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## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 17th 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. Metcafe, Major R. Smith, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); M. J. Brennan, James McCrea, 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.

1. To consider County Surveyor's Report on the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the year 1941-1942.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. To consider application from Assistant Surveyor J. P. Caffrey, B.E. for an increase in the £100 travelling allowance made annually to him.

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### 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 improve-



ments 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 obviously 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 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 disproportionately large 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.

TABLE 1.

(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.	Amount for Maintenance 1940/41	Rate per mile
<b>North Eastern Section</b>		
Main Roads ... 134 miles.	£12,250	£91 4s.
County Roads ... 292 miles.	£6,525	£22 4s.
<b>Southern Section</b>		
Main Roads ... 68 miles.	£7,608	£111 8s.
County Roads ... 308 miles.	£7,075	£22 9s.
<b>Western Section</b>		
Main Roads ... 62 miles.	£5,126	£82 6s.
County Roads ... 274 miles.	£5,348	£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	18,853	64,573
1931/32	48,180	20,357	68,537
1932/33	48,834	27,487	76,321
1933/34	38,099	26,359	64,458
1934/35	43,854	26,731	70,585
1935/36	49,849	53,532	103,381
1936/37	54,583	73,747	128,330
1937/38	61,546	87,278	148,824
1938/39	66,965	88,734	155,699
1939/40	32,008	29,795	61,803
1940/41	33,763	31,608	65,371
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			
1931/32	17,663	13,122	30,785
1932/33	17,663	13,622	31,285
1933/34	21,888	16,061	37,949
1934/35	17,980	13,332	31,312
1935/36	23,446	13,382	36,828
1936/37	26,480	13,484	39,964
1937/38	26,552	18,150	44,702
1938/39	26,572	18,581	45,153
1939/40	27,107	21,900	49,007
1940/41	27,042	19,644	46,686
(Estimate) 1941/42	29,452	20,242	49,694

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	146	464
Contingencies	1,500	500	2,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£40,785</b>	<b>£37,228</b>	<b>£78,013</b>

TABLE V.  
TOTAL AMOUNT ALLOWED BY COUNTY COUNCIL, 1940/41.

	Main £	County £	Totals £
Repairs	27,042	19,644	46,686
Proposals	2,190	3,960	6,150
Loans	318	146	464
Contingencies	450	250	700
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£30,000</b>	<b>£24,000</b>	<b>£54,000</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
	<u>£32,289</u>	<u>£25,211</u>	<u>£57,500</u>

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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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;

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.

F. 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 thees 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.

Encl.



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 return 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.

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,  
24th January, 1941.

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

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 a 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 latter letter the Council were unanimous in deciding to allow Mr. Caffrey to withdraw his application.



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

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:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of previous Meetings.
2. To consider Finance Committee's Reports.
3. To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance.
4. To consider proposals for Payments from the Proposals Committee.
5. To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments.
6. To consider proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee.
7. To Seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
8. To sign applications for refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
9. To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
10. To consider applications for Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
11. To consider applications for Licences under the Explosives Act, 1875.
12. 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."
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. To consider County Surveyor's Report.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. To consider an offer of a Special Grant from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health of £1,580 out of Employment Scheme Vote 1940-41 (Roads) Rural subject to the contribution from the Rates of £560.



22. 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.
23. 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.
24. 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.
25. 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.
26. 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.
27. 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.
28. 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.
29. 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.
30. 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.
31. To consider application from the Irish Tourist Association for the continuation in 1941-'42 of the Council's annual contribution for Tourists purposes.
32. 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, Ballycreen, Aughrim.  
Michael Kelly, Knockrath, Rathdrum.  
Peter Bradshaw, Ballymacsimon, Glenealy.  
W. Doyle, Glenmacanass, Laragh."

33. 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.
34. To consider a Report relating to Fees for County Analyst as prepared by an Emergency Committee of the County Council's General Council.
35. To receive Minutes of proceedings of Monthly Meetings of County Wicklow Library Committee.
36. To consider official correspondence.
37. 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,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Springfield,  
Kilbride, 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.



**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	£4,138 17 5	£38 14 7	£3,749 11 11
2	5,092 15 5	2,487 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
4/5	7,782 0 10	3,537 14 9	20 12 10	4,223 13 3
6	6,982 4 6	2,948 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	3,069 7 1	11 16 3	2,488 11 0
11	7,991 13 2	4,251 18 4	32 17 4	3,706 17 6
12	9,504 2 5	3,813 7 10	12 9 10	5,678 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	2,998 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	£39 16 7
6	8,606 14 6	5,882 10 5	11 10 10	1,551 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.  
20th December, 1940.

Circ. No. 116/40.

**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 FERTILIZERS.**

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 fertilisers, and following the receipt of this Order the said Merchant or Farmer may notify the applicant 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—£13,708.

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:—

To: The Presiding Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee.  
Gentlemen,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.  
7th February, 1941.

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:—

P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
Secretary, Wicklow Co. Council.  
The Court House, Wicklow.  
Garda Siochana, Bray.  
10th January, 1941.

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, 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.

Inspr. 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 £10.190 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, Barnarrig, 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, Manor-Kilbride.

Patrick Thorpe, Kilquiggan, 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. Somers, The Corner House, Carnew.

A. S. Miller, Blessington.

Terence Finnegan, Abbey Street, Wicklow.

Joseph Owens, Dunlavin.

Thomas Whitton (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 Belton, Killishev, Ashford.

Robin Haskins, Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow.

F. J. Sutton, Ltd., Rathdrum.

John Synott, Newtownmountkennedy.

Edward Dowse, Carnew.

P. J. Bradshaw, Shillelagh.



William Toomey, Annacrevey, 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, Tinanely.  
William Saul, 18, Main Street, Rathdrum.  
Edward V. Briscoe, Ballinalea, Ashford.  
Olive H. Parr, Dunlavin.  
Thomas P. Doyle, Main Street, Baltinglass.

Passed.

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 therout 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, accordingly, 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 repercussion 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 5th 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.



The County Surveyor submitted the following Report:—

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.**

Tig Na Cuirte,  
Chill Mamtain,  
12adh Feabhra, 1941.

**TUARASGABAIL AN INEALTORA.**

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 £800 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 (£800) 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 £800 (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 BROIN,

12adh Feabhra, 1941.

Siurbheir an gComndae.

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. 13 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, Ballytunny, 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, Runai.

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 £560.

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 requisition 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/E.2. 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, Rímaí.

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 £1,825 had been recouped so far by the Board to the Council leaving the sum of £875 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 Ballinastocken and Ballyknocken 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 TALMHÁIDHEACHTA,  
Baile Atha 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,

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

J. MEEK,  
for Secretary.



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, Tinahely.
5. John King, Junior, Killough, Kilmacanogue.
6. James Kavanagh, Clonshannon, Knockenarrigan.
7. Patrick O'Toole, Munroe, Donard.
8. William Healy, Clara, Rathdrum.
9. Bernard Malone, Baltinanima, Roundwood.
10. Joseph Clancy, Ballycreen, Aughrim.
11. Andrew Kavanagh, Knockfodda, Roundwood.
12. Andrew Fitzsimon, Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue.
13. John Pearse, Bolinass, 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'Keeffe, 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.

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.



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

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:

1. To consider application from the Irish Tourist Association for the continuation in 1941-42 of the Council's annual contribution for Tourists purposes.
2. 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.
3. To receive a deputation from the Irish Farmers' Federation who wish to place their views on Rates generally before the Council.
4. 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.
5. To consider the Finance Committee's Report on the Estimates for the service of the Financial Year 1941-1942.
6. 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.
7. To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
8. To consider applications for Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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 Murrough, Wicklow.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.



15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. To consider correspondence from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., solicitors, Ferrybank, Arklow, 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.
21. To consider a communication from Greystones and District Ratepayers Association inquiring when the work of relaying the roadways and foot-path at Kinlen Road will be put in hands.
22. To consider a communication signed by Miss Mary Chisholm and Miss Irene A. Ball-Acton of Glencap Commons South, Kilmacanogue, Bray, regarding the dangerous condition of the road leading to their houses and to ten other houses.
23. 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.
24. 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.
25. To consider a communication 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-Magherybeg New Road.
26. 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.
27. 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.
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 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.
29. 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.
30. 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, Ballycreen, 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."  
 (N.B.: the total amount of postage account referred to is £6 4s. 4d.)
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."  
 (N.B.: The total amount of the Schedule referred to is £140 15s. 4d.)
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."  
 (N.B.: The total amount of the Schedule referred to is £34 0s. 0d.)
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, Arklow, 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 Runai.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

The Secretary submitted the following letter also:

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 Runai.

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 deprecates 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 Overdraft, 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 then.

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	42	49 4 10
1932-1933	143	34 6 0
1933-1934	252	340 8 6
1934-1935	267	509 10 0
1935-1936	263	488 0 9
1936-1937	303	900 16 0
1937-1938	307	1394 11 3
1938-1939	305	1358 15 3
1939-40	295	1084 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	—	64
Co. Committee of Agriculture	2,516	—	—
County Library Committee	779	102	—
The net decrease in these demands is approximately £7,818.			

#### 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 £6,812 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	3/11½
County Services	7/4 ½
Poor Relief	3/9 ¼
Health District Charges	1/6 ¾

Gross Total .. .. . 16/8

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	9/2½
Year ended the 31st March, 1938	12/0½
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:—

## ROADS.

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	£65
	County Rural £64	

## 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 Expenses	Nil	Net Reduction £395
To Meet Loss on Seeds Scheme	£600	£90
Expenses of Seeds Scheme	£100	£100
Miscellaneous	County Urban £57	£150
	County Rural £279	

## POOR RELIEF.

To Reduce Debit Balance .. .. . £1,000 .. .. . £2,500

## 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 13th 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 CHAIR.

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.



Minutes of Meeting, 26th March, 1941.  
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. 5d., 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	3s. 10 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> d.
(b) County Services	4s. 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</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.

The following are the items in the Explanatory Table as submitted and recommended by the Finance Committee which it was decided by the County Council should be either struck out or reduced in the Estimates approved and adopted for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1942:—

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	£826	
<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	9 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
County Services	4	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
Poor Relief	3	5
Board of Health Charges	1	6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
Total Rate on other Hereditaments	12	11 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>

SEPARATE CHARGES.

	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1 R.D.—Water Supplies	9	
Rathdown No. 2 R.D.—Water Supplies	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	
Delgany Parish—Sewerage	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	
Powerscourt Dispensary District—Sewerage	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	
Greystones E.D.—Lighting	8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	
Newcastle Dispensary District—Water and Sewerage	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	
Rathdrum E.D.—Water Supplies, etc.	2	
Shillelagh R.D.—Water Supplies and Sewerage	8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	
Enniskerry E.D. (Part of)—Lighting	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	
Blessington E.D.—Lighting	2	
Carnew E.D.—Lighting	1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	
Newcastle Upper E.D.—Lighting	1	



Rathdrum E.D.—Lighting	5
Wicklow Rural E.D.—Lighting	1
Delgany E.D.—Lighting	2
Oldtown and Togher E.Ds.—Lighting	4
Kilcoole E.D.—Kilcoole Dumping Ground	3
Wicklow Harbour	4
Tramway Employees—Commutation of Pensions	4
Rathdrum Union Loans	4
Wicklow and Rathdrum Joint Burial Ground	4
Baltinglass Union Loans	4
Baltinglass No. 1 District Pensions	4
Baltinglass Former R.D.—Criminal Injury	2
County at Large—Criminal Injury	2
Glendalough E.D.—Criminal Injury	5
Glenealy E.D.—Criminal Injury	1
Kilcool E.D.—Criminal Injury	0
Trooperstown E.D.—Criminal Injury	2

Passed unanimously.

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:—

	Arklow	Bray	Wicklow
Roads	£816 12 0	£3863 5 0	£726 13 0
County Services	1184 17 2	4633 4 0	1016 18 7
Poor Relief	1387 11 0	6511 4 0	1234 2 0
Board of Health Charges	181 11 0	853 19 0	161 3 0
Separate Charges	158 16 0	11 2 0	980 17 6
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£3729 7 2</b>	<b>£15872 14 0</b>	<b>£4119 14 1</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. Metcalfe;

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 Mhanntain (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, '39, is enclosed, together with attached Abstracts of the Accounts.

Mise, 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 £)	38½	40½	43½
" " " County Services	46½	39½	39
" " " Poor Relief	36½	34½	42
" " " Health Dist. Charges	18	21½	24½
	<u>140</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>149</u>

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. 3. 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	848	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,  
Infhíúcháir.

Do'n Aire Rialtas Aiteamhna agus Slainte Puibli,  
Proposed by Councillor P. Doyle (Winetavern);  
Seconded by Councillor M. Timmins;

Resolved: That the Wicklow County Council take over, repair and 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 Barcaullia 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 200 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 (BOTHAR).

Teach an Chustaim,  
Baile Atha Cliath,  
25adh Marta, 1941.

R/IR/142

A Caara,

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.

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J. HURSON,

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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,

Ref. HE/2631.  
P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
County Secretary,  
Courthouse,  
Wicklow.

Wicklow.  
26th March, 1941.

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-Magherybeg 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, Tinahealy, asking to have certain alterations made in the Courthouse, Tinahealy, 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 TALMHÁIDHEACHTA,

Baile Átha Cliath,

17th February, 1941.

No. L.121/41.

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. Metcalfe:

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, Ballycreen, Aughrim.

Michael Kelly, Knockrath, Rathdrum.

Peter Bradsnaw, Ballymacsimon, 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:

Matthew Devitt, Monumeen, Greenane .. .. .	£0 7 1
Andrew Fleming, Aughavannagh, Aughrim .. .. .	6 2
Martin Fitzpatrick, Coolattin, Carnew .. .. .	12 10
Thomas Kinsella, Muskeagh, Tinahely .. .. .	18 11
Albert Fox, Bohilla, Kilmacanogue .. .. .	2 6
James Kavanagh, Cloanshannon, Knockenarrigan .. .. .	4 9
P. J. O'Toole, Munroe, Donard .. .. .	12 9
William Healy, Clara, Rathdrum .. .. .	2 3
Bernard Malone, Baltinanima, Roundwood .. .. .	4 2
Joseph Clancy, Ballygreen, Aughrim .. .. .	3 8
Andrew Kavanagh, Knockfodda, Roundwood .. .. .	4 11
John Roche, Carrigower, Kilpedder .. .. .	7 1
John Pearse, Bolinass, Ashford .. .. .	2 0
Robert Joanson, Kilpoole, Wicklow .. .. .	5 5
Patrick Murphy, Glenree, Valleymount .. .. .	2 6
George Miley, Knockadruce, Valleymount .. .. .	6 5
Patrick Toomey, Logstown, Valleymount .. .. .	2 0
Peter Whelan, Bawnogue, Rathdangan .. .. .	9 6
John Byrne, Blackrock, Rathdangan .. .. .	4 8
Hugh O'Keefe, Rathbawn, Hacketstown .. .. .	4 9
<b>TOTAL .. .. .</b>	<b>£6 4 4</b>

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):

Name and Address of Payee.	No. of Sheep.	Amount.
Roy Kearon, Seabank, Arklow .. .. .	37	£0 2 3
George Woodburn, Tinnakilly, Aughrim .. .. .	366	1 1 11
Wm. Fogarty, Upper Aughrim, Aughrim .. .. .	536	1 12 2
Joseph Langrell, Cappagh, Aughrim .. .. .	439	1 6 4
R. Collier, Coolroe, Tinahely .. .. .	252	0 15 2
T. Wafer, Tomacork, Carnew .. .. .	385	1 3 2
W. Dowse, Croneyhorn, Carnew .. .. .	323	0 19 5
E. Hammond, Croneyhorn, Carnew .. .. .	450	1 7 0
P. Doyle, Yew Tree Farm, Shillelagh .. .. .	248	0 14 11
R. Tyner, Minmore, Shillelagh .. .. .	129	0 7 9
W. Porter, Newry, Clonagal .. .. .	368	1 2 2
S. Porter, Springfield, Clonagal .. .. .	120	0 7 2
S. Gahan, Boley, Shillelagh .. .. .	110	0 6 7
James Clare, Ballynulta, Shillelagh .. .. .	103	0 6 2
W. Lawrence, Stratnakelly, Tinahely .. .. .	254	0 15 3
W. Griffin, The Hall Farm, Coolkenno .. .. .	391	1 3 6
Reps. E. Byrne, Muskeagh, Tinahely .. .. .	801	2 8 0
Mrs. K. Earl, Rosnastraw, Tinahely .. .. .	325	0 19 6
A. Griffin, Greenhall, Tinahely .. .. .	339	1 0 4
S. Kidd, Ballinglen .. .. .	300	0 18 0
J. Kavanagh, Rosbawn, Tinahely .. .. .	757	2 5 4
J. J. Byrne, Moyne, Ballinglen .. .. .	2285	6 17 0
G. Kerr, St. Mullins, Tinahely .. .. .	1406	4 4 4
Earl of Meath, Kilruddery, Bray .. .. .	310	0 18 7

Patrick Byrne, Paddock, Enniskerry .. .. .	568	1 14 2
R. Lynch, Ballinceddin, Knockenarrigan .. .. .	953	2 17 3
Henry Hawkins, Killabeg, Knockenarrigan .. .. .	385	1 3 2
J. Collins, Coolamadra, Knockenarrigan .. .. .	658	1 19 6
B. Case, Brittas, Knockenarrigan .. .. .	119	0 7 1
G. Tutty, Cloanshannon, Knockenarrigan .. .. .	189	0 11 4
J. Grace, Newpark, Donard .. .. .	1146	3 8 9
E. Lennon, Kilcough, Donard .. .. .	661	1 19 7
S. Jackson, Cowpasture, Dunlavin .. .. .	1257	3 15 4
M. Devitt, Killalane, Laragh .. .. .	535	1 12 2
James Conway, Brockagh, Laragh .. .. .	74	0 4 5
Thomas McCall, Carrigeenduff, Roundwood .. .. .	516	1 10 11
Thomas Kulan, Carrigeenshinagh, Roundwood .. .. .	219	0 13 2
A. Leeson, Glassmullen, Kilpedder .. .. .	738	2 4 4
B. Farrar, Cunniamstown, Rathdrum .. .. .	359	1 1 6
R. Laurie, Ballinacarriga, Rathdrum .. .. .	212	0 12 8
Michael Hender, Newtownboswell, Ashford .. .. .	165	0 10 0
Thomas Miley, Parkroe, Rathdrum .. .. .	189	0 11 3
George Knox, Killoughter, Ashford .. .. .	321	0 19 2
Capt. J. Thander, Ballyduff, Ashford .. .. .	144	0 8 8
William Roe, Longhill, Kilmacanogue .. .. .	570	1 14 2
James Woods, Little Sugarloaf, Kilmacanogue .. .. .	752	2 5 1
James Toner, Kilcool .. .. .	1522	4 11 3
Henry Sutton, Lower Calary, Delgany .. .. .	604	1 16 3
Edward Fox, Upper Calary, Delgany .. .. .	600	1 16 0
Grattan Evans, Farrankelly, Delgany .. .. .	326	0 19 7
David Frame, Bellevue, Delgany .. .. .	210	0 12 7
Wm. Humphrey, Glen-of-the-Downs .. .. .	200	0 12 0
P. Halligan, Knockadreech, Roundwood .. .. .	73	0 4 4
J. Dawson, Knockatemple, Roundwood .. .. .	70	0 4 2
M. Byrne, Upper Newcastle, Roundwood .. .. .	29	0 1 8
W. J. Willis, Timore, Newcastle .. .. .	15	0 0 11
John O'Reilly, Ballinahinch .. .. .	271	0 16 3
James O'Neill, The Grange, Newcastle .. .. .	53	0 3 2
J. Kavanagh, Seasonpark, Newtown .. .. .	499	1 9 11
J. Roberts, Callowhill, Newtown .. .. .	70	0 4 2
Mrs. Kennedy, Knockadruith, Roundwood .. .. .	31	0 1 10
Dan Brady, Tittour, Newtown .. .. .	272	0 16 3
Joan Halpin, Whiterock, Roundwood .. .. .	57	0 3 4
S. Bourke, Kilmullen, Newtown .. .. .	75	0 4 5
D. Norris, Kilmartin, Newcastle .. .. .	256	0 15 4
W. Robb, Newcastle .. .. .	61	0 3 7
M. J. Carey, Rookery, Newcastle .. .. .	72	0 4 3
Walter Kerr, Ballybeg, Kilbride .. .. .	679	2 0 7
George Edge, Crone, Redcross .. .. .	308	0 18 6
J. Heath, Templemichael, Arklow .. .. .	279	0 16 9
J. Nolan, Ballinclare, Kilbride .. .. .	183	0 11 0
S. Symes, Hawkstown, Wicklow .. .. .	122	0 7 3
Joseph Keogh, Dunbur, Wicklow .. .. .	365	1 1 11
Patrick Nolan, Knockadruce, Valleymount .. .. .	376	1 2 6
John Burke, Currough, Hollywood .. .. .	453	1 7 2
Thomas Shannon, Willmount, Hollywood .. .. .	415	1 4 11
J. Farrington, Hollywood .. .. .	3457	10 7 6
Patrick Murphy, Oakwood, Valleymount .. .. .	2317	6 19 0
J. C. Kains, Kilmalum, Blessington .. .. .	1057	3 3 6
P. Nolan, Knockadruce, Valleymount .. .. .	305	0 18 4
Mrs. M. A. Farrington, Glenbride, Valleymount .. .. .	569	1 14 2
Edward Reilly, Garryknock, Valleymount .. .. .	593	1 15 7
E. Boothman, Miley Hall, Blessington .. .. .	1042	3 2 7
James Kane, Blessington .. .. .	352	1 1 1
John Murphy, Ballinatona, Manor-Kilbride .. .. .	1183	3 11 0
Peter Byrne, Cornaan, Rathdangan .. .. .	123	0 7 5



John Toole, Farbrague, Aughrim	1765	5	5	11
M. Carthy, Ballycreen, Aughrim	1371	4	2	3
James Nblan, Stratford Lodge, Baltinglass	295	0	17	8
J. R. Swan, Ballyaook, Stratford	48	0	2	10
C. Moody, Eadestown Upper, Stratford	814	2	8	10
R. Hawkins, Colvinstown, Kiltegan	239	0	14	4
C. Wynne, Manger, Stratford	80	0	4	8
F. O'Neill, Rampere, Baltinglass	158	0	9	6
C. Short, Tuckmill, Baltinglass	132	0	7	11
Edward Hanlon, Tuckmill, Baltinglass	342	1	0	7
John Moore, Deerpark, Baltinglass	384	1	3	2

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:

Name and Address.	Amount.
John Doyle, Ballymoney, Donard	£1 0 0
John Byrne, Moneystown, Roundwood	1 0 0
Joseph Fisher, Ballinahinch, Newtown	1 0 0
Patrick Bracken, Johnstown, Arklow	1 0 0
James Harmon, Ballingulle, Rathdangan	1 0 0
John Jones, Newtownsaunders, Baltinglass	1 0 0
Lawrence Cullen, Ballyknockan, Blessington	1 0 0
James Leigh, Ballynure, Grange Con	1 0 0
William Toomey, Annacrevey, Enniskerry	1 0 0
St. Kevin's School, Lough Bray, Enniskerry	1 0 0
D. J. Cogan, Laragh, Rathdrum	1 0 0
John Byrne, Senr., Three Wells, Aughrim	1 0 0
Joseph Keenan, Roundwood	1 0 0
John Foley, Coolbawn, Aughrim	1 0 0
Mrs. M. Loughlin, Ballykillakeer, Woodenbridge	1 0 0
P. Toomey, Carriglineen, Rathdrum	1 0 0
W. C. Somerville-Large, Larage So., Glendalough	1 0 0
Mrs. J. Walsh, Ballysmutton, Manor-Kilbride	1 0 0
George Driver, Mungoduff, Rathdangan	1 0 0
Edward O'Loughlin, Munny, Coolkenno	1 0 0
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	1 0 0
Edward O'Toole, Aughavannaga, Aughrim	1 0 0
Richard Leeson, Ballycumber, Ballinglen	1 0 0
Nicholas Nolan, Ballinastoe, Kilpedder	1 0 0
J. Walsh, Scorlexleap, Manor-Kilbride	1 0 0
H. Alexander, Knockenree, Avoca	1 0 0
Thomas Hill, Woodenbridge, Coolahullen	1 0 0
Patrick Doyle, Slievareagh, Rathdangan	1 0 0
Richard Gillespie, Highpark, Kiltegan	1 0 0
Michael Lynch, Ballymanus, Aughrim	1 0 0

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, Moneystown, 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. Bracken'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. Healey;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the Very Rev. A. Moriarity, 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	"	1	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	10/12/40	1	Carnew, Gd. Doyle	Genuine
Tea	"	1	"	Genuine
Port Wine	"	1	"	Genuine

## QUARTERLY REPORT (Contd.)

Articles submitted for Analysis	Date Received	Number	From	Result of Analysis
Whole Milk	10/12/40	2	Dunlavin, Gd. Laverty	Genuine
Whiskey	"	1	"	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
Margarine	"	1	"	Genuine
Lard	13/12/40	4	Bray, Gd. Staunton	Genuine
Butter	"	1	Aughrim, Sergt. Lee	Genuine
Sugar	"	1	"	Genuine
Tea	"	1	"	Genuine
Sherry	"	1	"	Genuine
Jam	"	1	"	Genuine
Margarine	"	1	"	Genuine
Dry Ginger	"	1	"	Genuine
Vinegar	"	1	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	17/12/40	1	Wicklow, Gd. Bergin	Genuine
Milk	"	1	"	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	Annamoe "	Genuine
Drugs	"	3	Bray No. 1 "	Genuine
Drugs	15/10/40	3	Carnew "	Genuine
Drugs	"	3	Coolkenno "	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	Blessington "	Genuine
Water	"	3	"	Genuine
(Baltinglass)	24/10/40	1	Co. Board of Health	Condemned
Water	"	1	Co. Board of Health	"
(B.F.I.)	26/10/40	1	(per Mr. Foley)	Passed

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter: Foods 119, Drugs 39, 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 Killavenny 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:—

"That we, the Members of the Roundwood Parish Council, direct the attention of the Wicklow County Council to the very bad state of the road from Roundwood to Sallygap, a road that will have to bear heavy traffic this year in carting home turf which will have to be cut by most householders owing to the shortage of coal and we request the Council to have it repaired before the work of cutting turf commences."

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Winetavern):

Resolved—That we hereby direct our County Surveyor that Plans and Schedules showing full details of any turf bogs and entrance roads thereto in the County Wicklow that might be usefully developed under the Order referred to in this morning's paper as being about to be issued by the Government be prepared forthwith, and towards that end we hereby instruct our Assistant Surveyors to co-operate with the County Surveyor in every possible way in the production of the necessary plans and detailed schedules.

Passed.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

### ABSTRACT OF CORRESPONDENCE.

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

15th August, 1940, No. F.15908/2/40, Cill Mhanntain (C), stating that the claim of the Registration Officer for remuneration and expenses in connection with the preparation of the 18th Register of Electors amounted to the sum of £920 8s. 8d.

30th August, 1940, No. G.7466/6/40, consenting to overdraft accommodation not exceeding £45,000 on the accounts of Wicklow County Council for the period ending 30th September, 1940.

12th September, 1940, No. RGM/201/40, confirming the interim notification already issued that the Main Road Upkeep Grant for 1940-41 amounts to the sum of £9,993, i.e., 40% of the £24,984 allowed by the County Council for upkeep of Main Roads in the current year, the allocation of this Grant being subject to the Council's compliance with the conditions laid down by the Minister.



26th September, 1940, No. G.7466/7/40, consenting to overdraft accommodation not exceeding £45,000 on the accounts of the Wicklow County Council for the period ending 31st October, 1940.

22nd October, 1940, No. G.27248/40, approving of the payment of £3 per annum to Mrs. A. Murphy in respect of the cleaning and heating of premises at Shillelagh used by the Rate Inspector for Rate Checking.

28th October, 1940, No. C.P.224/40, requesting to be furnished with a list of Officials who are authorised to order supplies of commodities from official contractors, in order to assure that only officials who are duly authorised to order supplies will receive copies of the confidential Official List.

28th October, 1940, acknowledging copy of resolution of Wicklow County Council re Joint Conference Report on County Engineering; copy of report submitted by Senior Counsel in regard to the decision of the Council to increase wages of road workers and carters; and copy of resolution of the Council answering seriatim the questions asked by the Secretary of the Board of Health and Public Assistance.

29th October, 1940, No. G.7466/8/40, consenting to overdraft accommodation not exceeding £40,000 on the accounts of Wicklow County Council for the period ending 30th November, 1940.

18th November, 1940, No. L.25215/2/40, relative to the proposal of the Council to provide office accommodation and asking details of the outstanding indebtedness of the County Council for all purposes as at 31st March last.

18th November, 1940, No. 106/40, sanctioning the remuneration to poor rate collectors in the current financial year in respect of the investigation of employment allowance claims and other services connected with rate relief to occupiers of agricultural land.

27th November, 1940, No. A.27352/40, enclosing copy of Auditor's Report on his audit of the Accounts of the Wicklow County Committee of Agriculture for the two half-years ended 30/9/40.

29th November, 1940, No. A.27434/40, enclosing copy of Auditor's Report on his audit of the accounts of the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board for the two half-years ended 30/9/40.

29th November, 1940, No. G.7466/9/40, consenting to overdraft accommodation not exceeding £40,000 on the accounts of Wicklow County Council for the period ending 31st December, 1940.

3rd December, 1940, No. H.20753/40, Hgh. (Pe.), relative to the insertion of War Clauses in Public Works Contracts and enclosing copy of a suggested Clause which provides for decreases as well as increases and which gives the right to Local Authorities to terminate the contract to which it relates.

9th December, 1940, No. P.H.22240/40, Cill Mhanntain (Pd) enclosing copy of an Order made by him on the 25th ult., fixing, among others, the area of charge for the special expenses of providing and maintaining a sewerage system at Roundwood.

6th December, 1940, approving of the continuance of employment of Mr. McD. Fleming, on the terms previously sanctioned, for a further period of three months or until the Local Appointments Commissioners recommend a person for appointment, whichever first occurs.

17th December, 1940, No. H.5397/2/40, stating that it has been decided by the Minister for Finance that save where the terms of an existing Mortgage Deed or Charging Order preclude it, Interest on every issue made out of Local Loans Fund on and after the 1st inst. shall be charged at the rate of 5% per annum, irrespective of the purpose of the loan and of whether it was authorised by him before or on or after that date.

13th December, 1940, No. M.4770, referring to a Resolution of the Council re Old Age Pension of John Owens, Rathmore, Ashford, and stating the Minister cannot intervene unless the case comes before him for adjudication on appeal—which has not occurred in this particular case.

20th December, 1940, No. Circ. 116/40, stating the Minister 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.

23rd December, 1940, No. G.14658/13/40, extending the time for repayment of Rates to the Great Southern Railways to a date not exceeding two years from the date on which the same became due, i.e.—17th July, 1940.

24th December, 1940, No. G.7466/10/40, consenting to overdraft accommodation not exceeding £40,000 on the accounts of Wicklow County Council for the period ending 31st January, 1941.

31st December, 1940, No. R/5/33, approving of the employment of Mr. W. F. Johnston, B.E., for a period of two months on the terms sanctioned by the Department's letter of the 28th ultimo.

22nd January, 1941, No. P.H.30853/40, Cill Mhanntain (Sd.) approving of the scale of remuneration for the County Analyst recommended by the County Council on 20/2/39.

29th January, 1941, No. G.3705/41, consenting to overdraft accommodation not exceeding £40,000 on the accounts of Wicklow County Council for the period ending 28th February, 1941.

31st January, 1941, No. 9/41, stating that the total amount of Agricultural Grant proposed for the year commencing 1st April, 1941, is £1,870,000.

#### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

11th September, 1940, No. L.2272/40, relative to a Report of his Superintending Veterinary Inspector on Sheep Dipping in Co. Wicklow, and pointing out (1) that specific instructions be given to Inspectors to have dipping baths emptied of used dip and replenished with fresh solution as frequently as is necessary; (2) the necessity for obtaining a Report from Veterinary Inspector S. Conway as to the suitability of Mr. J. Pearse as a Sheep Dipping Inspector; (3) the necessity for having certain Swim Baths at Johnstown and Meneystown repaired.

1st January, 1941, No. SK.6/2/38, stating that the Minister did not grant approval of any name for use in connection with margarine during the year 1940 under the Butter and Margarine Act, 1907.

#### FROM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

##### (SECONDARY EDUCATION BRANCH).

14th September, 1940, stating the Minister is unable to sanction Skerry's College as an approved school for the renewal of Mary J. Rawson's Scholarship.

28th September, 1940, sanctioning the renewal of the Scholarship to Miss Julia Black at Dominican Convent, Wicklow, but before sanctioning that of Miss Mary Rawson complete details of the Course which the latter intends to follow at the Cross and Passion Convent, Kilsullen, must be submitted.

14th October, 1940, stating that in view of the representations made on behalf of Miss Mary J. Rawson, the Department will offer no further objection to the renewal of her Scholarship for the school-year 1940-41.



23rd October, 1940, No. C87. 5/1/36, relative to certain arrangements between their Board and the County Surveyor for the hire of a compressor, etc., together with the services of two men to operate the plant in connection with work on the execution of repairs of South Quay Wall at Arklow Harbour.

12th November, 1940, No. C87. 5/1/36, terminating as from the 8th inst. their agreement for the hire of compressing plant etc.

#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

20th December, 1940, No. 76/19, stating that Wicklow County Council's application for an Order under Sec. 7 of the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1930, is receiving attention.

#### DEPARTMENT OF AN TAOISIGH.

30th October, 1940, acknowledging receipt of the Resolution of Wicklow County Council on the subject of Local Security Force.

#### FROM THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

21st January, 1941, No. HE/2111, stating that Mr. W. F. Johnston, B.E., has taken up duty as temporary Surveyor from and including Monday the 20th January, 1941.

21st January, 1941, No. HE/2111, enclosing copy of letter from Mr. W. B. Fanning, Ripon, Westfield Park, Bray, in which the latter threatens he will take such action as his Solicitor advises in connection with a fall he received on the Main Street of Bray due to snow and frost.

#### FROM THE COUNCIL'S SOLICITOR.

20th August, 1940, relative to the Malicious Injury Claim of Richard O'Neill, Rathmoone, Baltinglass, for £10, and stating that he (the Solicitor) is communicating with Local County Councillors in connection therewith.

2nd September, 1940, intimating an Order of the Justice of Dublin District Court committing Bridget Richardson to "St. Joseph's" Industrial School, Cavan, and Mary Ivers to the same Industrial School to the 27th September, 1946, and 3rd May, 1947, respectively.

5th September, 1940, stating at Rathdrum Childrens' Court on the 5th inst. a child named John Maher was committed to St. Kevin's School, Rathdrum.

30th September, 1940, intimating an Order of the District Justice at Dublin District Court on the 20th inst., to have a child named Una Cully committed to St. Joseph's Industrial School, Birr, until 10th Jan., 1954.

7th October, 1940, stating that the application for the committal of John Mooney, 8 Jones's Road, Bray, to an Industrial School had been refused.

30th October, 1940, stating that Denis Murphy, Rathdangan, Baltinglass, had been committed to Artane Industrial School.

16th November, 1940, stating that John Peterson and Joseph Peterson, of Bray, had been committed to Carriglea Industrial School.

16th November, 1940, stating that the two boys Noel and Edward Kelly, of Monastery, Enniskerry, were charged with housebreaking etc., at Bray District Court on the 15th inst. Noel Kelly was committed to Artane Industrial School and his mother, Mrs. Kelly, was directed to contribute 3/- weekly towards his maintenance. Edward Kelly was released on his father's bail of £20.

22nd November, 1940, relative to the Malicious Injury Claim by the Minister for Lands for the malicious burning of Cullentragh, and stating the Justice gave a decree for £45 14s. 0d., this decree to be regarded as a County-at-Large Charge in view of the fact that it was started by a non-ratepayer in which case it would be unfair to burden the local ratepayers therewith.

22nd November, 1940, relative to the Malicious Injury Claims of Dr. Whyte and Marchioness of Waterford which were heard at Wicklow Circuit Court on the 21st inst. The Circuit Judge expressed the opinion that having regard to the fact that he believed local people set fire to the mountains he wished to penalise them and thought it unfair to put the awards on the County-at-large. The Judge also expressed the opinion that each case would be dealt with on its merits and no hard or fast rule as to the area of charge would be equitable or legal.

12th December, 1940, stating that the child named Patrick John Fleming (on the application of the Catholic Protection and Rescue Society of Ireland) had been committed to Artane Industrial School until 15th March, 1946.

12th December, 1940, stating that steps are being taken to institute legal proceedings against J. Dowling, Ballylea, Colbinstown, for breach of Sheep Dipping Regulations.

18th January, 1941, intimating an Order of the District Justice at Bray District Court on the 17th inst., committing a child named Eamonn Kelly, Monastery, Enniskerry, to Artane Industrial School.

24th January, 1941, intimating an Order of the District Justice made at Bray District Court on the 23rd inst. committing a child named Ambrose Harmon to Artane Industrial School.

#### THE NATIONAL BANK, LIMITED, WICKLOW.

5th September, 1940, conveying approval of Board of Directors to continuation of overdraft accomodation not exceeding £45,000 up to the 30th inst.

4th October, 1940, sanctioning overdraft accomodation of £45,000 until the 31st inst.

2nd November, 1940, sanctioning overdraft accomodation of £40,000 expiring on 30th inst.

4th December, 1940, sanctioning overdraft accomodation of £40,000 up to 31st inst.

2nd January, 1941, sanctioning overdraft accomodation of £40,000 up to the 31st inst.

4th February 1941, sanctioning overdraft accomodation of £40,000 up to the 28th inst.

#### FROM OTHER PUBLIC BODIES.

— October, 1940, from County Council's General Council, notifying the Winter Meeting of that Body will be held on the 11th December, 1940.

18th January, 1941, from County Council's General Council relative to the proposal that Grants for unemployment relief should be made available for the clearance and development of Housing Sites.

6th November, 1940, from Cork County Council, protesting against the reduction of County Cork's allocation out of Road Improvement Grant and stating that licence duties collected on motor vehicles should be mainly devoted to the improvement and upkeep of roads used by motor owners.

28th January, 1941, from Bray Urban District Council, condemning the action of the Directors of the Irish Banks in giving notices of dismissal to all their officials.



## MISCELLANEOUS.

27th August, 1940, from the National Fire Protection Co., Pearse St., Dublin, pointing out that Insurance Policies become null and void if damage to property is due to enemy action or civil commotion, and setting forth the many facilities offered by that Company.

2nd September, 1940, from the McGrath and Harte Reprieve Committee appealing to save the lives of Patrick McGrath and Thomas Harte who were sentenced to death.

6th September, 1940, from Malcomson and Law, Solicitors and Land Agents, Emily Square, Athy, relative to a walled-in well on side of Main Road leading from Dunlavin to Tober stated to be choked and flooding certain land owners.

17th September, 1940, a manifesto to the people of Ireland relative to the Catholics resident in the Six Counties.

8th December, 1940, from the League of Kingship of Christ, setting forth certain social-economic evils which they allege threatens to destroy the Catholic Nation.

17th December, 1940, from Mr. W. J. Richardson, V.S., Leabeg House, Newcastle, acknowledging receipt of Paying Order for remuneration as Locum Tenens, which Paying Order had been the subject matter of discussion by the County Council at their meeting on the 9th December, 1940.

(Undated), from the Archbishop of Dublin, thanking the County Council for their kind message of congratulation and good wishes to him.

Castle House,  
Bray,  
13th August, 1940.

The Relatives of the late John Farrelly desire to thank you most sincerely for your kind sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

1 Windsor Terrace,  
Portobello,  
Dublin,  
9th October, 1940.

To: The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Wicklow.

A Chara,

Mrs. McCarthy and the family of the late Hugh McCarthy desire to express their sincere thanks to the Wicklow County Council for their Resolution of sympathy with us on our recent bereavement.

Our sorrowing family has been honoured with many such expressions of sympathy by the various Public Bodies in County Wicklow, and it is a source of pride and consolation to know that the representations of the people Hugh McCarthy loved so well have paid such high tributes to his memory.

We also desire to thank you, and the members of the Secretarial Staff, for your kind association with the terms of the Resolution.

Le meas mor,  
Is mise,  
Val McCarthy.

Ballyboe,  
Clonmel,  
10th October, 1940.

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

Castle House,

Dear Mr. Healy,

Kindly convey to the Members of the Council my sincere thanks for their resolution of sympathy to me on the death of my late brother, and I am also grateful for yours and the staff's personal sympathy.

I am very sincerely,

Yours,  
P. O'Donnell.



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, 12 o'clock, noon, on Thursday, 24th April, 1941.

The following Members attended:

Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors M. J. Brennan, P. P. O'Reilly, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); J. P. Kehoe, Edward Byrne, James McCrea, J. Everett, T.D.; Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); Joseph Jacob, Michael Timmins, W. Hammond, J. J. Bourne, J. J. Metcalfe, J. P. O'Donnell.

### BUSINESS:

1. To consider a file of correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, the Department of Industry and Commerce, and others, in which it is pointed out that the position with regard to fuel supplies has become much more serious and that turf production on a much larger scale has now become necessary in order to avert the possibility of a shortage of fuel in County Wicklow next Winter.
2. To consider the provisions of the Emergency Powers (No. 73) Order, 1941, in relation to the acquisition of turbary rights by Local Authorities.
3. To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health informing the Council that he has on the 10th April instant, in pursuance of Section 73 of the Local Government Act, 1925, by Order under Seal, consented to the delegation by the County Council to the County Surveyor (whom the Minister thereby appointed for the purpose) all of the Council's powers, duties, and functions under the Emergency Powers (No. 73) Order, 1941, other than the powers in relation to the raising of any rate, borrowing and payment of compensation.
4. To consider a comprehensive Scheme of Turf Production as prepared and circulated already to each member of the Council.
5. To take such steps as the Council may deem advisable for the purpose of financing any Scheme of turf production that may be approved by the Council.

The Secretary outlined the purposes of the Meeting and submitted a large file of correspondence from the following, dealing with the production and use of Turf in substitution for imported fuel:—

5th June, 1940, Circ. S.51/1940—From Department of Local Government and Public Health.

25th March, 1941—From Department of Industry and Commerce.

26th March, 1941, No. 36/1941—From Department of Local Government and Public Health.

1st April, 1941—From County Secretary addressed to County Council and Parish Committees.

3rd April, 1941, No. 36/2/41—From Department of Local Government and Public Health.

3rd April, 1941—From Wicklow Urban District Council.

5th April, 1941—From Bray Parish Committee.

6th April, 1941—From D. J. Kehoe, Junior, Hon. Secretary to Baltinglass Parish Committee.

7th April, 1941—From County Surveyor.

9th April, 1941—From County Surveyor.

9th April, 1941—From Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E.

9th April, 1941—From Wicklow Urban District Council.

10th April 1941—From Hugh C. Doyle, Hon. Secretary to Coal Merchants' Association, Baltinglass.

17th April, 1941—From County Surveyor.

21st April, 1941—From A. Chatterton, Lord Powerscourt's Estate Agent, Enniskerry, enclosing for execution an Agreement in connection with the Bog at Kippure.



22nd April, 1941—From County Surveyor.  
April, 1941—From the Engineering Association, 1-3 Westmoreland Street, Dublin.  
April, 1941—From the Engineering Association, 1-3 Westmoreland Street, Dublin.

The Secretary also submitted a Statistical Return showing the approximate amount of turf drawn from the bogs in County Wicklow for home consumption or sale during the year 1939, as returned by the Enumerators of Agricultural Statistics in June, 1940; and also submitted the replies received by him from Poor Rate Collectors in the County Council's service in relation to turf deposits in their respective areas.

The Council proceeded to consider the following letter and Order which was read to the Meeting by the County Secretary:

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

Custom House,

Dublin.

29th March, 1941.

G.7.976/41.  
A Chara.

With reference to Circular Letter No. 36/41 of 26th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to transmit, herewith, copy of Emergency Powers (No. 73) Order, 1941, together with draft Vesting Order relating to the acquisition of turbary rights by local authorities.

Mise, le meas,

J. HURSON,

Runai.

To the Secretary

of the County Council.

EMERGENCY POWERS (No. 73) ORDER, 1941.  
DRAFT VESTING ORDER.

The Council of the County of..... in exercise of the power conferred on them by sub-Article (2) of Article 3 of the Emergency Powers (No. 73) Order, 1941, hereby order that the land described in the schedule to this order

Note 1 (and delineated in the map contained in the said schedule) which plan

land consists wholly or mainly of bog shall vest in the said Council on the.....day of.....1941 for a term

Note 2 expiring on the.....day of.....19.....

SCHEDULE

(Description of the land)

(Map or Plan)

Given under the Seal of the Council this.....day of.....1941.

NOTES ON DRAFT.

Note 1.—The inclusion of a map or plan is not necessary, but may be found convenient.

Note 2.—The term must not exceed two years.

ORDER

Entitled

EMERGENCY POWERS (No. 73) ORDER, 1941.

ACQUISITION OF TURBARY RIGHTS BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

The Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by the Emergency Powers Act, 1939 (No. 28 of 1939), and of every and any other power them in this behalf enabling, hereby order as follows, that is to say:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Emergency Powers (No. 73) Order, 1941.

2. In this Order—

The expression "urban authority" means any body which is—

(a) the corporation of a county borough, or

(b) the council of a borough, other than a county borough, or

(c) the council of an urban district, or

(d) the commissioners of a town;

The expression "subsidiary body" has the same meaning as in the Local Government Act, 1931 (No. 19 of 1931);

The word "bog-land" means land consisting wholly or mainly of bog; The expression "right of turbary," when used in relation to any bog-land, means a right to cut and carry away turf from such bog-land and includes the right of preparing and storing on such bog-land any turf cut therefrom.

3. (1) The Council of a county or an urban authority may on behalf of the State acquire by agreement any bog-land.

(2) The council of a county may on behalf of the State acquire compulsorily any bog-land.

(3) Bog-land shall not be acquired under this Article for a greater estate or interest than a term of two years from the date of acquisition.

4. (1) Where the council of a county desire to acquire compulsorily any bog-land, the council may make an order (in this Order referred to as a vesting order) vesting such bog-land in them on a specified date, not earlier than seven days after the making of such vesting order.

(2) In this Order the expression "the vesting date" means, in relation to any bog-land which is the subject of a vesting order made by the council of a county, the date specified in such order as the date on which such bog-land is to vest in the council.

(3) Every vesting order made by the council of a county shall be expressed and operate to vest in the council, on the vesting date, the bog-land to which such order relates for such term (not exceeding two years from the vesting date) as the council think fit and specify in such order.

(4) Where the council of a county make a vesting order in relation to any bog-land, the council shall after the making of such order give reasonable notice of the making thereof to every person who appears to the council to have any estate or interest therein, so far as it is reasonably practical to ascertain such person.

5. (1) Where any bog-land is vested in the council of a county, by virtue of a vesting order, the council may enter on and take possession of such bog-land under this Article by the Council of a county.

(2) No person shall obstruct or interfere with the entry or the taking possession of any bog-land under this Article by the council of a county.

6. The council of a county may, as respects any bog-land acquired by them under this Order, do all or any of the following things, that is to say:—

(a) exercise, by direct labour or by contract, a right of turbary over that bog-land,

(b) grant to other persons (including urban authorities and subsidiary bodies) licences to exercise a right of turbary over that bog-land or any part thereof, subject to the payment to the council of such sums as the council think fit and to such conditions as the council think fit and attach to such licences.

7. Where any bog-land has been acquired by agreement by an urban authority under this Order, or an urban authority is entitled by virtue of a licence under this Order to exercise a right of turbary over any bog-land, such urban authority may do all or any of the following things, that is to say:—

(a) exercise, by direct labour or by contract, a right of turbary over such bog-land,

(b) sell or dispose of any turf produced by them in the exercise of such right of turbary,

(c) grant to other persons licences to exercise a right of turbary over such bog-land or any part thereof, subject to the payment to that urban authority of such sums as that urban authority may think fit and to such conditions as that urban authority think fit and attach to such licences.



