington E.D.—Lighting	1	11
Carnew E.D.—Lighting	1	11
Newcastle Upper E.D.—Lighting	1	11
Rathdrum E.D.—Lighting	5	11
Wicklow Rural E.D.—Lighting	2	11
Delgany E.D.—Lighting	3	11
Oldown and Tegen E.D.s.—Lighting	3	11
Kilcoole E.D.—Kilcoole Dumping Ground	4	11
Wicklow Harbour	4	11
Tramway Employees—Commutation of Pensions	1	11
Rathdrum Union Loans	1	11
Wicklow and Rathdrum Joint Burial Ground	1	11
Baltinglass Union Loans	1	11
Baltinglass No. 1 District Pensions	2	11
Baltinglass Former R.D.—Criminal Injury	2	11
County at Large—Criminal Injury	5	11
Mendalough E.D.—Criminal Injury	1	11
Healey E.D.—Criminal Injury	1	11
Kilcoole E.D.—Criminal Injury	1	11
Trooperstown E.D.—Criminal Injury	1	11

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;  
 Seconded by Councillor J. P. O'Donnell;  
 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, 1942, as follows:—

	Bray	Wicklow
Roads	£2816 12 0	£3863 5 0
County Services	1184 17 2	4533 4 0
Poor Relief	1337 11 0	6311 4 0
Board of Health Charges	181 11 0	853 19 0
Separate Charges	158 16 0	11 2 0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£3729 7 2</b>	<b>£15872 14 0</b>

Passed.  
 Proposed by Councillor M. J. Brennan;  
 Seconded by Councillor G. Heatley;  
 Resolved: That Licence granted under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, to the following be hereby renewed by our Secretary:  
 E. J. Mason, Roundwood;  
 Leslie Murphy, Donard;  
 James Urell, Newcastle.

Passed.  
 Proposed by Councillor M. Timmins;  
 Seconded by Councillor J. J. McLaughlin;  
 Resolved: That we hereby empower our Secretary to issue a renewal of Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, to Mr. George Bradley, Touring Cinema, Baltinglass, for a Portable Booth, under the usual conditions.

Passed.  
 The Secretary submitted the following:  
**DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.**  
 Custom House, Dublin.  
 Ref. No. A.30774/40  
 Cill Mhamntain (F.).  
 A Chara,  
 A copy of the Auditor's Report on his Audit of the Accounts of the Wicklow County Council, for the two half-years ended the 30th September, 1939, is enclosed, together with attached Abstracts of the Accounts.  
 Misc. le meas,  
 J. HURSON, Runai.

The Secretary,  
 Wicklow County Council,  
 A.30774/1940.  
 10th December, 1940.  
 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, 1939.

Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded herewith.  
 Following is a comparative table of the Rates raised for the years 1938/39; 1939/40; 1940/41:—

	1938/39	1939/40	1940/41
In respect of Roads (Rate in £)	381	404	431
" " County Services	461	394	39
" " Poor Relief	361	341	42
" " Health Dist. Charges	18	211	241
	140	136	149

The Rate raised for Roads showed a slight progressive increase for the three years, the Rate for 1940/41 being 4½d. in the £ higher than that for 1938/39. A Revenue balance on Roads A/c. of £4,732 3. 2 in favour as at 31/3/39 had declined to £2,162. 11. 1 as at 31/3/40.

The Rate for County Services, which for the year 1939/40 had been substantially reduced as compared with the two previous years, was maintained at practically the same level for 1940/41. The Rate raised for 1939/40 had proved sufficient to convert an adverse balance of £1,646 17. 8 at the commencement of the financial year into a favourable balance at £2,740 4. 1, at the close.

The largest increase in Rate in 1940/41 occurred under the head of Poor Relief and the increase herein, along with the minor increases for Roads and Health District Charges, made up the aggregate increase of 13d. in £ as compared with the previous year. The adverse balance on Poor Relief A/c at 31/3/40 of £3,817 11. 11 showed a disimprovement of £662. 8. 10 over the year.

The following table shows the irrecoverable rates written off and the collectible arrears carried forward at the close of each of the three years:—

	1937/38	1938/39	1939/40
Recoverable Rates carried forward	£10,139	£11,548	£11,168
Irrecoverable Rates struck off, Refunds and Discounts	648	2,300	1,097

The figure of £11,168 carried forward at the close of 1939/40 does not include an amount of £3,227. 0. 2d. rates outstanding on holdings acquired wholly or in part by the Electricity Supply Board.