8. Where a subsidiary body are granted a licence under this Order to exercise a right of turbary over any bog-land, such subsidiary body may exercise, by direct labour or contract, such right of turbary.
9. (1) Where a person is by virtue of this Order or any licence granted thereunder entitled to exercise any right of turbary over any bog-land such person may, for the purpose of exercising such right of turbary and for the purpose of carrying away any turf produced by him from such bog-land, exercise over any land such rights of way as may be reasonably necessary for the purposes aforesaid.
- (2) Where any damage is occasioned to any land by the exercise of any right conferred by this Article, the person exercising such right shall pay to the owner of such land compensation for any damage so occasioned.
10. Where a person is by virtue of the Order or any licence granted thereunder entitled to exercise a right of turbary over any bog-land, no person shall obstruct or interfere with such first-mentioned person in the exercise by him of such right of turbary or any right of way exercisable by him under Article 9 of this Order.
11. Where any bog-land is compulsorily acquired by the council of a county under this Order, the following provisions shall have effect, that is to say:—
- (a) Compensation shall be paid by the council to the owner of such land.
- (b) Such compensation shall, in default of agreement, be determined by a person appointed for the purpose by the Minister for Industry and Commerce.
- (c) The amount of such compensation shall be such sum as fairly represents the diminution in the value of such bog-land occasioned by the exercise under this Order of any turbary rights over such bog-land.
12. (1) The council of a county shall raise and defray any expenses incurred by them in the execution of this Order by means of the poor rate as a county-at-large charge.
- (2) The corporation of a county borough or the council of a borough or urban district shall raise and defray any expenses incurred by them in the execution of this Order as if such expenses had been incurred under the Public Health Acts, 1878 to 1931, and may borrow under the said Acts for the purpose of defraying any such expenses, as if such purpose were a purpose for which they are authorised to borrow under the said Acts.
- (3) The commissioners of a town shall raise and defray any expenses incurred by them in the execution of this Order as if such expenses had been incurred under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 to 1931, and may borrow under the said Acts for the purpose of defraying any such expenses as if such purpose were a purpose for which they are authorised to borrow, under the said Acts.
- (4) Moneys borrowed by an urban authority under this Article shall not be reckoned for the purpose of any limitations imposed by any Act on borrowing by such urban authority.
13. Sub-section (4) of Section 58 of the Local Government Act, 1925 (No. 5 of 1925), shall, in its application to a committee appointed by the council of a county under that section for a purpose connected with any powers, duties or functions conferred or imposed on that council by this Order, be construed and have effect as if the words "with the sanction of the Minister" were omitted therefrom.

GIVEN under the Official Seal of the Government, this 25th day of March, 1941.  
(L.S.)

EAMON DE VALERA,  
Taoiseach.

The Secretary also read the following communication:  
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,  
Custom House,

Dublin.  
10th April, 1941.

C.L.36/3/641.

**TURF PRODUCTION.**

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to Circular Letter of 3rd inst., No. 36/2/41, and to inform you that he has to-day in pursuance of Section 73 of the Local Government Act, 1925, by Order under Seal, consented to the delegation by the County Council to the County Surveyor, whom the Minister tacitly appointed for the purpose, of all the Council's powers, duties and functions under the Emergency Powers (No. 73) Order, 1941, other than the powers in relation to the raising of any rate, borrowing and payment of compensation.

A form of resolution for use by County Council in delegating their powers is enclosed.

Mise, le meas,

J. HURSON,

Runai.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor D. J. Kehoe;

Resolved: WHEREAS by the Emergency Powers (No. 73) Order, 1941, being an Order made by the Government in pursuance of the Emergency Powers Act, 1939, provision was made for the acquisition on behalf of the State by county councils, amongst other local authorities, of bog-land and the exercise of turbary rights:

AND WHEREAS in pursuance of Section 73 of the Local Government Act, 1925, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health has by Order under his official seal bearing date the Tenth Day of April, 1941, consented to the delegation by the county council of any county, not being a county borough, to the county surveyor of that county whom the said Minister did thereby appoint for the purpose, of all their powers, duties and functions under the said Emergency Powers (No. 73) Order, 1941, other than the powers, duties and functions of the county council in relation to the following matters, namely:—

- (1) The raising of any rate for the purpose of the said Order;
- (2) The borrowing of any money for the purposes of the said Order; and
- (3) The payment but not including the determination of any compensation payable under the provisions of the said Order;

NOW WE, the County Council of Wicklow, in pursuance of Section 73 of the Local Government Act, 1925, do hereby delegate to the County Surveyor of the County of Wicklow all our powers, duties and functions under the said Emergency Powers (No. 73) Order, 1941, to the delegation of which the Minister for Local Government and Public Health has consented by his said Order of the Tenth day of April, 1941, as hereinbefore recited.

L.S.

Sealed with the Common Seal of the County Council of the County of Wicklow, this 24th day of April, 1941, in the presence of

C. M. BYRNE (Senator),  
CHAIRMAN.

The County Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., submitted the following Scheme of Turf Production which he had prepared for submission to the Meeting:



**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.  
DEVELOPMENT OF TURF BOGS, 1941.**

As requested by the Chief Engineering Adviser of the Department of Local Government, I attended a meeting composed of the County Surveyors in the Twenty-Six Counties, at the office of Public Works, Dublin, on Tuesday, 1st April, 1941, for the purpose of discussing:—

(a) Unemployment; (b) Fuel; (c) Tillage.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Engineering Adviser, Mr. Courtney, the Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. Hugo Flinn, and other officials of the Department of Local Government, the Board of Works, and representatives of the Department of Finance.

The meeting was addressed by An Taoiseach and the Minister for Local Government, and the problems confronting the country, owing to the National War Emergency, were fully discussed.

Subsequent to this meeting, I received a Circular No. 36/2/41, dated 3rd April, 1941, with reference to Turf Production, from the Department of Local Government, in which it was stated that expedition in this work was essential and that the County Council should delegate to the County Surveyor powers to acquire Turf Banks and to employ the necessary labour.

It was also directed that the County Surveyor should make arrangements, without delay, to have Turf cut to meet the fuel needs of the County Council and subsidiary bodies, and, in addition, that the cutting should be continued until the maximum quantity possible was raised.

It was indicated that the Government had guaranteed a market for any surplus turf of good quality.

As a result of this Circular, and after consultation with the County Commissioner, I proceeded to make all possible inquiries regarding the position and potentialities of the turf industry in this county.

I now present my proposals, which I believe would be a fair effort on behalf of this County to co-operate in the National Effort in this matter. If my proposals are ratified by the Council, I will have the scheme carried through in the most economical manner possible, and will ensure a supply of fuel in the coming season, so far as the amount of labour, and the extent of bog area, are available.

During my investigations, I have consistently stated that the Wicklow County Council do not intend to interfere with the rights or intentions of any parties, such as Parish Committees, Factories, or small-holders, to raise whatever turf they require for themselves; the more people engaged in the winning of this essential fuel, the better it will be for the general community during the Emergency period before us.

I realise that the additional work which has been put upon me in this matter is very large, but the help which I find is being extended to me from all sources is most encouraging, and this I desire to acknowledge, particularly the assistance of the County Commissioner, the Officials of the County Board of Health, Assistant County Surveyors, Overseers, and the workers themselves.

Additional temporary office staff must be provided, and this will entail the employment of a typist and a special clerk for a period of about three months.

Also considerable additional travelling will require to be done by the Engineering Staff and the cost of this, amounting to about £87. 0. 0d., will be defrayed out of the scheme; it would be impossible to expect the Surveyors to carry out the intensive travelling which would be necessary without adequate recompense.

Hereunder, therefore, I present my estimate of proposals. They involve the employment of a minimum number of 600 men for about ten weeks, possibly as time goes on, and given good weather, this number should certainly be increased.

It should be remembered that the scheme generally is new to all of us, and there may be various unforeseen difficulties to be surmounted in the initial stages and during the present year; but the Council should look upon this matter, not from the point of view of 1941 only, but possibly for the next two or three years, and if the scheme can be made a success, of which I have no doubt, there is no reason why all the able-bodied men in this County should not find annual employment on the Turf Banks in the County.

**ESTIMATE.**

Turf (air-dried), cutting, curing and carting to roadside:			
Ratndown .. .. .	3750 tons		
Ratndrum and Shillelagh	14250 ..		
Baltinglass .. .. .	5660 ..		
(TOTAL) .. .. .	23600 ..	@ 14/6	£17,110 0 0
Establishment:			
Huts, Fittings, Equipment, etc.			£2,700 0 0
1 Temporary Clerk and 1 Temporary Typist for 12 weeks .. .. .			37 0 0
Tools .. .. .			375 0 0
Compensation .. .. .			590 0 0
Travelling Allowance to Surveyors (about 17/8 per ton on road)			87 0 0
			£20,899 0 0
Haulage: 23,600 tons at 1/- per ton per mile for 13 miles average .. .. .			£15,340 0 0
(Say, 36/8 per ton—average for County) .. .. .			£36,239 0 0

It would be desirable that the men working on the bogs should be accommodated and housed at or near their work, but in the short time at my disposal this year, it is impossible to fully organise the scheme in this way, and in regard to many other items of procedure. I propose, however, in the case of Glencree, Enniskerry, to bring 100 men to that district and accommodate them in a special sleeping hut and provide them the wages to cover the cost.

The wages which I propose should govern this Scheme are the ordinary County Council road work wages prevailing in each district at the present time, together with such additional allowances as I may think necessary from time to time should be paid to special cutters, gangers, and overseers.

The proposal to produce 23,600 tons of turf is dependent to a great extent on suitable weather conditions. Even then it is most unlikely that the quantity will be adequate to meet all the needs of the people, and bearing this in mind, I propose to submit a further Scheme for the provision of timber as an auxiliary source of supply.

As a result of my investigations on the question of Turf Bogs, I am satisfied that there is a very large quantity of suitable turf fuel available in this County, but which cannot economically be developed unless suitable access is provided in the nature of accommodation roads. The County Council should give this matter their very earnest attention, and with the future of many years in mind, I recommend that a sum of approximately £15,000 should be raised by loan for the purpose of constructing such roads into the bogs, and thus ensure that the available turf will be easily procured.

This would provide very useful employment during the winter months after the turf season has finished.

Under the present Turf Scheme the location of the Bogs which I intend to work is as follows:—

Glencree, Carrigeenduff (Sally Gap); Tiglinn (Moneystown); Troopers-town, Knocknaskagh, Rathduffmore, Croagh, Tour, Kilcoagh, Lugglass, Knocknaboley, Cranamore, Ballynultagh, Ballinabarney, Farbreaga, Umrigar, Clohogue, Newbawn.

Dated this 23rd day of April, 1941.

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

Proposed by Councillor M. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan;

Resolved—That we hereby approve and adopt the Scheme of Turf Production prepared by the County Surveyor and submitted by him to this County Council at this day's Meeting.

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



Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Resolved—That our County Surveyor be instructed to approach the Department of Lands with a view to having an immediate survey made in County Wicklow of Timber suitable for fuel during the winter 1941-42; trees which are only suitable for such purpose to be officially marked authorising the owners to dispose of them to Parish Committees and others; the Wicklow County Council consider it is absolutely essential to provide alternative fuel in addition to the Turf which is already being raised.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. P. Kehoe;

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle (Winetavern);

Resolved—That we hereby authorise and empower our Secretary to employ temporarily such clerical assistance as the operation of the approved Turf Production Scheme may in his discretion be required in his office, and we direct that the cost of such temporary clerical assistance be charged to and paid for out of the said Turf Production Scheme Overdraft Funds.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. Brennan;

Resolved—That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, having at this day's Meeting approved and adopted a Scheme of Turf Production for the County under the Emergency Powers (No. 73) Order, 1941, prepared and submitted by our County Surveyor, at an estimated cost of £36,239, and as at this late date it is now impossible to include the cost of this Scheme in the Poor Rates already struck for the service of the financial year 1941-1942, we hereby apply to our Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow Branch, for a separate and distinct Overdraft of £37,000 for the purpose exclusively of operating the Scheme of Turf Production referred to above, and in making this application we desire to inform our Treasurer that this Scheme is intended to be self supporting.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Seconded by Councillor James McCrea;

Resolved—That the Minister for Supplies be urged in the strongest possible manner to make an extra weekly allowance of Tea to all workmen employed by our County Surveyor on the Scheme of Turf Production approved of at to-day's Meeting, and towards that end we instruct our County Surveyor to call at the Department of Supplies and support this Resolution by every means in his power.

Passed.

## Wicklow County Council.

# Wicklow County Council.

## MINUTES

OF

# PROCEEDINGS

MEETING HELD

19th May, 1941



# Wicklow County Council.

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 19th May, 1941.

The following Members were present:

Councillors Edward Byrne, Senator C. M. Byrne, John P. Kehoe, John Dunne, James McCrea, J. Everett, T.D.; Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); P. D. Kinsella, Michael Mooney, W. Hammond, J. J. Bourne, J. J. Metcalfe, M. J. Brennan, Denis Condren, Michael Timmins, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); Daniel J. Kehoe, J. P. O'Donnell, George Heatley.

During the early stages of the Meeting the Chair was occupied by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Edward Byrne, and later was occupied for the rest of the Meeting by the Chairman, Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne.

## BUSINESS:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of previous Meetings.
2. To consider Finance Committee's Report.
3. To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance.
4. To consider proposals for payments from the Proposals Committee.
5. To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments.
6. To sign applications for refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
7. To consider proposals for Contract's from the Proposals Committee.
8. To Seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
9. To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
10. To consider applications for Licences under the Explosives Act, 1875.
11. To consider applications for Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.



12. To consider and approve the lists, prepared by the County Secretary, of houses in respect of which certain abatements in rates are allowable.
13. To pass a Resolution approving of the Secretary's decision in connection with all the claims for abatement of Rates in respect of Agricultural Grant for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1942.
14. To recommend to the Commissioner of Valuation the revisions required in the Valuation Lists for the County.
15. To fix dates for the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council and of the Proposals and Finance Committees for the coming year.
16. To fix a date for the forthcoming Annual Meeting of the County Council.
17. To execute (in duplicate) the Agreement with the Irish Tourist Association for the service of the financial year 1941/1942 required under the Tourist Traffic (Development) Act, 1931.
18. To consider the claims for rates stated to be irrecoverable and temporarily uncollectable owing to Foot-and-Mouth Disease in the county, as received from the several Poor Rate Collectors.
19. To consider County Surveyor's Report.
20. To consider the following Resolution received from Bray Urban District Council:  

"Resolved: That the attention of Wicklow County Council be again drawn to the fact that no action has been taken with regard to the dangerous corners in Bray and also the condition of Main Street road and paths and Dublin Road paths."
21. 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, and also to consider a communication from the County Surveyor, dated the 28th April, 1941, in that connection.
22. To consider an application from Charles Byrne, Ballytunny, Ballymoyle, Arklow, for damages amounting to £50 for flooding of his land, alleged to be due to the action of County Council employees.
23. 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, Ballymoyle, for damages to his land by flooding in consequence, as alleged by him, of the neglect of the Council's employees.
24. To take such legal proceedings as the Council may deem advisable for the purpose of collecting the amounts due to Wicklow County Council by Bray Urban District Council on foot of Annual Demands.
25. To consider County Analyst's Report.
26. To consider a communication from Wicklow County Library Committee inquiring if it would be possible to reduce the number of Members legally required for a quorum at Meetings of that Body.
- 27.—To consider the following Resolution passed by Bray Trades Council and Labour Party:—  

"Resolved: That the Bray Trades Council would be obliged if you will let them know why the Printing Contract was given to "The Echo" Printing Works, Enniscorthy, which did not employ as a whole Trade Union Labour as specified in your advertisement for Tenders for Contract."
28. To receive Minutes of proceedings of Monthly Meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee.

29. 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.
30. To consider printed Abstract of Correspondence circulated to each Member of the County Council.
31. To adopt the Rates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1942, and to allow and make the same as assessed in the Rate Books.
32. To sign and seal the Demands (Forms 48) on the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow for the year 1941/1942.
33. To sign and seal the Warrants of the several Poor Rate Collectors.
34. To consider official correspondence.
35. To consider general correspondence.

The Secretary reported that he was unable to circulate to each Member of the County Council the printed Minutes of previous meetings as the County Printer found himself unable to have them printed and supplied in time for him to do so. In the circumstances the Council adjourned the signing of the Minutes for previous Meetings.

At the request of the Secretary it was  
Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor M. Mooney;

Resolved—Inasmuch as a Conference was held on Monday, the 10th February, 1941, on the invitation of the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture for the purpose of considering the important question of how best to increase tillage and Food Production, to which that Committee invited representatives from all the Parish Committees in the County, and also invited the County Council as a Body to be present and take part in the discussions, we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby make formal application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for permission to regard the aforementioned Meeting as a Conference so that members of this Council who (in face of great difficulty caused by a snow blizzard and total absence of Petrol) attended it, may be recouped the travelling expenses actually incurred by them in doing so.

Passed.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

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

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 9th May, 1941.

The following Members were present:

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Presiding Chairman; Councillors J. P. Kehoe, J. P. O'Donnell and Joseph Jacob.

#### TURF PRODUCTION SCHEME.

The Secretary reported that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had sanctioned an Overdraft of £6,000 with the Council's Treasurer to cover expenditure by the County Surveyor under the above Scheme during the month ending 31st May instant, and that application had been made by him in the usual way to the Council's Treasurer for the formal consent of his Board of Directors to the said Overdraft. In anticipation of this consent being forthcoming at an early date, the Committee signed Advice Notes for payments amounting to the sum of £261. 6. 6 in connection with the Scheme approved and adopted by the County Council.

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

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



**PROPOSALS COMMITTEE . . . . . £16,483 18. 7**

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 September, 1941: To the County Board of Assistance—£12,283.

**SEEDS AND FERTILIZERS SUPPLY ACT, 1941.**

The Committee had under consideration a large number of applications for seeds in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme approved and adopted by the County Council under above Act and directed the issue of authorisations to the various applicants who had complied with the terms of the Council's Scheme.

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, and also the following Return showing the condition of the Poor Rate Collection in the County as it stood on the 30th April, 1941:

1940/1941 RETURN.			
District No.	Amount of Warrant.	Amount collected to date	Discount allowed
1	£7,927 3 11	£6944 15 0	£38 14 7
2	5,092 15 5	3987 13 5	17 2 4
3	4,115 8 4	2866 7 4	13 2 1
4/5	7,782 0 10	4993 5 1	20 12 10
6	6,982 4 6	4220 5 3	12 10 10
7	17,810 19 9	16446 0 5	56 6 11
8	4,839 7 6	4476 8 6	12 2 2
9	16,063 17 3	11843 10 8	39 5 11
10	5,569 14 4	4049 18 3	11 16 3
11	7,991 13 2	6716 2 5	32 17 2
12	9,504 2 5	6270 6 11	12 19 10
13/14/15	12,144 0 6	10383 4 0	31 14 7
16	9,190 15 7	6363 5 5	42 17 2
17	6,580 1 11	4501 10 11	22 18 7
18	6,589 18 2	4982 10 3	35 12 6
19	5,086 0 11	3505 4 8	9 4 1
Totals:	£133,270 4 6	£102,600 8 11	£409 9 4

**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	£2170 8 0	£2 14 7	£17 11 10
6	8,606 14 6	6678 9 0	11 10 10	755 14 11
Totals:	£10,992 17 10	£8848 17 0	£14 5 5	£772 6 9

Having considered a number of documents connected with the appointment of a Weigh Clerk for the new Weighbridge erected by the County Council on the Murrough, Wicklow, the Committee recommend the County Council to appoint one of their temporary clerks, Miss Winnie Flood, Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow, who has had long years in our service, to the permanent whole-time position of Weigh Clerk, Miss Flood to discharge all duties in that connection that may be required by our Secretary between the working hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 5 o'clock p.m., on five days of the week, and between 10 o'clock a.m. and 1 o'clock p.m., on the Saturday of each week, either at the Weighbridge or in the County Council Offices, at an inclusive salary of Thirty Shillings (30/-) per week.

The Committee also recommend the County Council to appoint Mr. John Barlow, of the Murrough, Wicklow, at an inclusive remuneration of 6/- per week as Caretaker of this valuable Weighbridge, Mr. Barlow to discharge all duties in that position required by the County Secretary.

**UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.**

The Secretary submitted, for the Committee's consideration, the above Scheme as approved and adopted by the Council, and also a Schedule showing the names and addresses of the following twenty-seven applicants for permission to compete for the three Scholarships, value £70 each annually, and tenable for three years at the National University, Dublin, only:

Name of Applicant	Address.	Date of Birth.
John Thomas Lee, 21, Upper Main St., Arklow		13th May, 1923
Frederick Andrew Lee, 21, Upper Main St., Arklow		25th April, 1922
John Gilvary, Boghall Road, Bray		14th March, 1923
Andrew J. Finlayson, Main St., Wicklow		23rd July, 1922
Donal Kevin McCrea, Carnew		9th April, 1922
Mary Teresa Hanley, Main St., Tinahely		29th October, 1922
Thomas B. M. Hennessy, Blessington		1st February, 1923
Sean MacCathmhaoil, "Teach Mhuire," Cill Mantain		16th June, 1925
Hugh F. O. O'Kelly, Drummin, Annamoe		27th July, 1923
Michael P. Ronayne, 8, Prince of Wales Tce., Bray		29th June, 1925
Julia Black, Shillelagh		2nd November, 1921
Margaret M. Wybrant, Ardoyne, Tullow		3rd January, 1923
Kathleen M. O'Kelly, Drummin, Annamoe		26th October, 1921
Joseph M. Geraghty, "Baymount," Putland Road, Bray		13th March, 1923
Hubert V. P. Hackett, Rosslea, Adelaide Road, Bray		21st July, 1924
Albert G. Hackett, Rosslea, Adelaide Road, Bray		25th June, 1922
Patrick J. Kavanagh, 17, Condren's Lane, Arklow		23rd October, 1921
Deirdre Robinson, Lamh Deargh, Vevay, Bray		25th October, 1924
Patrick J. Allen, Aghrim		29th April, 1924
Kevin P. McEvoy, Ballyknockan Quarries, Blessington		28th Feb., 1922
Kathleen Desmond, 3 Park Tce., Ferrybank, Arklow		23rd August, 1923
Kevin Joseph Walshe, Dunlavin		13th October, 1923
Eugene A. Kearney, New Street, Wicklow		24th March, 1922
Michael E. O'Doherty, 2, Alexandra Tce., Bray		29th November, 1923
Andrew C. Wolahan, Summerhill, Wicklow		7th July, 1922
John J. Wolahan, Summerhill, Wicklow		10th September, 1923
Arthur Lawlor, Stratford-on-Slaney		3rd November, 1921

The Secretary pointed out that under the terms of the Scheme any candidate born prior to the 1st January, 1922, must be deemed to be over age under the conditions of Clause (1) of the Scheme. The Secretary emphasised, further, that the Committee before allowing any one of the twenty-seven applicants to compete under the terms of the Scheme, should satisfy themselves on the following points: (a) Age; (b) Means of Parents or Guardians; and (c) Did the applicant's parents or guardians reside continuously in the County of Wicklow for the five years preceding the 1st January, 1941. He mentioned in this connection that under Clause (10) of the Scheme the County Council reserves the right to exclude any candidate from competing for these Scholarships, and the County Council's decision relating to this University Scheme was to be conclusive and final.



The Committee referred all of the twenty-seven applicants to the County Council for consideration, as the Committee find that no less than five of the applicants appear to be disqualified—four on the grounds that they are over age, and the fifth on the ground of the parents being an insufficient number of years resident in the County.

Signed: J. EVERETT, T.D.,  
Presiding Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Dated this 9th May, 1941.

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

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.

Passed.

Having adopted the Finance Committee's Report No. 1, the Council proceeded to consider the operation of the Council's University Scholarship Scheme and the twenty-seven applications from the candidates who wished to compete thereunder.

After a protracted discussion it was  
Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;  
Seconded by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That the following four applicants be disqualified from competition for the three Scholarships value £70 each annually and tenable at the National University, Dublin:

Michael E. O'Doherty, 2, Alexandra Terrace, Bray  
Thomas B. M. Hennessy, Blessington  
Sean MacCathmhaoil, Teach Mhuire, Cill Mantain  
Kevin Joseph Walshe, Dunlavin;

on the grounds that these applicants do not comply with the terms of the Council's approved Scheme.

That we hereby accept and approve of the applications received from the remainder of the twenty-seven on the list of candidates as shown in the Finance Committee's Report No. 1, and that the Secretary of the National University be notified accordingly.

Further, that as three of our Council's Secondary School Scholarship Holders are 60 days, 66 days and 69 days respectively over age, we hereby decide that if we find one or all of these three candidates over age secure the Scholarships we will give University Scholarships to the next three in order of merit as the result of the examination may require, and that the same course be followed if Arthur Lawlor secures any one of the first four places at the Examination.

At this point, and before the Vote was taken, the Secretary warned the Councillors present that the Members voting for this Motion ran the grave risk of surcharge because if this Motion was passed it would represent a complete departure from the terms of the County Council's University Scholarship Scheme as approved and adopted, which Scheme had been duly advertised, published and circulated. He stated that he wished to make it unmistakably clear to every County Councillor the financial risk he might possibly be compelled to shoulder if he voted for the Motion.

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

For the Motion: Councillors James McCrea, J. J. Bourne, W. Hammond, Denis Condren, P. Doyle (Winetavern); M. Mooney, J. J. Metcalfe, M. Timmins, M. J. Brennan, P. D. Kinsella, James Everett, T.D.; Senator C. M. Byrne, J. P. Kehoe (13).

Against the Motion: Councillors Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); Edward Byrne, John Dunne (3).

The Chairman thereupon declared the Motion to have been passed by a Resolution, thirteen Councillors having voted for it and three Councillors having voted against.

The Secretary read the following Report No. 2 from the finance Committee:—

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 2.

The usual Weekly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 16th May, 1941.

The following Members were present:—  
Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Presiding Chairman; Councillors Joseph Jacob, John P. Kehoe and John P. O'Donnell.

The Secretary submitted an Account from a Merchant in the County, amounting to £238 5s. 3d., in respect of twenty persons who took advantage of the County Council's Scheme operated this year under the Seeds and Fertilizers Supply Act, 1941.

He pointed out to the Committee that, of the above twenty Accounts, 11 were in order, and in his opinion might be paid. Of the remaining nine Accounts examined by the Committee it was abundantly clear that the Applicants did not purchase the Seeds the Applicants had notified our Secretary they required, and were given permission to purchase by this Committee through our Secretary, but had instead, apparently by arrangement with the Merchant, purchased other commodities not previously notified to our offices or contemplated by our Scheme.

Order: The Committee instructed the Secretary to prepare for the Council's Meeting on the 19th inst., a Schedule showing details as far as the information available allowed, and also instructed him to seek the advice of the Council's Solicitor as to what action should be taken by the Council having regard to all the circumstances.

Signed: J. EVERETT, T.D.,  
Presiding Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Dated this 16th day of May, 1941.

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

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 2, as read by our Secretary at this Meeting of the County Council, be, and it is hereby approved and adopted.

Passed.

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

Resolved—That all the documents connected with the Accounts referred to in Finance Committee's Report No. 2—which disclose breaches of the Wicklow County Council's Seeds and Fertilizers Scheme operated in 1941, be handed to the Gardai Síochána, or other appropriate official, through our Solicitor in order that such legal proceedings may be instituted as the documents may warrant.

Passed.

### AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS SCHEME.

The Secretary referred to the following letter received by him from the Parliamentary Secretary to the Department of Defence and urged the Council to comply with the request contained therein by approving and adopting the Air Raid Precautions Scheme for the County prepared by him so far back as the 6th November, 1939:

Office of the Parliamentary Secretary,  
Department of Defence, Dublin.  
17adh Bealtaine, 1941.

Dear Mr. Healy:

Your Council on March 26th passed a Resolution which had the effect of striking out from your estimates the sum of £400 for the operation of an Air Raid Precautions Scheme in County Wicklow. In order to obviate the necessity for any lengthy correspondence between the Department of Defence and your Council I wish to intervene in the matter now.



There are two types of expenditure in connection with Air Raid Precautions—one, the much greater amount is borne completely by central funds; the other is borne by central and local funds in the proportions of 60 per cent. to 40 per cent. The estimated expenditure of £400 will be met on this basis. Your Council will, therefore, understand that actually the expense to be borne by them for the operation of an Air Raid Precautions Scheme is only £160. May I, therefore, ask you to ensure that at your next meeting the estimate of £400 for the operation of the Air Raid Precautions Scheme in Wicklow will be passed and the resolution of the 26th March rescinded.

Yours sincerely,

SEAN MOYLAN.

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

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

Resolved—That in response to the appeal of our Secretary we hereby rescind the Resolution passed by this County Council at their Meeting held on the 26th March, 1941, the effect of which was to strike out from their Estimates the sum of £400 for the operation of the Air Raid Precautions Scheme in County Wicklow.

Further, that we hereby approve, adopt and direct our Secretary to put into force the Air Raid Precautions Scheme prepared by him on the 6th November, 1939, under the Air Raid Precautions Scheme (Prescribed Provisions) Regulations, 1939, and the Air Raid Precautions Act, 1939, which Scheme was printed and circulated to each Member of this Council prior to their Meeting held on the 13th November, 1939, and which appears in full in the printed Minutes of that Meeting.

And be it also resolved that our Secretary be authorised to restore to the Estimates the aforementioned sum of £400 to cover the cost of operating this Air Raid Precautions Scheme during the financial year which will end on the 31st March, 1942, the said sum of £400 to be found by the Secretary in such a manner as he may deem advisable, having regard to the fact that the Rate has been struck for the service of the current financial year 1941-42.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor J. Dunne:

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 J. Dunne;  
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments, chargeable to the various areas, amounting to the sum of £16,483 18s. 7d. (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and Order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor J. P. Kehoe:  
Resolved—That Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's payments, as approved by the County Council, be now signed.

Passed.

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

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

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

Resolved—That the Licence issued to Mr. John Sinnott, Ashford Hotel, Ashford, under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, be hereby renewed by our Secretary.

Passed.

There were no applications for Licences under the Explosives Act, 1875, to be submitted.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Winetavern):

Resolved—That we hereby empower our Secretary to issue a Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, to Mr. Edward Bradley, Baltinglass, Co. Wicklow, for a Portable Booth, subject to the usual conditions applicable to the issue of a new Licence.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Winetavern):

Resolved—That the new Building Lists prepared by our Secretary in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1925, in respect of the financial year ending 31st March, 1942, be hereby approved as submitted, and the appropriate reductions in Rates allowed for the said financial year in each case as specified in said lists.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Winetavern):

Resolved—That we hereby approve, confirm and adopt the decisions made by our Secretary on the information at his disposal in connection with all the claims for abatement of rates lodged in our offices in respect of the financial year 1941-42, more extensively dealt with in circulars from the Department of Local Government and Public Health which have been under consideration at meetings of this Council from time to time, and we hereby direct that the assessment of Rates be proceeded with with all practicable speed on the basis of such decisions.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Winetavern):

Resolved—That we have considered the changes and alterations deemed to be necessary in the General Valuation Lists, as given on the accompanying Revision Sheets, and we request the Commissioner of Valuation to have the Valuation Lists revised accordingly.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. P. O'Donnell:

Resolved—That, subject to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health offering no objection, we hereby fix the following dates for the Quarterly Meetings of the Proposals Committee and of the County Council to be held during the year 1941-42:—

Place of Meeting	Hour	Summer Qr. 1941	Autumn Qr. 1941	Winter Qr. 1942	Spring Qr. 1942
Proposals Committee:					
Courthouse, Wicklow	12	Fri., July 18th	Fri., Oct. 17th	Fri., Jan. 16th	Fri., April 17th
County Council:					
Courthouse Wicklow	12	Mon., Aug. 18th	Mon., Nov. 17th	Mon., Feb. 16th	Mon., May 18th

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. Doyle (Coolboy);

Seconded by Councillor M. J. Brennan:

Resolved—That we hereby decide and appoint Monday, the 23rd June, 1941, as the date on which Wicklow County Council shall hold its annual meeting.

Passed.



Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;  
 Seconded by Councillor P. D. Kinsella:  
 Resolved—That we hereby execute (in duplicate) and attach the Council's Seal to the Agreement with the Irish Tourist Association for the service of the financial year 1941-42 required under the Tourist Traffic (Development) Act, 1931.  
 Passed.

The Council proceeded to consider the Claims for Rates stated to be irrecoverable, and temporarily uncollectible, owing to Foot and Mouth Disease in the County as received from the several Poor Rate Collectors.

In this connection the Secretary submitted the following Return showing the state of the Poor Rate Collection in the County in respect of the financial year which ended on the 31st March, 1941:—

No. of District.	Collector	Amount of Warrant		Amount Lodged	Discount Allowed	Irrecoverable and struck out.	Amount Carried forward to 1941/42 Warrant	Amount Disallowed	UNCOLLECTED RATES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/3/1940.						
		£	s. d.						Irrecoverable and struck out.	Carried Forward	Total uncollected (not including rates on holdings or part holdings acquired by E.S.B.)				
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1	Luke McDonnell	7,927	3 11	7,263	5 4	38 14 7	99 6 8	525 17 4		625 4 0	75 18 5	70 5 11	146 4 4		
2	John A. Doyle	5,092	15 5	4,330	7 11	17 2 4	13 13 2	731 12 0		745 5 2	7 10 8	203 6 6	210 17 2		
3	Edward Lynch	4,115	8 4	3,347	4 6	13 2 1	2 10 2	752 11 7		755 1 9	18 14 8	417 13 9	436 8 5		
4/5	Patrick Burke	7,782	0 10	6,177	3 3	20 12 10	38 13 11	1,573 7 2		1,584 4 9	7 15 5	464 5 9	472 1 2		
6	Mrs. Mary Healy	6,982	4 6	5,014	13 11	12 10 10	38 13 11	1,916 5 10		1,954 19 9	5 5 0	1,155 14 9	1,160 19 9		
7	P. J. Doyle	17,810	19 9	16,781	9 4	56 6 11	336 13 5	636 10 1		973 3 6	181 17 5	438 18 5	620 15 10		
8	Patrick Mulligan	4,839	7 6	4,537	14 11	12 2 2	103 7 9	186 2 8		289 10 5	107 10 3	80 16 3	188 6 6		
9	M. J. Healy	16,063	17 3	12,592	9 8	39 5 11	41 18 11	3,390 2 9		1,244 8 11	20 2 5	2,361 1 9	2,399 0 6		
10	Wm. P. Murphy	5,569	14 4	4,311	8 9	11 16 3	2 0 5	1,244 8 11		844 16 10	45 6 11	366 7 1	366 7 1		
11	Jas. J. McCall	7,991	13 2	7,113	19 2	32 17 2	20 2 5	824 14 5		2,179 11 5	4 8 1	1,889 11 5	1,893 19 6		
12	Wm. C. Byrne	9,504	2 5	7,311	19 2	12 11 10	55 2 5	1,250 9 0		1,280 16 1	84 14 4	767 4 0	851 18 4		
13/14/15	Michael Roche	12,144	0 6	10,831	9 10	31 14 7	30 6 7	1,250 9 6	6 19 11	2,351 19 2	80 17 0	1,269 6 3	1,350 3 3		
16	P. J. Byrne	9,190	15 7	6,795	19 3	42 17 2	51 8 10	2,293 10 5		2,351 19 2	54 18 7	698 2 9	753 1 4		
17	D. J. Kinsella	6,580	1 11	5,118	6 11	22 18 7	52 17 9	1,385 18 8		714 10 6	19 16 9	166 4 2	186 0 11		
18	Thomas Fleming	6,589	18 2	5,839	15 8	35 12 0	39 19 6	674 11 0		1,106 7 9	17 7 6	589 10 1	606 7 7		
19	Michael O'Neill	5,086	0 11	3,970	9 1	9 4 1	15 9 11	1,090 17 10							
Total		133,270	4 6	111,337	16 8	409 9 4	914 9 5	20,601 9 2	6 19 11	21,522 18 6	749 19 9	11,168 1 4	11,918 1 1		
Percentage of Warrant							0.6%	15.4%		16%	0.6%	9%	9.6%		

RETURN OF COLLECTION OF RATES ON HOLDINGS ACQUIRED WHOLLY OR PARTLY BY THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD (YEAR ENDED 31/3/1941).

No. of District	Collector	Amount uncollected at 31/3/1940	Amount collected in the year ended 31/3/1941.	Amount uncollected at 31/3/1941.
5	P. Burke	£ 324 19 1	£ 307 7 3	£ 17 11 10
6	Mrs. M. Healy	2,902 1 1	2,196 14 6	705 6 7
Total		3,227 0 2	2,504 1 9	722 18 5

proportion to local contribution and the allocation from Central Funds.



RETURN OF COLLECTORS

Amount of Warrants	Collector	No. of District
7,397 8 11	Luke McDonnell	1
4,092 10 2	John A. Doyle	2
4,110 8 4	Edward Lynch	3
7,782 0 10	Patrick Burke	4
4,988 4 8	Mrs. Mary Healy	5
4,730 10 9	P. J. Doyle	7
4,888 7 0	Patrick Mulligan	8
14,000 17 3	M. A. Healy	9
4,500 14 7	Wm. F. Murphy	10
7,901 10 2	Jan. A. McCall	11
9,504 2 6	Wm. C. Hyatt	12
12,144 0 8	Michael Roche	13
6,190 10 7	P. J. Byrne	14
6,118 1 11	H. L. Kinahan	15
6,830 18 2	Thomas Phelan	16
6,080 0 11	Michael O'Neill	17
118,270 4 8	Total	

RETURN OF PARTIAL


Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;  
 Seconded by Councillor J. P. Kehoe;  
 Resolved—That we hereby approve and adopt, as set forth by our Secretary, the lists of Rates in respect to the financial year which ended on the 31st March, 1941, submitted by the several Poor Rate Collectors, showing (1) the several items allowed as actually irrecoverable, and (2) allowed as temporarily irrecoverable but to be carried forward for collection into the Warrants for the service of the financial year 1941-42.

We realise that the figures on these lists are larger this year than in previous years, but we are aware that an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease in No. 4 District, and two outbreaks of Foot and Mouth Disease in No. 9 District, has, in the absence of Fairs and Markets, made it absolutely impossible for a very large proportion of our Ratepayers to liquidate their stock in the manner that has prevailed all down the years with them for the purpose of meeting their liabilities for Poor Rates, Land Purchase Annuities, Shop Accounts, etc., etc. It is for these reasons that we are satisfied that several Poor Rate Collectors have discharged their duties in the matter of the collection of Rates as satisfactorily as the abnormal circumstances would allow.

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

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 £26 in connection with the payment of Poor Rates by the Irish Land Commission on the holding of Peter F. Wilson, Ballyknockan, Rathdrum.

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

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 £26 received from the Irish Land Commission in respect of Rate liabilities on the lands of Peter F. Wilson, Ballyknockan, Rathdrum, and that the proceeds be lodged to the credit of Poor Rate Collector P. J. O'Byrne (No. 16 District).

Passed.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE MANNTAIN.

County Surveyor's Report.

Oifig an tSuirbheir.  
 Tig na Cuirte.  
 Chille Manntain.  
 15adh Bealtaine, 1941.

Mr. W. F. Johnston, B.E., has been acting as special temporary Assistant Engineer in the County, preparing plans for Road Works which will eventually be carried out under Unemployment Relief Grants. You will, I am certain, appreciate that there is an enormous amount of work entailed in this matter, but the preparation of these schemes is an essential condition to the allocation of Grants, and the Department has continually stressed the fact that several proposals should be ready for presentation when Grants are available. Mr. Johnston's engagement will terminate on the 19th instant, but I ask the Council to reappoint him for a further period of six months; his salary would be properly payable out of Relief Grants pro rata in proportion to local contribution and the allocation from Central Funds.



**TAR SPRAYING:**

(2) The County Council at a recent Meeting passed a Resolution directing that no monies were to be expended in the purchase of tar during the year 1941/42. Whilst I have tried to appreciate the object of the Council in its desire to allocate as much money as possible towards actual wages, I feel that I must point out that it would not be in the interests of the County, generally, to allow roads to deteriorate and that tar surface dressing will be necessary in many places. If your roads are permitted to fall back in condition, the subsequent costs in restoring them will be very heavy. I shall, of course, use as little quantity of tar as possible so as to fall into line with the idea of Employment. As the same time, I have to remind the Council that the onus for the maintenance of the roads is directly imposed upon me under Section 56 of the Local Bodies Order, 1925; there is also a possibility that the Department will refuse to sanction the payment of the 40 per cent. allocations to Main Roads if these are not reasonably maintained.

**ALLEGED FLOODING AT BALLYTUNNEY: CLAIM BY MR. CHAS. BYRNE.**

(3) This matter was investigated by local Councillors and the Assistant Surveyor and is a subject of a separate report to-day.

**BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL: STREETS AND PATHS.**

(4) With regard to item 20 on the Agenda, a provision has been made to have the footpaths on the Main Street and Dublin Road concreted during the present financial year. If Employment Grants are available, the dangerous corners referred to herein will be attended to.

**LICENCE UNDER CINEMATOGRAPH ACT:**

(5) With reference to application from Mr. Edward Bradley, Ballin-glass, County Wicklow, for a licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, to use a travelling booth for the purpose of exhibiting cinematograph pictures, I report that this has been inspected and there would appear to be no objections to the granting of the licence.

**ENGINEERING REORGANISATION:**

(6) May I remind the Council that no finality has been reached, as yet, with regard to this matter which has been the subject of so many discussions during the past few years. The current Road Scheme was re-drafted so as to conform with the County Council's arrangement to have four Assistant County Surveyors in this County, but, whilst the roads have been grouped into areas to suit this arrangement, the fourth assistant has not yet been appointed, with the result that the working of the road system is quite unsatisfactory. May I suggest, therefore, that the Council to-day would approve of the immediate appointment of a temporary assistant in the Southern area for a period of six months pending the final filling of the positions and the organisation of the engineering services generally.

Is mise,

SEOSAMH T. O BROIN.

Suirbheir an gComndae.

Order:—

Paragraph (1) Mr. Johnston reappointed for a further period of two months—conditional on all Schemes for which he has prepared Drawings, being completed and lodged forthwith in the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

Paragraph (2) The expenditure on Tar, etc., to be brought down to the irreducible minimum in 1941-42.

Paragraph (3) See Separate Report to this Meeting.

Paragraph (4) Noted.

Paragraph (5) Authority to issue is hereby given.

Paragraph (6) No Order; consideration adjourned.

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.**

Courthouse, Wicklow.

9th May, 1941.

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

Dear Sir,

With reference to yours of the 2nd April last, enclosing copy of Resolution passed by the Wicklow County Council on the 26th March, 1941, directing me not to spend money on materials such as for surface dressings, I desire to say that in my opinion it will not be possible to maintain the surfaces of roads in many districts unless they are treated with tar surface dressing, and in this regard I would respectfully refer you to Article 48 (Section 1) and Article 56 (Section 1) of the Public Bodies Order, 1925-1931.

I regret, therefore, that I will be compelled to proceed with the arrangements for the proper maintenance of all roads in the County, but I shall, of course, do as little work of this nature, i.e., tarring, as possible.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Surveyor.

Order: See Order on paragraph 2 of the County Surveyor's printed Report to this Meeting.

County Surveyor's Office,

Wicklow.

19th May, 1941.

To Secretary.

In connection with Annual Leave to Survey Staff, I ask that the Council agree to leave the question of these holidays to be arranged with the County Surveyor to suit the convenience of the road or turf work; one week's notice in writing to be given to the County Surveyor, and leave is only to be taken in three periods—not in single days.

J. T. O'BYRNE,

Order: Suggestions approved and adopted.

**COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE MAINNTAIN.****County Surveyor's Report.**

Oifig an tSuirbheir

Tig na Cuirte.

Chille Mainntain.

15adh Bealtaine, 1941.

A Dhaoine Uaisle,

**TURF PRODUCTION SCHEME, 1941.**

I have to report that approximately 576 men are now engaged in connection with this scheme as follows:—

Glenree—60 men.  
Glenmacnass—40 men.  
Newbawn (Rathdrum)—14 men.  
Ballygobban (Ballyteige)—25 men.  
Ferbreaiga—13 men.  
Croagh—22 men.  
Ballynultagh—40 men.  
Garryknock—10 men.  
Ballinagee—24 men.  
Cloghoge (Sally Gap)—70 men.  
Drungoff (Glenmalure)—50 men.  
Tiglin (Ashford)—50 men.  
Aughavannagh—19 men.  
Knocknaskeagh—62 men.  
Gowie (Coolkenno)—24 men.  
Croagh, Knocknaboley—15 men.  
Round Hill (Granamore)—3 men.



In addition, drainage work is being carried out at Umrigar and Sallymount (Ardanairy). Owing to the very limited time at my disposal, it has been found very difficult to organise the scheme to full satisfaction: shelter accommodation for the men on the bogs is essential and every effort is being made to provide this. Fortunately, however, the very good weather prevailing up to the present has not unduly interfered with the work or the comfort of the men.

From my inquiries, and as a result of representations made to me, I find that the most essential requirement is the provision of tea for the workers, and I suggest that the County Council should make very urgent claims to the Department concerned in this regard.

Is mise,  
SEOSAMH T. O BROIN,  
Suirbheir an gConndae.

Order: Approved.

The following letter received from Bray Urban District Council was considered and referred to the County Surveyor for suitable action:

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL,  
Town Hall, Bray,  
3rd April, 1941.

Secretary,

Wicklow Co. Council, Wicklow.

A Chara,

At Meeting of Council on Tuesday evening last a circular was read from the Minister for Local Government relative to the Unemployment (Relief Works) Act, 1940, with particular reference to works of improvement of roads which are undertaken for the purpose of providing employment for unemployed persons and the following Resolution, proposed by Councillor Ledwidge (Chairman) and Seconded by Councillor Hipwell, was passed unanimously:—

“Resolved that the attention of Wicklow County Council be again drawn to the fact that no action has been taken with regard to the dangerous corners in Bray and also the condition of the Main Street Road and paths and Dublin Road paths.”

Your attention to these matters is particularly requested.

Mise, le meas.

S. Mac CATHMHAOIL.

The Council proceeded to consider the following Item (No. 21) on the Agenda:—

“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, and also to consider a communication from the County Surveyor, dated the 28th April, 1941, in that connection.”

The Secretary read the subjoined letter:

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH—

ROADS.

Custom House, Dublin.  
17adh Bealtaine, 1941.

A Chara,

With reference to previous correspondence regarding the re-organisation of the engineering services in County Wicklow, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he approves of the proposal of the County Council to appoint two assistant County Surveyors, one of whom will fill the vacancy created by Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, Co. Surveyor. These officers when appointed will carry out all County work in the areas to which they are assigned under the direction and supervision of the County Engineer. The scale salary for the posts proposed by the County Council is agreed to subject to the maximum being fixed at £400 which is the maximum in other Counties for similar duties; reasonable travelling expenses to be payable subject to a maximum limit.

At the meeting of the Board of Health on the 28th October last, it was agreed that the Board's Engineers be allowed until 1st April, 1941, to complete all schemes in course of progress, from that date no fees being payable in respect of new schemes. As regards the two Assistant Surveyors—Mr. P. J. Foley and Mr. J. P. Caffrey—the scale of salary already approved will apply, but in order to meet as far as possible the views of the County Council and Board of Health, consideration will be given to the payment of additional remuneration, ranking as a personal annual allowance not exceeding £150 per year and to the recognition of Mr. Foley as a whole-time officer. All Board of Health works undertaken since 1st April, 1941, should be placed under the direction of the County Engineer and not assigned to any Assistant Surveyor.

Application should be made to the Local Appointments Commissioners to recommend persons to fill the two posts of Assistant County Surveyors.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Board of Health.

Mise le meas.

J. HURSON, Runai.

The Secretary,

County Council Offices, Wicklow.

The Council, after a short discussion, adjourned consideration of both the Item on the Agenda and the Department's letter to their next Meeting.

In connection with Item No. 22 on the Agenda, the Secretary submitted a file of correspondence from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor and Co., Solicitors, Ferrybank, Arklow, and from Mr. Charles Byrne, Ballytunny, Ballymoyle, Arklow, in which the latter made the following claim in respect of the flooding of a bog on his lands at Ballytunny, which he alleged is due to the action of the Council's employees:—

Grazing	..	£28
Bedding	..	£14
Turf	..	£8
Total	..	£50

The Secretary also submitted the following Report on the matter from the County Surveyor:—

Court House, Wicklow,  
19th May, 1941.

Secretary,

County Council Meeting (19/5/41),  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

A Chara,

Claim by Charles Byrne, Ballytunny.

I have to report that a Committee composed of Councillors J. P. Kehoc, Birthistle and O'Cleirigh accompanied by Mr. Caffrey, Assistant Surveyor, investigated this matter, and I am informed that the Committee was of the opinion that no claim could be sustained.

Mise le meas.

J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Surveyor.

Order: Noted.



Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by her during the Quarter ending the 31st March, 1941.

Articles submitted for Analysis.	Date Received	Number	From	Result of Analysis.
Whole Milk	1/1/41	2	Co. Hospital and Fever Hospital	Genuine
Milk	28/1/41	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	Genuine
Whole Milk	31/1/41	1	Shillelagh—Guard Behan	Genuine
Tea	31/1/41	1	Shillelagh—Guard Behan	Genuine
Butter	31/1/41	1	Shillelagh—Guard Behan	Genuine
Cheese	31/1/41	1	Shillelagh—Guard Behan	Genuine
Whole Milk	5/2/41	1	County Hospital	Genuine
Whole Milk	5/2/41	1	Fever Hospital	Genuine
Whole Milk	7/2/41	3	Dunlavin—Guard Laverty	Genuine
Sugar	7/2/41	1	Dunlavin—Guard Laverty	Genuine
Tea	7/2/41	1	Dunlavin—Guard Laverty	Genuine
Whole Milk	10/2/41	2	County Home	Genuine
Whole Milk	13/2/41	1	Rathdrum—Guard Sweeney	Genuine
Whiskey	13/2/41	1	Rathdrum—Guard Sweeney	Genuine
Cheese	13/2/41	1	Rathdrum—Guard Sweeney	Genuine
Whole Milk	13/2/41	4	Newtownmountkennedy—Gd. Nevin	Genuine
Whole Milk	19/2/41	4	Newtownmountkennedy—Gd. Nevin	Genuine
Whole Milk	20/2/41	6	Arklow—Guard O'Reilly	Genuine
Whole Milk	20/2/41	2	Rathdrum—Guard Sweeney	Genuine
Whole Milk	22/2/41	1	County Hospital	Genuine
Whole Milk	22/2/41	1	Fever Hospital	Genuine
Whole Milk	22/2/41	1	Aughrim—Sergt. Lee	Genuine
Milk	28/2/41	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	Genuine
Whole Milk	6/3/41	1	Roundwood—Sergt. Mahony	Not Genuine
Whiskey	6/3/41	1	Roundwood—Sergt. Mahony	Genuine
Sugar	6/3/41	1	Roundwood—Sergt. Mahony	Genuine
B. Soda	6/3/41	1	Roundwood—Sergt. Mahony	Genuine
Jam	7/3/41	1	Roundwood—Sergt. Mahony	Genuine
Whiskey	7/3/41	2	Roundwood—Sergt. Mahony	Genuine
Lard	7/3/41	1	Roundwood—Sergt. Mahony	Genuine
Oatmeal	8/3/41	1	Blessington—Guard Brennan	Genuine
Flour	8/3/41	1	Blessington—Guard Brennan	Genuine
Whole Milk	8/3/41	2	Blessington—Guard Brennan	Genuine
Whole Milk	8/3/41	3	Arklow—Guard O'Reilly	Genuine
Whole Milk	13/3/41	2	Carnew—Guard Doyle	1 Gen; 1 Not Gen
Margarine	13/3/41	1	Carnew—Guard Doyle	Genuine
Vinegar	18/3/41	1	Greystones—Guard Dwyer	Genuine
Sherry	18/3/41	1	Greystones—Guard Dwyer	Genuine
Margarine	18/3/41	1	Greystones—Guard Dwyer	Genuine
Mushrooms	18/3/41	1	Greystones—Guard Dwyer	Genuine
Cocoa	18/3/41	1	Greystones—Guard Dwyer	Genuine
Milk	18/3/41	4	Bray—Guard Staunton	Genuine
Whole Milk	24/3/41	2	Tinahely—Guard Behan	Genuine
Whole Milk	27/3/41	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	Genuine
Whole Milk	19/2/41	1	Newtownmountkennedy—Gd. Nevin	Genuine
Drugs	13/1/41	3	Deigany Dispensary	Genuine
Drugs	14/1/41	3	District Hospital, Baltinglass	Genuine
Drugs	23/1/41	3	Aughrim Dispensary	Genuine
Drugs	7/2/41	3	Kiltegan Dispensary	Genuine
Drugs	7/3/41	3	Bray No. 1 Dispensary	Genuine
Drugs	10/3/41	3	Arklow Dispensary	Genuine
Water	6/1/41	1	County Board of Health	Passed
(Greystones)				
Water	13/2/41	1	County Board of Health	Passed
(Coolboy, Tinahely)				

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter: Foods, 70; Drugs, 18; Waters, 2; Total, 90  
Number Adulterated, 2 Milks.

Dated 8th April, 1941.

Signed—PHYLLIS RYAN,  
Public Analyst.

Minutes of Proceedings of the following Meeting of the County Library Committee were submitted 4th April, 1941.

The Secretary submitted 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.

No action was taken in connection with this file of documents pending receipt by the Council of the official sanction to the operation of the Scheme of Air Raid Precautions by this County Council which was approved and adopted in a Resolution passed unanimously at an earlier stage of this day's Meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor John Dunne;

Resolved—That in compliance with the request of Chief Superintendent W. P. Quinn, Garda Siochana, Bray, we hereby appoint Garda Owen Murphy (5794), Bray, as Food and Drugs Inspector to replace Garda Thomas Staunton (1296) transferred.  
Passed.

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

"I hereby give Notice that at the Quarterly Meeting of this Council to be held on the 18th August, 1941, I shall move that the approval of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of Four Thousand Pounds (£4,000) for the purpose of providing equipment under the Fire Brigades Act, 1940."

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

"I hereby give Notice that at the Quarterly Meeting of this Council to be held on the 18th August, 1941, I will move that the consent of the Wicklow County Council be granted to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of £2,000 for the purpose of providing a Water Supply at Glenealy."

At this stage the Council adjourned, leaving the remaining items on the Agenda to be dealt with at their next Meeting.



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

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The Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 23rd June, 1941.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman; Councillors P. P. O'Reilly, Edward Byrne, James McCrea, J. Everett, T.D., Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); Michael Mooney, W. Hammond, J. J. Bourne, J. J. Metcalfe, J. Keenan, Denis Condren, M. J. Brennan, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); Michael Timmins, Daniel J. Kehoe, John P. O'Donnell.

## BUSINESS:

1. The Chair to be taken by the outgoing Chairman.
2. To elect a Chairman for the ensuing year.
3. To elect a Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.
4. To select, appoint and continue in office such Representatives as have been elected to any Committee or Public Body nominated wholly or partly by Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

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

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

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

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor M. Mooney:

Resolved: That having regard to the provisions of the Local Elections Act, 1937, we hereby select, appoint and continue in Office, until their successors shall have been appointed, each and every representative who has been elected by this County Council on any Committee or Public Body nominated wholly or partly by this County Council.

Passed.







## BUSINESS:

1. To adopt the Rates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1942, and to allow and make the same as assessed in the Rate Books.
2. To sign and seal the Demands (Forms 48) on the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow for the year 1941-1942.
3. To sign and seal the Warrants of the several Poor Rate Collectors.
4. To take such legal proceedings as the Council may deem advisable for the purpose of collecting the amounts due to Wicklow County Council by Bray Urban District Council on foot of Annual Demands.
5. To receive and take action upon 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 reorganisation 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, and also to consider a communication from the County Surveyor, dated the 28th April, 1941, in that connection.
6. To pass a Resolution reappointing Mr. M. McD. Fleming, B.E., as temporary Assistant Surveyor in No. 1 (North-Eastern Area of the County) until his permanent successor shall have been appointed on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commission.
7. To consider and approve of the Regulations under the Sheep Dipping Order, 1937, to be operated in County Wicklow during the Dipping Period from the 1st August, 1941, to the 31st October, 1941.
8. To approve and adopt the following Resolution from the County Committee of Agriculture appointing Sheep Dipping Inspectors for the 1941 Sheep Dipping Season:—  
 "Resolved: that a similar Sheep Dipping Scheme to that in operation in Co. Wicklow in 1940 be put into force for the year 1941, and that we recommend the Co. Council to re-appoint the satisfactory Sheep Dipping Inspectors to supervise the operation of the Compulsory Sheep Dipping Scheme for 1941, who acted in a similar capacity during the 1940 season, and that the remuneration be fixed at £25 each to cover all work in connection with the 1941 Scheme."
9. To consider the County Solicitor's Report on the Arbitration Proceedings held in the Courthouse, Wicklow, on the 13th May, 1941, to hear the evidence of value to enable the Arbitrator to assess compensation payable to the owners of land to be acquired for the new road from Dunbur to Magherybeg.

10. To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
11. To consider the following Resolution passed by Bray Trades Council and Labour Party:  
 "Resolved: That Bray Trades Council would be obliged if you will let them know why the Printing Contract was given to the "Echo" Printing Works, Enniscorthy, which did not employ as a whole Trade Union Labour as specified in your advertisement for Tenders for Contract."
12. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne, consideration of which the Council at their Meeting on the 9th December, 1940, adjourned for a period of six months:—  
 "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."
13. To consider an application from Messrs. M. Duan and Co., Waste Paper, Bag and Rope Merchants, South Prince's St., Dublin, for permission to Tender for the sale of any old papers or books or documents which the Council may have for disposal.
14. To consider an appeal from the Wicklow Branch of the Irish Red Cross Society for co-operation and support of an appeal for more workers to be trained for the First Aid Division.
15. To receive an application from Mr. John Burke, Woodfield, Baltinglass, for permission to erect a small Cross on the side of the road leading from Woodfield to Talbotstown to mark the place where Mr. Patrick Lawlor of Woodfield, was recently accidentally shot.
16. 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.
17. To consider a communication from Wicklow County Library Committee inquiring if it would be possible to reduce the number of Members legally required for a quorum at Meetings of that Body.
18. To receive Minutes of Proceedings of Monthly Meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee.
19. To consider printed Abstract of Correspondence circulated to each Member of the County Council.
20. To consider official correspondence.
21. To consider general correspondence.



Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we now adopt the Rates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1942, and allow and make the same as assessed in the Rate Books, and that the Poor Rate Collectors' Warrants for the financial year ending on the 31st March, 1942, be now signed by the Chairman and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle (Winetavern);

Resolved—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District Council of Arklow for the sum of £3,729 7s. 2d., determined to be Demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1942, be now signed by the Chairman and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District Council of Bray for the sum of £15,872 14s; 0d., determined to be Demanded for the financial year ending 31st of March, 1942, be now signed by the Chairman and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

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

Seconded by Councillor M. J. Brennan;

Resolved—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District Council of Wicklow for the sum of £4,119 14s. 1d., determined to be Demanded for the financial year ending 31st of March, 1942, be now signed by the Chairman and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

In connection with Item No. 4 on the Agenda, the Secretary submitted the following letter:

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Town Hall, Bray.  
9th May, 1941.

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

RE ARREARS DUE COUNTY DEMAND UP TO YEAR ENDING 31/3/1941.

A Chara,

Yours of yesterday, enclosing copy of an item which will appear on the Agenda of the Wicklow County Council at next Quarterly Meeting on 19th instant, will be brought before Adjourned Meeting of Council to be held on 13th instant.

The Council has been trying to carry on here under an Overdraft and, owing to the Minister keeping this down to a very low figure, the Council is not in a position to meet the quarterly payments promptly, but I hope to be in a position to send you a substantial sum very shortly.

Large instalments of Interest and Principal have to be paid to the Board of Works on the 1st proximo. The Rates have been struck earlier this year than last year and I hope to have the Collector working very shortly after the rate is made on the 13th instant, and to be in a better position than we have last year to pay the instalments more promptly.

Mise, le meas.

S. Mac Cathmhaoil,  
Cleireach an bhaile.

The Secretary also notified the Council that on that date the subjoined sums were due on foot of the 1940/1941 and the 1941/1942 Demands on the three Urban Councils in the County:—

Arklow Urban District Council (1941/1942) Demand	£932	6	10
Bray Do. (1940/1941) Demand	£9,120	0	0
Bray Do. (1941/1942) Demand	£3,968	3	6
Wicklow Do. (1940/1941) Demand	£844	10	5
Wicklow Do. (1941/1942) Demand	£819	15	11
	£1,664	6	4

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Seconded by Councillor D. Condren;

Resolved—That our County Solicitor be hereby authorised and directed to take such legal action against Bray Urban District Council as he may decide to secure payment of the very large sum remaining due and payable to this County Council on foot of our Annual Estimates and Demands on that Urban Council.

The County Secretary reported officially to the Council that the work in the County Accountant's Office was drifting rapidly into arrears, mainly owing to the introduction in August, 1940, of a system of weekly payments to men engaged on works of road improvement and maintenance. He asked the Council to hear of these difficulties in detail from the County Accountant—Mr. L. Wolahan.

The Council heard from Mr. Wolahan at considerable length that with his present staff he found it quite impossible to cope with the additional work involved by the weekly payment system because of the fact that no additional clerical staff had been supplied to meet the additional duties that such system entailed; that the work on Paying Orders, Treasurer's Advice Notes, etc., etc., had been actually doubled; and on top of that came all the similar work consequent upon the operation of an elaborate scheme of Turf Production in the County. Provision to the extent of £37 had been made by the Council for the extra clerical work in the County Surveyor's Office because of this Scheme of Turf Production, and that expenditure had in due course received the official sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. No provision whatsoever had been made for all the additional work in the Accountant's Office which necessarily followed the operation of this particular Scheme, and this, added to the additional work the weekly payment system necessitated, made it a physical impossibility for the staff in the Accountant's Office to cope with the work.

The Council, after considerable discussion, realised that something must be done immediately to cope with the additional work connected with the weekly payment system, and accordingly requested the County Secretary to transfer on the following morning from his office to the Accountant's Office, Mr. R. A. Laven, a Junior Clerical Officer in his Department, to be replaced in the Secretary's Office by a Shorthand Writer Typist.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. Brennan;

Resolved—That this County Council realises that the present staff in the Accountancy Section of our Offices is quite unable to cope with all the extra duties imposed by the introduction in August, 1940, of a system of payments weekly to men employed on roads, as well as the enormous amount of absolutely new work thrown on that Section by the operation of a Turf Production Scheme, and, accordingly, with a view to helping our Chief Clerk and Accountant in some degree to cope with all this extra work, we hereby direct that Clerical Officer Raymond A. Laven be transferred immediately out of our Secretary's Office to the Offices of the Chief Clerk and Accountant.

And, further, we hereby decide and direct that a Shorthand-Writer Typist be appointed on the same terms and conditions, and with the same salary, enjoyed at present by the two other Shorthand-Writer Typists in our



Services, the Local Appointments Commission to be asked to conduct an open competitive Examination of Candidates (confined to persons whose parents or guardians have been resident in the County Wicklow for five years ended 30th June, 1941), and this County Council hereby undertakes to appoint the candidate who fulfils the conditions and obtains first place at the Examination as shown on the List of Examination Results to be supplied to this Council by the Local Appointments Commission after the Examination.

Passed.

With a view to providing the Accountant with some assistance to meet all the extra work imposed on his section by the Turf Production Scheme it was

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. Brennan;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise and direct our Secretary to use the services of two of the Staff of Girls employed at present on the preparation of Rate Books, Demand Notes, etc., for the clerical work involved on operating the Scheme of Turf Production, this purely temporary arrangement to continue only as long as that particular Scheme continues to operate.

Passed.

When the Council came to consider Item No. 5 on the Agenda, regarding the re-organisation scheme for County Engineering, the Secretary submitted again the following letters:—

#### DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH—ROADS

Custom House, Dublin,  
17adh Bealtaine, 1941.

A Chara,

With reference to previous correspondence regarding the re-organisation of the engineering services in County Wicklow, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he approves of the proposal of the County Council to appoint two Assistant County Surveyors, one of whom will fill the vacancy created by Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, County Surveyor. These officers when appointed will carry out all County work in the areas to which they are assigned under the direction and supervision of the County Engineer. The Scale salary for the posts proposed by the County Council is agreed to subject to the maximum being fixed at £400 which is the maximum in other Counties for similar duties; reasonable travelling expenses to be payable subject to a maximum limit.

At the meeting of the Board of Health on the 23th October last, it was agreed that the Board's Engineers be allowed until 1st April, 1941, to complete all schemes in course of progress, from that date no fees being payable in respect of new schemes. As regards the two Assistant Surveyors, Mr. P. J. Foley and Mr. J. P. Caffrey, the scale of salary already approved will apply, but in order to meet as far as possible the views of the County Council and Board of Health, consideration will be given to the payment of additional remuneration, ranking as a personal annual allowance not exceeding £150 per year and to the recognition of Mr. Foley as a whole-time officer. All Board of Health works undertaken since 1st April, 1941, should be placed under the direction of the County Engineer and not assigned to any Assistant Surveyor.

Application should be made to the Local Appointments Commissioners to recommend persons to fill the two posts of Assistant County Surveyors. A copy of this letter is being sent to the Board of Health.

Mise, le meas,

J. HURSON, Runai.

The Secretary,

County Council Offices, Wicklow.

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

Custom House, Dublin,  
30adh Bealtaine, 1941.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 27th instant, and to state that the terms of the letter received from the Chairman of the Wicklow County Council in regard to the holding of a special meeting to consider the reorganisation of the engineering services in the County are noted. In this connection, however, it must be clearly understood that as from 1st April, 1941, no fees are to be payable in respect of new works carried out by the engineering staff for the Board of Health.

Mise, le meas,

J. HURSON, Runai.

The Secretary,

County Council Offices, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor P. Doyle (Coolboy);

Seconded by Councillor D. J. Kehoe;

Resolved—That, having considered the letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated the 17th May, 1941, conveying the Minister's decision on the County Council's Scheme for the re-organisation of the County Engineering Services for this Council and for the County Board of Health and Public Assistance, we hereby decide that Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., on giving a written undertaking to devote his whole time to the duties of his position be paid an annual salary of £400 with a further personal annual allowance of £150, together with an allowance for Travelling Expenses, calculated at the rate of five pence per mile, not exceeding £150 per annum, subject to the production to this Council, through the County Surveyor, of satisfactory detailed monthly Expenses Sheets—Mr. Foley to discharge therefor under the direction of the County Surveyor/Engineer any and every County duty imposed upon him by this Council, by the County Board of Health and Public Assistance, or by our County Surveyor in his official position as County Surveyor/Engineer.

That Assistant Surveyor, J. P. Caffrey, B.E., who has eleven years service, for his new area now reduced in size, be paid an annual salary of £400 with a further personal annual allowance of £150, together with an annual allowance for travelling expenses, calculated at the rate of five pence per mile, not exceeding £150 per annum, subject to the production to this Council, through the County Surveyor, of satisfactory detailed monthly expenses, Mr. Caffrey to discharge therefor under the direction of the Co. Surveyor/Engineer any and every County duty imposed upon him by this Council, by the County Board of Health and Public Assistance, or by the County Surveyor in his official position as County Surveyor/Engineer. Mr. Caffrey to give a written undertaking that he will devote his whole time to the duties of his position.

As an Amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Winetavern);

Resolved: That the Resolution be amended to read that Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., owing to his long service, and the fact that he will have to give up his private practice, shall be paid £200 per annum as his personal annual allowance instead of the £150 per annum suggested.

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

For the Amendment: Councillors J. J. Bourne, W. Hammond, Denis Condren, P. Doyle (Winetavern), P. P. O'Reilly, M. Mooney, J. J. Metcalfe, M. Timmins, E. Byrne, M. J. Brennan, Senator C. M. Byrne, J. P. O'Donnell, and J. Keenan—13.

Against the Amendment: Councillors P. Doyle (Coolboy), D. J. Kehoe, and J. Everett, T.D.—3.



The Chairman thereupon declared the Amendment to have been carried by thirteen votes for to three against, the original Motion having been altered by increasing the personal annual allowance of Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., from £150 to £200 was thereupon put to the meeting, and a vote thereon called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:

For the original Motion as amended: Councillors J. J. Bourne, W. Hammond, Denis Condren, P. Doyle (Winetavern), P. P. O'Reilly, M. Mooney, J. J. Metcalfe, M. Timmins, E. Byrne, M. J. Brennan, Senator C. M. Byrne, J. P. O'Donnell, J. Keenan—13.

Against the original Motion as amended: Councillors P. Doyle (Coolboy), D. J. Kehoe, J. Everett, T.D.—3.

The Chairman thereupon declared the Original Motion as Amended to have been passed by thirteen votes for to three against.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne:

Resolved: That we hereby authorise and direct our Chairman to complete for signature by our Secretary a Form (No. 111) of Statutory Request under the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, to the Local Appointments Commissioners to select and recommend to this County Council a suitable person for appointment as Assistant Surveyor/Engineer for the County Council and also for the County Board of Health and Public Assistance in the newly created No. 1 (North Eastern) District at a salary of £300 per annum, rising by increments of £10 per annum to £400 per annum, together with his actual out-of-pocket travelling expenses, not exceeding £150 per annum, calculated at the rate of five pence per mile where a motor car is used, subject to the condition that every claim made by him for refund is adequately vouched to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor before being certified by the latter for payment; The Local Appointments Commission to be informed that the person to be appointed will have to discharge, under the direction of the County Surveyor/Engineer, all and every County Engineering duty appertaining to the position, and that all other qualifications being equal preference is to be given to the candidate who has a thorough knowledge of Irish.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne:

Resolved: That we hereby authorise and direct our Chairman to complete for signature by our Secretary of Form (No. 111) of Statutory Request under the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, to the Local Appointments Commissioners to select and recommend to this County Council a suitable person for appointment as Assistant Surveyor/Engineer for the County Council and also for the Board of Health and Public Assistance in the newly created No. 3 (South-Western) District at a salary of £300 per annum, rising by increments of £10 per annum to £400 per annum, together with his actual out-of-pocket travelling expenses, not exceeding £150 per annum, calculated at the rate of five pence per mile where a motor car is used, subject to the condition that every claim made by him for refund is adequately vouched to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor before being certified by the latter for payment. The Local Appointments Commission to be informed that the person to be appointed will have to discharge, under the direction of the County Surveyor/Engineer, all and every County Engineering duty appertaining to the position, and that all other qualifications being equal preference is to be given to the candidate who has a thorough knowledge of Irish.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor M. Timmins:

Resolved: That inasmuch as the Scheme of reorganization of the County Engineering Services takes effect as from the 1st April, 1941 (vide letters from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated the 17th and 30th May, 1941) we the County Council of the County of Wicklow hereby decide that as from that date half the entire cost of operating this Engineering Scheme, including the salaries and travelling expenses of the County Surveyor/Engineer and the four Assistant Surveyor/Engineers, be recouped annually to this Council by the County Board of Health and Public Assistance as it is anticipated that most of their travelling expenses will be devoted to discharging their duties for that Board.

Passed. (Councillor P. Doyle, Coolboy, dissenting).

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle:

Resolved: That we hereby reappoint, temporarily, Mr. Michael McD. Fleming, B.E., as Assistant Surveyor in the North-Eastern (No. 1) Area of County Wicklow to hold that office until such time as his permanent successor has been appointed, sanctioned by the Minister, and is ready to take up duty. This temporary appointment to be at the same salary and on the same conditions as exist at present.

Passed.

The following letter was submitted:

AN ROINN TALMHADHEACHTA,  
BAILE ATHA CLIATH.

10th June, 1941.

L. 2165/41.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER, 1937.

Sir,

I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that he will be glad to be furnished with particulars of the arrangements which your Local Authority propose to make to secure compliance with the requirements of the above-mentioned Order during the dipping period of the current year. The Minister desires that sheep dipping arrangements should be made on the lines of those in operation in previous years; notwithstanding that in the event of an unfavourable development with respect to Foot and Mouth disease it may become necessary to suspend public dipping in areas where such action is deemed advisable.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

D. TWOMEY,

Secretary.

To: The Clerk of the Local Authority, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne:

Resolved: That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby approve of the following Regulations under the Sheep Dipping Order, 1937, to be operated in County Wicklow during the Dipping period from the 1st August to the 31st October, 1941:

#### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

#### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER OF 1937.

#### COUNTY WICKLOW SHEEP DIPPING REGULATIONS, 1941.

We, the Wicklow County Council, at our Meeting held on the 23rd June, 1941, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in us under the Agriculture Act, 1931, and the Diseases of Animals (Ireland) Acts, 1894 to 1935, the Orders made thereunder, and of every other power enabling us in this behalf, hereby order as follows:—

1—All sheep in the Administrative Area of County Wicklow required to be dipped under the Sheep Dipping Order of 1937, shall be caused to be dipped by the owner or person in charge thereof at such times and in such Dipping Stations as may be specified in a notice signed by an Inspector of the Wick-



low 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 the Regulations to dip sheep at any other times or places save those as prescribed in the Notice above referred to.

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

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

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

(c) Application for such exemption should be addressed to the Secretary of the County Committee of Agriculture, Market Square, Wicklow and must be made on or before the First day of August, 1941.

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

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

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

7—No sheep in the Area to which these Regulations apply shall be moved into or exposed for sale in any fair, market or saleyard in the Area between the 1st day of September and the 31st day of October, unless they have been twice dipped in accordance with these Regulations after the 31st day of July previous, and are accompanied by a certificate of dipping signed by an Inspector acting for the Wicklow County Council, which certificate shall be produced by the person in charge of the sheep on demand to any member of the Garda Síochána or an Inspector of the Minister for Agriculture or of the Wicklow County Council, who may record 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, 1941.

In witness whereof the County Council of the County of Wicklow have hereunto set their Official Seal this 23rd day of June, 1941.

P. T. HEALY,

Clerk to the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts.  
County Council Offices, Court House,

WICKLOW.

17th July, 1941.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle (Coolboy):

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 23rd June, 1941:

"Resolved: That a similar Sheep Dipping Scheme to that in operation in Co. Wicklow in 1940 be put into force for the year 1941, and that we recommend the County Council to re-appoint the satisfactory Sheep Dipping Inspectors to supervise the operation of the compulsory Sheep Dipping Scheme for 1941, who acted in a similar capacity during the 1940 season; and that the remuneration be fixed at £25 each, to cover all work in connection with the 1941 Scheme; and that we recommend that John Pearse's district be amalgamated with adjoining districts."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond:

Resolved: That we hereby approve, confirm, and adopt the following Resolution passed by the County Committee of Agriculture at their Meeting held on the 23rd June, 1941:

"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, 1941."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne:

Resolved: That we hereby approve, confirm and adopt the following Resolution passed by the County Committee of Agriculture at their Meeting held on the 23rd June, 1941:

"Resolved: That we hereby recommend the following amounts to be paid to the local Veterinary Inspectors for work of supervision under the 1941 Sheep Dipping Scheme:—

S. Conway, £80.

A. F. Walshe, £65.

W. J. Richardson, £30.

Passed.

The Following letter, copy of which had already been issued to each Member of Wicklow County Council by their Solicitor, was submitted:

4 Church Street,

Wicklow,

14th May, 1941.

To: The Chairman and Members  
of Wicklow County Council.

#### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL RE NEW ROAD.

Gentlemen,

Mr. James J. McAuley, Arbitrator appointed by the Land Values Reference Committee, held an Inquiry at the Court House on yesterday to hear evidence of value to enable him to assess compensation payable to Mr. John L. Morgan, the Owner of the lands of Kilpoole Upper and Lower, and Mr. John Lancelot Leslie Ellis, the owner of the lands of Magherymore and Mrs. Doreen Hogan, Mr. F. G. O. Budd and Dr. Ninian Falkiner, the Owners of the lands of Magherabeg.

Mr. E. J. Kelly, K.C., appeared, instructed by me, on behalf of the County Council.

Mr. M. Binchy, K.C., instructed by Messrs. P. J. Brady and Co., appeared for Mr. Morgan, who claimed a sum of £855.

Mr. R. Brereton Barry, K.C., instructed by Messrs. H. & W. Stanley, appeared for Mr. Ellis, whose claim amounted to £2,385, and Mr. Brereton Barry, K.C., instructed by Messrs. T. Gerrard and Co., appeared for Mrs. Doreen Hogan and others, who claimed £179.



Mr. P. T. Healy, County Secretary, was in attendance, and Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, County Surveyor, and Mr. Edwin Hammond, Auctioneer and Valuer, were examined on behalf of the County Council.

Evidence was given on behalf of the respective Claimants in support of their claims.

The Arbitrator will publish his Award when he has considered the evidence and inspected the lands.

Yours faithfully,

J. BRAZIL.

Order: Noted.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved: That our Secretary be hereby authorised to renew the Licence already issued under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, to Mr. Edward V. Briscoe, of Ballinalea, Ashford.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved: That our Secretary be hereby authorised to renew the Licence already issued under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, to Mr. James Quinn, Vallemount, Blessington.

Passed.

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

Seconded by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Resolved: That our secretary be hereby authorised to renew the Licence already issued under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, to Mr. John Synnott, Ashford Hotel, Ashford.

Passed.

Pending the attendance of Councillor John Dunne, consideration of the following Resolution was adjourned:

"Resolved: That Bray Trades Council would be obliged if you will let them know why the Printing Contract was given to the 'Erno' Printing Works, Enniscorthy, which did not employ as a whole Trade Union Labour as specified in your advertisement for Tenders for Contract.

It appeared to be the feeling of the Members present that the following Notice of Motion, standing in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne, should not be moved, and, accordingly, it may be deemed to be now lapsed.

"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."

The Secretary reported that he had received an application from Messrs. Duan and Co., Waste Paper, Bag and Rope Merchants, South Prince's Street, Dublin, for permission to Tender for the sale of any old paper or books or documents which the Council may have for disposal.

Order: Noted.

A communication, dated the 14th May, 1941, was submitted from the Wicklow Branch of the Irish Red Cross Society, asking the Members of the Council to be so good as to use their influence collectively and individually in support of their appeal for more workers.

No Order.

The following letter was submitted:

Woodfield.

Baltinglass.

12/6/41.

Dear Sir,

As you may have seen by Local Papers, Patrick Lawler, R.I.P., Woodfield, who was accidentally shot, on the New Road it is called, from Woodfield to Talbotstown, I am directed by a Commemoration Committee to ask County Council's permission to erect a little Cross or Memorial to his memory on the side of this road leading from Woodfield to Talbotstown—the place is marked.

Hoping you will put this request to County Council's next Meeting and will forward me permission when it is granted.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours truly,

JOHN BURKE.

Order: Permission granted, subject to the site, etc., being approved by the County Surveyor.

#### AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS.

The Secretary reported that the Air Raid Precautions Scheme for the County approved and adopted by Resolution passed on the 19th May, 1941, had not received the formal sanction of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence and in this connection he resubmitted the letter dated the 26th February, 1941, Ref. No. ARP/157, referred to in the subjoined letter:

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE.

Air Raid Precautions Branch,  
St. John's Road,  
Kingsbridge,

Dublin.

Ref. No.

ARP. 157.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence, to refer to your letters of the 20th, 21st and 22nd ultimo, and to express the satisfaction of the Parliamentary Secretary that your Council has now made financial provision for A.R.P. The Scheme which your Council should submit for approval is that indicated in this Department's letter of the 26th February, 1941, and not that prepared by your Council in 1939. Furthermore, the Scheme should be submitted on the standard schemes furnished to you for the purpose.

The designation of Mr. Wolchan and yourself for certain duties under the Air Raid Precautions Act is being considered and a further communication will be sent to you on this matter.

The letter of Mr. O'Byrne, County Surveyor, of the 21st ultimo to you is also being considered.

Mise, le meas,

P. Feddis,

A/s Runaidhe.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved: That having reviewed again the letter from the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence, dated the 26th February, 1941, No. ARP/157, in connection with the County Council's Air Raid Precautions Scheme first submitted to us at our Meeting on the 13th November, 1939, and finally approved and adopted by us on the 19th May, 1941, and having considered the Parliamentary Secretary's further letter, dated the 17th June, 1941, Ref. No. ARP/157, in which he intimates that the Scheme which this Council should submit for approval is that indicated in the Department's first mentioned letter of the 26th February, 1941, and not the Scheme prepared by our Secretary in 1939, we hereby request the Air Raid Precautions Branch of the Department of Defence, for the guidance of our Finance Committee when preparing this new Scheme, to furnish our Secretary with a copy of a draft Scheme suitable for County Wicklow (excluding the area of Bray Urban District Council), or alternatively, to send us a copy of a Scheme of Air Raid Precautions which has been approved of by the Department of Defence and found to be working smoothly and efficiently.

Passed.



The Secretary submitted a large file of correspondence dealing with a number of matters having relation to Air Raid Precautions in the County, more particularly a letter from the Air Raid Precautions Branch of the Department of Defence, dated the 25th November, 1940.

The Council made no Order thereon.

The following Report from the County Solicitor was submitted in connection with a communication dated the 19th April, 1941, from the County Library Committee in which inquiry was made if it would be possible to reduce the number of members legally required for a quorum at Meetings of that Committee:

4 Church Street,  
Wicklow,  
29th May, 1941.

RE: COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Dear Sir,

Referring to yours of the 5th inst., re query received from the County Library Committee to know if it would be possible to reduce the number of members legally required for a quorum.

The Librarian and Secretary informs me that on the 2nd December, 1927, it was decided by the Committee to adopt the Standing Orders of the County Council until such time as the Committee shall have drawn up its own regulations and bye-laws. She further states that the Committee have not drawn up its own regulations and bye laws.

Accordingly, the Committee must conform with the Standing Orders of the County Council.

Yours faithfully,

J. Brazil.

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

Order: Copy of Mr. Brazil's letter to be forwarded to the Secretary of the County Wicklow Library Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the County Library Committee of the Meeting of that Body on the 2nd May, 1941, were submitted.

The Council having heard read copy of a communication dated the 18th June, 1941, Ref. P.H. 15648/41, on the matter, it was Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne:

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved: That we hereby grant leave of absence to Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health, from the 1st to the 31st August, 1941, and, further, we hereby approve of the appointment of Dr. A. O'Dea-O'Reilly, D.P.H., as substitute for the County Medical Officer at remuneration at the rate of Seven Guineas (£7 7 0) per week with vouched travelling expenses (vide letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated the 18th June, 1941, No. P.H.15648/41, Cill Mainntain).

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John P. O'Donnell;

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle (Coolboy);

Resolved: Inasmuch as it has been represented to Wicklow County Council that very large quantities of timber in this County are being removed to Dublin and County thereby depriving the inhabitants of our County of firewood for the Winter to which they are naturally entitled, we hereby offer a very strong protest against this practice, and we call upon the Forestry Section of the Department of Agriculture to put an immediate stop to these removals.

Further, we ask the Department to facilitate in every possible way the issuing of Permits to owners of Timber suitable for firewood purposes only to fell such selected Trees.

Passed.

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

"I hereby give Notice that at the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council to be held on the 18th August, 1941, I shall move that the consent of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a Loan of £86,142, for the purpose of carrying through a Scheme of Cottage Building and provision of plots under the Labourers Acts, 1883 to 1931, as amended by the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by the Chairman and accepted by the Council:

"I hereby give Notice of Motion that I, or some other Councillor for me, shall move at the Quarterly Meeting of this County Council to be held on Monday, the 18th August, 1941, that a sufficient Loan be raised, over a period of thirty-five years (or such other period of years as may be arranged) to defray the cost of building a new set of Offices, Strong Rooms, Stores, etc., for the County Council, and for the provision of such other accommodation as may be decided upon, using for the purpose the site of the Old Jail in Wicklow as has been done in similar circumstances elsewhere, for we are satisfied that the present offices and storage accommodation is not alone wholly inadequate and unsuitable for the ever increasing administrative work of this Council, but is also most insanitary and a positive menace to the health of our staff; and we direct that the County Surveyor be authorised and instructed to prepare and submit to us, with all the speed practicable, a set of Estimates, Plans, and other documents necessary in this connection for the Council's information and guidance in putting this proposal into operation."

Following a discussion which was initiated by Councillor D. J. Kehoe, who stated that some persons were not paid yet by the County Council for their work in removing snow from certain roads after the blizzard in February last whilst other men similarly occupied had been paid, the Council decided to authorise the County Surveyor to pay these men if after investigation of all the facts he was satisfied that would be the equitable and proper course to follow. The County Surveyor, who was present and took part in the discussion, undertook to do so.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

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

12th February, 1941, No. RU/208/1, stating the Minister is not yet in a position to inform the Council of the definite allocation under Employment Schemes Vote 1941/42 which will be made for financing works for the relief of unemployment, but recommended the Council to provide for a local contribution out of rates for a similar amount to that provided for the current year.

27th February, 1941, No. G.3704/3/41, referring to Wicklow County Council's Resolution to adopt a Scholarship Scheme, and intimating the Minister's functions in the matter are limited to consideration of proposals regarding the raising of a rate in excess of the proceeds of 1d. in the £ for the purposes of the Scholarship Scheme.

27th February, 1941, No. G.3705/41, sanctioning the continuance of Overdraft Accommodation not exceeding £40,000 for the period ending 31st March, 1941.

7th March, 1941, No. G.7010/41, stating that the satisfactory completion of the probationary period of office of Collector M. J. Healy has been noted.

7th March, 1941, No. IR/143, directing the attention of local authorities to the provisions of Section 2 of the Unemployment (Relief Works) Act, 1940; stating that it will be necessary to apply in future for a certificate under this Section when the acquisition of land is deemed necessary; and setting forth the manner in which such works are to be described.



14th March, 1941, No. 13/41, recommending that consideration be given to making advance arrangements to ensure the maintenance of road communications in an emergency; that roads damaged or destroyed by aerial bombing or otherwise should be repaired without delay, while roads damaged by exceptional traffic would have to be reconditioned; that all such works would be undertaken by the Council only at the request of Military Authorities, and the Surveyor should be empowered to take such steps as are necessary in this connection.

26th March, 1941, No. R/RGS/33, stating that arrangements for repayment from Road Fund of allowances for Surveyors does not extend to temporary surveyors.

31st March, 1941, No. H.9567/1941, stating that the rate of interest on every issue out of the Local Loans Fund on or after 1/12/1940, save where the terms of an existing Mortgage Deed or Charging Order preclude it, shall be charged at 5 per cent. per annum; and in pursuance of Section 5 of the Housing Act, 1921, the rate of interest chargeable by local authorities on advances made under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts is fixed at 5½ per cent. On all advances made from Local Loans Fund prior to 1/12/40 the rate of interest will continue at 5½ per cent. and the applicable rate subsequent to that date will be 5½ per cent.

1st April, 1941, sanctioning the temporary employment of Messrs. McDonagh Fleming and W. F. Johnston for a further two months.

1st April, 1941, No. G.9586/41, sanctioning overdraft accommodation of £30,000 to the 30th April, 1941.

4th April, 1941, No. 50/41, stating that the Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Act, 1941, validating the Seed and Fertilizers Schemes of 1941, has now become law. The Act extends and applies the Seeds and Fertilizers Supply Act, 1940, to Schemes adopted in 1941.

4th April, 1941, No. G.10024/41, stating that the payment of travelling expenses to County Council Members etc., is at present governed by the provisions of Section 63 of and Schedule 5 to the Local Government Act, 1923.

10th April, 1941, No. R/RS/33, sanctioning the temporary employment of Mr. M. McD. Fleming up to the 30th June next.

22nd April, 1941, No. G.717/7/41, stating that provided Rate Collectors close satisfactorily their Poor Rate Collections by the 30th April, 1941, the Minister will be prepared to accord favourable consideration to any proposals in respect of poundage submitted.

26th April, 1941, No. G.6366/41, stating the Minister is not prepared to sanction the Council's proposal to increase the salary of Mr. A. O'Connor.

28th April, 1941, No. G.12002/41, stating that application should be made for sanction to overdraft for financing turf production to the limit that will be required to 31st May and monthly thereafter. The Minister also sanctions expenditure in this connection not exceeding £37 for clerical assistance in the County Surveyor's office, and also approving of travelling expenses at the usual rates to surveyors.

28th April, 1941, No. C.L.36/4/41, intimating that an Order, entitled the Emergency Powers (No. 79) Order, 1941, was made by the Government on 22nd inst., providing that the expression "industrial work" where it occurs in the Conditions of Employment Act, 1936, shall be construed as not including industrial work done for or in connection with the production of turf.

29th April, 1941, No. P.H.1683/3/41, Cil Mhanntain (Pd.), transmitting copies of Orders made by the Minister on the 29th ult., fixing the area of charge for the special expenses of providing and maintaining Greystones Water Supply and altering the area of charge for the special expenses of providing and maintaining a water supply at Greystones.

1st May, 1941, No. G.3705/4/41, sanctioning the continuance of overdraft accommodation of £30,000 to 31st May, 1941.

5th May, 1941, No. R/RV/221/12/33, stating that in pursuance of Sec. 19 (3) of the Road Traffic Act, 1933, the Minister approves of a fee of 1/- for each weighing on the new County Council's Weighbridge.

#### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

20th December, 1940, No. L.3134-40, approving of the payment of special allowances to the Council's three Veterinary Inspectors for work performed under the Sheep Dipping Scheme, and approving of the payment of the balance of £15 to each Sheep Dipping Inspector, with the exception of John Pearse on whose work adverse reports have been received.

February, 1941, Special Leaflet No. 15, in connection with Production of Root and Vegetable Seeds.

10th February, 1941, Broadcast of Mr. James J. Galvin, B.Sc., N.D.A., Chief Agricultural Adviser, The Irish Sugar Co., Ltd., relative to the need for increased food production and Sugar Beet.

19th February, 1941, enclosing (1) Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Place) Order (No. 11), 1941; (2) Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Place) Order (No. 12), 1941; (3) Foot and Mouth Disease (Application of Part 1 of the Foot and Mouth Disease (Ireland) Order of 1915) Counties Dublin, Meath, Kildare and Wicklow Order, 1941.

20th February, 1941, enclosing Foot and Mouth Disease (Prohibition of Hunting and Coursing) (Counties Dublin, Meath, Kildare and Wicklow) Order, 1941.

20th February, 1941, enclosing Seasonal Notes for March and April on Food Production in the Garden and Allotment.

17th February, 1941, broadcast of Denis Philpott, Esq., M.Sc., B.Agr.Sc., Poultry Inspector to the Department of Agriculture, on the need for increased Food Production and Poultry Keeping.

22nd February, 1941, enclosing Foot and Mouth Disease (Application of Part 1 of the Foot and Mouth Disease (Ireland) Order of 1915) Counties Carlow, Dublin, Kildare, Laoighis, Meath, Offaly, Westmeath and Wicklow Order, 1941.

24th February, 1941, Foot and Mouth Disease (Prohibition of Movement of Carcasses) Order, 1941.

24th February, 1941, Foot and Mouth Disease (Prohibition of Sales of Animals) Order (No. 2), 1941.

24th February, 1941, broadcast by Professor M. Caffrey, University College, Dublin, on the Need for Increased Food Production and the Cultivation of Oats.

25th February, 1941, Foot and Mouth Disease (Prohibition of Hunting and Coursing) Order, 1941.

25th February, 1941, Foot and Mouth Disease (Prohibition of Horse Racing) (County Kildare) Order, 1941.

28th February, 1941, telephone message received from Sergeant I.C. Garda Siochana, Dunlavin, confirming the suspected case of Foot and Mouth Disease on the premises of Michael Doran, Church Street, Dunlavin.

3rd March, 1941, Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Place) Order (No. 32), 1941.

3rd March, 1941, Foot and Mouth Disease (Dublin, Kildare and Wicklow Local Restrictions) Order, 1941.

3rd March, 1941, Warning to Farmers re Artificial Manures.

3rd March, 1941, Broadcast of Mr. D. Delaney, Inspector, Department of Agriculture, on the Need for Increased Food Production and More and More Potatoes.

10th March, 1941, Broadcast of Mr. R. McKay, D.Sc., Lecturer in Plant Pathology, University College, Dublin, on the Need for Increased Food Production and the Control of Some Fungus Diseases of Farm and Garden Crops.

13th March, 1941, Foot and Mouth Disease (Dublin, Meath, Kildare and Wicklow Local Restrictions) Order, 1941.

19th March, 1941, telephone message received from Sergeant in Charge Garda Siochana, Greystones, reporting suspected case of Foot and Mouth Disease on Bulford Farm, near Kilcool.

19th March, 1941, enclosing Special Leaflet No. 16 on the Need for Increased Food Production and the Cultivation of Oats.

19th March, 1941, copy of Notice under Article 6 of the Foot and Mouth Disease (Ireland) Order, 1900, prohibiting the movement of animals served upon C. L. W. Tottenham, Woodstock, Kilquade, and Bulford Farm, Kilcool Farms.



24th March, 1941, telephone message from Sergeant I/C., Garda Siochana, Greystones, reporting the suspected case of Foot and Mouth Disease existing on the lands of Joseph Toner, Kilcoole.

22nd March, 1941, Foot and Mouth Disease (Application of Part 1 of the Foot and Mouth Disease (Ireland) Order of 1915) (Counties of Dublin, Kildare, Kilkenny, Laoighis, Meath, Offaly, Tipperary (North Riding) and Wicklow) Order, 1941.

24th March, 1941, Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Place) Order (No. 111), 1941.

25th March, 1941, Foot and Mouth Disease (Dublin, Meath, Kildare and Wicklow Local Restrictions) Order (No. 2), 1941.

26th March, 1941, Foot and Mouth Disease (Prohibition of Horse Racing Horse Jumping Competition, Polo Playing and Hunting) Order, 1941.

26th March, 1941, Foot and Mouth Disease (Prohibition of Dog Racing and Coursing) Order, 1941.

26th March, 1941, Foot and Mouth Disease (Prohibition of Sales of Horses) Order, 1941.

26th March, 1941, Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Place) Order (No. 131), 1941.

27th March, 1941, Broadcast of Mr. T. O'Connell, Chief Inspector, Department of Agriculture, on the Need for Increased Food Production and Silage as a substitute for Imported Feeding Stuffs.

31st March, 1941, Foot and Mouth Disease (Dublin, Meath, Kildare and Wicklow Local Restrictions) Order (No. 3), 1941.

— April, 1941, Special Leaflet No. 17, on Economy in the use of Root Seeds.

8th April, 1941, Foot and Mouth Disease (Application of Part 1 of the Foot and Mouth Disease (Ireland) Order of 1915) (Counties Dublin, Kildare, Kilkenny, Laoighis, Meath, Offaly, Tipperary (North Riding) and Wicklow (Amendment) Order, 1941.

9th April, 1941, Foot and Mouth Disease (Dublin, Meath, Kildare and Wicklow Local Restrictions) Order (No. 3) (Amendment) Order, 1941.

19th April, 1941, enclosing public notice issued by the Minister for Agriculture setting forth the duties of the public in dealing with Foot and Mouth Disease.

24th April, 1941, Foot and Mouth Disease (Application of Part 1 of the Foot and Mouth Disease (Ireland) Order of 1915) (Counties of Dublin, Kildare, Kilkenny, Laoighis, Meath, Offaly, Tipperary (North Riding) and Wicklow) Order (No. 2), 1941.

30th April, 1941, Foot and Mouth Disease (Application of Part 1 of the Foot and Mouth Disease (Ireland) Order of 1915) (Counties Dublin, Kildare, Kilkenny, Laoighis, Meath, Offaly, Tipperary (North Riding) and Wicklow) Order (No. 2) (Amendment) Order, 1941.

1st May, 1941, acknowledging the Resolutions of Wicklow County Council that steps be taken to prevent the movement of itinerants with horses and donkeys and to prevent the movement of persons from areas in which outbreaks of Foot and Mouth Disease have occurred from leaving such areas, and stating that the Minister is not unmindful of the risk involved in the circumstances referred to, that arrangements have been made in this connection with the Garda Siochana, but that the Minister cannot prevent the general movement of persons along public roads.

#### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (SECONDARY EDUCATION BRANCH).

20th February, 1941, stating that the approval of Wicklow County Council's University Scholarship Scheme is outside the jurisdiction of that Department.

#### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

11th February, 1941, No. 76/19, referring to Wicklow County Council's application for an Order under sub-Section (1) of Section 7 of the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1930, and stating the Minister for Justice is prepared to make an Order for the years 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945 and 1946, but he is not prepared to include the year 1941, having regard to the date of the County Council's application.

#### FROM THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S SOLICITOR.

17th February, 1941, stating that the Claim for Malicious Damage to the Bungalow at Seabank, Arklow, the property of Mr. Laurence O'Toole, was dismissed by the Circuit Court Judge with Costs.

17th February, 1941, intimating that an Award of £85 with costs and expenses was granted in the Malicious Damage Claim of John B. Wynne, and a direction was given that the same should be levied off the County at Large Rural.

19th February, 1941, intimating the receipt of a consent of the Irish Land Commission to the sub-division of Mr. Byrne's Holding in connection with the new Salleymount—Arday Road, and asking that a Paying Order for £38 in favour of Mr. Lewis P. Byrne be drawn in disbursement of compensation awarded by the Arbitrator, and also a Paying Order for £15 15 be drawn in favour of Messrs. M. J. O'Connor and Co., Solicitor's Costs.

28th February, 1941, stating that at Baltinglass District Court on the 26th inst. James Dowling was fined £3 and costs and expenses under the Sheep Dipping Regulations.

5th March, 1941, stating that two children named John and Denis Burke, Knockraheen, Roundwood, were committed to Carriglea Industrial School.

11th March, 1941, stating that a Decree for £1, together with 15/6 Costs was given by the District Justice at Blessington District Court in the case of McEvoy v. Wicklow County Council.

13th March, 1941, stating that Messrs. Brown and McCann, Solicitors for the Plaintiff in the case of McEvoy v. Wicklow County Council, have applied for payment of the amount awarded by the District Justice and that same has been remitted.

27th March, 1941, stating that a child named Catherine Webb has been committed to Dandrum Industrial School, Co. Tipperary, until the 8th June, 1949, her maintenance being chargeable to Wicklow County Council.

2nd April, 1941, acknowledging receipt of letter from National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children in connection with the committal to an Industrial School of a child named Bernadette Hyland.

19th April, 1941, re the committal of children named John and Jeannie Mooney, 3 Jones' Road, Bray, to Industrial Schools.

19th April, 1941, returning a file of correspondence received from Messrs. J. H. Montgomery and Son, Solicitors, D'Olier Chambers, 17 D'Olier St., Dublin, and Messrs. A. E. Walker, Solicitors, 1 College St., Dublin, in connection with the explosion of magnetic mines on the 3rd January, 1941, in the Townland of Stylebawn, Kilmacanogue, and also at Charleville, Enniskerry, and stating that in his (County Council's Solicitors) opinion, the matter should be taken up direct with the Department of Defence by the Claimants in question.

23rd April, 1941, concerning a communication received from Messrs. S. and R. C. Walker and Son, Solicitors, to the La Touche (Greystones) Estate, asking the County Council to take over, care and maintain certain fences on that Estate and indemnify the above Estate against any legal liability in connection therewith.

30th April, 1941, enclosing copy of a letter received from Messrs. P. J. Brady and Co., Solicitors, for Mr. Liam L. Morgan, Kilpool, relative to an agreement in connection with the construction of the new Wicklow—Arklow Road.

#### FROM OTHER PUBLIC BODIES.

10th February, 1941, from 1916 Veteran's Association, 89, Upper Dorset St., Dublin, calling on the Government to proclaim April 24th a National Holiday, and suggesting that this, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the 1916 Rising, is an appropriate year in which to inaugurate the establishment of this National Holiday.

14th March, 1941, from the County Councils' General Council, notifying that their next Meeting will take place during the Spring Show (May 7th to 10th, inclusive).

21st March, 1941, from Bray Urban District Council stating that the method of assessing the means of applicants for Old Age Pensions is grossly unfair and inequitable.



29th March, 1941, from The Labour Party, 21, Molesworth St., Dublin, stating that in their opinion the problems which have arisen and which will arise from the emergency situation cannot be solved by reliance on the outworn methods of the past, and setting forth a number of suggestions which the Government, in the interests of the people, should adopt.

4th April, 1941, Annual Report of the County Medical Officer of Health on Tuberculosis and School Medical Service Schemes for the year 1940.

19th April, 1941, from the County Librarian, Wicklow, relative to excerpt from Local Government of Auditor's Report concerning method of accounting for the books of the County Library Committee.

23rd April, 1941, from Tullamore Urban District Council, protesting against the method of assessing the means of applicants for Old Age Pensions.

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

4th March, 1941, intimating that the Board of Directors have sanctioned the overdraft of £40,000 to the 31st March, 1941.

5th April, 1941, intimating that the Board of Directors have sanctioned the overdraft of £30,000 to the 30th April, 1941.

MISCELLANEOUS

3rd March, 1941, from the Manager, Irish Times, 31, Westmoreland St., Dublin, stating that owing to the increased cost of newspaper production they will be compelled to charge a new rate of 1/6 per line for all Public Notices.

27th March, 1941, telegram from Messrs. Osborne and Brady, Valley Mount, which read: "Carrigacorra Bridge down, deliveries held up."

29th March, 1941, from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor and Co., Solicitors, Arklow, asking to be informed of the result of any investigations which have taken place in connection with the flooding of the lands of Charles Byrne, Ballytunny, Ballymoyle.

15 Earlsfort Terrace,

Dublin.

3rd April, 1941.

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

A dhuine uasail.

I appreciate very much the resolution of sympathy which the Wicklow County Council were so good as to pass on the occasion of my mother's death, and I shall be grateful if you will convey my thanks to the members.

My mother was very proud of being a native of a county which made such a heroic contribution to Irish History.

In conclusion, I should like to express my thanks to yourself and to those who associated themselves with the Resolution.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF SUMMER QUARTERLY MEETING, 18th AUGUST, 1941.

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 18th of August, 1941.

The following Members were present:

Councillors Edward Byrne, Senator C. M. Byrne, P. P. O'Reilly, Liam O Cleirigh, Daniel J. Kehoe, M. J. Brennan, J. McCrea, J. Everett, T.D.; Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); T. J. Birthistle, P. D. Kinsella, Michael Mooney, Michael Timmins, W. Hammond, J. J. Bourne, J. J. Metcalfe, Major R. Smith, Miss Margaret Kelly, George Heatley, John P. O'Donnell.

During the early stages of the Meeting the Chair was occupied by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Edward Byrne, and later was occupied for the rest of the Meeting by the Chairman, Senator C. M. Byrne.



## BUSINESS :

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of previous Meetings.
2. To consider Finance Committee's Report.
3. To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance.
4. To sign Proposals for Payments from the Proposals Committee.
5. To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments.
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 Acts, 1875.
11. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne:—  
"I hereby give Notice that at the Quarterly Meeting of this Council to be held on the 18th August, I shall move that the approval of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of Four Thousand Pounds (£4,000) for the purpose of providing equipment under the Fire Brigades Act, 1940."
12. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Senator C. M. Byrne:—  
"I hereby give Notice that at the Quarterly Meeting of this Council to be held on the 18th August, 1941, I will move that this consent of the Wicklow County Council be granted to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of £2,000 for the purpose of providing a Water Supply at Glenealy."
13. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne:—  
"I hereby give Notice that at the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council to be held on the 18th August, 1941, I shall move that the consent of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a loan of £96,142, for the purpose of carrying through a Scheme of Cottage Building and provision of plots under the Labourers Acts, 1883 to 1931, as amended by the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932."
14. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Senator C. M. Byrne:—  
"I hereby give Notice of Motion that I, or some other Councillor for me, shall move at the Quarterly Meeting of this County Council to be held on Monday, the 18th August, 1941, that a sufficient Loan be raised, over a period of thirty-five years (or such other period of years as may be arranged) to defray the cost of building a new set of Offices, Strong Rooms, Stores, etc., for the County Council, and for the provision of such other accommodation as may be decided upon, using for the purpose the site of the Old Jail in Wicklow as has been done in similar circumstances elsewhere, for we are satisfied that the present offices and storage accommodation is not alone wholly inadequate and unsuitable for the ever increasing administrative work of this Council, but is also most insanitary and a positive menace to the health of our staff, and we direct that the County Surveyor be authorised and instructed to prepare and submit to us, with all the speed practicable, a set of Estimates, Plans, and other documents necessary in this connection for the Council's information and guidance in putting this proposal into operation."
15. To consider correspondence from Messrs. Little and Cullen, Solicitors, 64, Dawson Street, Dublin, who threaten legal proceedings if the Malicious Injury Decree of £250 11s. 9d. awarded their client, Dr. R. J. White, be not paid forthwith.

16. To fill the vacancy on the County Library Committee caused by the transfer from Ashford of the Rev. M. Martin, C.C.
17. To consider a communication from the County Wicklow Library Committee asking for the Council's views on that Committee's Proposal to appoint a Library Attendant in Wickow Library at a salary of £30 to £40 yearly for 16 to 18 working hours weekly, instead of filling the vacancy in that office caused by the Resignation of Miss M. McCrea.
18. To consider the County Surveyor's Special Report on the operation of the Scheme of Turf Production approved by the Council.
19. To consider a communication from the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance (Turf Division) regarding the steps that may be taken for the disposal of Turf in the County under the Council's Turf Production Scheme.
20. To consider a petition from fifty-eight men working in Kenny's Turf Bog, near Shillelagh, for a full day's pay in respect of Thursday, the 17th July, and on all such days on which the work has to be stopped by reason of heavy rains.
21. To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health requesting the Council to consider further his previous letter dealing with the remuneration to be paid to Assistant Surveyors P. J. Foley, B.E., and J. P. Caffrey, B.E., under the new Scheme of County Engineering.
22. To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the terms of a Resolution passed by the Council and forwarded to the Local Appointments Commission in connection with the permanent appointment of two Assistant Surveyors.
23. To consider a communication from the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance notifying arrangements made by that Board for the transaction of County Engineering duties in the several areas.
24. To consider County Surveyor's Report.
25. To consider correspondence regarding the men still unpaid in the Rathdangan District who are stated to have worked at clearing snow from public roads following the blizzard in February, 1941.
26. To receive the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance:—  
"That the appointment of Mr. J. T. O'Byrne as County Surveyor-Engineer on the terms set out in the Department's Sanction be and is hereby ratified."
27. To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in which he states the Council's arrangements for operating the new Weighbridge are unsuitable and cannot be sanctioned and requesting that alternative proposals should be submitted to him.
28. To consider a communication from the Department of Agriculture dealing with the Council's proposal for operating Sheep Dipping Regulations in 1941.
29. To consider a further letter from the County Committee of Agriculture regarding proposed subsidies for the erection of Sheep Dipping Baths by the following four Sheep Owners in the County:—  
Joseph Clancy, Ballycreen, Aughrim.  
Michael Kelly, Knockrath, Rathdrum.  
Peter Bradshaw, Ballymacsimon, Glenealy.  
W. Doyle, Glenmacanass.
30. To receive from the Secretary, University College, Dublin, the Special Report on the candidates who presented themselves for Leaving Certificate Examination, on the results of which Examination the Council's University Scholarships are to be awarded.
31. To consider an application from Mrs. M. A. Morrin, Amselheim, Grange Con (formerly Miss M. A. Codd, Instructress) for a marriage gratuity, and correspondence in that connection from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture.
32. To consider a communication from Poor Rate Collector J. J. McCa'l regarding the completion of a new Fidelity Bond consequent upon the death of one of his personal sureties.



33. To consider correspondence from Bray Urban District Council regarding the arrears due to Wicklow County Council by that Body on foot of Animal Estimates and Demands.
34. To consider communications from the Air Raid Precaution Branch of the Department of Defence calling on the County Council to prepare a new Scheme for the County under the Air Raid Precautions Act, 1938, and the Regulations issued thereunder as the Scheme already approved and adopted by the County Council has not secured official sanction.
35. To consider the following Resolution passed by Bray Trades Council and Labour Party:—  
 "Resolved: That Bray Trades Council would be obliged if you will let them know why the Printing Contract was given to the "Echo" Printing Works, Enniscorthy, which did not employ as a whole Trade Union Labour as specified in your advertisement for Tenders for Contract."
36. To consider the following Resolution passed by the Wicklow Harbour Board:—  
 "Resolved: That we, the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners hereby transfer to and vest in the Wicklow Urban District Council, the Port and Harbour of Wicklow and all our powers and duties relating thereto. We recommend the services of our present staff be retained by the Wicklow Urban District Council."
37. To consider County Analyst's Report.
38. To receive Minutes of proceedings of Monthly Meetings of County Wicklow Library Committee.
39. To consider official correspondence.
40. To consider general correspondence.
- The Minutes of previous Meetings as printed and circulated to each Member of Wicklow County Council were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Saturday, the 16th August, 1941 (the Meetings convened for Friday, the 8th August, 1941, and Friday, the 15th August, 1941, having fallen through in the absence of a quorum).

The following Members attended:

Councillor J. P. O'Donnell, Presiding Chairman; Councillors J. P. Kehoe and Joseph Jacob.

The Minutes of previous Meetings were read, confirmed and signed by the Presiding 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—£10,373 2s. 5d.

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, 1941—£13,708.

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 1942—£14,831.

The Secretary submitted the following detailed list of Paying Orders which, for one cause or another, had not been presented for payment to the Council's Treasurer over an extensive period, and asked for a recommendation to the Council to have a formal order made cancelling them.

Paying Order No. General A/C.	Drawn in favour of	Date of Meeting at which order financed	Order charged and now to be credited.				Totals	Gross Total
			Main Roads	County	Urban	Rural		
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
134	Patrick Cunniam	Nov., 1937	4 0 0					
104	Rector, St. Mary's, Knockbeg	May, 1938	1 2 0					
2456	John Power, Glassnamullen	20/5/38						
3282	James Kehoe, Graigue	3/6/38						
6031	Patrick Kehoe, Paultbeg	15/7/38						
7761	Gerald Shortt, Newswy	12/8/38	10 0	5 16 0				
7787	John Synnott, Newtown	12/8/38	7 6					
8236	Stephen Murphy, Mullinacraha	12/8/38	12 4					
6188	Bertie Griffin, Woolgreen	15/7/38	2 0 6					
6778	Thomas Doyle, Rathnew	29/7/38						
7650	William Dickinson, Monkton Row, Wicklow	12/8/38	7 6					
10023	Eamonn O'Neill, Balinglass	9/9/38	2 9					
10101	Granger Bros., N.C. Road, Dublin	9/9/38	3 10 0					
10334	Matt Murray, Kilmurray	23/9/38						
10968	William Redmond, Coolkenno	23/9/38						
2103	John Nolan, Tober, Dunlavin	6/1/39	18 7					
5639	Rd. Giltrap, Elverstown, Ballymore Eustace	20/1/39						
5886	E. Byrne, Coolbeg	3/2/29						
9316	Di. Neill, Clough, Balinglass	16/3/39						
9855	Gerald Cullen, Keshabeg	16/3/39						
986	A. P. Hennessy, Blessington	14/4/39						
4365	Lancashire Tar Distillers, 10 St. Andrew St., Dublin	9/6/39	12 9 9					
5004	John Synnott, Newtown	9/6/39	9 1					
5392	Robt. Moore, Stratford-on-Slaney	7/7/39						
8053	David Bolger, Cannycourt, County Kildare	21/7/39	14 0					
9207	James Ryan, Templecarrig	18/8/39	3 3 0					
11492	Michael O'Brien, Shruhaun	29/9/39	1 16 1					
13605	Patrick Devine, Kildaddar							
	Totals		£28 7 1	£10 4 3	£24 1 6	£13 2 2	£75 15 0	

Paying Orders cancelled at August, 1941. Quarterly Meeting and amounts credited in Budget, September, 1941.



The Courtkeeper in Wicklow Court House made the following application:

Court House, Wicklow,  
12th August, 1941.

To:

The Presiding Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee, Gentlemen,

As you are no doubt aware it is now impossible to obtain coal, and consequently the large old fashioned Range in my apartments is of very little use.

It is in these circumstances, and with a view to economising in the use of Turf, that I hereby make application to be supplied with a small Electric Cooker. The price would not be excessive, and the fuel saved by its use would in a very short time repay its original cost.

I hope my application may be favourably considered, as the Range is very old and wasteful.

Yours respectfully,  
(Miss) Grace McDermott.

Order: The Committee, having reviewed a list of Cookers obtainable, recommend that an A.E.T. Cooker be supplied to the Courtkeeper at a cost of £13 13s. if it be found possible to purchase it.

The Committee had under review an Account amounting to £23 13s. 11d. presented by the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs for Telephone Calls made through the County Surveyor's Office during the Quarter which ended on the 30th June, 1941. Of this sum £5 14s. 10d. was chargeable to the general work of that office and £22 19s. 1d. was chargeable to the Turf Production Scheme. The Committee directed that the County Surveyor be instructed to see personally that the Telephone in his office is used in future only in such cases as a letter will not suit equally well, as the Account is out of all proportions to what it might reasonably be expected to amount to in three months.

(Signed)—J. P. O'DONNELL,  
Presiding Chairman of Finance Committee.

Dated: 18th August, 1941.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor Major Smith:

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.

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

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

Passed.

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

Resolved: That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payments, chargeable to the various areas, amounting to the sum of £10,373 2s. 5d. (any modifications made therein having been first initiated 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 from the Proposals Committee, and consequently no Contracts to be signed.

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

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.

There were no applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle (Coolboy):

Resolved: That we hereby empower our Secretary to issue a Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, to Mr. Joseph Martin, Glenealy, for a Portable Booth, subject to the usual conditions applicable to the issue of a new Licence.

Passed.

There were no applications for Licences under the Explosives Act, 1875. The Secretary read the Special Notice issued by him on the 23rd May, 1941, pursuant to the Provisions of Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, in respect to the Notices of Motion on the Agenda (Items No. 11 and 12) standing in the names of Councillor Edward Byrne and Senator C. M. Byrne, and the following Resolutions passed by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance on the 26th May, 1941:

"Resolved: that the Wicklow County Council be requested to approve of the proposal of this Board to borrow a sum of £4,000 for the purpose of purchasing necessary fire-fighting equipment in pursuance of the Fire Brigades Act, 1940."

"Resolved: that the Wicklow County Council be requested to approve of the proposal of this Board to borrow a sum of £2,000 for the purpose of providing a Water Supply for the village of Glenealy and District."

After a discussion at some length by the Council on the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne, the Council adjourned further consideration of it pending the receipt from the Acting Secretary of the County Board of Health and Public Assistance of a detailed Scheme showing how precisely the £4,000 in question was to be expended and where the items of equipment were to be located, etc., etc.

"I hereby give notice that at the Quarterly Meeting of this Council to be held on the 18th August, 1941, I shall move that the approval of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of Four Thousand Pounds (£4,000) for the purpose of providing equipment under the Fire Brigades Act, 1940."

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

Resolved: That the consent of the Wicklow County Council be granted to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of £2,000 for the purpose of providing a Water Supply at Glenealy.

Passed.

In connection with Item No. 13 on the Agenda, the Secretary read the Special Notice issued by him on the 1st July, 1941, pursuant to the Provisions of Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, and also the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance at the Meeting of that Body held on the 26th May, 1941:

"Resolved: That the approval of the Wicklow County Council be requested to the borrowing by this Board of a sum of £86,142 for the provision of 218 cottages under the County Wicklow Labourer's Order, 1939."

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 the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a Loan of £86,142, for the purpose of carrying through a Scheme of Cottage



Building and provision of plots under the Labourers Acts, 1883 and 1931, as amended by the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor J. McCrea:

Resolved: That the Board of Health and Public Assistance be asked to exercise every possible economy in the matter of building Labourers' Cottages in this and the forthcoming financial years, and, further, that a very serious protest be sent by the Board to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the decision ~~sent~~ put down by his Inspector on the claims for houses submitted by genuine agricultural labourers at the Inquiry held by him so far back as April, 1939, for we are assured from our local knowledge that grave injustices have been inflicted on many of these unfortunate labourers. Passed.

The following Notice of Motion standing on the Agenda in the name of Senator C. M. Byrne was discussed at considerable length. The Council decided to postpone consideration of the Motion and directed the County Surveyor to prepare and submit to the County Council a comprehensive Report dealing with the matter:

"I hereby give Notice of Motion that I, or some other Councillor for me, shall move at the Quarterly Meeting of this County Council to be held on Monday, the 18th August, 1941, that a sufficient Loan be raised, over a period of thirty-five years (or such other period of years as may be arranged) to defray the cost of building a new set of Offices, Strong Rooms, Stores, etc., for the County Council, and for the provision of such other accommodation as may be decided upon, using for the purpose the site of the Old Jail in Wicklow as has been done in similar circumstances elsewhere, for we are satisfied that the present offices, and storage accommodation is not alone wholly inadequate and unsuitable for the ever increasing administrative work of this Council, but is also most insanitary and a positive menace to the health of our staff, and we direct that the County Surveyor be authorised and instructed to prepare and submit to us, with all the speed practicable, a set of Estimates Plans, and other documents necessary in this connection for the Council's information and guidance in putting this proposal into operation."

Having read and considered the correspondence which had passed in connection with the matter it was:

Proposed by Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Major R. Smith:

Resolved: That as we have, through our Solicitor, informed Messrs. Little and Cullen that the £250 11s. 9d. due on foot of the Criminal Injury Award to Dr. Reginald J. White has been included in the rate for the financial year 1941-1942, and will be paid when levied, we hereby authorise our Solicitor to take any and every step he deems advisable to defend such legal proceedings as have been threatened by that Firm in the event of that Firm having recourse to law to enforce on immediate payment of the above mentioned sum. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.:

Resolved: That we hereby select and appoint the Very Rev. Denis J. Kehoe, P.P., Ashford, to fill the vacancy existing on the County Library Committee caused by the transfer of the Rev. M. Martin, C.C. Passed.

Having considered letters, dated the 7th and 14th August, 1941, from the County Librarian, and the following Resolution in the latter: "That we fill the post of Library Assistant left vacant by the resignation of Miss M. McCrea upon the same terms and conditions as those which we adopted upon making the appointment of our former assistant, Miss M. McCrea, subject to the approval of the Co. Council and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health," and having considered, further the documents which accompanied the aforementioned communication of the 14th August, inst., it was:

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. Brennan:

Resolved: That the following advertisement and conditions of appointment be hereby approved and adopted for the vacant position of Library Assistant under the Wicklow County Libraries Committee:

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR POST OF LIBRARY ASSISTANT WICKLOW COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Vacancy for Library Assistant (Male or Female).

Application Forms for and particulars of the whole time, permanent and pensionable post of Library Assistant (Male or Female) under the Wicklow County Libraries Committee may be obtained from the County Librarian, Bellevue House, Wicklow. Salary £78 per annum, increasing by annual increments of £10 to a maximum salary of £150 per annum. Age limits: 18 to 25 years.

Candidates must be five years resident in County Wicklow.

Latest date for receiving applications, 1st October, 1941.

B. REDMOND, County Librarian.

#### THE CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

The post is whole-time, permanent and pensionable. Salary £78 per annum, increasing (subject to satisfactory service) by annual increments of £10 to £150 per annum. Candidates must be within the ages of 18 and 25 years.

The appointment will be made on the result of a competitive examination, to be held by the Local Appointments Commission, subjects for which shall be:

Irish 300 Marks; English 300 Marks; Arithmetic 300 Marks; Business Methods 200 Marks; General Knowledge of History 200 Marks.

Standard: Senior Leaving Certificate in Irish, English, Arithmetic, Royal Society of Arts 1st year in Business Methods and a similar standard for History. The Candidate who obtains the highest aggregate marks and passes in every subject will be appointed, provided that evidence of age, health and character is satisfactory. The pass marks in each subject will be 33½ per cent. of the maximum.

The duties of the post will be such as may be assigned from time to time by the County Libraries Committee and by the County Librarian.

The Candidate appointed will enter on a probationary period of one year and shall not be finally appointed until there is satisfactory proof of fitness.

A female officer appointed to the post will be required to resign on marriage and to notify her marriage to the County Librarian immediately on its taking place.

The appointment will be subject to the sanction of the County Council and of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Candidates will be notified in due course of the date and place of the examination.

Passed.

The Council discussed at great length the following letter from the Office of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance (Turf Division) and the Report from the County Surveyor:

#### OFFICE OF THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE—TURF DIVISION.

T.D. 2/25

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

County Commissioner,

Court House, Wicklow.

21 Fitzwilliam Square,

Dublin.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to refer to your letter of the 14th instant and in reply I am to state that, having regard to the peculiar difficulties of Wicklow County, the Parliamentary Secretary will raise no objection to disposing of the turf to Urban Councils, Parish Councils and others in the County willing to purchase turf at the price and on the conditions you suggest, but he desires me to point out that with the present fuel situation and the prospect of rapid deterioration of the situation, the sale of turf for immediate consumption may lead to a situation in which people will find themselves without fuel for the winter. In consequence, I am to urge on you that when disposing of the turf you will impress on the purchasers complete desirability of retaining the turf in storage against the winter rather than using it at the moment.

Mise, le meas,

M. ANDREW.

CSA/AF.



**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.**  
**TURF PRODUCTION SCHEME, 1941.**

The Scheme for the Production of Turf Fuel was not fully under way until about the middle of May. The provision of labour entailed much investigation regarding insurances, licences, petrol and rates of hire. These considerations entailed additional expense in the cost of the Turf and if a scheme could be devised whereby men would be accommodated altogether on the Bogs during the season a much more economical result would be obtained.

The cutting of the Turf ceased, generally, on or about the 30th June, 1941, but, in accordance with the suggestion of the Authorities, cutting was continued on some bogs after that date. A circular was issued later directing that cutting should continue up to the 9th August provided that there was a reasonable chance of saving the material cut and that the Department would take responsibility for any turf so worked between 19th July, 1941, and 9th August, 1941.

From the Returns made by the Assistant Surveyors I am able to submit the following information:—

- (1) The total expenditure and liabilities up to the 8th August, 1941—£19,464 3s. 6d.
- (2) The total quantity of Turf cut during the season—125,133 cubic yards.

The number of tons of Turf in this measurement is problematical, but from the numerous weighings and measurements taken it may be taken as about 15,000 tons.

A general idea of the work done in each district is shown as follows:—

	Expenditure and Liabilities (to 8/8/41)	Available for Sale or already Sold	Additional quantity cut and which will be saved this Season	Quantity which probably not be Saved
	£ s. d.			
Nth. Eastern Area	7,737 8 11	4,679 tons	1,300 tons	
Southern Area	6,894 10 10	3,400 tons	1,500 tons	
Western Area	4,832 3 9	3,000 tons	1,000 (probable)	800 tons
<b>Total:</b>	<b>19,464 3 6</b>	<b>11,078 tons</b>	<b>2,800 tons</b>	<b>800 tons</b>

This cost includes an amount of £1,697 to cover overhead charges such as Insurance of men, lorries, travelling expenses, clerical assistance, over-draft, etc.

I had a special measurement taken in the Western district and the result was less than the Assistant returned: he assures me, however, that he is satisfied with his results.

The time has now arrived for the Council to decide upon many questions affecting the disposal of the Turf: the Scheme has occupied the attention of the Engineering Staff almost fully for the past four months: as much Turf as was possible has been cut during the present season under all circumstances. About 1,400 tons have already been delivered to County Services: the Council should now decide what is to be done with the surplus. In this regard the question of providing fuel for the poorer numbers of the public will have to be considered. I suggest, therefore, that a small advisory committee be appointed immediately from the Council, to meet this week and go fully and thoroughly into every aspect of the matter. The Scheme cannot be allowed to be a loss on the ratepayers, and it is impossible to fix an exact price so that neither profit or loss is shown. There is no reason why a small profit

would not be made this season which will be merged and carried on from year to year. The question of price during the present season is difficult to settle: it cannot be definitely and finally arrived at until every available ton or cubic yard of turf is known to have been saved.

The arrangements to be made for next year's Turf Scheme should also be considered immediately.

I think that Parish Councils ought to arrange to take the available turf in quantities and dispose of it to the poor. The Wicklow Urban District Council require 500 tons for this purpose and I have arranged to give it to them. The Turf should be sold by bulk, in some cases, and not by weight.

The amount set aside for two temporary clerks in my office in connection with the Scheme should be increased, and I ask your approval to continuing these, the additional cost will not exceed £30.

The Surveyors' travelling allowance in connection with the Scheme, as approved by you, has been exceeded: I ask, however, that you approve of the further payment of approximately £27, of which £57 has already been earned up to 8th August, 1941.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Surveyor.

Proposed by Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. F. O'Reilly;

Resolved: That we hereby authorise and direct our County Surveyor to make it known (1) That applications be invited from any person or organisation for the purchase of the available turf; (2) that the Turf be then sold in lots of not less than one ton or by equivalent bulk measurement to whomsoever requires it at a cost in each area sufficient to cover expenditure—all purchasers to be responsible for arranging the necessary transport from the indicated bogs to their homes.

Passed.

Consideration of the balance of the foregoing Report from the County Surveyor on Turf Production Scheme, 1941, was deferred to the adjourned Meeting of the County Council which was fixed to take place at 12 o'clock noon, on Monday, the 8th September, 1941, as was also all other items on the Agenda not reached that day.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Seconded by Councillor George Heatley.

Resolved: That we hereby submit to the Executive Council it has come to our knowledge that very large stocks of coal are at present available to and in the custody of the Military Authorities; consequently as the Threshing Season is now about to open generally throughout the county we hereby make application in the strongest possible manner to have at least sufficient of the above referred to coal released to farmers for use in Threshing Engines, or otherwise the fruits of many months of work of the farming community will be lost both to themselves and to the country generally. We are satisfied that the use of Turf and Timber in Threshing Engines is not alone highly dangerous and a fruitful source of accidental fires but is also much too prolonged a method of Threshing in times when every day is so valuable to the farmers.

Passed.



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Court House, Wicklow.  
18th August, 1941.P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
County Secretary,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.**ARDOYNE BRIDGE.**

Dear Sir,

I regret to report that the bridge at Ardoyne, Road No. 233, is in a dangerous condition, and in accordance with Section 153, Road Traffic Act, 1933, I ask the authority of the County Council to erect Warning Notices convenient to the structure to the effect that the Bridge is not safe for heavy vehicular traffic. In accordance with the Act the Council must make this Order on the Form of Notice No. 108.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy):

Resolved: That it having been formally notified to us at our Meeting to-day that the Bridge at Ardoyne (Road No. 238) is in a dangerous condition, we, the County Council for the County of Wicklow, hereby order and direct our County Surveyor to erect on suitable places on or near the Bridge the Warning Notices (No. 108) for the benefit of the Public contemplated in such circumstances by the Provision of the Road Traffic Act, 1933.

Passed.

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.****MINUTES OF MEETING OF 8th SEPTEMBER, 1941.**

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 8th September, 1941.

The following Members were present:

Councillor Edward Byrne, Presiding Chairman; Councillors P. P. O'Reilly, J. McCrea, J. Everett, T.D.; Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); Joseph Jacob, P. D. Kinsella, W. Hammond, J. J. Bourne, M. J. Brennan, Michael Timmins, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); Daniel J. Kehoe and J. P. O'Donnell.

The Secretary conveyed to the Council the apologies of the Chairman, Senator C. M. Byrne, for his unavoidable absence from the Meeting as he had to attend a funeral.

**BUSINESS:**

- To continue the consideration of the County Surveyor's Special Report on the operation of the Scheme of Turf Production approved by the Council as submitted to the Council's Meeting held on 18th August, 1941.
- To consider a supplementary Report from the County Surveyor dealing with the operation of the Turf Production Scheme.
- To consider a petition from fifty-eight men working in Kenny's Turf Bog, near Shillelagh, for a full day's pay in respect of Thursday, the 17th July, and on all such days on which the work has to be stopped by reason of heavy rains.
- To consider a letter from Group Leader T. Fleming, Shillelagh L.D.F., complaining that in the matter of employment under the Turf Production Scheme at Gould Bog, L.D.F. men are not getting fair play when in fact they should be getting preferential treatment.
- To receive a communication from the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance (Turf Division) requesting the County Surveyor to cut for experimental purposes about 3 000 cubic yards Turf in the last fortnight of August, 1 500 cubic yards Turf in the first fortnight in September, 750 cubic yards Turf in the last fortnight of September.
- To consider communications from Mr. N. P. Murphy, Hon. Secretary, Killaveney Parish Committee: (1) protesting against the allocation of roads to the different Road Overseers in that district; and (2) applying to have the steam rolling and tarring of the Tinahely Streets carried out as soon as possible.
- To consider a communication from Mr. P. J. Gregory-Bannon, Hon. Secretary of Arklow Parish Committee suggesting the formulation and financing from County Funds of a Scheme for the felling and storage of timber for fire wood in Arklow Urban District.
- To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne which was adjourned from the Quarterly Meeting of the Council held on the 18th August, 1941:  
"I hereby give Notice that at the Quarterly Meeting of this Council to be held on the 18th August, 1941, I shall move that the approval of Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of Four Thousand Pounds (£4,000) for the purpose of providing equipment under the Fire Brigades Act, 1940."
- To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health requesting the Council to consider further his previous letter dealing with the remuneration to be paid to Assistant Surveyors P. J. Foley, B.E., and J. P. Caffrey, B.E., under the new Scheme of County Engineering.
- To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the terms of a Resolution passed by the Council and forwarded to the Local Appointments Commission in connection with the permanent appointment of two Assistant Surveyors.



11. To consider a communication from the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance notifying arrangements made by that Board for the transaction of County Engineering duties in the several areas.
12. To receive the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance:  
"That the appointment of Mr. J. T. O'Byrne as County Surveyor-Engineer on the terms set out in the Department's Sanction be and is hereby ratified."
13. To consider a communication from the County Surveyor in which he expresses his entire agreement with representations made by Mr. Denis Fay, Road Overseer, that he should be supplied with a Motor Cycle.
14. To further consider the correspondence with Messrs. M. J. O'Connor and Co., Solicitors, Ferrybank, Arklow, regarding the plot at the Bridge, Tinahely, claimed by Mr. F. Yilek, and to decide finally whether the County Council will make any further claim on the plot in question.
15. To consider correspondence with the Council's Solicitor and Messrs. S. & R. C. Walker and Son, 86 Merrion Square, Dublin, Solicitors to the La Touche (Greystones) Estate regarding liability for the maintenance of fences around certain dangerous spots at Greystones.
16. To consider County Surveyor's Report.
17. To receive the Arbitrator's Awards in connection with the compulsory acquisition of land for the purpose of constructing the new road from Dunbur to Magherybeg.
18. To consider correspondence regarding the men still unpaid in the Rathdangan District who are stated to have worked at clearing snow from public roads following the blizzard in February, 1941.
19. To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in which he states the Council's arrangements for operating the new Weighbridge are unsuitable and cannot be sanctioned and requesting that alternative proposals should be submitted to him.
20. To consider communications from the Air Raid Precautions Branch of the Department of Defence calling on the County Council to prepare a new Scheme for the County under the Air Raid Precautions Act, 1933, and the Regulations issued thereunder as the Scheme already approved and adopted by the County Council has not secured official sanction.
21. To consider a communication from the Department of Agriculture dealing with the Council's proposal for operating Sheep Dipping Regulations in 1941.
22. To consider a further letter from the County Committee of Agriculture regarding proposed subsidies for the erection of Sheep Dipping Baths by the following four Sheep Owners in the County:  
Joseph Clancy, Ballycreen, Aughtim.  
Michael Kelly, Knockrath, Rathdrum.  
Peter Bradshaw, Ballymacsimon, Glenealy.  
W. Doyle, Glenmacanass.
23. To consider an application from Mrs. M. A. Morrin, Amselheim, Grange Con (formerly Miss M. A. Codd, Instructress) for a marriage gratuity and correspondence in that connection from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture.
24. To receive a communication from Mr. M. O'Doherty, 2, Alexandra Tee, Bray, in which he appeals to the County Council to reconsider his son's application for permission to compete for one of their University Scholarships, and similarly, a letter from Pádraig T. Breathnach, St. Peter's Boys' School, Phibsborough, Dublin, asking that his son (Kevin Walshe, Dunlavin) be allowed to compete for a Scholarship.
25. To receive from the Secretary, University College, Dublin, the Special Report on the candidates who presented themselves for Leaving Certificate Examination, on the results of which Examination the Council's University Scholarships are to be awarded.
26. To consider a communication from Poor Rate Collector J. J. McCall, regarding the completion of a new Fidelity Bond consequent upon the death of one of his personal sureties.
27. To consider correspondence from Bray Urban District Council regarding the arrears due to Wicklow County Council by that Body on foot of Annual Estimates and Demands.

28. To consider the following Resolution passed by Bray Trades Council and Labour Party:  
"Resolved: That Bray Trades Council would be obliged if you will let them know why the Printing Contract was given to the "Echo" Printing Works, Enniscorthy, which did not employ as a whole Trade Union Labour as specified in your advertisement for Tenders for Contract."
29. To consider the following Resolution passed by the Wicklow Harbour Board:  
"Resolved: That we, the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners hereby transfer to and vest in the Wicklow Urban District Council, the Port and Harbour of Wicklow and all our powers and duties relating thereto. We recommend the services of our present staff be retained by the Wicklow Urban District Council."
30. To consider County Analyst's Report.
31. To pass a Resolution delegating to the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance and to each of the Urban District Councils in the County the County Council's powers and duties under the Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919.
32. To fill two vacancies existing on the Bray Old Age Pensions Subcommittee.
33. To consider an application from Wicklow Branch of the Irish Red Cross Society to be supplied, at a cost of £2, with a large Press for use in connection with the First Aid Post in the De La Salle School, Wicklow.
34. To pass a Resolution vesting the temporary custody and storage in the Urban District Councils of Arklow and Wicklow of the two Trailer Pumping Units supplied on loan by the Air Raid Precautions Branch of the Department of Defence.
35. To receive Minutes of proceedings of Monthly Meetings of County Wicklow Library Committee.
36. To consider official correspondence.
37. To consider general correspondence.

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I think that Parish Councils ought to arrange to take the available turf in quantities and dispose of it to the poor. The Wicklow Urban District Council require 500 tons for this purpose and I have arranged to give it to them. The Turf should be sold by bulk, in some cases, and not by weight.

The amount set aside for two temporary clerks in my office in connection with the Scheme should be increased, and I ask your approval to continuing these: the additional cost will not exceed £30.

The Surveyors' travelling allowance in connection with the Scheme, as approved by you, has been exceeded: I ask, however, that you approve of the further payment of approximately £37, of which £57 has already been earned up to 8th August, 1941.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Surveyor.

Order: Approved and adopted, with the exception of the portion suggesting the appointment of a small Advisory Committee which Committee the Council considers unnecessary.

The County Surveyor submitted the following:

Courthouse, Wicklow.  
20th August, 1941.

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

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 20th instant, re temporary clerical assistance in connection with the Turf Scheme, and to my report in same connection as submitted to the Meeting of the County Council on the 18th instant, I desire to say that these clerks will be required up to and including Saturday, 4th October, 1941, and the total cost to that date from date of their appointment will be £66 0s. 8d.

The amount, £37, has already been approved of by the Council so that the additional sum for which I require sanction is £29 0s. 8d.

The details of payments are as follows:—

	Amount Paid	Estimate To 4/10/41
Mr. Sean Behan from May 1st, 1941 to August 9th, 1941	£20 13 6	£11 8 8
Miss Muriel Kelly from May 22nd, 1941, to August 9th, 1941	£16 15 0	£11 13 4
Insurance	3 9 6	2 0 8
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>£40 18 0</b>	<b>£25 2 8</b>

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Surveyor.

Order: The additional expenditure referred to above is hereby sanctioned.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne:

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle (Coolboy):

Resolved—That the Joint Committee of Grangegorman Mental Hospital be informed that it is necessary to make a charge of 35/- per ton for turf in its present position on Glencree Bog, this being the ascertained economic County rate to be charged for turf at the present time in this County.

The Joint Committee will appreciate that it is incumbent on the Wicklow County Council to fully recoup the Ratepayers of County Wicklow for the expenditure on the Turf Production Scheme, 1941.

Passed.

The Council received and considered a Petition from 58 men who worked in Kenny's Turf Bog, near Shillelagh in which Petition they apply for a full day's pay in respect of Thursday, the 17th July, and on all such days on which work had to be stopped by reason of heavy rain.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea:

Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy):

Resolved—That the application of the 58 men who worked on Turf Production in Kenny's Bog for a day's pay on each day they were laid off work consequent on heavy rains be acceded to.

Passed.



The following letter was submitted:

Shillelagh L.D.F.,  
Shillelagh,  
16/8/1941.

To: The Chairman, Wicklow County Council.  
A Chara,

As Group Leader of Shillelagh L.D.F., a number of men of this Group have complained to me that they are the first men laid off the Turf Scheme at Gould Bog while single men without dependents who have flatly refused to be identified with L.D.F. unless they are paid are retained.

I know some of those men who are dismissed to be first-class labouring men.

I appreciate that the Overseers and Mr. Caffrey must produce the goods for the money expended, and towards that end everyone will co-operate. But where all things are equal L.D.F. men must get preference or at least fair play.

I respectfully demand that this matter be immediately inquired into and that the men who are prepared to give their lives voluntarily for their country shall be respected, and those other mercenaries and "white feather" men be relegated to their proper place in Society.

The District Staff at Carnew, Mr. Thomas Brennan, District Leader, or Mr. J. McCrea, District Q.M., or myself as Group Leader, will be pleased to act as liaison with the Council's officials in such matters.

Sorry that I could not have time to send this through the County Secretary. You are at liberty to give it any publicity you desire.

Is mise,

TOM FLEMING.

Order: Left in the hands of the County Surveyor to be dealt with.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle (Coolboy);

Resolved—That the following local Committee be appointed to confer with the County Surveyor on the claim made by John F. Kenny, of Gould, Shillelagh in respect of his alleged losses consequent upon the cutting of Turf on his bog in operating the Turf Production Scheme:

Councillors W. Hammond

P. Doyle (Coolboy)

J. J. Bourne

J. McCrea.

Passed.

The following communication was submitted:—

Office of the Parliamentary Secretary  
to the Minister for Finance,  
Turf Division,  
Room 51A,  
Custom House Dublin.  
20th August, 1941.

#### TURF PRODUCTION.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance to ask you to carry out the following cuttings of turf as an experiment:—

- (1) About 3,000 cubic yards of raw turf to be cut during the last fortnight in August.
- (2) About 1,500 cubic yards of raw turf to be cut during the first fortnight in September.
- (3) About 750 cubic yards of raw turf to be cut during the last fortnight in September.

The purposes of these experiments is to determine the loss which would be incurred in the saving of turf cut during those periods in future years. The cutting should be done on three or four bogs which would be representative of the bogs throughout your county. A special record should be kept of

the condition of this turf from the time it is cut until it is saved. In addition to any data which you would be anxious to collect for future guidance in this matter, the following information should be placed on record:—

Type of bog—mountain, lowland, etc., etc.

Date of cutting and quantity cut cubic yards (wet).

Date of each operation during the process of saving.

Date at which turf is ready for use.

Nett quantity of good turf produced and moisture content of same.

Percentage of waste when compared with turf saved under favourable conditions.

Cost of cutting and saving.

It is desirable that this turf should be examined at least once a week by the County Surveyor or by one of his Assistants who would make a note of the condition of the turf, the weather conditions during the previous week with special reference to frost, and of the effect of the weather on the quality of the turf.

The Parliamentary Secretary is prepared to recoup to Local Authorities any loss incurred on turf cut under this experiment.

Mise, le meas,

T. C. COURTNEY.

To Each County Surveyor:

Copy to Secretary of County Council for information.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved: That our County Surveyor be hereby authorised and directed to give full effect to the terms of a communication from the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance (Turf Division) requesting the County Surveyor to cut for experimental purposes about 3,000 cubic yards of turf in the last fortnight of August, 1,500 cubic yards of turf in the first fortnight of September, and 750 cubic yards of turf in the last fortnight of September.

Two communications, dated the 14th August, 1941, were submitted from Mr. N. P. Murphy, Hon. Secretary of Killyveney Parish Committee, in the first of which protest was made against the allocation of roads to the different Road Overseers in that District, and in the second application was made to have the steam-rolling and tarring of Tinahely Streets carried out as soon as possible.

Order: Referred to County Surveyor for his information and suitable action.

The following letter was submitted from Arklow Parish Committee:

Court House, Arklow,  
20th August, 1941.

#### ARKLOW PARISH COMMITTEE.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
County Commissioner,  
County Council Offices,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

A Chara,

I am directed by my Committee to enquire as to the steps being taken towards the making available of supplies of fire-wood in areas not served by turf bogs.

The Committee here foresee a shortage particularly amongst the poorer sections of the community, of fuel during the coming winter, and have suggested the advisability of your introducing without further delay a scheme for the felling and storage of timber for firewood for the Arklow Urban District. Owners of woodlands have been approached in the matter and have informed members of the Committee that they are not prepared to have any timber cut and stored without a guarantee of immediate sale, and since the Committee have no funds available for the purpose they consider that a Scheme should be formulated and financed from County Funds.

Mise, le meas,

P. J. GREGORY-BANNON,  
Hon. Secretary.

Order: Referred to County Surveyor.



The Council had again under consideration the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne, which was adjourned from the Quarterly Meeting held on the 18th August, 1941, pending receipt of the information set forth in the following communication:—

"I hereby give notice that at the Quarterly Meeting of this Council to be held on the 18th August, 1941, I shall move that the approval of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of Four Thousand Pounds (£4,000) for the purpose of providing equipment under the Fire Brigades Act, 1940."

WICKLOW BOARD OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE,

Secretary's Office,  
Co. Home, Rathdrum,  
1st September, 1941.

3806/41.

Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo on the subject of Loan of £4,000 for the purpose of providing equipment under the Fire Brigades Act 1940. The following are the items included in this amount:

One Fire Engine, complete, £1,420, plus any additional charges arising from Government Orders at date of delivery. The tender for this equipment was accepted by the Board at their meeting held on February 24th, 1941, and sanctioned by the Minister on April 23rd, 1941.

One Trailer Pump, complete, £484. The tender for this equipment was accepted at meeting of the Board held on 25th ultimo and sanction is awaited. The L.G.D. have, however, already intimated that this apparatus should be procured without delay.

Hose and Fittings as shown on the attached Schedule, £2,109. The tender for this equipment was accepted by the Board on the 21st April, 1941, and was approved by the Minister on April 28th.

The total cost as shown above is therefore £4,013.

The Trailer Pump for use in the Western portion of the County is to be stationed at Baltinglass. The location of the Fire Engine has not yet been definitely fixed, although the towns of Newtownmountkennedy and Rathdrum have been mentioned.

The foregoing proposed provision is made in pursuance of Section 2 (1) of the Fire Brigades Act, 1940, which states that "every Sanitary Authority shall make reasonable provision for the prompt and efficient extinguishing of fires occurring in buildings and other places of all kinds in their Sanitary District and for the protection and rescue of persons and property from injury by any such fire."

I enclose separate lists of equipment should you desire to let each member of your Council have a copy, and should you desire any further information I shall be pleased to let you have it if it is in my possession.

Yours faithfully,

T. BYRNE, Acting Secretary.

The Secretary read the Special Notice issued to each Member of Wicklow County Council on the 23rd May, 1941, pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927.

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

Resolved—That the approval of the Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of Four Thousand Pounds (£4,000) for the purpose of providing equipment under the Fire Brigades Act, 1940.

Passed.

The following letter was considered:

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH  
Custom House, Dublin.  
22nd July, 1941.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 24th ultimo enclosing copies of resolutions of the Wicklow County Council in regard to the remuneration of Messrs. Foley and Caffrey, Assistant County Surveyors, and to direct attention to this Department's letter of 17ad Bealtaine, in which it was pointed out that in order to meet as far as possible the views of the County Council and the Board of Health consideration will be given to the payment of a personal allowance not exceeding £150 a year. It was intended that the Co. Council should decide what sum within that maximum was appropriate to each case, upon consideration of all facts. The Minister is not prepared to vary his decision.

Mise, le meas,  
J. HURSON, Runai.