The balances outstanding on Demands against each of the Urban Councils at 31/3/1940 were as follows:—

Arklow	£792 11 11
Bray	5315 0 0
Wicklow	1534 16 6

In an invoice covering a large number of books charged to the County Library Committee by a Dublin Firm of Booksellers, I observed a number opposite which the word "taken" was inserted. The Librarian explained that this mark indicated that the books in question were taken by her personally in advance of the delivery of the full consignment, so as to expedite the issue of the books to a borrower. I noted that a number normally assigned to every Library Book which was inserted opposite all the other books included on the invoice did not appear opposite the majority of these books, but books bearing the same title as the books in question appeared to be included in the Library stock.

Apart from any index of books under classified heads, I think it is essential that each new book purchased should be date-stamped with the date of the invoice, numbered with a consecutive number, and recorded on a permanent list, and that, at the same time, the number assigned to the book should be inserted on the Invoice. The purpose in mind is partially served by a card record known as an accession list which is at present in existence, but it is not wholly satisfactory.

One of the Sureties of the Rate Collector for No. 11 District has died. A cover note has been obtained in respect of one of the Clerks who recently took up employment in the Motor Taxation Department. Otherwise all insurance renewals has been paid to date.  
 (Signed)—S. O. HEALUIGHTE, Infiúchóir.

Do'n Aire Riailtas Aaiteamhla agus Slainte Púibh.  
 Proposed by Councillor P. Doyle (Winetavern);  
 Seconded by Councillor M. Timmins;  
 Resolved: That the Wicklow County Council take over, repair and maintain the following roads:

COUNTY ROADS.	EXPENDITURE FOR FIRST YEAR
County Road No. 389 at Kenneystown, to County Wexford Bounds, for a distance of 280 perches	£20
Road and path leading to the District of Baraulia Commons from the Post Office at Kilmacanogue junction with Road No. 5, a distance of 73 perches	£30
Road from junction with T.61 at Kirwan's House to Glencap Commons, a distance of 40 perches	£10
Ballymoyle Lane from junction with Road No. 176, via Ballyrichard House to quarry, a distance of 260 perches	£25

Passed.  
 After some discussion the Council referred to the approaching Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee the question of making arrangements for the appointment of a Weigh Clerk for the new Weighbridge which the County Council has authorised to be erected on the approved site on the Murrough, Wicklow, the County Surveyor having undertaken to submit a Report in the meantime as to the possibility of the scales being adaptable so as to make it possible to weigh live animals thereon and the estimated cost of such alterations as may be necessary for that purpose.

The following communication was submitted:—  
**ROINN RIAGHALTAIS ATTEAMHAIL AGUS SLAINTE POIBLIDHE (BOITHAR).**  
 Teach an Chustaim,  
 Baile Atha Cliath,  
 25adh Marta, 1941.

R/IR/142  
 A Chara,  
 I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state for the information of the County Council that he proposes to arrange a conference of County Surveyors in Dublin at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, the 1st proximo, at the Institution of Civil Engineers, 35, Dawson St., to enable the Surveyors to confer with the Department's Chief Engineering Advisor on matters arising out of the present emergency. It is trusted that the County Surveyor will confer with the Chairman of the Council and arrange to be present at the conference.  
 Misc. le meas,  
 J. HURSON, Runai.

The Secretary,  
 To each County Council.  
 Order: The Council authorises and directs the County Surveyor to be present at the proposed conference.  
 After some discussion it was  
 Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;  
 Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved: That it be an instruction from this County Council to our County Surveyor to expend during this abnormal year 1941-1942 on roads no money on materials such as Tar for surface dressing, so that all the monies allowed for roads may be expended in wages to workmen so as to cope in some measure with the unemployment so prevalent in our County.  
 Passed unanimously.  
 The County Surveyor submitted the following letter:  
 Courthouse,  
 Wicklow,  
 26th March, 1941.  
 Ref. HE/2631.

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

Dear Sir,  
The period of employment of Mr. Michael McDonagh Fleming, B.E., Assistant County Surveyor, terminated on the 19th instant. His services will be further required from that date for six months. I ask the approval of the Council to this proposal.

Yours faithfully,  
J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Surveyor/Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;  
Seconded by Councillor J. McCrea:  
Resolved: That we, the County Council for the County of Wicklow, hereby appoint, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, for a further period of six months, commencing on the 19th February, 1941, or until an Assistant County Surveyor has been permanently appointed for his area, whichever happens first, Mr. Michael McDonagh Fleming, B.E., of Shillelagh, as Assistant County Surveyor, on the same terms and conditions as governed by his appointment by this Council by Resolution passed on the 24th June, 1940, and again on the 18th November, 1940.