Secretary,  
County Council Offices,  
Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor P. D. Kinsella;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved: That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, having considered the further correspondence from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in relation to the salaries payable to Assistant Surveyors under the new scheme governing County Engineering, hereby decide that the amending resolution fixing the salaries, etc., to be paid as from the 1st April, 1941, to Assistant Surveyors P. J. Foley, B.E., and J. P. Caffrey, B.E., passed by this County Council at their Meeting held on the 23rd June, 1941, be varied to the extent that the Personal Allowance payable in the case of Mr. Foley be fixed at the sum of £200 per annum, and that the Personal Allowance payable to Mr. Caffrey be fixed at the sum of £150 per annum; and that the remaining portion of the Amending Resolution above referred to shall stand unchanged.

Passed. *COUNCILLOR J. EVERETT, T.D. DISSENTING.*  
The Secretary submitted the following letter:

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
AND PUBLIC HEALTH (ROADS).

Custom House, Dublin.  
2nd August, 1941.

R/RS/33.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to this Department's letter of 26adh Meitheamh regarding the appointment through the Local Appointments Commissioners of two Assistant County Surveyors and to state that he is informed by the Commissioners that the posts are described on the forms of Statutory Request as "Assistant County Surveyor/Engineer," and that one of the vacancies is expressed to be for the North Eastern District of the County and the other for the South Western District. The posts should be described as those of Assistant County Surveyor and should not be designated as being for any particular district of the County as the County Council might at some later date wish to interchange or alter the districts of the Assistant Surveyors.

I am, therefore, to request that the Statutory Requests to the Local Appointments Commissioners be amended accordingly.

Mise, le meas,  
J. HURSON, Runai.

The Secretary,  
County Council Offices,  
Wicklow

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

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



Resolved—That having considered the communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, dated the 2nd August, 1941, No. R/RS/33, we hereby decide that the original resolution in connection with the filling of the two vacancies amongst the Engineering Staff be modified so that the description of the persons to be appointed to fill these two vacancies shall be "Assistant County Surveyor," and no individual district is to be specified, so that the Assistant County Surveyors may be interchangeable if necessary and required, and that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and the Local Appointments Commission.

Passed.

The Council considered a letter, dated the 8th July, 1941, from the Acting Secretary of the County Board of Health and Public Assistance concerning the operation of the new County Engineering Scheme, and considered also the following letter from that Board:

County Home, Rathdrum.  
31st July, 1941.

No. 2548/41.

Dear Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject, I beg to subjoin copy of a Resolution passed at the Meeting of the Board on the 28th instant.

Yours faithfully,  
T. BYRNE, Acting Secretary.

Copy/

Proposed by Mr. E. Byrne;  
Seconded by Mr. C. M. Byrne:

"That the appointment of Mr. J. T. O'Byrne as County Surveyor/Engineer on the terms set out in the Department's sanction be and is hereby ratified.—Passed."

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;  
Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle (Coolboy):

Resolved—That inasmuch as our County Surveyor—Engineer has now been recognised in that capacity by the Resolution before us passed by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance on the 28th July, 1941, we hereby direct our County Surveyor/Engineer to prepare and submit to this County Council, at as early a date as possible, a comprehensive Scheme which shall disclose in full detail: (a) every aspect of the engineering required for Wicklow County Council; (b) every aspect of the engineering which shall be required for the County Board of Health and Public Assistance. This Scheme to be printed and circulated by the County Surveyor/Engineer to every member of Wicklow County Council at the earliest date practicable.

Passed.

The Council directed that the following letter be considered at the Meeting of the Finance Committee summoned to consider the Estimates for the services of the year 1942/1943:

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Court House, Wicklow.  
20th August, 1941.

No. HE/2081  
P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
County Secretary,  
Court House, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Denis Fay, Road Overseer, has represented to me the very great difficulty he finds in travelling to his work and supervising it whilst using an ordinary push bike. He asks that he should be provided with a reliable motor bike.

I am in entire agreement with him that it is most necessary that he should have this facility to enable him to reach all his area which is mountainous and properly supervise his work. He is a good Overseer and is very conscientious.

I understand that some arrangement was made several years ago in

providing funds to enable Road Overseers to purchase motor cycles, and perhaps you will be able to help in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE, Co. Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Bourne:

Resolved—That Messrs. M. J. O'Connor and Co., Solicitors, Ferrybank, Arklow, be informed that Wicklow County Council has decided finally and without prejudice that they will not make any further claim on the plot at the Bridge, Tinahely, claimed by Mr. F. Yilek, which plot has been for so many years exclusively used by the Council.

Passed.

The Council had under consideration correspondence with the Council's Solicitor and Messrs. S. & R. C. Walker & Son, 86, Merrion Square, Dublin Solicitors to the La Touche (Greystones) Estate, regarding liability for the maintenance of fences around certain dangerous spots at Greystones. Order: Referred to the Council's Solicitor for consideration and a Report.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE MANNTAIN.  
COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Oifig an tSuirbheir,  
Tig na Cuirte,  
13adh Lughnasa, 1941.

A Dhaoine Uaisle,

(1) The programme of work in repair, maintenance and improvement of roads has had to be deferred up to the present owing to the amount of attention given to the Turf Production Scheme. This Scheme is now drawing to a completion and Road Works will gradually be arranged. Many County and Main Roads approaching bog districts have deteriorated and have gone into a deplorable condition owing to the increased lorry traffic: these surfaces have been maintained as far as available funds allow, but it will be appreciated that these are totally inadequate and no such traffic was anticipated in preparing estimates for the present year. The Department of Local Government, realising the situation, generally, has issued a circular asking for particulars of these roads so that the matter may be dealt with expeditiously.

(2) The Francois Cementation Company, Contractors, Poulaphouca, had a quantity of steel rails and tipping and tunnel wagons for sale, and as I considered these would be valuable to the County Council in Road Work and in connection with the Turf Scheme, I purchased these and I ask your approval: the details are:—

4 Tipping Wagons (Jubilee skips)	£48 0 0
80 lengths rails to suit (with parts)	50 12 6

Total .. £98 12 6

A further quantity is now available and I advise the Council not to miss the opportunity and to acquire them as follows:—

6 Secondhand Tunnel Wagons (40 c. ft.)	£81 0 0
2 Tipping Wagons	24 0 0
180 Secondhand Sleepers	£4 10 0

Total .. £109 10 0

The plant can be paid for out of Machinery Account and hired to the various works afterwards in the usual manner.

(3) With reference to applications for Cinema Licences, as indicated hereunder, I have had investigations made and see no objection to the granting of these:—

Mr. Joseph Martin—Portable Booth at Glenealy.

Mr. W. Keogh—Baltinglass Town Hall.

(4) The Council is aware that during recent years the type and amount of work in this office has materially altered and increased. So many additional Schemes and Works have now to be operated that the appointment of a responsible Chief Clerk to direct the internal organisa-



tion and staff, as established in other County Surveyors' Offices throughout the Country, is now essential. I recommend that Mr. J. O'Rourke, who has been acting as managing clerk, be officially recognised in this position at an adequate remuneration.

Le Meas Mor,  
SEOSAMH T. O BROIN, B.E.,  
Suirbheir an gComndae.

## Orders:—

- Paragraph 1 Noted.
- Paragraph 2, Expenditure of £98 12s. 6d. sanctioned, other items to be purchased at a cost not to exceed £109 10s. 0d.
- Paragraph 3, Noted.
- Paragraph 4, Referred to Finance Committee at their quarterly meeting.

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

Resolved: That the County Surveyor be given portion of his Annual Leave as from 16th September, 1941, to 30th September, 1941, both days inclusive, and that Mr. Foley be also given the remainder of his Annual Leave from 1st October, 1941, to 10th October, 1941, subject, however, to arrangements with the County Surveyor.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.; Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:

Resolved: With reference to previous correspondence and resolutions passed by this Council regarding the reconstruction of Roads in West Wicklow No. 356 and 357 (Lacken-Ballyknockan-Annacorney) which is necessary to provide an adequate alternative route in that area owing to the submerging of roads in connection with the Liffey Hydro Electric Scheme, we, the Wicklow County Council, hereby agree, owing to the delay in the institution of the original proposed Arbitration on this matter, to ask the Department to instruct its Chief Engineering Adviser or other Engineering Official of that Department (to be approved of by the Wicklow County Council) to act and preside as Arbitrator in an informal investigation, with the officials of the Electricity Supply Board on the one side, and the officials of the Wicklow County Council on the other, with a view to arriving at a fair and just estimate of the sum to be paid by the Electricity Supply Board to the Wicklow County Council to enable the latter to proceed with and complete the surfacing and widening of this route without further delay.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the Award, dated the 5th August, 1941, of the Arbitrator, Mr. James J. McAuley, in the matter of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898; the Local Government Act, 1925; the Wicklow County (Wicklow and Arklow) Order, 1940; Confirming Order of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, dated 15th February, 1941; the Acquisition of Land (Assessment of Compensation) Act, 1919.

The Secretary also submitted the Official Schedule referred to in the Arbitrator's Award, together with the Official Copy of the Cross Sectional Detail relating to the fences described in the Schedule referred to.

The Council's Solicitor submitted the following Report:—

4 Church Street, Wicklow.  
6th September, 1941.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

## Wicklow County (Wicklow to Arklow Road) Order, 1940.

Dear Sir,

Mr. James J. McAuley, the Arbitrator appointed by the Land Values Reference Committee, held an Inquiry at the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on the 13th May last to hear evidence to enable him to ascertain the amount of compensation payable to the several persons from whom land is being acquired herein.

The Arbitrator's Award has now been filed with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and a Certified Copy thereof lodged with you.

The attached Schedule contains particulars of sums claimed by respective Owners and the amounts awarded by the Arbitrator.

Yours faithfully,  
J. BRAZIL.

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



WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,  
WICKLOW COUNTY (WICKLOW TO ARKLOW ROAD) ORDER, 1940.  
SCHEDULE.

Townland	Quantity of Land Acquired.		Name of Owner.	Amount Claimed		Amount Awarded by Arbitrator		Amount of Revised Annuity to be re-estimated by County Council	Costs Awarded by Arbitrator				
	A.	R. P.		£	s.	d.	£		s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Kilpool Lower and Kilpool Upper	3	1 12	John L. Morgan John Maher (Owner up to August, 1940).	905	0	0	495	0	0	10s.	42	0	0
	4	0 29	J. L. Leslie Ellis C. Dudley Palmer Major J. W. Revelle Mrs. J. E. Revelle Reps. — Bateman Irish Land Commission	2385	0	0	920	0	0				
Magherabeg	1	2 20	Mrs. Doreen Hogan F. C. O. Budd, B.L., and Dr. Ninian Falkiner J. L. Leslie Ellis (Owner up to August, 1940).	179	0	0	100	0	0	10s.	55	13	0
				3469	0	0	1515	7	0				

When the Council came to consider Item No. 18 on the Agenda they were informed by the County Surveyor that the men in the Rathdangan District had already been paid for their work in clearing snow from public roads following the blizzard in February, 1941.

The Council proceeded to consider the following letter:

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,

Custom House, Dublin.  
23adh Meiteamh 1941.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 22nd ultimo regarding the appointment of a weigh clerk for the new weighbridge, and to state that the proposed arrangement is regarded as unsuitable and could not be sanctioned. The Department's Inspector has reported that there is no necessity for the appointment of both a weigh clerk and a caretaker and that a wholetime clerk in the County Council Offices, about a half mile from the weighbridge installation, could not possibly attend to the casual weighings which will be required there. Furthermore, lorry owners could not be expected to call at the County Council Offices whenever a vehicle has to be weighed.

Alternative proposals should, therefore, be submitted by the Council. Mise le meas.

J. HURSON, Runai.

The Secretary,

County Council Offices, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor P. Doyle (Coolboy);

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That having considered the communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in which he states that the arrangements made by this Council for operating the new Weighbridge at the Murrrough, Wicklow, are unsuitable, and in which he calls on the County Council to submit new proposals in that respect, we hereby decide that applications be invited by public advertisement in the "Wicklow People" and "Leinster Leader" for the whole time and permanent position of Weigh Clerk and that the inclusive salary for the said position be £1 10s. per week, payable monthly, the weigh clerk to discharge all duties ordered by this Council or by the County Secretary. Hours of duty to be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (with one hour for dinner). Candidates must be over 21 years of age on 1st January 1941, and must satisfy the County Council, after a Competitive Examination conducted by the County Surveyor that he or she is competent to discharge the duties. A Bond in the sum of £100 will be required with two personal Sureties.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence received from the Air Raid Precautions Branch of the Department of Defence, including letters to which the following are references: 5th July, 1941, Ref. ARP. 157; 15th July, 1941, Ref. ARP. 157; 24th July, 1941, Ref. ARP. 1476 (dealing with Food and Rest Centres), and 15th August, 1941, No. ARP. 157.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That having considered the further communications received from the Air Raid Precautions Branch of the Department of Defence, in which it is intimated that the Air Raid Precautions Scheme adopted by the County Council at their Meeting held on the 23rd June, 1941, was not approved by that Department, we hereby approve and adopt the subjoined Scheme prepared by our Secretary, and we direct that so soon as the said Scheme has received the formal sanction of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Department of Defence, copies be sent to every Member of the County Council, to the Urban District Councils of Arklow and Wicklow, to the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance, and to all officials in the employment of the Council affected by the operation of the Scheme.



## AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS ACT, 1939.

### Air Raid Precautions Schemes (Prescribed Provisions) Regulations 1939.

#### Scheme for County Wicklow (exclusive of Bray Urban Dist.)

**FUNCTIONAL AREA.**—The "Functional Area" to be administered by Wicklow County Council is the entire County of Wicklow, exclusive of the Urban District of Bray, which itself is a "Functional Area."

Under Section 12, sub-section 1, of the above Act, the duty is imposed on Wicklow County Council to prepare and submit to the Minister for Defence an Air Raid Precaution Scheme.

The Scheme prepared by the County Secretary so far back as 6th November, 1939, and approved and adopted by Wicklow County Council at their Quarterly Meeting held on the 19th May, 1941, did not secure the approval of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence, who has expressed the opinion that a more elaborate Scheme should be provided for the County Council's Air Raid Precautions Area. Towards that end Air Raid Precautions Services, it is suggested, should be headquartered in Arklow Town and Wicklow Town, and Decontamination and Rescue Services, in addition to First Aid and Fire-fighting, should be actively organised in each of those two towns.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**—In this Scheme it is suggested that there shall be an Advisory Committee, which, if the Council feel so disposed, might consist of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the County Council, the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the County Council, the Clerk to Arklow Urban District Council, the Clerk to Wicklow Urban District Council, the County Surveyor, the County Medical Officer of Health, the Accountant to the County Council, and the Secretary to the County Council. As this Committee will be expected to shoulder the duties of administering this Scheme throughout the entire "functional area," its principal aims, it is suggested, ought to be adequate control, efficiency, and economy.

The Deputy Chief Air Raid Precautions Officer (Mr. L. Wolohan) should be appointed to act as Secretary to this Committee, with full powers to make use of the Services of the Council's Clerical Staff at this work.

**FINANCES.**—Section 34, Sub-section 4, states that any expenses incurred by the Council of a County shall be defrayed out of the County Fund as a County-at-large charge, and Section 35 of the same Act states that the Minister for Defence, with the concurrence of the Minister for Finance, shall pay towards such expenditure by Local Authority Grants an amount not exceeding 70 per cent. of all approved expenditure.

There should be no expenditure incurred without Departmental sanction having been first obtained.

**PAYMENTS.**—All payments in connection with this Scheme shall be made through the County Council's Subsidiary Account, and separate accounts kept as part of the County Council's accounts, to be audited in due course by the Local Government Auditor.

**FIRST AID IN THE TOWNS OF ARKLOW AND WICKLOW.**—The County Medical Officer of Health, and the County Surveyor, should select a building in the town of Arklow which would be suitable for a First Aid Post.

If possible this building should be a municipal building other than a Hospital.

Marlborough Hall in Arklow has been selected as a suitable First Aid Post, and this building is considered suitable by the County Medical Officer of Health.

Similarly the County Medical Officer of Health and the County Surveyor should select a building in Wicklow town suitable for a First Aid Post.

The De La Salle School, Church Hill, Wicklow, has been selected as a suitable First Aid Post, and this building is considered suitable by the County Medical Officer of Health.

An estimate should be forwarded to the Air Raid Precautions Branch of the Department of Defence of the detailed cost of adaptation, etc., of the buildings selected in Arklow and Wicklow. A supply of drugs and dressings on a repayment basis has been supplied from the Air Raid Precautions Depot, St. Anne's, Clontarf, Dublin, for both these buildings, and is already stored therein.

The County Medical Officer of Health should actively organise a First Aid Post in the towns of Arklow and Wicklow, and should seek the honorary services of local doctors, nurses, and members of the public who have received some training in First Aid, so that they may be available to render services in the time of an emergency.

The following list of equipment for a First Aid Post may be found helpful:—

#### SCHEDULE OF FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT FOR FIRST AID POST IN PROVINCIAL TOWNS.

(All items to be obtained or purchased locally).

- 8 Stretchers.
- 2 Pairs Trestles.
- 2 Tables.
- 4 Forms.
- 8 Chairs.
- 2 Canvas Bed Screens.
- 3 Sets of Biscuits; or
- 3 Mattresses.
- 11 Pillows.
- 3 Waterproof Sheets, Army Pattern.
- 33 Blankets.
- 4 Mugs.
- 4 Knives.
- 4 Spoons.
- 4 Plates.
- 2 Gallon Kettle.
- 1 3-Pint Teapot (Aluminium).

It is possible that the Irish Red Cross Society, if approached, can supply all or some of these stretchers. Inquiries should be made as to whether vans can be made available locally for use, free of charge, in time of emergency, as ambulances.

#### FIRE-FIGHTING IN THE TOWNS OF ARKLOW AND WICKLOW.

This service should be organised and controlled by the County Surveyor, with the aid of his Assistants and Overseers.

The Department of Defence undertook to supply a trailer pump, accessories, and small equipment for each of those two towns.

The pump for the town of Wicklow will, however, be of a lighter type than that supplied to Arklow which has already been delivered.

Early delivery of the Trailer Pump for Wicklow is expected. It will be necessary to obtain suitable accommodation free of rent, for the housing of the pumps. Preferably the accommodation should be obtained in a building belonging to the Urban District Council.

Volunteers to man the pump will have to be trained. The most suitable person to undertake this work would be Mr. Myles Redmond, of Arklow, who attended an Air Raid Precaution Special Course in Firefighting and was presented with a qualification certificate at the close of that course. The crew of the Arklow pump should be five, and the crew of the Wicklow pump should be four, but equipment and protective clothing for six men in Arklow and five men in Wicklow are authorised. In this connection approval has been given for the purchase by the County Council of the following items of equipment:—

- 11 Firemen's axes (Arpex make) at the cost of 9/- each;
- 11 Firemen's belts and pouches at the cost of 10/- each;
- 11 Firemen's overalls or dungarees at the cost of 9/- each.



If the prices the County Council propose to pay for these items are appreciable in excess of these figures, the matter should be referred to the Department of Defence, A.R.P. Branch, before a definite order is given. Steel helmets, rubber boots and oilskins will be supplied by the Department of Defence as soon as they are available.

Arrangements should be made to have the crews of the pumps available to travel to any part of the County Council's Air Raid Precautions Area if required in an emergency due to Air Raids. It is of vital importance that the County Council should consult other Local Authorities in the County area responsible for peace time firefighting and arrive at an amicable and efficient arrangement with them for the co-ordination of all firefighting services.

#### DECONTAMINATION SERVICES IN THE TOWNS OF ARKLOW AND WICKLOW.

Decontamination services, which should be under the control of the County Surveyor, should be organised immediately by him in each of these towns. The essential protective clothing will be supplied by the Department of Defence.

Arrangements have been made with the Garda Authorities to place at the services of the Urban District Councils of both Arklow and Wicklow a member of the Garda Síochána, who has been specially trained in this service, and who will undertake the instruction and supervision of local squads.

The Department of Defence has issued a Handbook (No. 4) on decontamination of materials. Copy of this Handbook should be supplied to each squad member. It should be borne in mind, however, that pages 58 and 59 have been superseded by documents specially issued by the Department of Defence.

Quotations for the equipment for the Decontamination Service should be submitted to the Air Raid Precautions Branch of the Department of Defence as soon as possible. It is suggested that Messrs. Baxendale and Co., Capel Street, Dublin, be asked, amongst others, to quote for the standpipes, branchpipe and nozzle, and that the remainder of the equipment could possibly be obtained from old stocks held by local hardware merchants.

Instruction of the Decontamination and Rescue squads should be begun as soon as possible by Members of the Gardai and your Engineering Staff respectively.

#### RESCUE SERVICES IN THE TOWNS OF ARKLOW AND WICKLOW.

These services should be under the control of the County Surveyor. One light squad should be organised in each of the above towns by, and under the direction of, the County Surveyor. This Official should provide himself with forms of enrolment; with a list of the trades from which men for the Service should be taken; with a Memorandum of instruction; with a list of equipment required and with a list of the protective clothing to be supplied by the Department of Defence. The assistance of the local builders, if possible, should be obtained for this service, and it is anticipated that they will probably be able to make available voluntarily the bulk of equipment required. It is further suggested that these local builders be approached to lend a suitable lorry, or lorries, in each town. The lorries, of course, would be required only in the event of an emergency, and the lending of them would not interfere with their normal daily use.

A statement of the equipment, including lamps and torches, which cannot be so obtained locally, should be prepared and submitted to the Air Raid Precautions Branch of the Department of Defence, together with relative approximate prices.

It should be indicated as early as possible to the Air Raid Precautions Branch of the Department of Defence the extent to which it will be possible to obtain equipment on loan locally for the Rescue Service.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE PUBLIC, AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO PROVIDE PRIVATE AIR RAID SHELTERS.

This Scheme contemplates that the public shall be called upon to carry out such instructions as may be issued from time to time.

The special attention of members of the public is directed to the fact that information and advice on the construction of these Shelters is contained in the Department of Defence Pamphlet "Civilian War Duties" copies of which has been handed in long since to each householder.

Every opportunity should be taken to warn the public regarding the risks associated with air raids and fire. The public should be encouraged in every possible way to provide themselves with private Air Raid Shelters, and to obtain for use in their own homes fire extinguishers sand, etc., so as to have same ready for use in case of emergency.

Under the Emergency Powers (No. 84) Order, 1941, and the Air Raid Precautions Schemes (Prescribed Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations, 1941, consideration should be given to the provision of food and rest centres for the relief of distress consequent on attack from the air, and any expenditure made under this heading, which had the prior sanction of the Minister for Defence, would be recouped by way of grant it is anticipated.

Every person in the employment of a Local Authority who will not be engaged in work of National importance in the event of an emergency will be expected to give his services free of charge to the Administration of this Air Raid Precautions Scheme, as the Scheme represents an effort to cope with such circumstances as may arise out of a National Emergency.

I subjoin items which should engage immediate attention in both Arklow and Wicklow in connection with:—(a) First Aid; (b) Firefighting Services; (c) Decontamination and (d) Rescue Services.

#### FIRST AID SERVICES.

(1) Building in which First Aid Post is located; (2) Rent of building (if any); (3) Estimated cost (details to be attached) of any adaptation, amenities, furniture, equipment, etc., required for the Post; (4) Estimated cost of drugs and dressings to be supplied (on repayment) by Department of Defence; (5) Estimated cost of any additional supplies required; (6) Number of Doctors who have promised their services at the Post in an emergency; (7) Number of nurses who have promised their services; (8) Number of volunteers (other than Doctors and trained nurses) trained in casualty service who have been assigned for duty at the Post in an emergency; (9) Details of any supplies, including stretchers or Ambulances, given for the Post by the Red Cross Society; (10) Estimated cost of Stretchers (8 per post) where not supplied by the Red Cross Society; (11) Estimated cost of blankets and pillows for stretchers (one pillow and three blankets per stretcher); (12) Particulars of the vans which will be made available as ambulances in an emergency, and for which the purchase of fitments for conversion is proposed (where this is required); (13) Cost of these fitments; (14) Service, if any, the Board of Health or Urban Council, or their officers, are going to render to the First Aid Service in the County.

#### FIRE-FIGHTING SERVICE.

(1) Building in which equipment supplied by Department of Defence is housed, and particulars of arrangements for the proper storage and control of the equipment; (2) Estimated cost of equipment for crew of the pumps. The crew of a large pump is 5, and of a light pump 4, but axes (Arpex Make) belts and pouches, and overalls or dungarees for 6 and 5 respectively should be purchased; (3) Number of volunteers trained to man pump (those should all reside in the town in which the pump is located, and should be free to travel with the pump to any part of the county when trained); (4) Particulars of the period of training of the crew by the local official trained in Dublin; (5) The key of the premises where the trailer pump is housed is held by

.....His occupation.....

His residence is at.....

(6) Details of proposals to co-ordinate the peacetime and emergency firefighting services, including arrangements with other local authorities in the A.R.P. area for the use of their peacetime equipment in the whole of the A.R.P. area in an emergency; (7) Arrangements for the control and co-



ordination of the County's entire fire-fighting services in an emergency; (8) Arrangements for securing the use of vehicles (voluntarily) for towing pumps and transport of crews; (9) Arrangements for storage of small personal equipment and protective clothing (The Department of Defence will supply steel helmets, rubber boots and oilskins).

#### DECONTAMINATION SERVICE.

(1) Particulars (including an estimate of the cost) of the equipment which will require to be purchased by County Council; (2) Arrangements being made for the transport of the squad and equipment; (3) Local Gardai dealing with the matter should be consulted.

#### RESCUE SERVICE.

(1) Particulars of premises given voluntarily by a local builder for use as a depot for this service; (2) Particulars of equipment that will be made available locally in an emergency; (3) Particulars of equipment on the standard list which it will not be possible to obtain locally, and estimated cost; (4) Particulars of suitable lamps and torches required, and estimated cost; (5) Particulars of a lorry, or lorries, which will be lent in an emergency; (6) Particulars of the trades from which the volunteers for this service have been selected; the number of volunteers should also be stated; (7) Particulars of accommodation for storage of protective clothing (to be supplied by Department of Defence) for seven men including the driver; (8) Particulars of any active organisation or training for this service to be given by the County Surveyor, or by one of his assistants.

(Signed)—P. T. HEALY,

County Secretary and Chief Air Raid Precautions Officer.

Courthouse, Wicklow.

16th August, 1941.

Passed.

The Council noted the contents of the following letter:

AN ROINN TALMHAIDHEACHTA.

Baile Atha Cliath,

No. L.2988/41.

24th July 1941.

#### SHEEP DIPPING.

Sir,

I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to refer to your letters (4) of the 17th instant and their respective enclosures—copies of Resolutions passed by the County Council at a Special Meeting held on the 23rd ultimo—bearing on proposed sheep-dipping arrangements for the current year.

In reply I am to state that the Minister will offer no objection to the following arrangements as indicated, viz.: (1) The re-appointment of 19 of the 20 Sheep Dipping Inspectors who were employed last year with remuneration of £25 to cover the dipping period. It is noted that it is proposed to amalgamate the district for which the remaining Inspector was appointed with those of the adjoining districts. In connection with these nineteen re-appointments it is to be understood that in the event of public dipping having to be suspended owing to unsatisfactory developments with regard to Foot and Mouth Disease the amount of remuneration payable to the Dipping Inspectors will fall to be reduced proportionately.

(2) The adoption of Sheep Dipping Regulations on the lines of those approved last year.

(3) The renewal for a further year as from the 27th proximo of the special allowance of £50 to Mr. G. P. Byrne in respect of extra clerical work arising in connection with the administration of the Sheep Dipping Scheme.

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 purpose of visits, the work actually carried out by him in such connection.

It is requested that you will be so good as to forward to this Department two copies of the Regulations when printed.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

P. O'CONNOR.

for Secretary.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

On the recommendation of the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, in letter dated 31st July, 1941, it was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That having considered a further letter on the subject from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture we hereby undertake to pay subsidies at the rate of £15 each for the erection of Sheep Dipping Baths by the following four sheep owners in the County, subject to these payments having first received the formal approval of the Minister for Agriculture:—

Joseph Clancy, Ballygreen, Aughrim.

Michael Kelly, Knockrath, Rathdrum.

Peter Bradshaw, Ballymacsimon, Glenealy.

W. Doyle, Glenmacanass.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That our Finance Committee be requested to consider and report on the application from Mrs. M. A. Morrin, Amselheim, Grange Con (formerly Miss M. A. Codd, Instructress) for a marriage gratuity, and correspondence in that connection from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture.

Passed.

The Council considered a communication, dated the 11th August, 1941, from Mr. M. O'Doherty, 2 Alexandra Terrace, Bray, in which he appealed to the County Council to reconsider his son's application for permission to compete for one of their University Scholarships.

The Council regretted they were unable to alter their previous decision in the matter of this student's candidature.

The Council also considered a communication, dated the 26th May, 1941, from Padraig T. Breathnach, St. Peter's Boys' School, Phibsborough, Dublin, in which he gave the reasons for his claiming acceptance by the County Council of his son's application for permission to compete for one of their University Scholarships.

The Council regretted they were unable to alter their previous decision in the matter of this student's candidature.

The Secretary read to the Council the Special Report, dated the 28th August, 1941, received from the Secretary of University College, Dublin, on the candidates who presented themselves for Leaving Certificate Examination 1941, on the results of which Examination the Council's University Scholarships were to be awarded. The Report disclosed that the following students, whose names are given in order of merit, qualified:—

1. Kathleen Desmond, 3 Park Terrace, Ferrybank, Arklow.

2. Margaret M. Wybrant, Ardoyne, Tullow.

3. Hugh F. O'Kelly, Drummin, Annamoe.

4. Hubert V. P. Hackett, Rosslea, Adelaide Road, Bray.

5. Michael P. Ronayne, 8 Prince of Wales Tce., Bray.

6. Mary T. Hanley, Main St., Tinahely.

7. Kathleen M. O'Kelly, Drummin, Annamoe.

8. Deirdre Robinson, Lamh Deargh, Vevay, Bray.

9. Donal K. McCrea, Carnew.

10. Patrick J. Allen, Aughrim.

11. Albert G. Hackett, Rosslea, Adelaide Road, Bray.

12. John Gilvary, Boghall Road, Bray.

The following ten students failed to qualify:—

John T. Lee, 21 Upper Main St., Arklow.

Frederick A. Lee, 21 Upper Main St., Arklow.

Andrew Finlayson, Main St., Wicklow.

Julia Black, Shillelagh.

Joseph M. Geraghty, "Baymount," Putland Road, Bray.

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

Kevin P. McEvoy, Ballyknockan Quarries, Blessington.

Eugene A. Kearney, New Street, Wicklow.



Andrew C. Wolohan, Summerhill, Wicklow.

John J. Wolohan, Summerhill, Wick'ow.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne.

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly.

Resolved—That having considered the detailed results supplied by the President, University College, Dublin, on the marks obtained by the several applicants for University Scholarships under the terms of the Council's approved Scheme at the Leaving Certificate Examination held in 1941, we hereby award University Scholarships to the following three students who are placed in order of merit:—

Kathleen Desmond, 3 Park Terrace, Ferrybank, Arklow.

Margaret M. Wybrant, Ardoyne, Tullow.

Hugh F. O'Kelly, Drummin, Annamoe;

the cost of these three Scholarships to be defrayed out of the monies raised for the purpose in the Estimates adopted for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1942.

Passed.

Following consideration of a letter, dated the 31st July, 1941, from Poor Rate Collector James J. McCall, it was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That having considered the application from Poor Rate Collector J. J. McCall, Glenealy, to have a new Bond supplied at the Council's expense by the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Ltd., to replace his present Bond with Personal Sureties, one of whom is dead we hereby decide to accede to Mr. McCall's request and we direct our Secretary to have the necessary Bond obtained by the Council's Insurance Broker from the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Ltd., at the earliest date possible.

Passed.

In connection with Item No. 27 on the Agenda, the Council considered the following letter:—

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL,

Town Hall, Bray,  
23adh Meiteamh, 1941.

P. T. Ua h-Ealuighthe, Uas.,  
Runai,

Comhairle Conndae Chille Mamtain,  
Cill Mamtain.

A Chara,

Referring to yours of 26th instant conveying copy of resolution of the County Council at its last Meeting in connection with arrears of annual Demand, this will receive attention at Meeting of the Council on Tuesday evening next, 1st proximo.

The position at present is that the Minister for Local Government has only sanctioned Overdraft allowance of £10,000 and if this sanction had been for £12,000 or £14,000 at the end of March I could have given you a substantial sum at that time, at least £4,000, but owing to there being no rates collected at that time I was not able to do so and the state of affairs now is:

Due to Bank on account of Overdraft	7,200
Dividends to Stockholders—to be paid on 1st proximo	1,200
Payable to Railway Co.—Refund of Rates	1,620
July Payments	2,400

£12,420

The Collectors hope to lodge, before the end of July, a sum of £4,820, which will make the overdraft £7,600. If there was even an overdraft of £12,000 to the end of July I would be in a position to pass out about £4,000, but the Minister has stated that he will not sanction any increase in the overdraft of £10,000 up to the end of August. The Council is not in a position to pay over any further payment until the Rates come in, though

I hope to be in a position to let you have at least £2,000 before the end of July and possibly a good amount during August.

Mise, le meas,

S. MacCathmhaoil, Cleireach an Bhaile.

The Secretary submitted a Statement showing that the following amounts remained due to the County Council on foot of Annual Estimates and Demands by the three Urban District Councils in the County:—

ARKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Demand For	Nil	Outstanding.
1940/1941		
1941/1942	2nd Qr. £932 6 10	£932 6 10

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

1940/1941	£4,120 0 0	} £12,056 7 0
1941/1942	1st instalment £3,968 3 6	
	2nd instalment £3,968 3 6	

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

1940/1941	4th instalment £844 10 5	} £2,484 2 3
1941/1942	1st instalment £819 15 11	
	2nd instalment £819 15 11	

Totals Outstanding: £15,472 16 1

Order: Further consideration adjourned to the Council's next Meeting. In the absence from the Meeting of Councillor John Dunne, the Council again adjourned consideration of the following Resolution passed by the Bray Trades Council and Labour Party:—

"Resolved—That Bray Trades Council would be obliged if you will let them know why the Printing Contract was given to the 'Echo' Printing Works, Enniscorthy, which did not employ as a whole Trade Union Labour as specified in your advertisement for Tenders for Contract."

The Secretary submitted the following Resolution which had been passed at a Special Meeting of the County Wicklow Harbour Board, held on the 22nd July, 1941:—

"Resolved—That we, the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners, hereby transfer to and vest in the Wicklow Urban District Council, the Port and Harbour of Wicklow and all our powers and duties relating thereto.

We recommend the services of our present staff be retained by the Wicklow Urban District Council.—Passed."

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

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle (Coolboy);

Resolved—That having considered the Resolution received from the Wicklow Harbour Board in which it is intimated that Wicklow Urban District Council has been asked to take over the functions of that Board, we hereby refer the whole matter to our Solicitor for a thorough investigation and Report so that this County Council may be placed in a position to take every possible step to protect the interests of the Ratepayers in the Guaranteeing Area of this County who are saddled so long ago with the responsibility of paying back the huge sums of money expended on Wicklow Harbour out of monies raised by Loan, and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Wicklow Harbour Board, to the Wicklow Urban District Council, to the Marine and Transport Section of the Department of Industry and Commerce, and to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health with a request that no further action be taken until the Report above referred to has been received and considered by Wicklow County Council.

Passed.



The following Report from the County Analyst on the Articles analysed by her during the Quarter ended 30th June, 1941, was submitted:—

### 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 June, 1941.

Articles submitted for Analysis	Date Received	Number	From	Result of Analysis
Whiskey	3/4/41	2	Bray, Gd. Staunton	Genuine
Port Wine	"	2	"	Genuine
Milk	5/4/41	4	"	Genuine
Milk	26/4/41	1	Dist. Hosp., Baltinglass	Genuine
Milk	30/4/41	1	County Hospital	Genuine
Milk	"	1	Fever Hospital	Genuine
Milk	6/5/41	4	Wicklow, Gd. Bergin	Genuine
Milk	10/5/41	3	Rathdrum, Gd. Sweeney	Genuine
Butter	20/5/41	4	Rathdrum, Dept. of Agric.	Genuine
			Greystones, Gd. Dwyer	5 Gen.
Milk	"	8	"	3 Not Gen.
Rice	21/5/41	1	Aughrim, Sergt. Lee	Genuine
Margarine	"	1	"	Genuine
Cheese	"	1	"	Genuine
Cornflour	"	1	"	Genuine
Stone Beer	"	1	"	Genuine
Olive Oil	"	1	"	Genuine
Butter	"	4	Wicklow, Dept. of Agric.	Genuine
Butter	23/5/41	4	Rathnew, Dept. of Agric.	Genuine
Butter	24/5/41	4	Greystones, Dept. of Agric.	Genuine
Milk	27/5/41	1	Dist. Hosp., Baltinglass	Genuine
Butter	5/6/41	4	Baltinglass, Dept. of Agric.	Genuine
Milk	6/6/41	1	Co. Hospital	Not Genuine
Milk	"	1	Fever Hospital	Genuine
Butter	"	4	Dunlavin, Dept. of Agric.	Genuine
Rice	11/6/41	1	Greystones, Gd. Dwyer	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
Cheese	"	1	"	Genuine
Lard	"	1	"	Genuine
Pan. Flour	"	1	"	Genuine
Neave's Food	"	1	"	Genuine
Castor Oil	"	1	"	Genuine
Milk	"	3	"	Genuine
Sugar	12/6/41	1	Roundwood, Sergt. Mahony	Genuine
B. Soda	"	1	"	Genuine
Jam	"	1	"	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
Milk	"	3	Dunlavin, Gd. Laverty	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
Lard	"	1	"	Genuine
Milk	14/6/41	5	Arklow, Gd. O'Reilly	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
Milk	"	2	Blessington, Gd. Brennan	Genuine
Margarine	"	1	"	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
Milk	16/6/41	4	Bray, Gd. Murphy	Genuine
Milk	19/6/41	1	N. T. Mt. Kennedy, Gd. Nevin	Genuine
B. Soda	"	1	"	Genuine
Rice	"	1	"	Genuine
Barley	"	1	"	Genuine
Sago	"	1	"	Genuine
Butter	21/6/41	1	Bray, Gd. Murphy	Genuine
Cheese	"	1	"	Genuine
Ice Cream	"	1	"	Genuine
Lard	"	1	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	27/6/41	4	Baltinglass, Gd. Conway	3 Gen. 1 Not Gen.
Whole Milk	"	2	Co. Hospital	Genuine

### QUARTERLY REPORT (Contd.).

Articles submitted for Analysis	Date Received	Number	From	Result of Analysis
Butter	28/6/41	1	Baltinglass, Gd. Conway	Genuine
Lard	"	1	"	Genuine
Wine	"	1	"	Genuine
Milk	"	1	"	Genuine
Butter	"	1	Shillelagh, Gd. Behan	Genuine
Whiskey	"	1	"	Genuine
Milk	"	1	"	Genuine
Milk	"	1	Baltinglass Dist. Hosp.	Genuine
Milk	30/6/41	1	Baltinglass, Gd. Conway	Genuine
Dripping	"	1	"	Genuine
Margarine	"	1	"	Genuine
Drugs	5/6/41	3	Bray No. 1 Dispensary	Genuine
Drugs	10/4/41	3	Baltinglass Dispensary	Genuine
Drugs	16/4/41	3	Co. Home, Rathdrum	Genuine
Drugs	"	3	Coolattin Dispensary	Genuine
Drugs	25/4/41	3	Avoca Dispensary	Genuine
Drugs	5/5/41	3	Kilcool Dispensary	Genuine
Drugs	12/5/41	2	Aughrim Dispensary	Genuine
Drugs	"	3	Tinaheily Dispensary	Genuine
Drugs	13/5/41	3	Co. Hospital Dispensary	Genuine
Drugs	"	3	Annamoe Dispensary	Genuine
Drugs	"	3	Dunlavin Dispensary	Genuine
Drugs	15/5/41	2	Co. Fever Hospital	Genuine
Drugs	30/5/41	3	Powerscourt Dispensary	Genuine
Drugs	24/6/41	3	Kiltegan Dispensary	Genuine
Drugs	26/6/41	3	Newcastle Dispensary	Genuine
Drugs	30/6/41	3	Arklow Dispensary	Genuine
Water (Stream Barnbawn Glenealy)	6/5/41	1	Co. Board of Health	Passed

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter: Foods 118, Drugs 46, Waters 1. Total 165. Number adulterated, 5 Milks.  
Date, 14th July, 1941.

Signed—PHYLLIS RYAN,  
Public Analyst.



Having considered a communication, dated the 13th August, 1941, Ref. No. P.H.Circ.97/41, received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the enforcement of the Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919, and communications dated the 4th inst., from the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance, and from Arklow Urban District Council, it was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle (Cooiboy);

Resolved: That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby delegate to the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance and to the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow in this County all the powers and duties under the Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919, and we ask these Local Authorities to take such immediate steps as may be necessary to give effect to the provisions of that Act.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. D. Kinsella;

Resolved: That the two vacancies on the Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee be filled by the appointment on that Committee of Rev. R. Crossett, The Manse, Old Connaught, Bray; and Mrs. Raverty, "Clonmore," Herbert Road, Bray.

Passed.

Having considered a communication, dated the 22nd August, 1941, from the Hon. Secretary of the Wicklow Branch of the Irish Red Cross Society, it was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

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

Resolved: That, subject to formal authority having been first received from the Air Raid Precautions Branch of the Department of Defence, we hereby accede to an application from Wicklow Branch of the Irish Red Cross Society to be supplied on Loan at a cost of £2, with a large Press for use in connection with the First Aid Post in the De La Salle School, Wicklow, the Press in question to come back to the County Council Offices after the present emergency has passed over.

Passed.

The Secretary read the following communication:

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

Air Raid Precautions Branch,  
St. John's Road,  
Kingsbridge,  
Dublin.

15th August, 1941.

Ref. No. ARP.1515.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence to state that it is proposed to issue on loan to your County Council a light trailer pumping unit, complete with accessories and certain auxiliary equipment, for the Auxiliary Fire Service which is being organised in the Town of Wicklow as part of the Air Raid Precautions Scheme for County Wicklow. The Pump will be sent direct to the town of Wicklow, where it is to be located, but responsibility for its storage and maintenance in good order and for the repair of damage which cannot be ascribed to fair wear and tear will devolve on your County Council. I am to request you to be good enough to inform this Department without delay of the name, address and appointment of the person in the town of Wicklow who is deputed by your Council to take delivery of the pump.

Schedule (in duplicate) of the accessories and auxiliary equipment for the pump are enclosed for your information. A copy should be given to the person who will take delivery of the equipment to enable him to check and certify the consignments.

This equipment is being issued on loan to your County Council subject to the Air Raid Precautions Equipment (Storage and Loan) Regulations, 1940, Nos. 4, 7, 9, 12, 13 and 17 of these Regulations should be *specifically* noted.

With regard to No. 5 of the Regulations, I am to state that the equipment must not be used for any purpose other than the training of members of the Auxiliary Fire Service and for the protection of persons and property from injury or damage from fire in the event of hostile attack from the air. The equipment may, however, be used for peace-time purposes, in exceptional circumstances, provided that the prior approval of the Parliamentary Secretary is obtained in accordance with the requirements of No. 18 (1) of the Regulations.

As pointed out in previous correspondence regarding the loan of fire-fighting equipment to your County Council, the supplying of fire-fighting equipment by this Department is intended to supplement the peace-time requirements of the Local Authority. Authorities who have not provided reasonable peace-time equipment will accordingly be required to pay for such portion of this equipment as represents their peace-time requirements.

Care should be taken to ensure that any previous instructions which have been issued regarding the care and maintenance of Air Raid Precautions equipment are complied with in every detail. Specific instructions on the care and maintenance of the pump and a Log Book will accompany the equipment. The Log Book should be kept on the pump and the entries made therein by the Inspecting Officer immediately after every occasion on which the pump has been operated, whether for testing or other purposes.

Immediate steps should be taken by you to ensure that adequate accommodation of the storage and safe-keeping of the equipment is provided in the town of Wicklow. If expenditure is necessary in this connection, particulars thereof should be furnished to the Parliamentary Secretary for his approval before the expenditure is incurred.

Mise, le meas,

J. P. BLUNDEN,

Runaidhe.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

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

Resolved: That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby vest in the Urban District Councils of Arklow and Wicklow the temporary custody and storage, free of charge, of the two Trailer Pumping Units and accessories and equipment at present stored in Arklow and Wicklow, respectively, which have been supplied on loan to this County Council by the Air Raid Precautions Branch of the Department of Defence.

Passed.

Minutes of Proceedings of the following Monthly Meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee were submitted: 6th June, 1941; 4th July, 1941; 1st August, 1941.

Having at this stage some further time at their disposal before reaching the hour at which the County Council has decided to adjourn, the Council proceeded to consider the following urgent items of business which were on the Order Book, but not on the printed Agenda issued to each Member.

The Council considered the following letter:

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

Custom House,

Dublin.

G.21343/2/41,

A Chara,

4th September, 1941.

With reference to your letter of the 25th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to transmit herewith for your information, draft conditions of appointment of which he has approved, in connection with the appointment of a Junior Library Assistant.

Mise, le meas,

J. COLLINS,

Th. c. an Runaidhe.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,



## WICKLOW COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE

## Vacancy for Junior Library Assistant.

## CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT.

1. The post is whole-time and permanent.
2. Salary £78 a year rising, subject to satisfactory service, by annual increments of £6 10. 0 to £130 a year.
3. Age Limits: Candidates must be not less than 18 and not more than 25 years of age on 1st September, 1941.
4. The duties will be such as may be assigned to the officer from time to time by the County Librarian or County Library Committee.
5. The appointment will be made as a result of a competitive examination, the subjects for which will be as follows:

Irish (oral and written)	300	marks
English	300	"
Arithmetic	200	"
(Optional (one of the following):		
History and Geography	200	"
Shorthand and Typewriting	200	"

The standard of Examination will be sixth Standard National School Programme in the subjects applicable. A good commercial standard will be required in Shorthand and Typewriting. The qualifying marks will be 50% in Irish and 33½% in other subjects. Failure to attain this standard in any of the optional subjects will not debar a candidate from appointment, but the marks obtained in these subjects, if below pass standard, will not be reckoned in the total.

The candidate securing the highest aggregate pass marks, provided evidence of age, health and character is satisfactory, will be appointed. In the event of two or more candidates obtaining the same aggregate marks, the order of merit will be decided by the marks obtained in Irish.

6. The appointment will be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.
7. The appointment will be on probation in the first instance, and at the end of one year the County Librarian will be required to satisfy herself as to the officer's fitness and give a certificate as to conduct and capacity.
8. A female officer appointed to the post will be required to resign on marriage and to inform the County Librarian one month previous to her marriage.
9. Candidates must have been ordinarily resident or the children of persons ordinarily resident in County Wicklow on 1st April, 1941.
10. An examination fee of five shillings should accompany each candidate's application.

Candidates will be notified in due course of the date and place of examination.

Canvassing is strictly prohibited.

Applications in the form below should reach the undersigned not later than 12 o'clock, noon, on the \_\_\_\_\_ 1941.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

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

Resolved: That we hereby approve and adopt the conditions governing the appointment of a Junior Library Assistant in the offices of the County Library Committee, Wicklow, which conditions accompanied the letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, dated the 4th September, 1941, G.2134/2/31, and which in some respects modifies the Conditions for that appointment as adopted by Resolution of this County Council passed at their Meeting held on the 18th August, 1941, and that the County Library Committee be requested to make all the arrangements for inviting applications and for the holding of the competitive examination referred to in those Conditions, and to subsequently supply to this County Council the places and marks obtained by each candidate so as to place us in a position to pass a Resolution filling the vacant position by the appointment of the candidate who secured first place at the examination in question.

Passed.

The following letter from the County Library Committee was submitted and approved:

## WICKLOW COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Bellevue House,  
Wicklow.  
5/9/41.

Secretary,  
Co. Council  
Wicklow.

A Chara,

At their Monthly Meeting held on the 5th September, the Co. Library Committee considered the terms of the Resolution passed by the County Council at their Meeting held on the 18th August relative to the appointment of a permanent assistant in place of Miss M. McCrea, and agreed to accept the conditions of appointment as detailed by the Council, with the exception that they wish to include the subject Typewriting with Business Methods, the two subjects to be grouped together as one.

They directed me to forward this suggestion to the Co. Council.

Le meas,

B. REDMOND.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

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

Resolved: That we hereby approve and adopt the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the Meeting of that Body held on the 29th July, 1941:—

"Resolved: That a fee of £1 10. 0 per 500 sheep 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 Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle (Coolboy):

Resolved: That the Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, issued to John Cunningham in respect of Imaal Hall, Dunlavin, which Licence expires on the 3rd September, 1941, be hereby renewed subject to there being no adverse reports in that connection from the County Surveyor or from the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Síochána.

Passed.

The following letter from Arklow Urban District Council was considered:

Court House,  
Arklow.  
5th September, 1941.

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

A Chara,

I am directed by my Council to inform you that a Scheme of repair works at present being carried out in connection with Main Street Graveyard will necessitate encroachment on the footway abutting boundary wall to permit of the construction of steps leading to the yard, and I am to enquire if your Council have any objection in the matter.

Mise, le meas,

P. J. GREGORY-BANNON.

Order: Referred to Co. Surveyor—who is to afford every reasonable facility to the Urban Council's employees.



The Secretary submitted a communication, dated the 5th September, 1941, from the Electricity Supply Board with which was enclosed formal notice of their Board's intention to close temporarily so much of the Public Road in the Townlands of Russelstown and Russborough, Barony of Talbotstown Lower, and County of Wicklow, as is shown in green colour on the plan annexed thereto; and so much of the Public Road in the Townland of Burgagemore, Barony of Talbotstown Lower and County of Wicklow, as is shown in green colour on the plan annexed thereto.

Consideration of the following two communications was adjourned to the Council's next Meeting:

(1) Letter, dated 5th September, 1941, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health asking the Council to consider the question of operating in 1942 a Scheme for the supply of Seeds and Fertilizers; and (2) letter, dated the 3rd September, 1941, from Mr. Wm. F. Murphy, Merchant, Aughrim, in which he applies for payment of the sum of £238. 5. 3 for seeds stated to have been supplied by him under the Scheme operated in 1941 for the supply of Seeds and Fertilizers.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

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

5th May, 1941, No. T.1/3/41, sanctioning a temporary Overdraft for the purpose of Turf Production to the extent of £6,000 for the period ending 31st May, 1941.

7th May, 1941, No. RU/208/4, enclosing copy of letter addressed to Arklow Urban District Council intimating that the latter will require to provide £160 from Rates in the present financial year under the Employment Schemes Vote 1941/42.

7th May, 1941, No. RU/208/4, enclosing copy of letter addressed to Wicklow Urban Council intimating that the latter will require to provide £110 from Rates in the present financial year under the Employment Schemes Vote, 1941/42.

May 15th, 1941, No. R/RS/33, approving of payment of appropriate fees connected with Employment Schemes to Mr. M. McD. Fleming, Temporary Assistant County Surveyor.

22nd May, 1941, No. C.P.40/41, enclosing copy of the Emergency Powers (No. 71) Order, 1941, relieving certain obligations on Contractors appointed under the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1925.

25th May, 1941, referring to Wicklow County Council's decision on the 19th idem to postpone further consideration of the reorganisation of the Engineering Services in the County; stating that the arrangements be given effect to as from the 1st ult., and that a special meeting of the County Council be called forthwith to deal with the matter.

24th May, 1941, No. G.3705/5/41, consenting to the continuance of overdraft Accommodation not exceeding £40,000 on the Accounts of the County Council to the 30th June, 1941.

3rd June, 1941, No. 14319/2/41, approving of the appointment of Mr. L. Wolohan as Assistant Chief Officer for Air Raid Precautions in County Wicklow.

5th June, 1941, No. T.1/7/41, sanctioning continuance of Overdraft Accommodation not exceeding £8,000 in connection with Turf Production

20th June, 1941, No. RD/33, stating that Ruote No. T.43A has been assigned to the road from Enniskerry via Powerscourt to Kilmacanogue.

20th June, 1941, R/RS/33, sanctioning the employment of Mr. W. F. Johnstone, B.E., for a further period of two months, and stating a survey of the Enniskerry-Powerscourt Road (T43A) should be made as well as the Dublin Wicklow Road.

23rd June, 1941, No. C.L.74/41, stating the Minister has amended the Local Offices and Employments Orders by a new Order entitled the Local Offices and Employments (Amendment) Order, 1941, the general effect of which is that the remuneration of all officers and employees of local authorities and employees whose remuneration has not hitherto been subject to sanction will as from this date of the Order, viz., 17th May, 1941, be so subject, and no increase in remuneration can be granted after that date without the approval of the Minister.

24th June, 1941, No. T.1/8/41, sanctioning continuance of Overdraft Accommodation not exceeding £13,300 in connection with Turf Production for the period ending 31st July, 1941.

25th June, 1941, No. G.3705/6/41, sanctioning the continuance of Overdraft Accommodation not exceeding £45,000 on the accounts of the County Council for the period ending 31st July, 1941.

30th June, 1941, No. RU/208/5, stating that the Grant provisionally allocated to Wicklow County under the Employment Schemes Vote 1940/42 is £2,000 subject to a local contribution of £700.

16th July, 1941, No. T.1/9/41, sanctioning the employment at the existing rates of two of the temporary female staff employed in connection with rate applotment for clerical work on the Turf Scheme to the 31st July, 1941.

*for the period ending 30/6/41*

Wicklow County Council



19th July, 1941, the Emergency Powers (No. 73) Order, 1941 (Amendment) Order, 1941.

5th July, 1941, stating that Wicklow County's (including Urban District) Share in the Estate Duty Grant for the year ended 31st March, 1941, amounts to £479 1s. 2d., and that a debit balance of £42,553 10s. 6d. against the share of the County in the Estate Duty Grant has previously been met out of Agricultural Grant.

9th July, 1941, No. C.L.74A/41, transmitting copy of the Local Offices and Employments (Amendment) Order, 1941.

12th July, 1941, No. 95/41, directing that Poor Rate Collectors be remunerated in the current financial year in respect of investigations of employment allowances to occupiers of agricultural land at the same rates as have hitherto been allowed (vide letters of 19th September, 1934, and 18th November, 1940).

23rd July, 1941, No. P.H. 18866/41, Cill-Mhanntain, noting the appointment of Dr. A. O'Dea O'Reilly as holiday substitute for Dr. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health.

24th July, 1941, approving of the continued employment of Mr. McD. Fleming for a further period of three months, or until the Local Appointments Commissioners recommend a person for the appointment, whichever first occurs.

25th July, 1941, No. T.1/10/41, consenting to the continuance of Overdraft Accommodation, not exceeding £17,000, on the accounts of the County Council for Turf Production to the 31st August, 1941.

25th July 1941, No. G.3705/7/41, consenting to the continuance of Overdraft Accommodation, not exceeding £50,000, on the Accounts of the County Council to the 31st August, 1941.

9th August, 1941, No. G.12702/40, approving of the appointment of a temporary shorthand writer typist at a rate of 34s. 6d. per week during the absence of the permanent typist on her annual leave.

12th August, 1941, No. F.106/41, referring to the Local Elections (Amendment) Act, 1941, which provides that Elections to local authorities are to be held on an appointed day not later than 30th September, 1942; and also referring to the holding of the Council's Annual Meeting under Section 11 of the Local Elections Act, 1927.

15th August, 1941, enclosing Auditor's Report on the Accounts of the Joint Committee of Management of Grangeorman Mental Hospital for the four half years ended 30th September, 1937; 31st March, 1938; 30th September, 1938; 31st March, 1939; together with Abstracts of Accounts for each of these half years.

18th August, 1941, No. T.7/12/41, sanctioning the continuance of Overdraft Accommodation, not exceeding £20,300, in connection with Turf Production for the period ending 30th September, 1941.

20th August, 1941, No. F.15646/2/41 stating that the claim of the Registration Officer under the 19th Register of Electors amounts to: Expenses £929 12s. Fees received 14s. 10d.; Net Expenses £928 17s. 2d.

27th August, 1941, No. T.1/12/41, sanctioning expenditure of £29 on additional clerical assistance in County Surveyor's office and the continued employment of two temporary clerks in County Secretary's office to 4/10/41 for administration of Turf Production Scheme.

#### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

25th June, 1941, No. SK1/27/39, stating that an Officer of that Department acting under Sec. 2 of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1899, obtained in County Wicklow 24 samples of Butter for Analysis, all of which were proved by the County Analyst to be Genuine.

26th June, 1941, setting forth the necessity of spraying potatoes as a preventive measure against blight.

7th July, 1941, No. E.2612/41, enclosing copy of a notice issued to the Press in regard to the requirements of the Noxious Weeds Act, 1936.

14th July, 1941, Statutory Rules and Orders under the Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Place) (County Wicklow) (Revocation) Order, 1941.

18th July, 1941, Order of the Minister for Agriculture under the Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Places) (County Wicklow) (Revocation) Order (No. 2) 1941.

24th July, 1941, No. L.2962/41, noting the adoption by Wicklow County Council of the Sheep Dipping Regulations, and stating that the Garda

Siochana will as usual furnish a list of Sheep Owners in the various Districts, but this year they will not be expected to supply information as to the numbers of sheep kept by the respective owners.

6th August, 1941—Order of the Minister for Agriculture under the Foot and Mouth Disease (Prohibition of Sales of Animals) (County Wicklow) Order, 1941.

#### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

26th June, 1941, stating that as Schemes for Scholarships should be submitted not later than 15th July, any Scheme adopted by the Council for 1942 should be submitted as soon as possible.

#### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS (FORESTRY DIVISION):

10th July, 1941, replying to a Resolution of Wicklow County Council concerning the felling of trees in County Wicklow for transmission to other Counties; and also regarding inspections carried out by Inspectors of that Department prior to the felling of trees.

#### FROM THE OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONERS:

8th May, 1941, No. I.R.10409/42/40, drawing the attention of Bankers, Agents, etc., entrusted with the payment of Foreign Dividends to the arrangements made for facilitating such adjustments as may be necessary in consequence of the increase in the rate of Income Tax for the current year from 6s. 6d. to 7s. 6d. in the Pound.

#### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLIES:

23rd May, 1941, No. D.6/4031, stating it has been found possible to grant an increased allowance of tea to workers employed on turf cutting in organised groups of substantial numbers and at a considerable distance from home.

#### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TAOISEACH:

22nd August, 1941, No. S.12335, acknowledging Resolution of County Council on the 18/8/41, re allowance of Coal to Farmers for Threshing purposes.

#### FROM THE VALUATION OFFICE:

13th May, 1941, No. S.3092, intimating their intention of making the valuation of every Railway Company's undertaking as a whole in accordance with Section 4 and the other provisions of the Railways (Valuation for Rating) Act, 1931, which valuation will have effect for rating purposes for the quinquennium commencing 1st April, 1942.

#### FROM THE COUNCIL'S SOLICITOR:

2th May, 1941, stating that in his opinion the Emergency Powers (No. 79) Order, 1941, would convey that the Conditions of Employment Act, 1936 does not apply to persons engaged in the production of turf.

14th May, 1941, intimating that the child Bernadette Hyland, Meath Road, Bray, has been committed to Whitehall Industrial School until the 19th January, 1953.

23rd May, 1941, intimating that a child named Kathleen Carroll, Killarney Road, Bray, has been committed to Lakelands Convent until the 1st August, 1943.

28th June, 1941, intimating that a child named Gerald D. Barry has been committed to St. Patrick's Home, Upton, County Cork, until he reaches the age of 16 years.

4th July, 1941, stating that the District Justice at Rathdrum refused to make an Order committing the child, Mary Murphy, to an Industrial School.

16th July, 1941, stating that the District Justice at Wicklow refused to make an Order committing Joseph Vickers to an Industrial School.

16th July, 1941, enclosing correspondence from Mr. Michael O'Neill, Rate Collector, and Mr. S. Roche, Solicitor, relative to arrears of Rates due by W. H. Fenton, Knockloe.

19th July, 1941, intimating the committal of a child named Leo Bradwell, Bray, to Salthill Industrial School.

26th July, 1941, intimating the committal of a child named Patrick Kavanagh, Arklow, to Clonmel Industrial School.

20th August, 1941, referring to the application for Compensation for Malicious Injury submitted by Patrick E. Muleady, Newtownmountkennedy, and pointing out the necessity for having the damaged property inspected by the County Surveyor.



**FROM THE NATIONAL BANK, LIMITED, WICKLOW:**

7th May, 1941, intimating the Board of Directors have sanctioned the £30,000 Overdraft on the General Account to the 31st May; and pointing out that the Turf Overdraft has been submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration, but in the meantime no Paying Orders were to be issued in connection therewith.

10th May, 1941, intimating that the Board of Directors have sanctioned £6,000 Overdraft for Turf Production to the 31st May, 1941.

10th June, 1941, intimating that the Board of Directors have sanctioned the continuance of Overdraft Accommodation for Turf Production to the extent of £8,000 to the 30th June, 1941.

**FROM THE COUNTY SURVEYOR:**

21st May, 1941, noting a communication from the County Secretary relative to the employment of Mr. W. F. Johnston, B.E., and to the completion of Schemes in course of preparation by the latter, stating that he (the County Surveyor) undertook only to the County Council to complete the details of proposals, the plans of which have been brought to their initial stages by Mr. Johnston.

27th May, 1941, stating that he has had considerable correspondence with the Department of Supplies regarding an extra allowance of tea to turf-cutting workers.

**FROM OTHER PUBLIC BODIES:**

8th May, 1941, from Arklow Urban Council, stating that Body has made provision in their 1941/42 Estimates for a local contribution of £200 for Employment Schemes, but that since making this provision that Council has been informed by the Local Government Department that the local contribution will be £160 and the Schemes may include work on Public Parks, Playgrounds, etc.

13th May, 1941, from Carlow County Council, forwarding copy of a Resolution of that Body relative to Killieshin and Carlow Coalfields.

20th May, 1941, from Grangegorman Mental Hospital, asking to be supplied with Turf and for a quotation of price, stating the Committee would pay prompt cash for any supplies received, and might even be prepared to make an advance towards the cost of cutting, stacking and delivering.

30th May, 1941, from Grangegorman Mental Hospital enclosing copy of letter addressed to County Surveyor in which that committee considered the County Surveyor's quotation for the supply of 2,000 tons of peat fuel at 25s. per ton at Glencree, but required a sample of the Turf for inspection.

9th June, 1941, from the County Council's General Council intimating the Annual Meeting of that Body will take place during the week 4th-9th August, 1941.

12th June, 1941, from Wicklow Urban District Council, intimating that Body had agreed to contribute locally a sum of £110 for Employment Schemes.

9th July, 1941, from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners, submitting Report on Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940, and also Abstracts of Accounts of that Body for the same period.

16th July, 1941, from Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance, submitting extract from Minutes of Meeting held on the 7th July, relative to the appointment of Dr. A. O'Dea O'Reilly at a remuneration of £7 7s. per week to replace the County Medical Officer of Health during the latter's annual leave.

30th June, 1941, from the Electricity Supply Board, cancelling an Account of £6 6s. for gravel stated to have been drawn by Wicklow County Council, and stating that the advices sent to the Chief Accountant of their Department appeared to have been duplicated, hence the presentation of this Account a second time, although already paid.

22nd July, 1941, from the City Manager and Town Clerk, Dublin, submitting a Resolution passed by Dub'in City Council relative to the inadequacy of benefits paid to insured persons under the National Health Insurance Acts.

26th July, 1941, from the Hon. Secretary, Enniskerry Parish Committee, forwarding copy of a Resolution passed by that Committee in which exception is taken to a recent Resolution of Wicklow County Council concerning the cutting of Timber in County Wicklow for Fuel purposes.

From the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis—Report of Council to Forty-Second General Meeting of Members.

From Government Publications Sales Office, Dublin, enclosing copy of Report of the Drainage Commission.

**MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:**

15th May, 1941, from Mr. T. Fleming, Shillelagh, concerning the indemnification of Wicklow County Council in the matter of risks involved in the operation of the Turf Production Scheme.

26th May, 1941, from Senator C. M. Byrne, referring to letter from County Secretary of the 24th inst., concerning the convening of a Special Meeting of the County Council in June to which he and other Members of the Council are opposed.

27th May, 1941, from Councillor P. P. O'Reilly, protesting against the exclusion of Thomas Hennessy, Blessington, from competing for one of Wicklow County Council's University Scholarships.

May, 1941, from Captain Gerard P. Quin, 26, Garville Avenue, Rathgar, Dublin, giving certain quotations as an Official Contractor appointed under the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1925.

June, 1941, from the Irish Committee of Historical Sciences, pointing out that owing to the urgent requirement of waste paper there is a grave danger that useful historical material may be irrevocably lost as a result of the response to that appeal, and setting forth advices on what to reserve.

Booklet produced by Lord Muskerry dealing at considerable length with the farming industry.

25th July, 1941, from D. and T. Fitzgerald, Solicitors, 30, Anglesea St., Dublin, enclosing notification from the Alliance and Dublin Consumers' Gas Company that the Calorific Value of the Gas which they intend to supply will be reduced from 475 British Thermal Units Gross per cubic foot to 450 British Thermal Units Gross per cubic foot as from the 30th July, 1941.

29th July, 1941, from D. and T. Fitzgerald, Solicitors, 30, Anglesea St., Dublin, stating that the reason for which Notice of the reduction of Calorific Value was served on Wicklow County Council is because portion of the area of supply of the Company comes within the jurisdiction of the County Council, namely, at Bray.

5th August, 1941, from H. G. Donnelly, Solicitor, 50, Duke Street, Athy, enclosing Notice of Application to Annual Licensing District Court for a Public Dancing Licence for Imaal Hall, Dunlavin.

11th August, 1941, from H. G. Donnelly, Solicitor, 50, Duke Street, Athy, enclosing Notice of Application to Annual Licensing District Court for a Public Dancing Licence for Baltinglass Golf Club.

The Secretary submitted the following Resolution which was passed by Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance at a Meeting of that Body held on the 25th August, 1941:

Resolved: That the Wicklow County Council be asked to approve of the borrowing of a supplementary loan of £13,866 for the purpose of the completion of the provision of 703 Labourers' Cottages under the County Wicklow Labourers Order, 1936."

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 of this Council to be held after the expiration of one month from this date, I will move that the consent of the County Council be given to the proposal of the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance to borrow a sum of £13,866 for the purpose of completing their scheme of cottage building under the County Wicklow Labourers Order, 1936."

As the County Council were about to consider the following communication and the subjoined draft resolution, it was pointed out that there was not a quorum of the Council present, and, accordingly, the matter was adjourned to the Council's next Meeting.

*On August 1941, Order of the Minister for Agriculture in view of foot and mouth disease (Prohibition of sales of animals) (Co. Wicklow) Order 1941*



## WICKLOW BOARD OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

County Home,  
Rathdrum,  
5th September, 1941.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Mr. Healy,

In connection with the Notice of Motion which I attach, to be handed to Mr. Edward Byrne, Bray, for handing in at Monday's Meeting of your Council, I wish to let you know that it has been intimated to me by the Housing Department of the L.G.D. that if the County Council at their next Meeting, apart from receiving Notice of Motion, pass a resolution authorising the Board of Health to obtain an Overdraft for such sum as they require—not exceeding the amount mentioned in the Notice of Motion (£13,866)—sanction will be given by the Department pending compliance with Section 4 of the Local Government Act of 1927 to the proposal.

I send you formal resolution in this connection which you might ask Mr. Byrne to move.

Yours faithfully,

T. BYRNE,  
Acting Secretary.

N.B.—Minute Extract is enclosed showing how the sum of £13,866 is arrived at, for the information of any Members of your Council who may require details.—T.B.

## DRAFT RESOLUTION:

"That the consent of the Wicklow County Council be given to the obtaining by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of overdraft accommodation in a sum not exceeding £13,866 for the purpose of the completion of their scheme of Cottage Building under the County Wicklow Labourers Order, 1936, pending receipt of loan of that sum, after compliance with Sec. 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927."

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, 13th October, 1941.

The following Members were present:

Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors M. J. Brennan, Miss Margaret Kelly, J. P. Kehoe, Edward Byrne, P. P. O'Reilly, James McCrea, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); J. Everett, T.D.; P. D. Kinsella, Michael Mooney, W. Hammond, Michael Timmins, J. J. Metcalfe, Daniel J. Kehoe.

1. To consider a Report from the County Surveyor on the operation of the Turf Production Scheme.
2. To consider a communication from the Chief Clerk of Grangegorman Mental Hospital stating, amongst other things, that the Contracts Sub-Committee of the Joint Committee had cancelled the balance of the Turf on order in view of the complaints made of the unsatisfactory quality of the Turf already supplied.
3. To consider a communication from Wicklow Urban District Council regarding the price to be charged to that Body for the Turf supplied by the County Council for the operation of the Urban Council's Scheme to supply Turf in small quantities to purchasers with limited means.
4. To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) notifying, in connection with Turf traffic, the allocation under the Special Emergency Schemes Vote, 1941/1942, of £500 for work on the Annacreeve-Glenree Road, and £1,000 for work on the Glashaboy-Granabeg-Hollywood Road.
5. To consider two communications received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health in which the Minister requests the County Council to reconsider the remuneration to be paid to Assistant County Surveyors P. J. Foley, B.E., and J. P. Caffrey, B.E., as he is not prepared to sanction any personal allowance greater than £150 per annum in either case, and stating, further, that the payment of such arrears of salary as may be due to both officials from the 1st April, 1941, is a matter for the County Council.
6. To pass a Resolution extending for a further period the appointment of Mr. M. McD. Fleming, B.E., as temporary Assistant County Surveyor.
7. To consider correspondence from Solicitors acting for Mr. John L. Morgan, Kilpool, Wicklow, and Mr. Leslie Ellis with the Council's Solicitor, regarding fencing, etc., connected with the proposed new road from Dunbur to Magherybeg.
8. To consider a communication from the County Library Committee asking for the Council's approval to the temporary appointment of Miss Rose Dunne, High Street, Wicklow, pending the permanent appointment of an Assistant in the Offices of the County Library Committee following an open competitive examination.
9. To consider a further letter from the County Library Committee dealing with (a) the temporary appointment, and (b) the permanent appointment of an Assistant in their offices.
10. To consider the following Resolution passed by Bray Trades Council and Labour Party:  
"Resolved: That Bray Trades Council would be obliged if you will let them know why the Printing Contract was given to the "Echo" Printing Works, Enniscorthy, which did not employ as a whole Trade Union Labour, as specified in your advertisement for Tenders for Contract."
11. To consider the amounts due by the Three Urban District Councils to the County Council on foot of the latter's Annual Estimates and Demands, more particularly the correspondence which has passed with Bray Urban District Council in that connection.



12. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne:—

"I hereby give Notice that at the first Meeting of this County Council to be held after the expiration of one month from this date, I will move that the consent of the County Council be given to the proposal of Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance to borrow a sum of £13,866 for the purpose of completing their scheme of cottage building under the County Wicklow Labourers Order, 1936."

13. To consider an application from Mr. William Comerford, Main Street, Rathdrum, for a Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
14. To pass the usual resolution making provision for the sale of Land Bond Value £1 received from the Irish Land Commission and to be devoted towards payment of Rates on the lands of Lugatryna, which form part of the Estate of Maria C. Conlon.
15. To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, enclosing copy of the Emergency Powers (No. 108) Order, 1941, which gives powers to County Councils and Urban Authorities to acquire timber and have it felled and made into firewood.
16. To consider a communication from Wicklow Harbour Board intimating that seven members of that Board representing Wicklow Urban District had resigned as from the 7th October, instant.
17. To consider two communications from Mr. N. P. Murphy, Hon. Secretary, Killaveney Parish Committee (1) requesting the Council to have Bookey's Quarry properly fenced in, and (2) suggesting new arrangements for the distribution of Library Books in Tinahely.
18. To consider a communication from Mr. William F. Murphy, The Central Stores, Aughrim, in which he asks for payment of an account amounting to the sum of £238 5s. 3d. for seeds and manures supplied under the Council's Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme, 1941.
19. To receive a circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health in which the Minister asked the County Council to consider as early as possible whether there is need for a Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme in the County in the year 1942, and if so to adopt such a Scheme.
20. To receive Minutes of Proceedings of Monthly Meetings of the County Library Committee.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved: That we hereby tender to our esteemed colleague, Councillor Michael Mooney, the assurance of our deep sympathy with him and the members of his family on his recent bereavement caused by the death of his wife.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved: That we hereby tender to Mrs. J. P. Williams, of Naas, and to the other members of the Williams Family, the assurance of our sincere sympathy with them on the death of Dr. J. P. Williams.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved: That we tender to Mr. John Barry, The Hotel, Rathdrum, a former valued Member of this County Council, the assurance of our sincere sympathy with him on the death of his wife.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. Brennan;

Resolved: That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct our Secretary to bring to the knowledge of the Minister for Supplies the impossible situation which confronts certain Members of this Council in the execution of their public duties in attending Meetings of Wicklow Council and of its Subsidiary Bodies, owing to the recent severe curtailments in train services, and the wholly unsuitable hours of the 'buses. One Member

of our Council from West Wicklow was compelled to push a bicycle a distance of 64 miles to be present at a recent Meeting; another Member from Bray area pushed a bicycle 38 miles for the same purpose; whilst other Members from the more remote portions of the County, who heretofore found it possible to accomplish in one meeting day a return journey to and from their homes, are now faced with a three-day journey without any extra expenses for travelling or subsistence being allowed. It is manifest therefore that the only alternative mode of travelling is by motor-car, and for these reasons we direct our Secretary to inform the Minister for Supplies of the inability of Members of Wicklow County Council to attend future Meetings of the above referred to Bodies unless an adequate supplementary allowance of Petrol is given for that purpose, and it is clear that their continued absence from Meetings in circumstances over which they have no control must in time lead to an impossible position with regard to Local Administration in the County Wicklow.

Passed.

In the absence of the County Surveyor (who became ill on his holidays and submitted a Doctor's Certificate that he would be unable to return to work until Monday, the 20th of October, 1941), Acting County Surveyor J. P. Caffrey, B.E., submitted the following Report on Turf Production:

Court House,

Wicklow.

13th October, 1941.

Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council.  
Gentlemen,

In the absence of the County Surveyor on holidays, I am making out this Report on the state of the Turf Scheme in the County up to and including the 3rd instant, from the figures in the County Surveyor's Office.

As will be seen, most of the turf in the Eastern Area has been sold, all has not been paid for, but it has been contracted for; sales in the Southern and Western Areas are still small. If the Turf in these areas is not sold it will be necessary to thatch the clamps to save them from the weather.

The following are the figures:

	Turf Saved	Expenditure	Turf Sold	Value of Turf Sold	Turf Still Available for sale
EASTERN DIVISION:	Tons		Tons		Tons
	5,112	£8,889	4,262	£7,961	850
SOUTHERN DIVISION:	6,003	£8,554	465	£813	5,538
WESTERN DIVISION:	2,886	£5,714	44	£77	2,842
TOTALS:	14,001	£23,157	4,771	£8,851	9,230

Yours faithfully,

J. P. CAFFREY.

In the course of the discussion which followed, the Secretary reported that the total expenditure up to that day's Meeting on the Scheme of Turf Production amounted to £24,446 3s. 9d. and that the Receipts for Turf sold amounted to £4,829 7s. 4d. He strongly urged the Council to take such steps at that day's Meeting as would make it certain that the Receipts for the Turf produced and sold under the Scheme would discharge in full the cost of operating the Scheme, which cost was paid for out of an approved Overdraft with their Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved: That we defer consideration of the figures and details connected with our Turf Production Scheme to a Special Meeting on a date to be fixed by our Chairman so soon as he is satisfied that the County Surveyor has returned to duty and has had time to prepare and circularise a full and detailed Report to each Member of this Council.

Passed.



The Council proceeded to consider a communication, dated the 25th September, 1941, from the Chief Clerk of Grangegorman Mental Hospital, with which was enclosed a statement of account and in which he stated, amongst other things, that the Contracts Sub-Committee of the Joint Committee had cancelled the sale of Turf on order in view of complaints made of the unsatisfactory quality of the turf already supplied.

Order: Consideration adjourned awaiting the attendance of the County Surveyor.

The Secretary submitted the following communication:—

Wicklow Urban District Council,  
Town Hall,  
Wicklow.

19th September, 1941.

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

#### FUEL SCHEME: TURF.

Dear Sir,

My Council had under consideration the County Surveyor's account for the supply of 264 tons odd of Turf to the Order of this Council. The turf was charged for in the account at the rate of 36/- per ton which, it is understood, is the price to be charged to all merchants and consumers of the Turf. My Council have in mind to cater for those who can afford to buy only from day to day or week to week, and you will understand that the catering for these classes will entail a great deal of expense and trouble for this Council, so that the Turf (if to be retailed by the Council) will have to be sold at a very high cost to the poor of the town. Members of my Council were of the opinion that the Turf supplied by your Council to this Council should not therefore be charged at the same rates as to merchants, private consumers, etc. The question of payment was accordingly left over and it was understood that the matter was to be raised at your Council Meeting. Please let me know if your Council are prepared to make any concession in the matter.

A reply before Tuesday next will be esteemed.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN McGRATH.

Order: See Resolution referred to in Item No. 1.

The Council proceeded to consider a communication, dated the 18th September, 1941, Ref. R/RU/208/33E, notifying, in connection with Turf Production Traffic the allocation under the Special Emergency Schemes Vote, 1941/1942, of £500 for work on the Annaerevey-Glenree Road, and £1,000 for work on the Glashaboy-Granabeg-Hollywood Road.

Order: Noted: the County Surveyor to supply the information required.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle (Coolboy):

Resolved: That we hereby direct our County Surveyor to proceed energetically with the works contemplated by the Roads Work Schemes, and Government Grants, as there is a great deal of unemployment and privation consequently, and almost all the men who were working on the Turf Production Scheme have been discharged.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor J. Metcalfe:

Resolved: Having heard all the facts in connection with the strike of men in bogs 13 and 14 (Coragh and Toor), in the absence of the County Surveyor through illness, we hereby direct P. J. Foley, B.E., to give effect to our wishes in settling the strike by (1) employing the men on broken time on County Roads or Main Roads; (2) transporting them to the bog by lorry when suitable weather occurs.

Passed.

The Council had under consideration the following two letters:—  
Department of Local Government and Public Health,  
Custom House,  
Dublin.

15th September, 1941.

RS/33.

A Chara.

With reference to your letter of the 9th instant, regarding the remuneration of Assistant Surveyors, Messrs. P. J. Foley and J. P. Caffrey, under the County Engineering Scheme, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that as already indicated to the County Council he is not prepared to sanction any allowance greater than £150 per annum. Attention is again directed to the terms of the letter of the 22nd July last, in which it was pointed out that the allowance of £150 was a maximum sum and the County Council should decide what sum within that maximum was appropriate to each case on consideration of all the facts.

The matter should be definitely decided by the Council. If a further meeting of the Council is not arranged to be held before the end of this month, a special meeting should be called to dispose of the matter finally.

Mise, le meas.

J. HURSON,

Runai.

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

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

15th September, 1941.

RS/33.

A Chara.

With reference to your letter of the 11th instant and enclosure regarding the payment of salary to Mr. J. P. Caffrey, Assistant Surveyor, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to letter of even date regarding the remuneration of Messrs. J. P. Caffrey and P. J. Foley, Assistant Surveyors under the County Engineering Scheme. The matter is one for the County Council.

Mise, le meas.

J. HURSON,

Runai.

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

Assistant Surveyor J. P. Caffrey, B.E., who was present at the Meeting, submitted the following letter:

Aughrim,

Co. Wicklow.

8th October, 1941.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

Court House,

Wicklow.

On the Agenda for the Meeting of Wicklow County Council I notice that there are two additional letters to be considered from the Department regarding the Engineering Services for the County.

From the reading of this it would appear that the two positions should be considered separately, and I should be glad if you would ask the Council to do this when the matter arises.

I take it that the amount of personal allowance is to be recommended in each case after full consideration of the circumstances in each case, and I would like the Council to take the following matters into account:

While my Road Mileage will be somewhat decreased, there will be a very considerable increase in the number of cottages to be maintained in my new area as against the number in my old area, and, in addition, the number of water and sewerage works to be maintained will be almost doubled.

I would also like the Council to take into account that I now have nearly twelve years' whole-time service with the Council.

Yours faithfully,

J. P. CAFFREY.



After some discussion it was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne:

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle (Coolboy):

Resolved: That we hereby rescind all previous Resolutions dealing with Salary and Allowances passed on the subject, and now decide finally, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, that Assistant Surveyor J. P. Caffrey, B.E., who has nearly 12 years' completed service in a whole-time, permanent, and pensionable capacity, be paid under the recently adopted Scheme for County Engineering, for his new area now reduced in size, an annual salary, as from the 1st April, 1941, of £400, with a further personal allowance of £130, together with an annual allowance for travelling expenses not exceeding £150, calculated at the rate of 5d. per mile travelled in the discharge of his duties, and subject to the production to this County Council, through the County Surveyor, of satisfactory detailed monthly expenses; Mr. Caffrey to discharge for this remuneration under the direction of the County Surveyor/Engineer all and every County duty imposed upon him by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, by this County Council, by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance, and by the County Surveyor in his official position as County Surveyor/Engineer.

Passed.

The following letter, addressed by Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., to the Chairman, was submitted:

PF/PF/153/1518:

32-33 Lower Abbey Street,

Dublin.

16th August, 1941.

Gentlemen,

I noticed from the Agenda that the matter of the County Engineering Scheme will again come up for consideration at your meeting. I did not on the previous occasion have an opportunity of explaining the position as regards travelling expenses. When the Committee were dealing with this matter, Mr. Courtney indicated that there would be no objection to paying full travelling expenses, and subsequently it was suggested that a limit should be fixed. When the limit of £150 was fixed at the last meeting, the figures of travelling for previous years were not available, but, generally, in my case the £100 travelling expenses was exhausted by October, and this, of course, did not include any travelling in connection with the Board of Health work.

In fixing a flat rate of £150 as a limit for the travelling, I would point out that in my case the travelling must be more than others on account of the distance I am from the County Council Offices and Board of Health Offices to which places I have to go periodically. I would also wish to point out that the tax and insurance on a car amounts to £45, and that the depreciation on a car of any type is approximately £70 per annum, so that there is only £45 left available for petrol, tyres and running expenses.

I am sure it was not the intention of the Local Government or of the Council that any of the expenses should be borne out of the salary which is fixed.

The arrangement does not specifically mention recoupment of postage expenses, etc. This, in the case of the Board of Health, is recouped on production of the post book, but in the case of the County Council, the sum of £5 a year was paid for it.

Yours faithfully,

P. J. FOLEY.

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

In the course of a long discussion which followed, the Secretary submitted a Schedule showing the sums paid to the Engineering Staff in respect to the five months commencing 1st April, 1941, and ending 31st October, 1941, of the current financial year 1941/1942:

Name of Officer.	On foot of Turf Production.		On foot of Road Works Scheme		Total. £ s. d.
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E.	41	17 4	41	13 4	83 10 8
Assistant Surveyor J. P. Caffrey	41	18 6	41	13 4	83 11 10
Assistant Surveyor M. McD. Fleming, B.E.	52	0 8	41	13 4	93 14 0
County Surveyor J. T. O'Byrne, B.E.	64	14 6	83	6 8	148 1 2

Proposed by Councillor P. Kinsella:

Seconded by Councillor D. J. Kehoe:

Resolved: That we hereby rescind all previous Resolutions dealing with Salary and Allowances passed on the subject, and now decide finally, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, that Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., who has completed 24 years' part-time service, be paid as from the 1st April, 1941, in a whole-time, permanent and pensionable capacity under the recently adopted Scheme for County Engineering, for his new area now reduced in size, an annual salary of £400, with a further personal allowance of £175, together with an annual allowance for travelling expenses not exceeding £150, calculated at the rate of fivepence per mile travelled in the discharge of his duties, and subject to the production to this County Council, through the County Surveyor, of satisfactory detailed monthly expenses; Mr. Foley to discharge for this remuneration under the direction of the County Surveyor/Engineer all and every County duty imposed upon him by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, by this County Council, by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance, and by the Co. Surveyor in his official position as County Surveyor/Engineer. And we hereby further direct that, before any payment be made on foot of this Resolution, our Solicitor shall prepare, and Mr. Foley shall execute, an Agreement that he undertakes to devote his whole time in future to the duties of his new position, and that he has ceased to have any interest, either directly or indirectly, with any Office inside or outside the city of Dublin, and that he will not accept any professional work of any nature whatsoever for any persons other than those enumerated in this Resolution, of which Resolution the aforesaid Undertaking is to be considered a fundamental part and condition governing his appointment herein.

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

FOR THE RESOLUTION: Councillors James McCrea, P. P. O'Reilly, D. J. Kehoe, M. Mooney, Edward Byrne, M. J. Brennan, Miss M. Kelly, P. D. Kinsella, C. M. Byrne.....9

AGAINST THE RESOLUTION: Councillors P. Doyle (Coolboy); J. J. Metcalfe, M. Timmins, James Everett, T.D.....4

The Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution to have been passed, nine Councillors voting for it, and four Councillors having voted against it. The following application was submitted:

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

Aughrim,  
Co. Wicklow.

Dear Mr. Healy,

I should be obliged if you would put before the Council this application for part of my annual holidays, the exact dates will have to be fixed on the return of the County Surveyor to suit working arrangements, but they would probably be from 20/10/41 to 8/11/41.

Yours faithfully,

J. P. CAFFREY.

Order: Granted.



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

Resolved: That we hereby re-appoint, temporarily, Mr. Michael McD. Fleming, B.E., as Assistant Surveyor in the North-Eastern (No. 1) Area of County Wicklow, to hold that office until such time as his permanent successor has been appointed, or for a period of three months, whichever first occurs; this temporary appointment to be at the same salary and on the same conditions as exist at present.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;  
Seconded by Councillor Michael Timmins:

Resolved: That the County Surveyor be empowered to continue the employment of Miss M. Kelly and Mr. Sean Behan to the end of October, there being still a considerable amount of clerical work to be done in connection with the Turf Scheme, particularly with regard to the experimental cutting of turf and the sale of turf already saved.

Passed.

The Council deferred to their next Meeting consideration of some correspondence that had passed between the Solicitors acting for Mr. John L. Morgan, Kilpool, Wicklow, and for Mr. Leslie Ellis, Magherymore, Wicklow, with the County Council's Solicitor regarding fencing, etc., connected with the proposed new road from Dunbur to Magherybeg.

The following letters were submitted from the County Wicklow Library Committee:

WICKLOW COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

Bellevue House,  
Wicklow.  
5/9/41.

Secretary,  
Co. Council,  
Wicklow.

A Chara,

The County Library Committee, at their monthly meeting held on the 5th September, appointed Miss Rosie Dunne, High St., Wicklow, to the post of Library Assistant in place of Miss M. McCrea, at a salary of 25/- weekly, in a temporary capacity, dating from September 15th, until such time as a permanent appointment be made, subject to the sanction of the County Council and of the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health.

The Committee directed me to forward this decision to the County Council for consideration.

Le meas,

B. REDMOND.

WICKLOW COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

Bellevue House,  
Wicklow.  
3/10/41.

Mr. P. T. Healy,  
Secretary, Co. Council,  
Court House,  
Wicklow.

A Chara,

The Chairman of the County Library Committee, Rev. W. E. G. Vandeleur, informed the County Library Committee at their monthly meeting to-day that at a personal interview with you to-day, you had given him authorisation to call in Miss R. Dunne, High St., Wicklow, as temporary Library Assistant, from October 6th until the County Council give a decision on the matter at their meeting on the 13th instant.

Accordingly, the County Library Committee at their meeting to-day, the 3rd inst., passed the following resolution:

Proposed by Mr. J. Olohan, M.U.D.C.;

Seconded by Mr. O'Grady, M.U.D.C.:

"That we hereby confirm our recommendation to the County Council made at our meeting on the 5th September, to appoint Miss R. Dunne, High St., Wicklow, as temporary Library Assistant, at 25/- weekly, from the 6th October until such time as a permanent assistant be appointed."

Passed.

Kindly let me know, by return of post, whether I may call in Miss R. Dunne to act as temporary Library Assistant from 6th October, until the Council consider the question at their meeting on the 13th inst.

I have forwarded the Committee's recommendation to the Department of Local Government and received from that Department a query form to be filled in by Miss R. Dunne.

Le meas,

B. REDMOND.

WICKLOW COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

Bellevue House,  
Wicklow.  
30/9/41.

Secretary,  
Co. Council,  
Wicklow.

A Chara,

May I ask, for the information of the County Library Committee whether the County Council have yet considered their letter of the 5th inst., recommending the appointment of Miss R. Dunne, Wicklow, as temporary Library Assistant?

In accordance with the instruction in yours of the 10th inst., Miss Dunne has not been employed as temporary assistant and will not be until the Committee received written authorisation from the County Council.

Le meas,

BRIGID REDMOND.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.:

Resolved: That we hereby approve and adopt the proposal of Wicklow County Library Committee at the Meeting of that Body, held on the 5th September, 1941, to appoint Miss Rosie Dunne, High St., Wicklow, to the post of Library Assistant, in a purely temporary capacity, in place of Miss Margaret McCrea, at a salary of 25/- weekly, as from the 15th September, 1941; this temporary appointment to be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and to continue only until such time as a permanent appointment may be made.

Passed.

Two further letters from the County Library Committee, each dated the 5th September, 1941, referring to the conditions which that Committee decided should govern the appointment of a permanent Assistant were referred to the next Meeting of the Council.

The Council considered the following Resolution received from the Bray Trades Council and Labour Party, and the subjoined communication received from THE Echo Printing Company, Enniscorthy, who are at present the County Printers.

"Resolved: That the Bray Trades Council would be obliged if you will let them know why the Printing Contract was given to 'The Echo' Printing Works, Enniscorthy, which did not employ as a whole Trade Union Labour as specified in your advertisement for Tenders for Contract."



"THE ECHO" PRINTING COMPANY, ENNISCORTHY (Ireland),  
Enniscorthy,  
2nd May, 1941.

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

Dear Mr. Healy,

We thank you for your letter of the 23rd April last enclosing us a copy of a letter from Bray Trades Union and, in reply, wish to state that ever since our Printing Works were established over 40 years ago, we have been fully recognised as a Trade Union Office, and we would refer you to the Typographical Association Organiser, Mr. John P. Forrester, 104, Morrison's Road, Waterford, who we are sure will confirm this statement. As a matter of fact, we are not only a Trade Union Office, but we are recognised as an AI Office on the list of the Union.

As to the bookbinding and Ruling Section, there is no branch of this Union here, but nevertheless all the necessary conditions are complied with, and all of this class of work which it is necessary for us to have done outside our Office, we make sure that it is done in Trade Union Offices in Dublin, such as Messrs. Brown & Nolan, Hely's, Ltd., and J. T. Drought, Ltd.

Trusting that yourself and your Council will regard this as satisfactory. We shall always gladly give you any further information or explanation that is necessary in connection with the matter.

Yours faithfully,

THE ECHO CO.,  
C. J. Irwin,  
Manager.

Order: Copy of the latter letter to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Bray Trades Council and Labour Party.

The Council considered the amounts due by the three Urban District Councils to the County Council on foot of the latter's Annual Estimate and Demands, more particularly the correspondence which has passed with Bray Urban District Council in that connection.

The Secretary submitted the following Schedule showing the amounts outstanding on foot of the Demands as on that date, i.e., 13th October, 1941:

Arklow U.D.C.	Outstanding.	Total.
1940/1941	Nil	—
1941/1942	2nd Quarter £932 6 10	£932 6 10
Bray U.D.C.		
1940/1941	£2000 0 0	
1941/1942	1st Quarter 3968 3 6	
	2nd Quarter 3968 3 6	£9936 7 0
Wicklow U.D.C.		
1941/1942	1st Quarter £219 15 11	
	2nd Quarter 819 15 11	1039 11 10
GROSS TOTAL OUTSTANDING:		£11,908 5 8

Order Further consideration deferred to next Meeting of County Council.

The Secretary read the Special Notice issued by him on the 9th December, 1941, pursuant to the Provisions of Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, in respect of the Notice of Motion on the Agenda (Item No. 12), standing in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne, and in accordance with the Notice of Motion it was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor M. M. Kelly;

Resolved: That the consent of the Wicklow County Council be given to the proposal of the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance to borrow the sum of £13,866 for the purpose of completing their scheme of cottage building under the County Wicklow Labourers Order, 1936.

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

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle (Coolboy);

Resolved: That we hereby empower our Secretary to issue a Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, to Mr. William Comerford, Main St., Rathdrum, for the permanent Stone Building situate at Brewery Place (or Market Square), Rathdrum, subject to the usual conditions applicable to the issue of a new Licence.

Passed.

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 £1 in connection with the payment of Poor Rates by the Irish Land Commission on the Lands of Lugatryna (Rate Number 2772), Estate of Maria C. Conlon.

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 Certificate, value £1, received from the Irish Land Commission in respect of Rate Liabilities on the lands of Lugatryna (Rate No. 2772), Estate of Maria C. Conlon, and that the proceeds be lodged to credit of Mr. P. Burke, Poor Rate Collector.

Passed.

The following communication was considered:

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

19th September, 1941.

CL115A/1941.

#### PROVISION OF FIREWOOD.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to transmit herewith copy of Emergency Powers (No. 108) Order, 1941, which gives power to County Councils and Urban Authorities to acquire timber and have it felled and made into firewood.

The County Council will be concerned chiefly with non-municipal towns in which there is not a sufficient supply of turf for the coming winter. It would be advisable to have inquiries made through the parish councils or any other voluntary organisations in such towns as to the position with regard to fuel and ascertain whether it would be necessary for the County Council to take action in order to supplement the town's fuel supply by having timber felled.

With regard to the operation of the Forestry Acts, 1919, and 1928, which are referred to in Paragraph 4 of the Order, I am to inform you that when a local authority arranges to acquire trees for felling, the owner of the trees must lodge a Felling Notice at the local Garda Station. If a Prohibition Order is not served within twenty-one days, the trees may be acquired and felled. The receipt of a Prohibition Order does not necessarily mean that felling will not be allowed on any conditions. An officer of the Forestry Division of the Department of Lands will inspect as soon as possible after a Prohibition Order is issued, and the owner may then be offered a licence for the felling of some or all of the trees. In such cases felling should not begin until the licence has been obtained. In order to facilitate inspections by officers of the Forestry Division, arrangements should be made with the owners from whom it is proposed to purchase timber for the felling notices in respect of all the trees required in a particular area to be lodged at or about the same time. Only such trees as are definitely of firewood quality will be marked for felling by the officer of the Forestry Division. If the owner desires to sell the remaining trees to a sawmiller or timber merchant, it will be open to him to lodge another Felling Notice.



Under the Emergency Powers (Control of Timber) Order, 1941, which is also referred to in Paragraph 4, a permit must be obtained from the Minister for Supplies for the purchase of timber exceeding £5 in value, but that Order applies only to timber suitable for commercial purposes. As it is not intended that local authorities should acquire any such timber for firewood, no question of a permit should therefore arise. Furthermore, the Order does not apply to

- (a) Growing timber under six inches diameter at breast height or growing timber which is decayed or irremediably damaged or otherwise useless for commercial purposes; or
- (b) Round timber in the log not exceeding six inches in diameter in the wide end or slabs or firewood or timber which is decayed or irremediably damaged or useless for commercial purposes.

Mise, le meas,

J. HURSON,  
Runai.

To the Secretary of the Co. Council.

No action to be taken in connection with this Emergency Powers (No. 108) Order, 1941, until the County Council sees the Turf Production Scheme at present in operation satisfactorily completed and the Overdraft in the Bank for that Scheme liquidated without loss to the Ratepayers.

The following communications were submitted:

WICKLOW HARBOUR BOARD

Town Hall,  
Wicklow,  
2nd October, 1941.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Wicklow Harbour Board to inform you that at their meeting held on last evening, seven members tendered their resignation as Wicklow Harbour Commissioners, as and from 7th October, 1941. The members tendering their resignations are representatives of the Wicklow Urban District Council to the Wicklow Harbour Board.

I enclose herewith copy of the resignation with names attached.