Passed.  
The County Surveyor submitted the following letter also:  
Court House,  
Wicklow,  
26th March, 1941.

Ref. HE/2631.  
P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
County Secretary,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,  
SPECIAL TEMPORARY ASSISTANT.  
The appointment of Mr. W. F. Johnston, B.E., as Special Engineering Assistant, terminated on the 19th inst. The work on which he has been engaged has so far been satisfactorily carried out, i.e., detailed survey of Main Bray-Wicklow Road as requested by the Department, with a view to extensive improvement. He has been unable to fully complete the details owing to unsuitable weather, but in any event he will be required for surveys in other areas. The intention is to have a record of Schemes in my office which can be submitted at short notice to the Department in event of allocation of monies. I ask that Mr. Johnston be retained for a further period of two months.

Yours faithfully,  
J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Surveyor/Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;  
Seconded by Councillor J. McCrea:  
Resolved that we, the County Council for the County of Wicklow, hereby appoint Mr. Wm. F. Johnston, B.E., of 3, Pembroke Road, Dublin, to the position of temporary engineer for a further period of two months commencing on the 19th March, 1941, at the same terms and under the same conditions as governed his previous temporary appointment, namely, at an inclusive remuneration of Six Guineas (£6 6 0) per week, subject to his re-appointment receiving the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Passed.  
The Secretary submitted the following letter from the County Surveyor:  
Courthouse,  
Wicklow,  
26th March, 1941.

Ref. HE/2631.  
P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
County Secretary,  
Courthouse,  
Wicklow.

WICKLOW-ARKLOW ROAD  
SILVER STRAND-MAGHERABEG SECTION.

Dear Sir,  
I interviewed the owner of the lands of Kilpool on the 21st instant, and satisfactorily arranged the procedure to be adopted if and when this work proceeds.

As you are aware, the Arbitration for compensation has not yet been held, but the Minister has confirmed his Order to acquire the lands. I believe that the Co. Council will be allowed to enter and work on these lands immediately pending this Arbitration, and I suggest that the Council, to-day, authorise the Law Agent to get in touch with the owners with a view to this: in the meantime, the Council should ask the Department to release the promised Grant immediately so as to provide much needed employment and enable work to be carried out at the proper time of the year. I would remind you that the Council have already raised £4,116 in rates as a local contribution to the cost of the Scheme.

Yours faithfully,  
J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Surveyor/Engineer.

Order: Noted with satisfaction—suggestions to be put into operation.  
At the request of the County Surveyor, the Council adjourned consideration of the Report to be submitted by him following his investigations with the assistance of the local Councillors of a Claim of Mr. Charles Byrne, Ballytunny, for damages to his lands by flooding, in consequence, as alleged by him, of the neglect of the Council's employees.

The Council considered a communication, dated the 17th January, 1941, from the Rev. William Lillis, Manor Kilbride, Dublin, with which was enclosed a memorial signed by thirty-nine residents of Blessington and District, demanding the construction of a concrete footpath from Blessington to Crosschapel, and also the immediate removal of a dangerous corner at the latter place.

Having been informed by the County Surveyor that the dangerous turn in question has been eased, that half of the path referred to has already been finished in concrete and that the other half will be completed in the coming financial year 1941/1942 in tar macadam, the Council deemed no action in the matter necessary.

A communication, dated the 15th January, 1941, was received from Greystones and District Ratepayers' Association, asking to have a footpath made on the South side of Victoria Road from the Railway Arch to the intersection of Church Road. The County Surveyor having informed the Council that this work was included in the Road Works Scheme for the financial year 1941/1942, and would be executed in the coming financial year, no further action was deemed necessary.

The Council referred to the County Surveyor for his information and suitable action a communication, dated the 29th December, 1940, from Delgany Labour Club, in which was pointed out a number of works in their District which they believed required to be carried out urgently.

The Secretary reported that no decision had been received yet from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the Council's Resolution approving and adopting the Conference Report in connection with the re-organisation Scheme for County Engineering.

Order: Adjourned.  
The County Surveyor submitted the following Report:  
ESB/2421.  
P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
County Secretary,  
Courthouse,  
Wicklow.  
Court House,  
Wicklow,  
24th February, 1941.

RIVER LIFFEY HYDRO ELECTRIC SCHEME—ROADS IN WEST WICKLOW.

Dear Sir,  
I desire to inform you that the Electricity Supply Board are continuing the construction of alternative roads and bridges in the Western District in connection with the above Scheme, notwithstanding the fact that it was clearly understood that all such works, as well as the Ballyknocken-Lacken road, were to have been the subject of Arbitration as between Wicklow County Council and the Electricity Supply Board. I fear if these works continue to their completion, especially as regards the bridges, that a very unfortunate situation will arise. I suggest, therefore, that you might yourself consider the question of immediately getting in touch with the E.S.B. and the L.G.D. regarding the matter.

Yours faithfully,  
J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Surveyor/Engineer.

Order: Referred to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for their information and suitable action.

Item No. 18 on the Agenda was to consider a communication dated the 7th February, 1941, from Delgany Labour Club, in which complaints were made of the system of employing men for the work on Daunt's Corner, which it was claimed was taking place in the area of their Club. As that letter was withdrawn by a subsequent letter, dated the 22nd March, 1941, the Council marked the first letter "Noted."

Two communications, dated the 8th and 24th February, respectively, were considered from Patrick Doyle, Brockey, Manor-Kilbride, who alleged that the road leading to his place is impassable, and who in his second letter threatened that he may have to institute legal proceedings. The County Surveyor informed the Council that it had been reported to him by Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., that much of the matter complained of had already been attended to. The Council thereupon referred the correspondence to the County Surveyor.

The Council referred to the County Surveyor, to obtain a Special Report from Assistant Surveyor J. P. Caffrey, B.E., on correspondence that had taken place with Messrs. M. J. O'Connor and Co., Solicitors, Ferrybank, Arklow, regarding a plot of land near Tinahely Bridge, used by the Wicklow County Council for the past forty years and now claimed by Mr. Frank Yilek, Townview, Tinahely, to be his property.

A communication, dated the 10th February, 1941, was submitted from Greystones and District Ratepayers' Association, in which the Council was asked when the work of relaying the roadway and footpath at Kinlen Road would be put in hands. The County Surveyor informed the Council that the work would be commenced at as early a date as was found possible, but he was not in a position to say precisely when.

A communication, dated the 8th February, 1941, was submitted from Miss Mary Chisholm, St. Ann's, Glencap Commons South, Kilmacanogue, Bray, and Miss Irene A. Ball-Acton, Glencapple, Glencap Commons South, Kilmacanogue, Bray, who complained of the dangerous condition of the road leading to their respective houses and to the houses of ten other residents.

The County Surveyor informed the Council that this road was included in the Road Works Scheme for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1942, and would be attended to under the terms of that Scheme.

A communication, dated the 10th February, 1941, was submitted from Mr. Thomas Timmons, of Knockfodda, Roundwood, an Irish Transport and General Workers' Union Delegate, regarding the condition of certain roads in and adjoining Roundwood following the recent snowstorm, and the efforts made to open them up for public traffic again. The letter went on to suggest that the Council should purchase a Snow Plough for the Roundwood Area, to be kept in that village.

Order: Noted.  
The Council noted the contents of a letter, dated the 25th February, 1941, No. RU/907/33.S. from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, Roads Section, notifying a Supplemental Grant of £370 for expenditure on Cornagower Cross Roads on conditions that the sum of £130 is devoted to the work out of Rates.

The Council noted and referred to their Solicitor a communication, dated the 7th February, 1941, from Mr. C. P. Curran, B.E., M.I.C.E.I., F.S.I., Abbey Buildings, Middle Abbey Street, Dublin, offering his professional services as a Valuer before the Official Arbitrator in connection with the lands being acquired for the Dunbur-Magherabeg new Road.

Order: Noted and referred to Council's Law Agent.  
An application, dated the 30th January, 1941, was submitted from Mr. N. P. Murphy, Hon. Secretary, Killaveney Parish Council, Palm Lodge, Tinahely, asking to have certain alterations made in the Courthouse, Tinahely, so as to leave it suitable for the holding of meetings, lectures, and social events.

Order: Noted.  
Letters, dated the 21st January and 22nd February, 1941, were submitted from Mr. Alfred E. Walker, Solicitor, 1, College Street, Dublin, applying to the County Council for the payment of the sum of £14 10 0, which he stated represented the cost of repairs for damages to the premises known as "Charleville," caused on the occasion of the explosion of magnetic mines that had been dropped by German planes in the immediate vicinity of those premises.

Order: Referred to the County Solicitor for a Report.  
Communications dated the 16th and 20th January, 1941, were submitted from Messrs. J. H. Montgomery and Son, Solicitors, D'Olier Chambers, 17, D'Olier Street, Dublin, applying to the County Council for recoupment of the cost of repairing a cottage in the Townland of Stylebawn, Kilmacanogue, the property of Mr. E. J. Montgomery, caused on the explosion by Government Order of the magnetic mines that had been dropped by German planes in the vicinity of the premises.

Order: Referred to the County Solicitor for a Report.  
The Council adjourned to their next Quarterly Meeting a very large file of correspondence dealing with a number of matters having relation to Air Raid Precautions, including a letter from the Air Raid Precautions Branch of the Department of Defence, dated the 25th November, 1940.

The following letter was submitted by the County Secretary:  
AN ROINN TALMHAIDHEACHTA,  
Baile Atha Cliath.

No. L121/41.  
WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDERS, 1936 AND 1939

Sir,  
I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to refer to this Department's communication of the 6th instant conveying the sanction to the appointment by your Local Authority of temporary Inspectors under the above-mentioned Orders and to state that, in view of the existing position with regard to Foot-and-Mouth Disease in the country, the Minister, on further consideration, deems it undesirable at present to have such Inspectors moving from farm to farm and handling cattle. In the circumstances, the temporary Inspectors should be informed that their services will not be required on the 1st proximo. A further communication regarding the operation of the Orders will be sent to you at an early date.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,  
J. MEEK,  
For Secretary.

The Clerk to the Local Authority,  
Under the Diseases of Animals Acts,  
Co. Wicklow.  
The Secretary reported that the contents of this communication had been conveyed to each of the twenty persons who acted as Warble Fly Inspectors in previous years.  
Proposed by Councillor M. J. Brennan;  
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalf.

Resolved: That we, the County Council for the County of Wicklow, have heard reports that from time to time persons whose business may or may not have taken them into areas where Foot-and-Mouth Disease outbreaks have been confirmed were seen to leave such infected areas and travel through other areas.

We would urge the Minister to prevent by every means in his power, and in the most rigid manner, any person who has of necessity to either do business or live in an infected district, from leaving that particular area under any circumstances whatsoever, as we believe that he or she is in every case a potential distributor of this exceedingly virulent and contagious disease.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor G. Heatley; Seconded by Councillor J. P. O'Donnell:

Resolved: That we, the Wicklow County Council, desire to protest to the Minister for Agriculture in the strongest possible manner against the practice existing universally of itinerants of every type with their horses and donkeys stopping on the roadsides in these days, when everyone is naturally so anxious to prevent any possibility of distributing Foot-and-Mouth Disease, and we call on the Minister to take immediate steps to prevent this promiscuous wandering about the highways which we believe may be a fruitful source of danger to the cattle of owners living near the positions where they make their nightly camps.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a communication, dated the 28th November, 1940, from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, together with the following two Resolutions which accompanied it:

"Resolved: That we recommend that in future a subsidy of £25 be allowed for the erection of new swim baths, and that we agree to four new baths being erected in Mr. Conway's area, subject to the sanction of the Department of Agriculture."

"Resolved: That we hereby approve of our Committee's previous proposal of a subsidy of £25 each being allowed to the following persons—recommended by Mr. S. Conway, V.S.—for the erection of public swim baths:—

- Joseph Clancy, Ballygreen, Aughrim.
Michael Kelly, Knockrath, Rathdrum.
Peter Bradsaw, Ballymacsion, Glenealy.
W. Doyle, Glenmacanass, Laragh."

After some discussion, during which attention was directed to the fact that the annual cost of enforcing the Sheep Dipping Regulations was increasing steadily year by year, the County Council found themselves unable to agree that the subsidy for each of these new public swim baths should be increased to £25, whilst prepared to accept the submission that the four baths were essential in their respective areas. Accordingly, the matter was referred back to the County Committee of Agriculture for further consideration.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe; Seconded by Councillor M. J. Brennan:

Resolved: That we hereby approve, confirm, and adopt the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the Meeting of that Body held on the 28th January, 1941:

"Resolved: That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the postage accounts of 20 Sheep Dipping Inspectors for the year 1940, as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Name, Address, Amount. Lists names like Matthew Devitt, Andrew Fleming, Martin Fitzpatrick, etc., with their respective amounts.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne; Seconded by Councillor M. Mooney:

Resolved: That we hereby approve, confirm and adopt the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the Meeting of that Body held on the 28th January, 1941:

"Resolved that we hereby recommend Wicklow County Council to pay the amounts set out on attached Schedule to the persons mentioned therein in respect of the use of their Private Swim Baths During the 1940 Dipping Period (at the rate of 6/- per 100 sheep double-dipped):

Table with 3 columns: Name and Address of Payee, No. of Sheep, Amount. Lists names like Roy Kearon, George Woodburn, Wm. Fogarty, etc., with their respective amounts.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Address, Amount. Lists names like E. Lennon, S. Jackson, M. Devitt, etc., with their respective amounts.

TOTAL: £140 15 4

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M. J. Brennan; Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle (Coolboy):

Resolved: That we hereby approve, confirm and adopt the following Resolution passed by the County Committee of Agriculture at the Meeting of that Body held on the 28th January, 1941.

"Resolved: That we hereby recommend Wicklow County Council to pay the sum of £1 each to the persons mentioned on the attached Schedule in respect of the maintenance and repairs of their Public Sheep Dipping Baths for the year 1940:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Address, Amount. Lists names like John Doyle, John Byrne, Joseph Fisher, etc., with their respective amounts.

TOTAL: £34 0 0

Passed.

A file of correspondence was submitted, including a Resolution from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, regarding the £15 withheld from Mr. John Pearse, Bolinass, Ashford, which sum represented part of his remuneration as Sheep Dipping Inspector during portion of the year 1940.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne; Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

Resolved—That we hereby approve and adopt, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Agriculture, the following Resolution passed by the County

Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the Meeting of that Body held on the 25th February, 1941:

Resolved: That we hereby recommend Wicklow County Council to pay Mr. John Pearse, Bolinass, Ashford, the balance of £15 due to him in respect of the Sheep Dipping Period 1940.

Passed.  
The following letter from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture was submitted:-

COUNTY WICKLOW COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.  
Market Square, Wicklow.  
3rd March, 1941.

To P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
County Secretary, Wicklow.  
A Chara.

With reference to my letter of the 15th ultimo, relative to the matter contained in the communication of the Department of Agriculture, dated the 11th September, 1940 (No.L.2272/40) as to the condition of the Public Sheep Dipping Baths on the premises of Messrs. Patrick Bracken, Johnstown, Arklow, and Mr. John Byrne, Moneytown, Roundwood, I beg to inform you that the same was again discussed by my Committee, at its meeting held on the 25th ultimo.

Having heard the opinions of two members who had visited these baths, the Committee came to the conclusion that it would not be advisable to expend any more money on their repairs, and made an order accordingly. The Committee further decided that these particular baths would no longer be recognised as Public Baths and that the owners of same were not to be paid the usual £1 grant allowed for the repair and maintenance of baths, in future years.

The Committee also decided to communicate with the local Sheep Dipping Inspectors to ascertain if there were sufficient private swim baths in the district served by Messrs. Eracken's and Byrne's Baths in order to cater for the number of Sheep to be dipped at both centres.

Mise le meas.  
G. P. BYRNE, Secretary.

Order: The action of the County Committee is hereby approved and confirmed by Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor M. J. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor G. Heatley;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the Very Rev. A. Moriarty, P.P., to fill the vacancy on the Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee rendered vacant by the transfer of the Very Rev. F. A. Gleeson, P.P., to Aughrim.

Passed.  
The County Secretary submitted the County Analyst's Report as set out hereafter, and also her letter, dated the 20th January, 1941, subjoined, amending same.

QUARTERLY REPORT.

Report of the County Analyst, appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by her during the Quarter ending the 31st December, 1940:-

Articles submitted for Analysis	Date Received	Number	From	Result of Analysis
Whole Milk	4/10/40	2	Carnew, Gd. Doyle	Genuine
Whiskey	"	1	"	Genuine
Butter	5/10/40	1	Roundwood, Sgt. Mahony	Genuine
Whiskey	"	1	"	Genuine
Margarine	"	1	"	Genuine
Sugar	"	1	"	Genuine
Milk	11/10/40	4	Bray, Gd. Staunton	Genuine
Whiskey	"	4	"	Genuine
New Milk	"	1	Co. Hospital	Genuine
New Milk	"	1	Fever Hospital	Genuine
Whole Milk	24/10/40	1	Co. Home	Genuine
Milk	26/10/40	1	Dist. Hosp., Baltinglass	Genuine
Lard	31/10/40	1	Shillelagh, Gd. Behan	Genuine
Whole Milk	"	1	"	Genuine
Margarine	"	1	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	5/11/40	2	Roundwood, Sgt. Mahony	Genuine
Tea	"	1	"	Genuine
Whiskey	"	1	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	15/11/40	1	"	Genuine
Margarine	"	1	"	Genuine
Whiskey	"	1	"	Genuine
Rice	"	1	"	Genuine
Tea	20/11/40	4	Bray, Gd. Staunton	Genuine
Rum	22/11/40	1	Roundwood, Sgt. Mahony	Genuine
Tea	"	2	"	Genuine
Sugar	"	1	"	Genuine
Margarine	23/11/40	2	Blessington, Gd. Brennan	Genuine
Jam	"	1	"	Genuine
Cream of Tartar	"	1	Baltinglass, Gd. Conway	Genuine
Olive Oil	"	1	"	Genuine
Bread Soda	"	1	"	Genuine
Coffee	"	1	"	Genuine
Milk	"	4	Bray, Gd. Staunton	Genuine
Whole Milk	29/11/40	1	Co. Hospital	Genuine
Whole Milk	"	1	Fever Hospital	Genuine
Milk	"	1	Dist. Hospital, Baltinglass	Genuine
Whole Milk	6/12/40	3	Baltinglass, Gd. Conway	Genuine
Margarine	"	1	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	7/12/40	2	Blessington, Gd. Brennan	Genuine
Sugar	"	1	"	Genuine
Rice	"	1	"	Genuine
Sausages	"	2	Baltinglass, Gd. Conway	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	"	3	Arklow, Gd. O'Reilly	Genuine
Whiskey	"	1	"	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
Butter	10/12/40	1	Carnew, Gd. Doyle	Genuine
Whole Milk	"	1	"	Genuine
Tea	"	1	"	Genuine
Port Wine	"	1	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	10/12/40	2	Dunlavin, Gd. Lavery	Genuine
Whiskey	"	1	"	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
Margarine	"	1	"	Genuine
Lard	"	1	"	Genuine
Butter	13/12/40	4	Bray, Gd. Staunton	Genuine
Sugar	"	1	Aughrim, Sergt. Lee	Genuine
Tea	"	1	"	Genuine
Sherry	"	1	"	Genuine
Jam	"	1	"	Genuine
Margarine	"	1	"	Genuine
Dry Ginger	"	1	"	Genuine
Vinegar	"	1	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	"	1	"	Genuine
Milk	17/12/40	1	Wicklow, Gd. Bergin	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
Lard	"	1	"	Genuine
Vinegar	"	1	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	18/12/40	3	Rathdrum, Gd. Sweeney	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine

Margarine	"	1	"	Genuine
Whiskey	"	4	N.-T.-Mt.-Kennedy, Gd. Nevin	Genuine
Sherry	"	1	"	Genuine
Port Wine	"	2	"	Genuine
Milk	21/12/40	1	Dist. Hosp., Baltinglass	Genuine
Margarine	23/12/40	1	Wicklow, Gd. Bergin	Genuine
Flake Meal	"	1	"	Genuine
Oatmeal	"	1	"	Genuine
Margarine	"	1	"	Genuine
Margarine	24/12/40	1	Greystones, Gd. Dwyer	Genuine
Olive Oil	"	1	"	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
Tea	"	1	"	Genuine
Sugar	"	1	"	Genuine
Lard	"	1	"	Genuine
Soda	"	1	"	Genuine
Port Wine	"	1	"	Genuine
Drugs	4/10/40	3	Kiltegan Dispensary	Genuine
Drugs	12/10/40	3	Annance	Genuine
Drugs	"	3	Bray No. 1	Genuine
Drugs	15/10/40	3	Carnew	Genuine
Drugs	"	3	Coolekeno	Genuine
Drugs	"	3	Coollattin	Genuine
Drugs	4/11/40	3	Bray No. 1	2 Gen., 1 not Gen.
Drugs	9/11/40	3	Sanatorium, Rathdrum	Genuine
Drugs	"	3	Sanatorium, Rathdrum	Genuine
Drugs	20/11/40	3	County Hospital	Genuine
Drugs	3/12/40	3	Newcastle	Genuine
Drugs	5/12/40	3	Dunlavin Dispensary	2 Gen., 1 not Gen.
Drugs	31/12/40	3	"	Genuine
Water	"	3	Blessington	"
(Baltinglass)	24/10/40	1	Co. Board of Health	Condemned
Water (B.F.I.)	26/10/40	1	Co. Board of Health (per Mr. Foley)	Passed

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter: Foods 119, Drugs 33, Waters 2. Total—160. Number adulterated—2 Drugs, 1 Water condemned.  
(Signed)—PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

17th January, 1941.  
12 Dawson Street, Dublin.  
20/1/1941.

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

In sending my Quarterly Report a few days ago I omitted one water submitted by Mr. Foley, marked K1, and received by me on the 20/12/1940, so that the number of Waters received were 3 and the total number of Samples 161.  
I am sorry for the mistake.

Mise le meas.  
PHYLLIS RYAN.

The Secretary drew attention to the following Resolution which was passed at the County Council's Special Meeting held on the 30th Sept., 1940:

Resolved—That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to accord his approval to the writing off this Council's accounts all Rates that have accrued to the 31st March, 1940, as arrears not collectable on derelict or semi-derelict holdings. Further, that a copy of the List of Derelict Holdings be sent to the Board of Health and Public Assistance with a view to each Home Assistance Officer submitting to that Board his views on each derelict or semi-derelict holding in his area. Also that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to use his influence to have the Land Commission to take up all these Derelict or Semi-Derelict Holdings, and have them distributed to such people as will work the lands profitably.—Passed.

The Council had under consideration all the Returns and replies dealing with derelict or semi-derelict holdings in the County received from the Home Assistance Officers through the Acting Secretary of the County Board of Health and Public Assistance.

Order—Submitted; the Council note that the Reports from the Home Assistance Officers are in complete agreement with the Returns submitted by the Poor Rate Collectors when closing their respective accounts for the financial year 1939/1940.

A file of correspondence was submitted from the Irish County Councils' General Council, including a Special Report on County Analysts' Fees as prepared for that Body by an Emergency Committee set up for the purpose.

Order: Noted.

Minutes of Proceedings of the following Monthly Meetings of the Co. Wicklow Library Committee were submitted 1st November, 1940; 6th December, 1940; 10th January, 1941; 7th February, 1941; 7th March, 1941.

The following Resolution passed by the Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee was approved and adopted by the County Council:-

That we, the Members of the Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, consider that the method as set out in the Old Age Pensions Act of assessing the means of an applicant for an Old Age Pension in relation to the possession of capital or property is grossly unfair and inequitable. We are of opinion that the just and equitable method of assessment should be on the basis of the actual net revenue received by the applicant for the year previous to the date of application instead of assuming a revenue which has invariably no foundation in fact, and we direct that copies of this resolution be sent to the Minister for Local Government, the Co. Wicklow Pensions Committee, the Wicklow County Council, and the Bray Urban District Council.

An application, dated the 17th February, 1941, was received from the Manager, The Echo and South Leinster Advertiser, Enniscorthy, for a share in that paper of the Council's advertising. The Council referred the application to the County Secretary with instructions to deal with the matter in such manner as the finances of the County Council would permit.

The Council discussed at considerable length the following Resolution which was passed by Kilaveeny Parish Committee at a Meeting of that Body held on the 18th March, 1941, and regretted that there were no powers vested in them that they might use in dealing with the grievances outlined therein:

That in view of the excessive prices which are being asked by Merchants for seed oats, barley and wheat, the Wicklow Co. Council be asked (1) to fix a fair price for these seeds and to refuse to sanction any loan for the purchase of seeds where the price is in excess of the price fixed; (2) to make known to intending purchasers of oat seeds that there is an abundant supply of such seed in the county.

In connection with this Resolution I am directed to bring to your notice the fact that the greater part of the oats crop is sold in the Autumn and that it is from this supply that most of the seed sold the following spring is taken. The merchants pick out the best lots and store separately until Spring when they sell as seed. Last Autumn farmers sold most of these oats at from 11s. to 13s. per barrel. The price now being asked for seed oats is 35s. to 36s. per barrel. This is an altogether unjust profit, and ought not to be tolerated, especially in the present emergency.

The County Council referred to the County Surveyor a communication, dated the 25th March, 1941, received from Mrs. M. Gavin, Knockrath, Rathdrum, in which application was made to have a water supply brought across the road into a small farm owned by Dermot Gavin at Ballyshemane so that the stock on that farm might be supplied with an ample supply of water.

A letter, dated the 21st March, 1941, was submitted from Mr. Peter Redmond, Hon. Secretary, Roundwood Parish Committee, enclosing the following Resolution:-