Yours faithfully,

KATHLEEN McCALL,  
Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

(Enclosure)

I hereby tender my resignation as member of the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners, as I consider, due to the financial state of the Harbour Commissioners, it is impossible to carry on. I wish my resignation to take effect as and from the next monthly meeting of the Harbour Board to be held on Tuesday, 7th October, 1941.

Each resignation was signed by:—C. W. Hudson, John Olohan, Michael McMahon, William O'Grady, Thomas J. Doran, Andrew Dunne, J. O'Connor.

WICKLOW HARBOUR BOARD,

Town Hall,  
Wicklow,  
7th October, 1941.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Wicklow Harbour Board to forward herewith copy of a Resolution passed at their Meeting held this evening.

I wish to point out that the only regularly attending members of this Board were the seven who attended and passed this Resolution, have now resigned, and as the other County Council and Urban District Council representatives have, perhaps, become disqualified, there is no Harbour Board now to refer to. All members were notified of this meeting as usual.

The Harbour Master and myself cease, according to notice served, to be in the employment of and drawing salary from the Harbour Board on Thursday next, 9th inst., consequently it will be necessary for him and for me to have definite instructions before that date as to what is to be done with the property of the Board which we hold, and I am, accordingly, writing on the Board's instructions to you as one of the senior officials of the two contributing bodies.

I will require a mutual agreement as to the disposal of the property, and I wish to point out, on behalf of the Harbour Master and myself, that, failing such arrangements, we retain possession of the property and will have to be remunerated when, and if, arrangements are arrived at subsequently.

Yours faithfully,

KATHLEEN McCALL,  
Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow Co. Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

(Enclosure)

Copy of Resolution passed by Wicklow Harbour Board  
at their Monthly Meeting held 7th October, 1941.

Resolved:—

"That we, the members of the Wicklow Harbour Board, instruct our Secretary to notify immediately both the Secretary of Wicklow County Council, and the Town Clerk, Wicklow Urban District Council, of the fact that we, the seven members who resigned our representation from the Harbour Board, cease membership as and from this night, while the Secretary and Harbour Master cease employment as from Thursday, 9th October, 1941, and we ask them for guidance and direction as to what steps are to be taken to preserve and retain the documents, property and finances of the Harbour Board.

Passed.

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE,

Transport and Marine Branch,  
14, St. Stephen's Green, N.,  
Dublin.  
9th October, 1941.

T.S.9779.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer to your letter of the 10th ultimo enclosing copy of resolution of 8th idem, relative to the proposed transfer of the port and harbour of Wicklow to the Wicklow Urban District Council, and to state that such transfer could only be made by means of a Provisional Order under the provisions of the General Pier and Harbour Acts, 1861 and 1862, or by a private Bill.

In view of the fact that your Council nominates certain members to the Harbour Board, the Minister will be glad to be furnished with any observations which your Council may wish to make regarding provisions for the future management of the harbour.

Mise, le meas.

JOHN O'BRIEN.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow Co. Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

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

Resolved: That the Minister for Industry and Commerce be asked to appoint 7 representatives of Wicklow County Council and 7 Members of Wicklow Urban District Council, under the Emergency Powers Acts, to carry out the duties and functions of the Wicklow Harbour Board, and that a Quorum of the new Board be Five.

Passed.



Two communications, dated each the 25th September, 1941, were submitted from Mr. N. P. Murphy, Hon. Secretary, Killavenny Parish Committee, the first requesting the Council to have Bookey's Quarry properly fenced; and the second suggesting new arrangements for the distribution of Library Books in Tinahely.

Order: The communication regarding Bookey's Quarry to be referred to the County Surveyor for his information and suitable action; the second communication to be referred to the County Library Committee for that body's observations.

The Council adjourned consideration of a communication, dated the 3rd September, 1941, from Mr. William F. Murphy, the Central Stores, Aughrim, in which he asked for payment on account amounting to the sum of £238 5s. 3d. for Seeds and Manures supplied under the Council's Seeds and Fertilizers Supply Scheme, 1941.

The Council also adjourned to their next Quarterly Meeting consideration of a circular letter, dated the 5th September, 1941, No. 114/41, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, in which the Minister asked the County Council to consider, at as early a date as possible, whether there is need for the operation of a Seeds and Fertilizers Supply Scheme in the County in the Spring of 1942, and if so to adopt such a Scheme. In this connection the Secretary submitted the following Return showing the condition on the 30th September, 1941, of the Seeds and Fertilizers Supply Scheme operated in the Spring of 1941:—

1941 SEEDS SCHEME.

Class	Tons	Cwt.	Cost	
			£	s. d.
Wheat	13	10	465	19 9
Oats	75	15	1,420	0 0
Barley	4	0	88	14 3
Potatoes	38	4	269	9 3
Fertilizers	35	14	294	8 9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2,538</b>	<b>12 0</b>

Note.—Above figure of £2 538 12s. 0d. includes the sum of £128 0s. 6d (W. F. Murphy's Account) which is disputed. There are still some accounts in above Scheme which remain unrepresented and unpaid by the County Council not included in above.

The Minutes of Proceedings of the following Monthly Meetings of the County Library Committee were submitted: 14th August, 1941; 5th September, 1941.

BUSINESS:

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## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 17th November, 1941.

The following Members were present:

Councillors Edward Byrne, Senator C. M. Byrne, Liam O'Cleirigh, John Dunne, James Everett, T.D.; James McCrea, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); P. D. Kinsella, Michael Mooney, J. J. Metcalfe, Major R. Smith, J. J. Bourne, W. Hammond, Michael Timmins, Daniel J. Kehoe, John P. O'Donnell.

During the early stages of the Meeting the Chair was occupied by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Edward Byrne, and later was occupied for the remainder of the Meeting by the Chairman, Senator C. M. Byrne.

### BUSINESS:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of previous Meetings.
2. To consider Finance Committee's Report.
3. To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance.
4. To consider Proposals for Payments from the Proposals' Committee.
5. To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's payments.
6. To sign applications for refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
7. To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee.
8. To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
9. To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
10. To consider applications for Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
11. To consider applications for Licences under the Explosives Acts, 1875.
12. To consider a Report from the County Surveyor on the operation of the Turf Production Scheme, and a communication from the Office of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance (Turf Division) regarding the Sale of Turf under that Scheme.
13. To consider a communication from the Chief Clerk of Grangegorman Mental Hospital stating, amongst other things, that the Contracts Sub-Committee of the Joint Committee had cancelled the balance of the Turf on order in view of complaints made of the unsatisfactory quality of the Turf already supplied.
14. To consider a communication from Wicklow Urban District Council regarding the price to be charged to that Body for the Turf supplied by the County Council for the operation of the Urban Council's Scheme to supply Turf in small quantities to purchasers with limited means.
15. To consider a communication from James Jones, Glassavilawn, Tallaght, Co. Dublin, in which he submits a claim from the Bog Workers employed at Glenree for pay in respect of the Public Holiday on Monday, August 4th, 1941.
16. To take such action as the Council may deem proper in connection with a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in which he transmits his decision—which may be regarded as final—that he will not sanction a greater figure than £150 per annum as a personal allowance to Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., following the change in his conditions of appointment on the adoption of new Scheme of County Engineering.
17. To pass the usual Resolution making provision for the sale of Land Bonds value £71 received from the Irish Land Commission, and to be devoted towards payment of Rates on the Lands of Ballinvalley (Holdings Nos. 11773 and 11775) Estate of Eda D. Hume.



18. To consider two communications from the Air Raid Precautions Branch of the Department of Defence regarding the Resolution recently passed by the County Council placing the storage and custody in the hands of the Urban District Councils of Arklow and Wicklow of the two trailer pumps and equipment lent by the Department of Defence to the County Council for Air Raid Precaution purposes.
19. To take immediate action towards the implementation of the Air Raid Precautions Scheme for the County of Wicklow (excluding Bray Urban District) which Scheme has now received the approval of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence.
20. To consider County Surveyor's Report.
21. To consider correspondence from Solicitors acting for Mr. John L. Morgan, Kilpool, Wicklow, and Mr. Leslie Ellis with the Council's Solicitor, regarding fencing, etc., connected with the proposed new road from Dunbur to Magherybeg.
22. To consider an application from the Coollattin Estate Company for a Storage Licence under the Explosives Acts, 1875, for a Magazine at Kilcavan Slate Quarries.
23. To authorise the renewal of Store Licences under the Explosives Act, 1875, to the County Surveyor for Magazines at Carrigmore, Tomacork and Glen-of-the-Downs Quarries.
24. To consider County Analyst's Report.
25. To consider a communication from Mr. William F. Murphy, the Central Stores, Aughrim, in which he asks for payment of an account amounting to the sum of £128 0s. 6d. for seeds and manures supplied under the Council's Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme, 1941.
26. To receive a circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health in which the Minister asked the County Council to consider as early as possible whether there is need for a Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme in the County in the year 1942, and if so to adopt such a Scheme.
27. To fill a vacancy on the Shillelagh Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, which vacancy was caused by the transfer from Shillelagh of the Rev. K. Palmer.
28. To consider further correspondence received from the County Library Committee and from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the conditions governing the appointment of a Junior Assistant in the office of the former Body.
29. To consider the amounts due by the three Urban District Councils to the County Council on foot of the latter's Annual Estimate and Demands, more particularly the correspondence which has passed with Bray Urban District Council in that connection.
30. To receive Minutes of Monthly Meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee.
31. To consider Abstract of correspondence.

The Secretary reported that Councillor George Heatley was not feeling sufficiently well to attend the Meeting, but he had conveyed his regret for non-attendance.

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

In this connection the Secretary mentioned that his attention had been drawn by a County Councillor to an inaccuracy in the Minutes of Proceedings of Meeting held on 8th September, 1941, which inaccuracy had been rectified in the Minutes now before the Meeting for signature. A considerable number of errors had occurred in the offices of their County Printer before printing off the Minutes of recent Meetings of the Council. This was due to the fact that the County Printer had failed to forward Proofs of recent Meetings to the Council's Offices to be read and corrected in accordance with the undertaking given to the County Council in his accepted Tender. The Secretary

further stated that he had been in correspondence with the Manager of the Printing Office concerned with a view to ensuring such printing inaccuracies will not happen in future.

The Council authorised the Secretary to take such steps in future in connection with these matters as in his opinion the circumstances might warrant.

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

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court Couse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, 17th October, 1941.

The following Members attended:

Councillor J. Everett, Presiding Chairman; Councillors John P. Kehoe and M. J. Brennan.

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

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

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE .. .. . £10,690. 13. 2

QUARTER ENDING 31st March, 1942.

To the County Board of Public Assistance .. £13,283. 0. 0

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 Schedule showing the condition of the Poor Rate Collection as it stood on the 30th September, 1941.

#### 1941/1942 RETURN.

District No.	Amount of Warrant	Amount Collected to date.	Discount Allowed.	Amount not Collected.
1	£8302 5 2	£1503 4 7	£17 4 1	£6781 16 9
2	5500 14 2	910 16 8	5 9 6	4584 8 0
3	4359 17 2	367 2 0	6 3 5	3986 11 9
4/5	8765 16 9	367 2 0	6 3 5	3986 11 9
6	7616 13 6	980 16 10	15 16 1	6620 0 7
7	17482 9 1	5375 12 7	5 3 4	12101 13 2
8	4901 15 10	1898 0 7	1 7 1	3002 8 2
9	17923 19 3	6076 11 1	46 16 11	11800 11 3
10	6749 19 8	2108 10 10	3 1 6	4638 7 4
11	9053 13 10	3220 1 2	2 10 11	5831 1 9
12	10136 11 3	2279 7 1	2 9	7857 1 5
13/14/15	13185 18 8	3794 15 3	5 3 1	9386 0 4
16	10638 10 2	2781 5 1	3 11 10	7853 13 3
17	7463 0 3	837 9 6	2 14 9	6622 16 0
18	7305 19 2	1389 14 2	1 9 2	5914 15 10
19	5717 5 8	555 0 2	13 0	5161 12 6
Totals:	£145104 9 10	£32042 9 4	£125 9 0	£109936 11 6

#### 1939/1940 RETURN.

Holdings acquired in whole or in part by Electricity Supply Board.

5	2386 3 4	2176 9 6	2 14 7	11 10 4
6	8606 14 6	6757 13 8	11 10 10	676 10 3
Totals:	£10992 17 10	£8934 3 2	£14 5 5	£688 0 7



The following was a final paragraph in a Report, dated the 13th August, 1941, which was presented to the County Council at a Meeting of that Body held on the 18th August, 1941, which Report, however, was not finally considered until the Meeting of the County Council held on the 8th September, 1941. At the latter Meeting this paragraph was referred by the County Council to the Finance Committee for consideration:

"The Council is aware that during recent years the type and amount of work in this office has materially altered and increased. So many additional Schemes and Works have now to be operated that the appointment of a responsible Chief Clerk to direct the internal organisation and staff, as established in other County Surveyors' Offices throughout the Country, is now essential. I recommend that Mr. J. O'Rourke, who has been acting as managing clerk, be officially recognised in this position at an adequate remuneration."

In the absence of the County Surveyor on sick leave, and as there were only three Members present, the Committee were compelled to adjourn this matter to their next Quarterly Meeting.

The Committee also adjourned to their next Quarterly Meeting consideration of the following Resolution which was passed at a Meeting of the County Committee of Agriculture held on the 23rd June, 1941:

"Resolved: That we hereby approve of the full Marriage Gratuity of £320. 5. 0 being granted to Mrs. M. A. Morrin (formerly Miss M. A. Codd), Instructor in Poultry-Keeping and Butter-Making, in accordance with the terms of Section 44 (4) of the Local Government Act, 1925."

The Secretary directed the Committee's attention to the Resolution passed by the County Council at their Meeting held on the 23rd June, 1941, in which Resolution Clerical Officer Raymond A. Laven was transferred immediately out of the Secretary's Office to the office of the Chief Clerk and Accountant with a view to helping the latter in some degree to cope with the extra work imposed on him by (a) the system of payments weekly to men employed on roads, and (b) the enormous amount of absolutely new work thrown on his section by the operation of the Turf Production Scheme, as a consequence of which the Council in their Resolution referred to decided and directed that a permanent shorthand writer-typist be appointed on the same terms and conditions and with the same salary enjoyed at present by other shorthand writer-typists in their offices.

The Secretary reported that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, in his letter dated the 13th October, 1941, No. G.18702/41, stated that whilst he is unable to sanction the additional permanent appointment of a shorthand writer-typist, he will raise no objection to a temporary appointment being made.

The Committee accordingly approved of the Secretary's proposal to employ, in a temporary capacity, as shorthand writer-typist, at a remuneration of 30/- per week, the girl who had occupied that position temporarily on a number of previous occasions.

(Signed)—J. EVERETT, T.D.

Presiding Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Dated this 17th October, 1941.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

### FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 2.

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 14th November, 1941.

The following Members attended:

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Presiding Chairman; Councillors J. P. O'Donnell, J. P. Kehoe and Joseph Jacob.

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 October, 1941:—

District No.	Amount of Warrant	Amount Collected to Date	Discount Allowed	Amount not Collected
1	£8,302 5 5	£3,215 0 3	£47 15 8	£5,039 9 6
2	5,500 14 2	1,792 10 3	13 15 6	3,694 8 5
3	4,359 17 2	922 8 10	14 4 4	3,423 4 0
4/5	8,765 16 9	1,740 11 1	26 7 1	6,998 18 7
6	7,616 13 6	1,617 19 10	15 16 1	5,982 17 7
7	17,482 9 1	8,247 18 9	63 2 6	9,171 7 10
8	4,901 15 10	2,545 14 10	13 7 6	2,342 13 6
9	17,923 19 3	8,505 12 1	49 1 3	9,369 5 11
10	6,749 19 8	2,750 1 5	12 6 3	3,987 12 0
11	9,053 13 10	3,958 4 0	37 13 3	5,057 16 7
12	10,136 11 3	3,501 0 5	12 11 1	6,622 19 9
13/14/15	13,185 18 8	5,730 11 11	33 9 0	7,421 17 9
16	10,638 10 2	4,134 3 7	46 4 9	6,458 1 10
17	7,463 0 3	1,782 5 10	24 15 1	5,655 19 4
18	7,305 19 2	2,371 3 6	38 16 8	4,895 19 0
19	5,717 5 8	1,509 2 0	10 19 0	4,197 4 8
Totals ..	£145,104 9 10	£54,324 8 7	£460 5 0	£90,319 16 3

Holdings acquired in whole or in part by Electricity Supply Board:—

5	2,386 3 4	2,179 10 3	2 14 7	8 9 7
6	8,606 14 6	6,767 17 2	11 10 10	666 6 9
Totals ..	£10,992 17 10	£8,947 7 5	£14 5 5	£674 16 4

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

Additional Proposals .. .. £1,048 4 7.



The Secretary submitted a communication, dated the 3rd November, 1941, No. 64710, from the Department of Industry and Commerce (Gas and Weights & Measures Section), 6, Upper Castle Yard, Dublin, regarding the provision of sets of Date Stamps, Date Punches, and Date Stencils, for use during the year 1942 by Weights and Measures Inspectors in the County, and intimating that they may be obtained from John A. Rooney, Engraver and Die Sinker, 8 College St., Dublin, at the following cost:—

	£	s.	d.
2 Sets Punches .. .. .		10	0
2 Sets Sand Blast Stencils .. .. .	2	5	0
2 Sets Steel Dies .. .. .		18	0
Total .. .. .	£3	13	0

Order—To be purchased.

(Signed), J. EVERETT, T.D.  
Presiding Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Dated this 14th November, 1941.

Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith;  
Seconded by Councillor P. D. Kinsella;  
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.  
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;  
Seconded by Councillor Major R. Smith;  
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 Edward Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor Major R. Smith;  
Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payments, chargeable to the various areas, amounting to the sum of £10 690 13s. 2d. (any modifications 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 Major R. Smith;  
Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing additional proposals for payments, chargeable to the various areas, amounting to the sum of £1,048 4s. 7d. (any modifications 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 Major R. Smith;  
Resolved—That the Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance be now signed.  
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor Major R. Smith;  
Resolved—That Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's payments, as approved by the County Council be now signed.  
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor Major R. Smith;  
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.

There were no proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee and consequently no Contracts to be signed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Mooney;  
Seconded by Councillor Major R. Smith;  
Resolved—That we hereby empower our Secretary to issue a licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, to Mr. W. Kehoe, Jr., Killone Cottage, Emo, Portarlington, and Mr. H. A. Ewing, Kilfane, Thomastown, for the Town Hall, Baltinglass, subject to the usual conditions applicable to the issue of a new Licence.  
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Mooney;  
Seconded by Councillor Major R. Smith;  
Resolved—That we hereby authorise and direct the issue of a Store Licence under the Explosives Act, 1875, in the name of Dermot H. Doyne, Agent and Secretary of the Coollatin Estate Company, for a Magazine at Kilkavan Slate Quarries.  
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M. Mooney;  
Seconded by Councillor Major R. Smith;  
Resolved—That we hereby grant the issue of a Licence under the Explosives Act, 1875, to the following for the year ending 5th November, 1942, for the sale and storage of Mixed Explosives and Gunpowder:  
Mrs. Charlotte E. Thomas,  
Main Street, Dunlavin.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;  
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 Glen-of-the-Downs Quarry.  
Passed.

#### TURF PRODUCTION SCHEME.

The following letter was submitted by the Secretary:—  
Office of the Parliamentary Secretary to  
the Minister for Finance,  
Turf Division,  
21, Fitzwilliam Square,  
Dublin.  
23rd September, 1941.

P.F.2/26.  
The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Court House, Wicklow.

A Chara,  
I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance to refer to your letter of 3rd instant, regarding the marketing of turf produced by your Council and to say that he has under consideration the effect of the Control of Fuel Order recently made by the Minister for Supplies. The Parliamentary Secretary will take every possible step to ensure that the interests of County Councils which produced turf will be safeguarded.



The Parliamentary Secretary understands that arrangements have been made by the Turf Development Board, Ltd., to dispose of 3,000 tons of turf cut by your Council, the position of which in the mountains has given rise to some anxiety in view of transport difficulties in the winter period.

DCL/EP.

Mise, le meas,  
W. S. Andrews.

The Council proceeded then to consider Items Nos. 13, 14 and 15 in above connection, together with Item No. 12 which was a Report containing nine pages, copy of which was issued to the Members present by the County Surveyor at the beginning of the discussion. As eight pages of this Report were devoted to statistics in relation to the twenty-one bogs in which Turf was cut, the Council decided to adjourn to their next meeting consideration of this Report, together with the other three items, and made an Order that the County Surveyor should have all his Reports for that Meeting printed and circulated to each Member of the Council not less than one week prior to that Meeting.

The Secretary again submitted the entire correspondence which had passed in connection with the terms and conditions under which Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., was re-appointed following the putting into operation of the new Engineering Scheme approved and adopted by the County Council and the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance, which Scheme was later sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

The following letter, in particular, was under consideration:—

Department of Local Government and Public Health,  
Custom House, Dublin,  
20adh Deire Foghmair, 1941.

R/RS/33.  
A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 14th instant forwarding copy of a Resolution passed by the Wicklow County Council regarding Mr. P. J. Foley, and to state that as already pointed out on several occasions to the Council the maximum allowance which the Minister is prepared to sanction is £150. This decision must be regarded as final. In this connection I am to refer to the resolutions passed at the meeting of the County Council held on 21st October, 1940, and of the Board of Health held on the 28th October, 1940, and to state that it is to be clearly understood that as from 1st April, 1941, no fees are to be payable in respect of Board of Health Works undertaken by the County Engineering Staff.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance.

Mise, le meas,  
J. Hurson, Runal.

The Secretary,  
County Council Offices, Wicklow.

After a protracted discussion it was:—

Proposed by Councillor J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor Major R. Smith;

Resolved—That we hereby rescind all previous Resolutions dealing with Salary and Allowances passed on the subject, and now decide finally, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, that Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., who has completed 24 years part-time service, be paid as from the 1st April, 1941, in a whole-time, permanent, and pensionable capacity under the recently adopted Scheme for County Engineering, for his new area now reduced in size, an annual salary of £400, with a further personal allowance of £150, together with an annual allowance for travelling expenses not exceeding £150, calculated at the rate

of five pence per mile travelled in the discharge of his duties, and subject to the production to this County Council, through the County Surveyor, of satisfactory detailed monthly expenses; Mr. Foley to discharge for this remuneration under the direction of the County Surveyor/Engineer all and every County duty imposed upon him by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, by this County Council, by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance, and by the County Surveyor in his official position as County Surveyor/Engineer. And we hereby further direct that, before any payment be made on foot of this Resolution our Solicitor shall prepare, and Mr. Foley shall execute, an Agreement that he undertakes to devote his whole time in future to the duties of his new position, and that he has ceased to have any interest either directly or indirectly with any Office kept open for any work other than work relating to the duties of his position inside or outside the City of Dublin, and that he will not accept any professional work of any nature whatsoever for any persons other than those enumerated in this Resolution, of which Resolution the aforesaid Undertaking is to be considered a fundamental part and condition governing his appointment.

Passed. (Councillors J. Everett, T.D.; P. Doyle (Coolboy); and J. Dunne dissenting).

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Liam O'Cleirigh;

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 £71 in connection with the payment of Poor Rates by the Irish Land Commission on the lands of Ballinvalley (Rate Nos. 11773 and 11775) Estate of Eda D. Hume.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Liam O'Cleirigh;

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 Bonds Register Certificates value £71 received from the Irish Land Commission in respect of Rate Liabilities on the lands of Ballinvalley (Rate Nos. 11773 and 11775) Estate of Eda D. Hume, and that the proceeds be lodged to credit of Mr. Michael J. Roche, Poor Rate Collector.

Passed.

#### AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS.

The following letters were considered:—

Department of Defence,  
Air Raid Precautions Branch,  
24 Upper O'Connell St., Dublin.  
23rd October, 1941.

Ref. No. ARP/157.  
A Chara,

I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence to refer to your letter of the 15th instant enclosing copies of letters from the Wicklow and Arklow Urban District Councils on the subject of petrol supplies for Air Raid Precautions purposes. I am to refer particularly to the letter from the Wicklow Urban District Council and to enquire the circumstances in which your Council by resolution vested in the Wicklow Urban District Council the control and custody of the trailer pump and equipment supplied specifically to your Council by this Department for Air Raid Precautions purposes. I am to point out that any proposal to loan the pump and equipment to the Local Security Force or other body outside the scheme should be first submitted to this Department by your Council for approval.



I am to direct your special attention to the regulations laid down in accordance with the Air Raid Precautions Act by which your Council as the statutory local scheme-making authority is responsible for Air Raid Precautions organisation in their functional area and for control, safe custody and maintenance of all equipment. These responsibilities cannot be assigned by your Council without the prior approval of this Department. I am, accordingly, to request you to furnish your early observations on the above and to state what steps, if any, have been taken by your Council to organise the Fire-fighting Service required under your Air Raid Precautions Scheme.

Mise le meas.

P. FEDDIS,  
a/s Runaidhe.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

Department of Defence,  
A.R.P. Branch,  
St. John's Road,  
Kingsbridge, Dublin.  
23rd October, 1941.

Ref. No. A.R.P. /115.  
A Chara,

I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence to refer to this Department's letter of the 9th October, 1940 (Ref. No. A.R.P./115) regarding steps to be taken by your Council to ensure that the requirements of Air Raid Precautions (Storage and Loan) Regulations, 1940, are complied with. It was suggested in that memorandum that an officer should be designated to take charge of, and account for the A.R.P. equipment lent to your Council and be generally responsible for its maintenance and safe custody. I am now to request you to be good enough to forward to this Department the name, address, and appointment of the officer so designated in each town (Wicklow and Arklow) where A.R.P. equipment is located and to state whether further issues of equipment may be assigned in-care-of the officer designated to take charge of the equipment in each town (Wicklow and Arklow).

Mise le meas,

D. O'CONNELL,  
a/s Runaidhe.

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

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

Resolved—This County Council, whilst at all time prepared to give effect to the expressed directions received from the Air Raid Precautions Branch of the Department of Defence, having received the two communications from that Department, dated the 23rd October, 1941, regarding the storage and custody of Trailer Pumps and Equipment in the Towns of Arklow and Wicklow, are quite unable to understand what steps they could have taken for the storage and custody and use of these Trailer Pumps other than those contained in the Resolution passed on the 8th September, 1941, in which the Urban District Councils of Arklow and Wicklow were requested to accept responsibility for the said storage, custody, and use of the pumps in question for Air Raid Precautions purposes, as it was clearly indicated throughout the entire correspondence which passed in relation to these two Pumps that it was the Council's intention to locate them in the Towns of Arklow (where that Urban Council has already actually caused an official to undergo a special course of instruction for the purpose) and Wicklow, where indisputably the need for them is greatest, in the custody of the Urban District Councils through the services of their respective Town Clerks.

Passed.

The Council noted the contents of the following letter:—

Department of Defence,  
Air Raid Precautions Branch,  
24, Upper O'Connell St., Dublin.  
4th November, 1941.

Ref. No. ARP/157.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence to inform you he has completed consultations with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health as regards your draft A.R.P. Scheme and he now approves of it in accordance with the requirements of Section 13 of the A.R.P. Act, 1939.

I am to urge that yourself and your officials will now take immediate action towards its implementation.

Mise le meas,

J. BLUNDEN,  
a/s Runaidhe.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Mooney;

Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy):

Resolved—That, having before us the approval of the Minister for Defence to the Air Raid Precautions Scheme adopted by this Council, we now direct our Officials to take all necessary steps to bring the Scheme into operation in accordance with the Provisions of the Air Raid Precautions Act, 1939, and the Regulations made thereunder, so far as the authorised financial resources will allow. We are of opinion that the Advisory Committee should give their first attention to organising and training Fire-fighting and Rescue Squads in conjunction with any Scheme proposed to be brought into effect by the County Board of Health and for this purpose we suggest that small sub-committees be formed in Arklow and Wicklow and also in the more important towns and villages in the out-lying districts of the Functional Area, i.e.—Greystones, Rathdrum, Baltinglass, Dunlavin, Blessington, Tinahely, Carnew, Shillelagh, Aghrim, Avoca, Roundwood and Enniskerry, to co-operate with the Advisory Committee in its undertakings in these areas. That it be also the expressed wish of this Council that the Advisory Committee, acting in consultation with the Red Cross Society, should establish small First Aid Posts in any of the places mentioned where such Posts do not already exist. It is of course understood that the First Aid Posts in the smaller towns and villages cannot be fully equipped and are to be part of the arrangements in each such centre for Fire-fighting and Rescue Work.

It is recognised that Decontamination Service and the provision of Air Raid Shelters would involve expenditure far beyond the present available resources and these Services cannot be undertaken until funds are made available by the appropriate Government Department.

Furthermore we hereby agree to give the Advisory Committee full powers to take all necessary steps to bring the Scheme into effect as early as possible and for this purpose to endeavour to obtain the help and co-operation of all existing organisations established for the purpose of meeting any emergency which may arise and we earnestly hope that all such organisations, having the welfare of our citizens at heart, will willingly assist the Committee.

Passed.

Consideration of the County Surveyor's Report was adjourned to the Council's next Meeting, the County Surveyor in the meantime to have the Report circulated to every member of the Council not less than one week prior to that Meeting.



**THE WICKLOW COUNTY (WICKLOW TO ARKLOW ROAD) ORDER, 1940.**

The Secretary again submitted the Arbitrator's Award, dated the 5th August, 1941, in above connection, and with it the following two letters which had been addressed to the Council's Solicitor by the Solicitors acting for Mr. John L. Morgan, Kilpool, Wicklow, and Mr. John Lancelot Leslie Ellis, Magherymore, Wicklow, respectively:

20, Molesworth Street,  
Dublin.  
17th September, 1941.

**RE: WICKLOW TO ARKLOW NEW ROAD.**

Dear Sirs,

We are in receipt of your letters of 10th and 16th inst. and return herewith Requisitions on Title with our replies.

Regarding the type of fence acceptable to our client we are instructed to say that our client wishes to abide the suggestions made and embodied in the uncompleted Agreement between him and the Co. Council, namely the original wire fence with the addition of a sod bank and quicks. We are advised that the bank and ditch described in the Arbitrator's Award will add considerable expense to your clients.

The ditch would require at frequent intervals drains to carry off an exceptional amount of water, the land especially on the House side is very permeable. As these drains would require to be under the road necessity to open the road might arise in the event of blocking. None of the work in making the ditch and bank will arise if the Council adhere to the original proposal. The making of the sod bank and setting quicks therein is a small undertaking compared with the above.

It appears that the Agreement for the Quarry has been lost. We consider it advisable that a new Agreement between the Council and our client necessary to regulate the drawing of stones and provide our client with protection against possible claims for damage through blasting as also to provide an indemnity to himself and his assigns for damages to persons and stock on his farm.

Finally the question of the right of way as proposed already should be settled. We suggest that your clients now ratify the Agreement already drawn up so far as it applies to the right of way to draw stones and material over his lands.

In connection with the redemption of 10s. of the annuity will you inform the Irish Land Commission when making application that our client will lodge an application for the sub-division of the holding so as to segregate the land on the sea-side from the remainder. We are awaiting the lay-out of the road so that the necessary map can be prepared for that purpose.

Yours faithfully,

P. J. BRADY,  
(P. J. Brady and Co.)

J. H. McCarroll and Co.,  
Solicitors,

59, Dawson Street,  
Dublin, C.2.  
24th September, 1941.

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL AND J. L. LESLIE ELLIS.**

Dear Sirs,

We are in receipt of your letter of yesterday's date enclosing Paying Order for £55 13s. the costs awarded by the Arbitrator, for which we are much obliged. We note that you have received the Abstract of Title and copy documents to vouch and that we will receive your Requisitions on Title in due course.

With regard to the type of fence our client wishes to have erected, we thought that this was all arranged between Mr. O'Byrne, the County Surveyor, and Mr. David A. Telford.

We have the cross sectional details prepared by Mr. O'Byrne before us, which we sent to Mr. Telford for his approval, and on the 9th July he wrote to us that in principle the fence set in the cross sectional details was agreed to at the hearing of the Arbitration, but Mr. Telford suggested that instead of the wire link fence on top of the bank to put four-year-old transplanted thorn quicks about 6 ins. above the ground level at point "B" (3 per yard) and to erect an ordinary wire fence 4 feet in height with oak posts, 10 ft. centres, three strands of plain galvanised wire and two strands of galvanised barbed wire, total five strands, as shown on the sketch the posts to be not less than 18 ins. from the edge of the dyke. This fence will protect the bank from trespass and damage by stock, and last until the quicks are sufficiently well established to form a substantial durable fence. According to Mr. Telford this would work out cheaper than as proposed by Mr. O'Byrne.

Yours faithfully,

H. & W. STANLEY,

Messrs. J. H. McCarroll and Co.,  
4, Church Street, Wicklow.

The Secretary pointed out to the Council that the suggestions contained in each of these two letters would appear, if followed, to represent departures from the precise terms of the Arbitrator's Award. In these circumstances he strongly urged the Council to instruct the County Surveyor to carry out this work in strict accordance with the award, as any other course would certainly lead to trouble. After some discussion the Council decided that the work should be proceeded with at the earliest possible date so as to relieve unemployment in the district, and directed the County Surveyor, who was present, to adhere rigidly to the terms of the Arbitrator's Award.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

Seconded by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne:

Resolved—That the Minister for Local Government be requested to allocate immediately the already promised Grant-in-Aid to enable the work of constructing the Wicklow-Arklow Coastal Road (Silver Strand Section) so as to provide much-needed employment in this district, and, further, that inasmuch as the Arbitrator's Award has now been made the work should be laid out and proceeded with in accordance with the conditions of the Award.

Passed.

The following letter was submitted from the County Solicitor regarding the fencing of the Cliffs at Greystones:—

4, Church Street, Wicklow.

14th November, 1941.

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.  
LA TOUCHE ESTATE.**

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter enclosing copy correspondence with Messrs. S. & R. C. Walker & Son, Solicitors for above estate, regarding the fencing of the cliffs at Greystones.

In my opinion the County Council should not agree to take over the care and maintenance of the fences in question or to give the required indemnity against any liability which might arise by reason of any defect in a fence.

The Solicitors for the Estate should be informed that if the La Touche Estate remove the said fences they will do so at their own risk.

Perhaps you would kindly bring the matter before the meeting of the Council to be held on Monday next and let me know decision arrived at, when I will communicate with the Solicitors for the Estate.

Yours faithfully,

J. BRAZIL.

R. T. Healy, Esq.,

County Secretary,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

Order: The Council's Solicitor to deal with this matter direct with Messrs. S. and R. C. Walker and Son.



## QUARTERLY REPORT.

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the article analysed by her during the Quarter ending the 30th September, 1941.

Articles submitted for Analysis	Date Received	Number	From	Result of Analysis
Whole Milk	2/7/41	1	Carnew, Gd. Doyle	Genuine
Porter	"	1	"	Genuine
Milk	15/7/41	2	Wicklow, Gd. Bergin	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
Coff-o-era	"	1	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	"	2	Rathdrum, Gd. Sweeney	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
Milk	22/7/41	4	Bray, Gd. Murphy	Genuine
Milk	26/7/41	1	District Hosp., Baltinglass	Genuine
Tea	30/7/41	3	Bray, Gd. Murphy	Genuine
Flour	"	1	"	Genuine
Milk	1/8/41	1	Fever Hospital	Genuine
W. Milk	8/8/41	1	Roundwood, Sgt. Mahony	Genuine
Marmalade	"	1	"	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
Sugar	"	1	"	Genuine
Milk	"	1	County Hospital	Genuine
Butter	13/8/41	1	Roundwood, Sgt. Mahony	Genuine
B. Soda	"	1	"	Genuine
Lime Juice	"	1	"	Genuine
Whiskey	"	1	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	22/8/41	4	Wicklow, Gd. Bergin	3 Gen. 1 Not C
Tea	"	2	Bray, Gd. Murphy	Genuine
Sugar	"	1	"	Genuine
Flour	"	1	"	Genuine
Buttermilk	25/8/41	1	"	Genuine
Margarine	"	1	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	"	1	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	"	1	"	Genuine
Milk	30/8/41	1	Baltinglass Dist. Hosp.	Genuine
Whole Milk	10/9/41	2	Blessington, Gd. Brennan	Genuine
Whiskey	"	1	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	"	3	Dunlavin, Gd. Laverty	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
Jam	"	1	"	Genuine
Lard	"	1	"	Genuine
Whiskey	13/9/41	1	Arklow, Gd. O'Reilly	Genuine
Eutter	"	1	"	Not Genuine
Whole Milk	"	2	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	15/9/41	1	"	Genuine
Butter	25/9/41	1	Shillelagh, Gd. Behan	Genuine
Cheese	"	1	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	"	1	"	Genuine
Sago	"	1	"	Genuine
Milk	26/9/41	1	Dist. Hosp., Baltinglass	Genuine
Sugar	"	1	Aughrim, Sgt. Lee	Genuine
Barley	"	1	"	Genuine
Suet	"	1	"	Genuine
Lard	"	1	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	"	1	"	Genuine
Bread	29/9/41	1	Baltinglass, Gd. Conway	Genuine
Egg Powder	"	1	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	"	2	"	Genuine
Butter	"	3	"	2 Gen. 1 Not C

2/7/41	3	Delgany Dispensary	Genuine
"	3	Bray No. 1 Dispensary	Genuine
"	3	Aughrim Dispensary	Genuine
7/7/41	3	Dunganstown Dispensary	Genuine
18/7/41	2	Delgany Dispensary	Genuine
19/7/41	3	Blessington Dispensary	Genuine
11/9/41	3	Baltinglass Dist. Hosp.	Genuine
15/9/41	3	Blessington Dispensary	Genuine
"	3	Baltinglass Dispensary	Genuine
16/9/41	3	County Home	Genuine
22/9/41	3	Kiltegan Dispensary	Genuine
20/8/41	1	County Board of Health (per Mr. Foley)	Passed
Baltyboys, Blessington)			
2/9/41	1	County Board of Health (per Mr. Foley)	Passed
No. 1, Valleymount)			
2/9/41	1	County Board of Health (per Mr. Foley)	Condemned
No. 2, Valley-mount Supply)			

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter: Foods, 72; Drugs, 32. Number Adulterated: 1 Milk; 2 Butters. Waters, 3; total, 107. 1 Water Condemned.

Date, 14th October, 1941.

Signed—PHYLLIS RYAN,  
Public Analyst.

The Council adjourned to their next Meeting consideration of communications, dated 3rd September and 23rd October, 1941, from Mr. Wm. F. Murphy, The Central Stores, Aughrim, in which he asked for payment of an Account, amounting to the sum of £128 0s. 6d for Seeds and Manures supplied under the Council's Seeds and Fertilizers Supply Scheme, 1941.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby select and appoint the Rev. Henry Evanson, The Rectory, Shillelagh, to fill the vacancy existing on the Shillelagh Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee caused by the departure from Shillelagh of the Rev. K. Palmer.

Passed.



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 16th February, 1942.

The following Members were present:—

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

### BUSINESS:

1. To consider the County Surveyor's Report on the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the year 1942-43.
2. To consider the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the Service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1943, as prepared and submitted by the County Surveyor.
3. To receive recommendations from the Local Appointments Commissioners of persons suitable to fill the two vacancies of Assistant County Surveyors, and to pass Resolutions appointing the persons recommended to fill the vacant positions.
4. To confirm and sign Minutes of previous meetings.
5. To consider Finance Committee's Reports.
6. To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance.
7. To consider Proposals for Payments from the Proposals Committee.
8. To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments.
9. To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee.
10. To Seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
11. To sign applications for refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
12. To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
13. To consider applications for Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
14. To consider applications for Licences under the Explosives Act, 1875.
15. To receive a circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health in which the Minister asked the County Council to consider as early as possible whether there is need for a Seeds and Fertilizers Supply Scheme in the County in the year 1942, and if so to adopt such a Scheme.
16. To consider Reports from the Advisory Committee set up under the Council's Air Raid Precautions Scheme, and to pass such Resolutions in that connection as will make the Scheme operate more speedily and efficiently.
17. To consider a communication from the Air Raid Precautions Branch of the Department of Defence calling on the County Council to make such arrangements as will ensure in the event of this Country being involved in hostilities suitable restrictions on the displaying of external lighting and also on lighting inside buildings be imposed.
18. To consider a Report from the County Surveyor on the operation of the Turf Production Scheme, and a communication from the Office of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance (Turf Division) regarding the Sale of Turf under that Scheme.
19. To consider a communication from the Chief Clerk of Grangegorman Mental Hospital stating, amongst other things, that the Contracts sub-Committee of the Joint Committee had cancelled the balance of the Turf on order in view of complaints made of the unsatisfactory quality of the Turf already supplied.
20. To consider a communication from Wicklow Urban District Council regarding the price to be charged to that Body for the Turf supplied by the County Council for the operation of the Urban Council's Scheme to supply Turf in small quantities to purchasers with limited means.



21. To consider a communication from James Jones, Glassavilawn, Tallaght, County Dublin, in which he submits a claim from the Bog Workers employed at Glencree for pay in respect of the Public Holiday on Monday, August 4th, 1941.
22. To consider correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, from the Turf Division of the Department of Finance, and from the County Surveyor, outlining the procedure to be followed regarding County Roads damaged by Turf Traffic where such roads are likely to be used for future transport of Turf.
23. To consider County Surveyor's Report (Dated 12/11/1941).
24. To consider a communication from Mr. William F. Murphy, The Central Stores, Aughrim, in which he asks for payment of an account amounting to the sum of £128 0s. 6d. for seeds and manures supplied under the Council's Seeds and Fertilizers Supply Scheme, 1941.
25. To consider further correspondence from the County Library Committee and from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the conditions governing the appointment of a Junior Assistant in the office of the former Body.
26. To consider the amounts due by the three Urban District Councils to the County Council on foot of the latter's Annual Estimate and Demands, more particularly the correspondence which has passed with Bray Urban District Council in that connection.
27. To consider the Local Government Auditor's Report on his Audit of the Accounts of Wicklow County Council for the two half-years which ended on the 30th September, 1940.
28. To consider letters from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in which the County Council is instructed to make certain arrangements in regard to the operation of the Weighbridge erected on the Murrough, Wicklow, under the Road Traffic Act, 1933.
29. To consider an application from Poor Rate Collector Michael O'Neill (No. 19 District), supported by a letter from his Solicitors, Messrs. J. H. McCarroll and Co., Wicklow, to the County Council to make the necessary Order to realise the mortgage on the lands of Mr. W. H. Fenton, Knockloe, with a view to collecting outstanding Rates amounting to the sum of £733 16s. 7d., in respect of Mr. Fenton's holdings.
30. To consider a communication from the Minister for Industry and Commerce in which he expresses the opinion that the County Council should, in the interests of the County, take over Wicklow Harbour and promote a Provisional Order for the purpose.
31. To consider communication, dated 3rd January, 1942, from the Council's Chief Clerk and Accountant, Mr. L. Wolahan, in which he asks the Council to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to put into effect as from the 1st January, 1942, the recommendation adopted by the Council on 30th March, 1931, fixing his salary at £450 per annum.
32. To consider an application from Mr. M. Donoghue, Rate Inspector, to have the amount allowed him annually for Travelling Expenses increased from £60 to £120.
33. To consider County Surveyor's Report.
34. To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health asking for completed plans, specifications, etc., in respect of the reconstruction and improvement of five specified roads important from the point of view of Tourist Development, these being suitable public works which could be undertaken in the event of unemployment becoming widespread at any time.
35. To consider a communication from Tomacork Parish Committee calling attention to two dangerous corners and a Water Course that need covering on the road from Carnew to Tomacork Church.
36. To consider a communication from Kilaveney (Tinahely) Parish Council requesting immediate repairs to the streets of Tinahely and also referring to the very bad condition of the footpaths which need concreting.
37. To consider a memorial submitted by Kilaveney (Tinahely) Parish Council, signed by nine local residents, complaining of the impassable state of Gorteen-Tinahely Road, and to receive a letter from Kilaveney (Tinahely) Parish Council dealing with same.

38. To consider a communication from Kilaveney (Tinahely) Parish Council calling for the immediate improvement of blind corners at the intersection of the roads Tinahely-Togher and Protestant and Catholic Churches.
39. To consider letter from Mr. Richard G. Fenton (Agent for Major Mitchell's Estate), Ballinlea, Donard, complaining of a number of matters in connection with the taking of gravel from a pit at Ballynure.
40. To receive a memorial from the residents of Ballingate and adjoining Townlands directing the County Council's urgent attention to the alleged disgraceful condition of the road leading to Tomacork Church from Clery's Cross, Croneyhorn, and requesting the County Council to have it put into proper condition forthwith.
41. To consider a communication from the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance regarding the complaint of Lieutenant J. A. Harbourn, The Hotel, Baltinglass, of the condition of the street at his premises.
42. To consider an application from about twenty-four unemployed men in the Knockananna District to the County Council to commence a Minor Relief Scheme in that locality, such as essential work on the lane connecting Ballinasilogue and Moyne roads leading to Rathmeague School, with a view to relieving the unemployment prevailing in that area.
43. To consider a communication from Mr. William Redmond, Blessington, in which he complains that he and other men employed by the County Council had not received yet their holiday pay due since August, 1941, and threatening legal proceedings if he is not paid forthwith.
44. To pass a Resolution extending for a further period the appointment of Mr. McD. Fleming, B.E., as temporary Assistant County Surveyor.
45. To consider an application from Assistant Surveyor J. P. Caffrey, B.E., for a refund of the Road Tax paid by him on the motor car used in the discharge of his official duties.
46. To consider correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health in which certain Fees are allowed to the County Surveyor and his Assistants in connection with Bog Development Works carried out in 1941 under Grants and also in respect of works to be carried out in 1942 under Grants.
47. To consider the following Resolution which was passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture on the 23rd June, 1941, and which was referred back to the County Council by the Finance Committee for consideration:—  
 "Resolved—That we hereby approve of the full Marriage Gratuity of £320 5s. being granted to Mrs. M. A. Morrin (formerly Miss M. A. Codd, Instructor in Poultry-keeping and Butter-making), in accordance with the terms of Section 44(4) of the Local Government Act, 1925."
48. To consider an application from the Irish Tourist Association for the usual annual contribution from Rates for Tourist Advertising.
49. To again consider correspondence with Messrs. S. and R. C. Walker and Son, Solicitors for the La Touche Estate, relative to responsibilities for the fencing of cliffs at Greystones.
50. To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health asking for a report on the steps taken by the County Council to ensure rigid economy in all branches of their administration.
51. To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Committee of Agriculture on the 30th December, 1941, which was approved by the Department of Agriculture in a letter dated the 9th December, 1941, No. L.2269-41, addressed to the Committee of Agriculture:—  
 "That we hereby recommend Wicklow County Council to pay the sum of £15 (Fifteen Pounds) to Mr. Michael Kelly, Knockrath, Rathdrum, as a subsidy towards the cost of erection of a Public Sheep Dipping Bath on his premises."
52. To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at their November Monthly Meeting:—  
 "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, 1941:  
 S. Conway, V.S.—£80  
 A. F. Walshe, V.S.—£65  
 W. J. Richardson, V.S.—£30  
 Subject to the sanction of the Department of Agriculture."



53. To consider a letter from Mr. A. F. Walshe, V.S., in which he applies for payment of the £65 recommended for his services in 1941 in enforcing the Sheep Dipping Regulations.
54. To consider an application from Baltinglass Branch of the Red Cross Society for the use of the Old Grand Jury Rooms in Baltinglass Courthouse for Red Cross purposes.
55. To consider a communication from the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance requesting the County Council to embody in the approved Scheme for County Engineering the supplemental proposals submitted by the County Surveyor to and approved by that Board.
56. To appoint a Food and Drugs Inspector for Newtownmountkennedy and District.
57. To consider an Account, amounting to the sum of £15 4s. 4d. received by the County Solicitor from Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., in connection with the Council's defence of the Hugo Malicious Injury Claim.
58. To consider County Analyst's Report.
59. To receive Minutes of Monthly Meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee.
60. To consider Abstracts of Correspondence.  
Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;  
Resolved—That we hereby extend to our Assistant County Surveyor, P. J. Foley, B.E., and to the Members of his family, the assurance of our sincere sympathy with them on the death of their father, Mr. Michael Foley, of Old Leighlin, County Carlow.  
Passed.  
Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;  
Resolved—That we hereby place on record our sorrow at the recent accident which took place at Newrath Bridge, and we offer to the relatives of Frederick Quinn, who lost his life on that occasion, the assurance of our very sincere sympathy, and we also extend our sympathy to Peter Heffernan, who was injured, and who happily is now on the way to good health again.  
Passed.  
No special report on the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the year 1942/1943 was presented by the County Surveyor. The Secretary, however, read a communication, dated the 2nd February, 1942, Ref. No. RU/209/1 from the Roads Section of the Department of Local Government and Public Health in which the Minister intimated that it was not yet possible to inform the Council of the definite allocation which will be made for the financing of works for the relief of unemployment in 1942/43, but he recommended that provision for a local contribution in respect of employment schemes on roads in the coming year be made at the same amount as that provided by the Council in their Estimates for the current year.

#### PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME FOR THE YEAR 1942-'43.

The Secretary submitted this Scheme which had been prepared by the County Surveyor, and a copy of which had been put into the hands of each County Councillor ten days before this Meeting.

After a prolonged discussion on the amounts to be allowed for Main Roads in the forthcoming financial year it was

Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we raise by means of Poor Rate for expenditure on Main Roads in the coming financial year the sum of £29,253, and we hereby authorise and direct the County Surveyor to apportion this figure over the Main Roads in the Scheme.

Passed.

After further discussion as to the amount to be raised and allowed for County Roads during the forthcoming financial year it was

Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we raise by means of Poor Rate for expenditure on County Roads in the coming financial year the sum of £21,695, and we hereby authorise and direct the County Surveyor to apportion this figure over the County Roads in the Scheme.

Passed.

The effect of these two Resolutions is shown in the following Schedule, and these are the figures for Road Improvement and Maintenance that the County Council has finally decided shall be incorporated in the Council's Estimates for the service of the financial year which will end on the 31st March, 1943:—

Description	SUMMARY OF ESTIMATE.			ALLOWED BY COUNCIL		
	Main Roads	County Roads	Total	Main Roads	County Roads	Total
Part 1 (Repairs)	£ 28,148	£ 20,408	£ 48,556	£ 24,000	£ 19,000	£ 43,000
Part 2 (Improvements)						
(a) Proposals submitted by Co. Surveyor	3,523	1,895	5,418	3,523	1,395	4,918
(b) Proposals submitted by County Councillors	420	400	820	420	250	670
(c) Loan Repayments	1,110	850	1,960	1,110	850	1,960
Part 3 (Contingencies)	400	400	800	200	200	400
Total Estimate	£33,601	£23,953	£57,554	£29,253	£21,695	£50,948

ROAD WORKS SCHEME, 1942-'43.



**APPOINTMENT OF TWO ASSISTANT COUNTY SURVEYORS.**

The Secretary read the two following communications received from the Local Appointments Commission in above connection:—

Local Appointments Commission,  
45 Upper O'Connell St., Dublin.  
January 12th, 1942.  
L.A.17/8/41.

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

**ASSISTANT COUNTY SURVEYOR.**

A Chara,

In compliance with the Statutory Request received on the 5th July, 1941, from the Wicklow County Council, I am directed by the Local Appointments Commissioners to state that they recommend Mr. Kevin Hardiman, 3 Kilkreene New Road, Kilkenny, for appointment as Assistant County Surveyor.

A brief statement of the recommended candidate's qualifications and experience up to the date of interview is given hereunder, and a copy of the Regulations and Terms of Appointment is attached for your information. The enclosed form (L.A.40) should be filled in, in your presence by the candidate immediately on taking up duty and the form then returned to this office.

The Commissioners desire me to express regret for the delay which has occurred in the issue of this recommendation and to inform you that the delay was unavoidable. They hope to be in a position to forward a recommendation in respect of the second vacancy in a very short time.

Mise le meas,

M. O CATHAIN, Runai.

Date and Place of Birth: 3rd June, 1912, Dublin.

Qualifications and Experience: B.E. (Civil) 1st Class Hons. 1936; winner of Pierce Malone Scholarship. B.Sc.; Assist. Engineer with Mr. P. H. McCarthy, M.A.I., Dublin, on Waterworks and Sewerage Schemes, October, 1936—March, 1937; Assist. Engineer, Office of Public Works on Arterial Drainage, etc., March, 1937—February, 1938; Assist. Engineer with Mr. N. O'Dwyer on Design of Waterworks and Sewerage Schemes, February—November, 1938; Assistant Engineer Dublin Corporation on Poulaphouca Intake Works, November, 1938—February, 1940; Assist. County Surveyor, County Kilkenny since February, 1940.

Local Appointments Commission,  
45 Upper O'Connell St., Dublin.  
February 4th, 1942.

L.A.17/8/41.

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

**ASSISTANT COUNTY SURVEYOR.**

A Chara,

In compliance with the Statutory Request received on the 5th July, 1941, from the Wicklow County Council, I am directed by the Local Appointments Commissioners to state that they recommend Mr. Albert Noel Dillon, Dungloe, Co. Donegal, for appointment as Assistant County Surveyor.

A brief statement of the recommended candidate's qualifications and experience up to the date of interview is given hereunder, and a copy of the Regulations and Terms of Appointment is attached for your information. The enclosed form (L.A.40) should be filled in, in your presence by the candidate immediately on taking up duty and the form then returned to this office..

Mise le meas,

M. O CATHAIN, Runai.

Date and Place of Birth: 26th November, 1914, Cork.

Qualifications and Experience: B.E. 1935; A.M.I.C.E.I. 1938; Assistant to Professor Walsh, M.E., University College, Cork, October—November, 1935; Temporary Assistant Co. Surveyor, Co. Cork, November, 1935—April, 1936;

Engineer with South of Ireland Asphalt Co., Cork, April—December, 1936; Temporary Assistant Co. Surveyor, Co. Carlow, February—March, 1937; Resident Engineer, Kilkenny Board of Health, April, 1937—March, 1938; Resident and Assistant Engineer, Donegal Co. Council since March, 1938.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor P. D. Kinsella;

Resolved—Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, and the recommendation submitted to us to-day from the Local Appointments Commission, we hereby appoint as from 1st April, 1942, Mr. Kevin Hardiman, B.E., B.Sc., 3 Kilkreene New Road, Kilkenny, to the whole-time permanent, and pensionable position of Assistant County Surveyor under this Council at a salary of £300 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to £400 per annum, together with his actual out-of-pocket expenses in travelling, not exceeding £150 per annum, adequately vouched, and calculated at the rate of fivepence per mile where a motor car is used. The County Council wishes it to be clearly understood that (1) this appointment is subject to sanction by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health; (2) the County Council reserves the right to at any time interchange Assistant County Surveyors or to alter any Assistant County Surveyor's District; (3) that the allowance for Travelling Expenses referred to above is subject to alteration at any time by any regulations made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in that behalf; and (4) if and when Mr. K. Hardiman accepts this position he does so on the above terms.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor P. D. Kinsella;

Resolved—Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, and the recommendation submitted to us to-day from the Local Appointments Commission, we hereby appoint, as from the 1st April, 1942, Mr. Albert Noel Dillon, B.E., A.M.I.C.E.I., Dungloe, Co. Donegal, to the whole-time, permanent, and pensionable position of Assistant County Surveyor under this Council at a salary of £300 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to £400 per annum, together with his actual out-of-pocket expenses in travelling, not exceeding £150 per annum, adequately vouched and calculated at the rate of fivepence per mile where a motor car is used. The County Council wishes it to be clearly understood that (1) this appointment is subject to sanction by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health; (2) the County Council reserves the right to at any time interchange Assistant County Surveyors or to alter any Assistant County Surveyor's District; (3) that the allowance for Travelling Expenses referred to above is subject to alteration at any time by any regulations made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in that behalf; and (4) if and when Mr. A. N. Dillon accepts this position he does so on the above terms.

Passed.

The Secretary reported that the Agreement the Council required Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., to enter into as one of the conditions governing the reduction of his working area and the increase in his salary and travelling expenses had been forwarded on the 7th January, 1942 to Mr. Foley for execution, but had not up to the date of this Meeting been received back from Mr. Foley.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor P. D. Kinsella;

Resolved—That Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., be called upon to sign forthwith and return to our Secretary the Agreement forwarded to him for execution in connection with the new Scheme of County Engineering in so far as his particular new area is concerned, and that we hereby direct Mr. Foley to accompany that executed Agreement with a letter in which he is to state categorically that (1) he will have cleared up before the 1st April, 1942, all work outside the work of this Council or the Board of Health and Public Assistance, and (2) he has not and will not attempt in any way to interfere in the newly set up areas or in the efforts of the newly appointed Assistant Surveyors to discharge their duties in these new areas.

Passed.

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



Minutes of Meeting, 16th February, 1942.  
**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.**

**Finance Committee's Report No. 1.**

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee, was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, 16th January, 1942.

The following Members attended:

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Presiding Chairman; Councillors J. P. Kehoe and Joseph 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 ... £11,206 0 10.

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

QUARTER ENDING 30th JUNE, 1942 ... £14,179 5 0

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

HALF-YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1942.

To the County Board of Public Health ... £18,327 10 0

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 Schedule showing the condition of the Poor Rate Collection as it stood on the 31st December, 1941.

**1941/1942 RETURN.**

District No.	Amount of Warrant	Amount Collected to date.	Discount Allowed.	Amount net Collected.
1	£8,302 5 5	£4,482 1 3	£47 15 8	£3,772 8 6
2	5,500 14 2	2,756 5 4	13 15 6	2,730 13 4
3	4,359 17 2	2,087 15 11	14 4 4	2,257 16 11
4/5	8,765 16 9	4,097 1 3	26 7 1	4,642 8 5
6	7,616 13 6	2,912 8 0	15 16 1	4,688 9 5
7	17,482 9 1	9,381 8 8	63 2 6	8,037 17 11
8	4,901 15 10	2,681 19 11	13 7 6	2,206 8 5
9	17,923 19 3	9,841 19 11	49 1 3	8,032 18 1
10	6,749 19 8	3,755 11 9	12 6 3	2,982 1 8
11	9,053 13 10	4,713 14 4	37 13 3	4,302 6 3
12	10,136 11 3	4,226 19 2	12 11 1	5,897 1 0
13/14/15	13,185 18 8	6,917 2 0	33 9 0	6,235 7 8
16	10,638 10 2	5,312 2 2	46 4 9	5,280 3 3
17	7,463 0 3	3,453 11 9	24 15 1	3,984 13 5
18	7,305 19 2	3,623 9 7	38 16 8	3,643 12 11
19	5,717 5 8	2,554 1 5	10 19 0	3,152 5 3
Totals	£145,104 9 10	£72,797 12 5	£460 5 0	£71,846 12 5

**1939/1940 RETURN.**

Holdings acquired in whole or in part by Electricity Supply Board.

5	£2,386 3 4	£2,188 0 4	£2 14 7	Closed
6	8,606 14 6	6,898 3 2	11 10 10	536 0 9
Totals	£10,992 17 10	£9,086 3 6	£14 5 5	£536 0 9

The Secretary submitted the following paragraph which appeared in a Report, dated the 13th August, 1941, presented to the County Council by the County Surveyor, which paragraph was referred by the Council to the Finance Committee for consideration and Report:

"The Council is aware that during recent years the type and amount of work in this Office has materially altered and increased. So many additional Schemes and Works have now to be operated that the appointment of a responsible Chief Clerk to direct the internal organisation and staff, as established in other County Surveyors' Offices throughout the Country, is now essential.

I recommend that Mr. J. O'Rourke, who has been acting as managing clerk, be officially recognised in this position at an adequate remuneration."

The Committee recommend that the £10 annual increments which brought Mr. John O'Rourke's salary up to its present amount, i.e., £200 per annum, be continued for a further period of five years.

The Committee did not take into consideration any of the other matters referred to by the County Surveyor as they considered it best to leave the present arrangements undisturbed pending the forthcoming administrative changes in Local Government.

The following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture on the 23rd June, 1941, was again submitted, its consideration having been postponed from the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 17th October, 1941:—

"Resolved: That we hereby approve of the full Marriage Gratuity of £320 5s., being granted to Mrs. M. A. Morrin (formerly Miss M. A. Codd, Instructor in Poultry-keeping and Butter-making) in accordance with the terms of Section 44(4) of the Local Government Act, 1925."

The Committee referred the Resolution to the County Council, and requested the Secretary to have it placed as an item on the Agenda for the forthcoming Quarterly Meeting of that Body.

The County Solicitor, Mr. J. Brazil, submitted, with a letter dated the 22nd December, 1941, an account amounting to the sum of £15 4s. 4d. received by him from Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., for professional services rendered in connection with the defence of the Hugo Malicious Injury Claim.

The Committee referred the Account to the County Council for consideration, and in doing so pointed out the fact that Mr. Foley is in a position to draw full Salary and Travelling Expenses as a whole-time Officer of the Council as from the 1st April, 1941.



The following communication from the Weights and Measures Inspector, Bray, was submitted:

**AN GARDA SIOTHCHANA  
(WEIGHTS AND MEASURES SECTION).**

Division: Dublin and Wicklow.  
District: Bray.  
Inspector's Office: Bray.  
Date 5th January, 1942.

Secretary,  
Wicklow Co. Council,  
Co. Wicklow.  
A Chara,

**WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICE, BRAY.**

I beg to apply to your Council for permission to acquire premises recently vacated by the L.D.F., Bray. The premises are located in the Main Street, forming part of the Royal Hotel. The proposed premises comprise two rooms, of the following dimensions: 25' x 16' and 15' x 12'. The former is suitable for general work and the housing of the Sub-standards. The latter for an Office and the proper housing of Records. Sanitary accommodation and water is also available. Both rooms are airy, lightsome, dry, and their situation is such as to render them free from vibration. In a nutshell, they are in every way suitable for my purpose.

There is a charge of 15/- per week, which I consider reasonable.

The Weights and Measures Office here is a shambles located in the underground of the Court House. Describing it roughly, it is 36' x 9' x 7' high. It has two windows, which are useless as the light is denied entrance by reason of a high wall which covers them from the Main Street. The walls are damp, even in Summer time. The fireplace is hopeless. The mantel place is about 2" from the wall, with the result that the smoke goes everywhere save up the chimney.

Since the Sub-standards are kept in the Office I have of necessity to lock up windows every night. Consequently on opening the place in the morning the damp smell is nigh unbearable. The lighting of a fire during winter months does not go far to relieve the situation.

Dampness is most detrimental to the Sub-standards, and I have considerable trouble in keeping them in fairly good condition.

I trust that you will accede to my application. I am confident that this accommodation is long overdue.

Is mise, le meas,

SEAN SCANLAN, Sergt. E.O.I.

The Committee directed that the County Surveyor be called upon for a Report on this application and on the present accommodation in Bray Court House used as a Weights and Measures Office.

(Signed), JAMES EVERETT, T.D.,

Presiding Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Dated this 16th January, 1942.

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

Seconded by Councillor J. P. Kehoe;

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.

Passed.

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 2.**

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, 6th February, 1942.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Presiding Chairman; Councillors Joseph Jacob and John P. Kehoe.

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

**Additional Proposals** £54 19s. 4d.

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 Schedule showing the condition of the Poor Rate Collection as it stood on the 31st January, 1942.

**1941/1942 RETURN.**

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6	7,616 13 6	3,179 12 10	15 16 1	4,421 4 7
7	17,482 9 1	11,338 17 4	63 2 6	6,080 9 3
8	4,901 15 10	3,452 15 8	13 7 6	1,435 12 8
9	17,923 19 3	10,258 0 11	49 1 3	7,616 17 1
10	6,749 19 8	3,885 10 1	12 6 3	2,852 3 4
11	9,053 13 10	5,280 10 4	37 13 3	3,735 10 3
12	10,136 11 3	4,242 12 9	12 11 1	5,881 7 5
13/14/15	13,185 18 8	7,364 3 11	33 9 0	5,788 5 9
16	10,638 10 2	5,548 16 10	46 4 9	5,043 8 7
17	7,463 0 3	3,517 6 0	24 15 1	3,920 19 2
18	7,305 19 2	3,723 13 5	38 16 8	3,543 9 1
19	5,717 5 8	2,651 18 9	10 19 0	3,054 7 11
Totals	£145,104 9 10	£78,480 19 7	£460 5 0	£66,163 5 3

**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.
6	£8,606 14 6	£6,904 17 11	£11 10 10	£529 6 0
Total	£8,606 14 6	£6,904 17 11	£11 10 10	£529 6 0

(Signed)—JAMES EVERETT, T.D.

Dated this 6th February, 1942.

Presiding Chairman of the Finance Committee.

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.



The Secretary reported, with regret, the serious illness of the Council's Rate Inspector, Mr. Michael Donoghue, who is at present a patient in the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin. He mentioned that no break down in the checking of the Poor Rate Collectors Accounts could be allowed to take place, and consequently he had detailed Mr. A. O'Connor, Clerical Officer in the Accounts Section, to discharge the duties of the position temporarily.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor J. P. Kehoe:

Resolved—That, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, we hereby approve, confirm, and adopt the arrangements made by our County Secretary to have the duties of Rate Inspector carried out as from the 27th January, 1942, by Mr. A. O'Connor, Clerical Officer in our Accounts Section, during the illness of the Rate Inspector, Mr. Michael Donoghue; that is to say Mr. O'Connor to be paid the sum of Two Pounds (£2) per week whilst temporarily engaged on the above referred to duties, together with travelling and subsistence expenses, the expenses to be kept at the lowest possible figure and to be adequately vouched before payment is made.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

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

Passed.

#### PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the following Proposals for Payments chargeable to the various areas, amounting to the sum of £11,206 0s. 10d. (any modifications 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 J. Everett, T.D.:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals, chargeable to the various areas, amounting to the sum of £54 19s. 4d. (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.

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

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.

There were no Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee, and consequently there were no Contracts to be signed.

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

Resolved—That we hereby renew Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, for the year 1942, for the following applicants, provided always that the Gardai Siochana offer no objection in any instance:—

Licence No.	Name	Address
100	F. J. Loughran	Delgany,
110	James Lawless	c/o Murdoch and Co., 23/4 Main St., Bray.
75	Thomas Whitten, Manager for Messrs. E. H. Murdoch and Co.	Same.
116	William Toomey	Annacreevy, Enniskerry.
112	John S. Annesley	50 Main St., Arklow.
43	Joseph Owens	Dunlavin
74	William Saul	18 Main St., Rathdrum.
70	Joseph Walsh	Rathdrum.
71	P. J. Bradshaw	Shillelagh.
49	William F. Murphy	Aughrim.
36	James Lawler	Railway Hotel, Dunlavin
30	D. J. Cogan	Laragh
83	S. H. Correll	Carnew
45	F. J. Sutton, Ltd.	Rathdrum
42	Patrick J. Graham	Knockanana
84	Thomas P. Doyle	Commercial Hotel, Baltinglass.
60	John Synnott	Newtownmountkennedy.
81	Edward Dowse	Carnew
61	Robin Haskins	Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow.
117	Thomas Byrne	(D. H. Haskins & Son)
107	Harold Fisher	Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow.
104	William Quinn	Dunlavin
114	James F. E. Somers	Main St., Baltinglass
77	James Belton	The Corner House, Carnew.
98	Patrick Thorpe	Killiskey, Ashford.
101	Albert Farrar	Kilquiggan, Tullow.
102	Denis O'Sullivan	Bridge House, Lower St., Rathdrum
96	William Wynne	c/o Miss Geraty, Mill Lane, Carnew
99	E. L. O'Higgins	Kyle, Kiltegan.
9	Terence Finnegan	Main St., Dunlavin.
111	Mrs. Ellen Fleming	Abbey St., Wicklow.
34	James Healy	Barndarrig.
47	Arthur Hennessy	Rathdangan.
39	Patrick Hoxey	Blessington.
1	Mrs. A. S. Miller	Knockenarrigan.
59	Edwin Doyle	Blessington
12	Garnet B. Hopkins	Church Road, Greystones.
25	James Craul	Main St., Wicklow.
94	M. J. Brennan	Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride.
80	John Briscoe	Roundwood
33	Michael Tutty	Kiltegan
23	Mrs. Mary Toomey	Hollywood.
11	S. V. Delahunt	Hollywood.
89	Arthur J. Boyers	Abbey Street, Wicklow.
115	Leslie Murphy	Co-operative Society, Tinahely.
		Donard.

Passed.



Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. P. Kehoe;

Resolved—That the Licence issued to Mr. John 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 Patrick Doyle (Coolboy);

Seconded by Councillor Major R. Smith;

Resolved—That we hereby grant a renewal of Explosives Licence for the year ending 5th November, 1942, to the following persons:—

Thomas P. Doyle, Commercial House, Baltinglass.

William Saul, 18 Main Street, Rathdrum.

S. Weir & Sons, Tinahely.

Thomas Phelan, Aughrim.

E. V. Briscoe, Ballinalea House, Ashford.

Passed.

The following letter was submitted:—

Department of Local Government and Public Health,  
Custom House, Dublin,  
5th September, 1941.

Circ. Letter No. 114/41.

#### SEEDS AND FERTILISERS SUPPLY SCHEMES.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that it has been represented to him that the special facilities for the supply of seed potatoes, wheat, oat and barley seeds and fertilisers on loan terms to cultivators of land who cannot obtain supplies out of their own resources should be continued in the 1941-42 season. The Minister, therefore, 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 so to adopt a scheme.

The usual steps should be taken on the adoption of a scheme to ensure adequate publicity of whatever facilities are made available. The instructions given in Circular letter of 1st February, 1940, with regard to undertakings to pay will apply.

In view of the approach of the season for sowing winter wheat the Minister desires that the matter be considered during the present month. Any scheme adopted should be put into operation without delay.

The closing date for the receipt of applications should not be fixed before the end of the 1942 spring sowing season.

Particulars of the scheme adopted should be forwarded to the Department.

The Secretary of  
the County Council.

Mise le meas,  
J. HURSON, Runai.

During the course of a protracted discussion, the Secretary submitted the following Schedule in connection with the Schemes operated in the years 1932, 1933, 1940 and 1941, in which he showed the amounts in each year (a) advanced by the County Council; (b) repaid by borrowers, and (c) still outstanding unpaid.

Year of Scheme	Amount Advanced by County Council		Repaid by Borrowers		Outstanding on 14th February, 1942.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1932	1,543	3 2	926	2 4	617	0 10
1933	449	13 7	383	3 10	66	9 9
1940	1,433	15 4	1,133	16 0	299	19 4
1941	2,411	7 6	645	4 11	1,766	2 7
Totals.	£5,837	19 7	£3,088	7 1	£2,749	12 6

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

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

Resolved—That the subjoined Scheme be hereby adopted for the year 1942 under the Seeds and Fertilisers Acts; that the same be operated as in 1940, and 1941, with the usual sureties in each case, and that no loan in respect of Seeds or Fertilisers be given to any person who owes any monies on foot of any of the Schemes existing in any of the years 1932, 1933, 1940 and 1941—no loan in any individual case to exceed £20, no application to be entertained unless the applicant proves he has paid all Rates due by him up to the 30th September, 1941.

#### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

##### SEEDS AND FERTILISERS.

The Wicklow County Council having, at the Quarterly Meeting of that Body held on the 16th February, 1942, adopted a Scheme under the appropriate Acts passed by the Oireachtas, are prepared to consider applications, addressed to the Secretary, Wicklow County Council, County Council Offices, Court House, Wicklow, and received by him up to but not later than Tuesday, the 31st March, 1942, for a supply, on loan terms, of Wheat Seeds, Barley Seeds, Oat Seeds, Seed Potatoes, and Fertilisers, 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 as follow:—

1. The maximum amount of loan to any one applicant will be £20.
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, who must be ratepayers in County Wicklow, and be prepared to undertake responsibility for repayment of the loan.
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, and certainly not later than 15th January, 1943.
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 Farmer from whom the applicant has purchased the seeds or fertilisers, 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, 1941. 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 fertilisers required.
5. He is to give the name and address of the Merchant or Farmer who is prepared to supply the seeds, and the name and address of the Merchant who is prepared to supply the fertilisers.
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 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, in each of the two places indicated on the form.

This document must then be returned to the Secretary of the County Council by the suppliers of the Seeds and Fertilizers who will be paid forthwith by the County Council if it be found to be in order.

By Order,

(Signed)—P. T. HEALY,  
Secretary.

Wicklow County Council,  
Court House, Wicklow,  
16th day of February, 1942.  
Passed.

### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

#### AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

##### REPORT FROM FIRST MEETING.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to report that the first Meeting of your Advisory Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Friday, the 5th December instant, when the following Members attended:—

P. T. Healy, County Secretary.  
Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health.  
John McGrath, Town Clerk, Wicklow.  
J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., County Surveyor/Engineer.  
L. Wolohan, County Accountant.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. P. J. Gregory Bannon, Town Clerk, Arklow.

Dr. G. P. G. Beckett was moved to the chair.

Item No. 1 on the Agenda:—

"To appoint a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Committee."

On the proposal of Mr. P. T. Healy, seconded by Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman of the County Council, was elected Chairman of the Advisory Committee.

The appointment of a Vice-Chairman was left over to a future meeting. Recommendation to the County Council to appoint additional Members on the Advisory Committee—

The following Resolution was proposed by Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, seconded by Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, and passed unanimously:—

Resolved—That for all or any of the purposes set out in the Scheme and in the County Council's Resolution of the 17th November, 1941, we recommend that the following persons be added to those already mentioned in that Resolution, viz.: The Chairman of Arklow Urban District Council, Mr. Liam O'Cleireigh; the Chairman of Wicklow Urban District Council, Deputy James Everett; and the Acting Secretary to the County Board of Health and Public Assistance, Mr. Thomas Byrne.

This Committee further recommend that, with a view to securing increased efficiency, the County Council should take into consideration the question of co-ordinating all the Services already in existence by appointing on this Advisory Committee representatives from such Services.

In further reference to this matter, Mr. P. T. Healy, County Secretary, explained that the names of the Advisory Committee embodied in the Scheme were in accordance with a communication he had received from the Department of Defence, dated the 15th August, 1941.

Item No. 2:—

"To fix the number of Members who will form a quorum."

On the proposal of Mr. John McGrath, seconded by Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, the following Resolution was unanimously passed:—

Resolved—That it be hereby agreed that any three members of this Committee present shall form a quorum for the purposes of transacting business and making recommendations to the County Council in regard to any undertakings entered into and for the purposes of recommending payments to the County Council.

Item No. 3:—

"To consider a statement submitted by the Secretary of the Advisory Committee embodying information as to work already done by the Red Cross Society and also by the County Board of Health acting under the provisions of the Fire Brigades Act, 1940."

The Secretary then read the following statement, which was noted:—  
1st December, 1941.

### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

#### AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS SCHEME.

Statement prepared for the consideration of the Advisory Committee at their first Meeting to be held on Friday, the 5th December, 1941.

This statement is based on reports kindly supplied by the County Secretary of the Red Cross Society; County Medical Officer of Health, and the Acting Secretary, County Board of Health, showing progress made.

Towns and Villages mentioned in and Mr. Brazil of 24th County Council's November, 1941, setting out Resolution of 17th work done by Red Cross Novr., 1941.	Report from Mr. Thos. Byrne, Acting Secretary, Co. Board of Health, on progress of work under the Fire Brigades Act, 1940.
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Greystones	Branch established and First Aid Station being equipped by Military.	Equipment being made available.
Rathdrum	Branch and First Aid Station established.	Fire Station and Fire Fighting and Rescue Work.
Baltinglass	Branch and First Aid Station established.	Trailer Pump provided by Board of Health stationed there.
Dunlavin	—	Equipment being made available.
Blessington	Branch and Dressing Station established.	Do.
Tinahely	Branch and Dressing Station established.	Do.
Carnew	Branch and First Aid Station established.	Do.
Shillelagh	Branch and Dressing Station established.	Do.
Aughrim	—	Do.
Avoca	Branch established.	Do.
Roundwood	—	Do.
Enniskerry	Branch established and First Aid Station being equipped by Military.	Do.

Towns and Villages not mentioned in Co. Council's Resolution.

Annamee	Branch and Dressing Station established.	
Barndarrig	Branch and Dressing Station established.	
Kilcoole	Branch and Dressing Station established.	Equipment being made available.



Glenealy	Branch and Dressing Station established.			
Kiltegan	Branch established.			
Rathnew	Branch and First Aid Station established and being equipped by Military.	Equipment being made available.		
Ashford	Branch established.			
Newtownmount-kennedy	Branch and First Aid Station established and being equipped by Military.			
Kilmacanoge		Equipment being made available.		
Newcastle		Do.		
Stratford		Do.		

N.B.—(1)—Above particulars entered from statement received from Acting Sec., Co. Board of Health, on 1st Sept., 1941, by Co. Secretary, in reference to Loan being raised for purchase of equipment under Fire Brigades Act, 1940.

(2) From Mr. Byrne's letter of 20th Novr., 1941, it appears that an arrangement is being made with Bray U.D.C. to look after Rathdown No. 2 Area, and with Arklow U.D.C. to look after Rural portion of Arklow Dispensary District.

Item No. 4:—

"To consider correspondence in connection with the work referred to in Item 3."

This correspondence (for which the Committee desires to express appreciation) consisted of communications from (1) Mr. Joseph Brazil, County Secretary to the Red Cross Society; (2) Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health, and (3) Mr. Thomas Byrne, Acting Secretary to the County Board of Health and Public Assistance, outlining the work already done by each Body concerned.

Item No. 5:—

"To consider the necessity for including certain other places (not mentioned in the County Council's Resolution of the 17th November, 1941) within the scope of the Scheme and to make recommendation to the County Council in this connection."

After consideration of this matter, the Committee postponed the making of any recommendation until arrangements have been completed in the populous areas of the Towns of Arklow and Wicklow.

Item No. 6:—

"To consider reports and recommendations of the County Medical Officer of Health and the County Surveyor/Engineer on First Aid Services in the Towns of Arklow and Wicklow."

Dr. Beckett stated that the Marlboro' Hall in Arklow and the De La Salle School in Wicklow have been selected and approved as suitable Stations. Certain equipment is already stored in the Town Clerk's Offices at Arklow, and in the De La Salle School in Wicklow.

Order: Arklow and Wicklow First Aid Posts should be equipped and made ready for use forthwith in accordance with the Air Raid Precautions Scheme as adopted by the County Council.

Item No. 7:—

"To consider the County Surveyor/Engineer's reports and recommendations on—

- (a) Fire Fighting in Arklow and Wicklow,
- (b) Decontamination Services in Arklow and Wicklow.
- (c) Rescue Services in Arklow and Wicklow.

The report of the County Surveyor/Engineer submitted to the Meeting was as follows:—

Court House,

Wicklow.

5th December, 1941.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL—AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your notification of the 1st instant, regarding proposed meeting to be held on Friday, 5th instant, in above connection.

(a) Firefighting in Arklow and Wicklow: I am aware that there is a very efficient trained Firefighting Squad in Arklow Town, equipped with a Trailer Pump and sufficient Hose.

In Wicklow Town a Trailer Pump has been provided, and I understand that the Wicklow Urban District Council have nominated the personnel.

The Pump is unable to be used because a very essential part—the suction hose—has not yet been provided from the Department of Defence.

(b) Decontamination Services at Arklow and Wicklow: No definite arrangements, so far as I am aware, have been made to deal with these services in either Arklow or Wicklow. I presume that the personnel will be voluntary. It will be necessary to have instructions in the form of lectures and practical work given in those areas, after ascertaining whether any voluntary recruits will be forthcoming.

(c) Rescue Services in Arklow and Wicklow: I understand that this aspect of the situation has been dealt with, to a great extent, by the L.S.F. and in a small way, by the Wicklow Board of Health, in each of these towns. I myself have already given an illustrated lecture on the subject in Wicklow.

With regard to the establishment of Rescue Services generally, in conjunction with firefighting and first-aid services, I am aware that the Wicklow Board of Health has provided stretchers and telescopic ladders, and lectures have already been given in Ashford, Wicklow and Rathdrum.

One of the principal things to be considered in connection with decontamination work is the erection or provision of suitable Decontamination Wards. This will involve, of course, expenditure which would be probably in excess of the maximum of £400 which I understand is the total contemplated expenditure under all A.R.P. headings.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE.

L. Wolohan, Esq.,

A.R.P. Advisory Committee,

Wicklow.

Order—(a) Noted from the County Surveyor's report that there is a Trailer Pump in Arklow and that a Squad has been trained and equipped.

Wicklow Squad to be trained and equipped in same way as Arklow. If possible a man to be trained for the purpose, under the supervision of the County Surveyor. The question of Insurance of personnel and equipment to be raised with the Department of Defence, Air Raid Precautions, Dublin. Also Air Raid Precautions Department to decide the question of payment of men.

(b)—Adjourned.

(c)—County Surveyor to report as to how far this Service can be operated without cost, in accordance with the Scheme. It was further ordered that the essential part of the Trailer Pump at Wicklow, which is missing, be obtained as speedily as possible, and towards that end the Department of Defence to be reminded again that the essential parts have not been delivered.

Item No. 8:—

"To consider how best to lend aid to the Fire Fighting and First Aid Services in the various towns and villages throughout the County Health District."

The Committee were of opinion that these matters have already been largely dealt with in the correspondence submitted by the Acting Secretary to the County Board of Health, and by the County Medical Officer of Health,



and County Secretary to the Red Cross Society, and further consideration was left over pending the appointment of representatives of these Services on this Committee as recommended under the heading of Item No. 1 above.

Item No. 9:—

"To consider the establishment of Rescue Services in conjunction with Fire Fighting and First Aid."

No action—See Orders 7 and 8 above.

Item No. 10:—

"To arrange for issuing instructions to the public in accordance with the Provisions of the Scheme."

Order—Adjourned, booklet has been issued by the Government to every householder.

The Meeting then adjourned.

Yours faithfully,

L. WOLOHAN,

Secretary to the A.R.P. Advisory Committee.

Dated this 12th day of December, 1941.

Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Resolved: That we hereby adopt the first Report submitted by the Air Raid Precautions Advisory Committee following its first Meeting held on the 5th December, 1941, subject to the following amendments:—

That the paragraphs, including the Resolution to increase the Members of the Advisory Committee, be deleted, inasmuch as this Council is of opinion that a larger Committee would be unwieldy and is unnecessary.

In adopting this Report, subject to the deletion referred to in the preceding paragraph of this Resolution, we particularly note the terms of the paragraph in the County Surveyor's report submitted to the Advisory Committee, in which he pointed out that an essential part, i.e., a Suction Hose for the Trailer Pump at Wicklow, is still missing, notwithstanding that representations have been made to the Department of Defence on the danger of leaving the Town of Wicklow and District without effective Fire Fighting Appliance, and we hereby order that the Department of Defence be again approached in this matter, and, failing their being able to supply the missing part, that it be procured from some source at the County Council's expense, at the earliest possible moment.

Passed.

#### COUNTY OF WICKLOW.

#### REPORT No. 2 TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL ON AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS CONFERENCE,

#### ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE AND MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE,

Held in the Court House, Wicklow, on the 16th January, 1942.

Present—Representatives from the Department of Defence: Colonel O'Sullivan, Commandant Blake, and a Civilian Representative—Mr. Beatty. Members of the Advisory Committee: P. T. Healy, County Secretary; J. T. O'Byrne, County Surveyor/Engineer; Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health, and L. Wolohan, Secretary to the Advisory Committee.

Also present on the invitation of the Advisory Committee—Chief Superintendent W. P. Quinn.

Dr. G. P. G. Beckett was moved to the Chair.

Colonel O'Sullivan explained various points concerning the four Services, i.e.:

- (1) First Aid and Casualty.
- (2) Fire Fighting.
- (3) Rescue.
- (4) Decontamination.

In the course of his remarks he said that the County Medical Officer of Health is to be made responsible for First Aid and Casualty Services.

The County Surveyor is to be made responsible for Fire Fighting, Rescue, and Decontamination.

The Air Raid Precautions Scheme is designed as an auxiliary to private efforts by householders and the latter should be encouraged in every possible way to make arrangements for the protection of themselves and their premises.

All the four services mentioned are based on voluntary organisation. Where voluntary organisations exist capable of implementing the Services under the authority of the County Officials concerned, they should be used as far as possible without infringing any other duties they may have to perform.

The County Medical Officer of Health is to depend on the voluntary assistance of the Red Cross Society and on the co-operation of Hospitals and Hospital Staffs throughout the County.

Fire Fighting Services should immediately be organised and for this purpose existing Services should be utilised, where possible.

It is to be clearly understood that Fire Fighting as well as other Services organised under the Air Raid Precautions Scheme is to be manned exclusively by volunteers.

Members of the Local Defence Force cannot be enrolled for any of the Services, as, in the event of an emergency, they become part of the Defence Forces. The Local Security Force is in a different category. They have certain duties to perform and are generally regarded as the Service which augments the Police Force in time of War.

Outside their primary duties, the Local Security Force is organised to such an extent that the members are capable of doing more than their primary duties, and in certain areas they have been given the work of operating Fire Fighting Units, but only on two conditions:—

(1) That the work is performed under the technical control of the County Authority.

(2) That where an A.R.P. Unit has been established, the personnel of that Unit must be prepared to go to any part of the County that needs their Services. They are not local to the particular area in which their Local Security Unit is organised.

In many cases the Local Security Force sections have been incorporated under the Air Raid Precautions Scheme because of the difficulty found in organising independent sections.

Men allotted by the Local Security Force for Air Raid Precautions Duties cannot be called upon for any other Local Security Force functions in time of attack.

Suppose you have a pump crew of 7 or 8 men from the Local Security Force assigned to a pump, in the event of an emergency these men cannot be called upon to do any other duty. They must realise that when they are performing that work they are under the control of the County Authority for the purpose of that duty.

The L.S.F. in Wicklow and Arklow might be asked to form voluntary Fire Fighting Crews to man the Trailer Pumps, and, should the County Surveyor/Engineer enter into such arrangement with the Local Security Force, that Force might enrol outside men who would be especially suited for the work.

**RESCUE SERVICES.**—As already pointed out, it is the responsibility of the County Surveyor/Engineer to organise, with the co-operation of builders' workmen, a system of Rescue Services in the County. Such Squads as are organised can afterwards be used as demolition squads for the purpose of making safe dangerous buildings or walls. Demolition work, save that undertaken during rescue operations, is not to be regarded as voluntary. It is paid for by the Local Authority.

**DECONTAMINATION.**—Owing to the expense of providing against Gas Warfare and the unlikelihood of gas attacks in Country Districts, it is only necessary to provide a skeleton Anti-Gas Service. Until such times as there is an indication that gas is to be used, it is not necessary to go into detail in regard to Anti-Gas Preparations.

Preliminary arrangements should be made, a Decontamination Squad should be trained and be ready to deal with any case of contamination in a built-up area. The organisation of Decontamination Squads is the duty of the County Surveyor/Engineer, but, of course, the County Medical Officer of Health will be responsible for the treatment of gas casualties after



they have been removed from their dangerous surroundings. In places like Arklow and Wicklow, Decontamination Squads should be trained, including a few extra members to take the place of absentees and casualties. The training of these squads can be left in the hands of the local Garda, some of whom have undergone training in the Anti-Gas School. Ordinary unskilled men are suitable for training.

The construction of cleansing chambers is not contemplated at present. In an emergency cleansing centres can be improvised. A Decontamination Squad shall be composed of six men and driver. The Local Authority should provide a hose in every village in the County and parties should be organised in these villages and trained in the use of the hose for Fire Fighting.

**FIRST AID AND CASUALTY.**—The fact that First Aid Posts are being established only in Wicklow and Arklow does not mean that First Aid may be limited to the Posts in these Towns. There is no reason why there should not be Dressing Stations in every town and village.

In many places difficulties have arisen in regard to First Aid Posts by the scarcity of male helpers and in this connection it might be possible for the Local Security Force to allot some of their members as stretcher-bearers and for other purposes in connection with the First Aid Posts. The stretcher bearers will co-operate in removing the casualties to the First Aid Post. Two improvised ambulances should be provided for the towns of Arklow and Wicklow.

After a general discussion in which various matters of detail were under consideration, Colonel O'Sullivan pointed out that it was a matter for the County Council to decide if they are to organise Rescue and Decontamination Services in the towns of Arklow and Wicklow, or to ask the Local Security Force to take on these duties.

He further stated that for the purposes of operating the Air Raid Precautions Scheme in general, it would be desirable that the County be divided into areas and an Officer appointed by the Local Authority or nominated by the responsible Officers to act as their Deputy in carrying out the Scheme.

In conclusion, he said that there should be no unnecessary interference with the Officers responsible for the organisation and working of the Scheme, and it was best to leave them alone for some time, it being understood that these two Officials are at all times to be under the control of the Chief Air Raid Precautions Officer, or, in the absence of the latter, under the control of the Assistant Air Raid Precautions Officer.

The County Medical Officer of Health and the County Surveyor/Engineer to report fully from time to time to the Advisory Committee on the progress being made.

(Signed)—L. WOLAHAN,

Secretary, A.R.P. Advisory Committee.

Dated the 2nd February, 1942.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved: That we hereby adopt the second Report submitted from the Air Raid Precautions Advisory Committee following the Conference with Representatives from the Department of Defence, held on the 16th January, 1942.

In adopting this Report we note, according to the statement of Colonel O'Sullivan, one of the Department's representatives, that the Services of Fire Fighting, Rescue Work and Decontamination are to be placed in the hands of the County Surveyor/Engineer, who should have power to appoint his Assistants and Deputies in the various areas of the County, and that the Service of First Aid is to be placed in the hands of the County Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Beckett, with the co-operation of the Hospitals and their Staffs throughout the County.

We hereby confirm these suggestions and place the Services indicated in the hands of the two Officials named, it being clearly understood that this County Council retains absolute control of the Finances and operation of this Scheme, and that these officials in all their operations shall be

under the control of the Chief Air Raid Precautions Officer, or in his absence, his Deputy, and that they will report to him on all matters of importance.

We further note and confirm:—

- (a) That the four services mentioned are to be manned exclusively by Volunteers, and
- (b) That no expenditure is to be incurred without the prior sanction of the Minister for Defence.

Passed.

Department of Defence,  
Air Raid Precautions Branch,  
24, Upper O'Connell St.,  
Dublin.

Ref. No. ARP/1798.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence to state that in the event of this country being involved in hostilities, it would be necessary to impose restrictions on the display of light. It is essential, therefore, that prior arrangements be made to ensure that any such restrictions could be fully complied with if the necessity arises. In order to ensure the effectiveness of the arrangements, "black-out" tests will be held at intervals and for short periods. In these circumstances, it is necessary that, as far as A.R.P. depots and installations are concerned, all the necessary prior arrangements should be made without further delay.

Generally, the Lighting Restrictions would prohibit, during the hours of darkness, the display of external lighting, and of any lights inside buildings in such circumstances that any illumination therefrom is visible from outside the buildings.

As regards external lighting, however, a light may be displayed in and for the purpose of the illumination of any sign indicating the position or route to an A.R.P. depot or installation so long as the sign is so screened that, while visible at a distance of 100 feet, it is inconspicuous at a distance of 250 feet. Otherwise provision should be made for the extinction of all lights on the exterior of A.R.P. depots and installations in the event of the Lighting Restrictions being fully enforced.

As regards interior lighting, every window, skylight, doorway, and each aperture should be so masked that no illumination therefrom is visible from outside the depot or installation. In the case of doorways, the use of a heavy internal curtain is recommended. For rooflights it is often impracticable to arrange internal blinds close to the glass. It may, however, be possible to fix blinds horizontally beneath the roof, but they need support by means of wire to prevent sagging and the consequent leakage of light. If blinds alone are used for the screening of windows, fanlights, glazed doors or other openings, they must be of stout material and dark in colour and must overlap the window completely. If curtains are used they must be dark and thick.

In examining the means by which windows and glass roofing may be rendered light-proof, consideration must be given to the serious danger of widespread breakage of glass and the consequent emanation of light, which might arise in the event of air attack. Suitable covering should, therefore, be provided which should also serve as a protection against inclement weather.

This material might be of cardboard, roofing felt, blankets on light frames, etc. Where there are internal partitions of glass, suitable curtain netting (to be glued on in time of emergency) should also be provided.

Proposals to ensure that all A.R.P. depots and installations under the control of your local authority are so prepared as to comply with the requirements should be first submitted to this Department with an estimate of the cost.

I am to add that approved expenditure in connection with "black-out" arrangements for A.R.P. depots and installations will rank for grant under the A.R.P. Act.

Mise, le meas,

J. B. BLUNDEN,

a/s Ruidaidhe,



- (a) The Secretary of each County Council.  
 (b) The City Manager of each County Borough.  
 (c) The Borough Manager, Dun Laoghaire Borough Corporation.  
 (d) The Clerk to the Local Authority of each other scheduled Urban area.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved: That the Advisory Committee set up under the Air Raid Precautions Scheme adopted by this County Council be requested to direct every effort towards ensuring compliance with the suggestion regarding the "black-out" of A.R.P. depots and installations in times of emergency, as referred to in the letter from the Air Raid Precautions Branch of the Department of Defence, dated the 16th January, 1942, No. ARP/1798.

Passed.

### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

### TURF SCHEME, 1941.

#### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT TO THE MEETING OF THE 17th NOVEMBER, 1941.

To the Chairman and Members of the Wicklow County Council:

A Dhaoine Uaisle,

I submit details of costs of above Scheme up to 31st October, 1941.

**Disposal of Surplus Turf.**—I have to inform you that the question of disposal of the turf now remaining on the bogs has been fully under consideration, and I have made frequent representations to the Turf Development Board in this regard.

A special representative of the Board has been investigating this matter throughout the County, and has, I understand, made a report dealing with the full disposal of the turf, to the Parliamentary Secretary.

The Turf Development Board and the Parliamentary Secretary have been made fully aware of the position in County Wicklow, and I have been in constant touch with the Department both personally and by letter. There would appear, however, to be great difficulties in this matter, having regard to the Control of Fuel Order and the Rationing Order, but the Parliamentary Secretary has considered all the difficulties and is hopeful that an early solution will be made involving the complete disposal of the surplus turf.

**Compensation for Turf.**—The Chief Engineering Adviser, acting on behalf of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance, has given instructions, under date 11th November, 1941, with reference to Emergency Powers No. 73 Order, 1941 (Amendment) Order, 1941—Article 5 and 6 which deals with the compensation to be paid by the Council to the owner of Bogland acquired under this Order, and the appointment of a person to determine the right and amount of any such compensation where agreement with the owner of the land cannot be reached.

A copy of this circular, Reference T.658, dated 11th November, 1941, is submitted herewith.

Le meas,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

Suirbheir an gConndae.

### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

### TURF SCHEME, 1941.

#### Details of Expenditure and Production as at 31st October, 1941.

	1 Glencree	2 Cloghoge	3 Glenmacnass	4 Drumgoff	5 Newbawn	6 Tiglin
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
A. Supervision ...	132 4 8	81 4 3	68 14 7	63 4 11	26 8 0	70 1 10
B. Skilled Labour ...	379 15 4	222 1 0	121 2 1	112 19 11	38 18 0	190 18 6
C. Unskilled Labour ...	1,583 12 2	977 9 2	777 9 2	617 17 10	159 3 11	473 10 5
D. Carting ...	24 9 0	46 6 2	26 14 8	20 3 8	9 3 4	91 14 1
E. Tools ...	111 19 8	128 7 10	104 11 10	124 10 3	49 9 7	108 0 1
F. U.I. & N.H. Insurances ...	201 5 5	115 2 3	79 18 4	85 12 8	21 5 10	75 19 7
G. Other Charges ...	93 11 5	22 9 4	9 19 8	2 19 9	2 14 7	2 19 11
H. Transport of Men ...	259 5 0	166 13 8	89 4 4	106 12 0	—	3 1 1
Overhead Charges:—						
Surveyor's Travelling (£246 1s. 8d.)						
Clerical Assistants (Co. Surveyor's) (£75 13s. 0d.)						
Workmen's Compensation Insurance (£600)						
Insurance of lorries (£246 11s. 8d.)	259 13 9	192 11 9	131 7 9	144 2 8	43 4 8	128 17 8
Miscellaneous A/cs. (Interest on overdraft, postage, telephone and revenue (£233 18s. 7d.))						
Establishment Charges (£731 9s. 8d.)						
Clerical Assistance (Co. Secretary's) (£55 18s. 2d.)						
<b>Total Expenditure ...</b>	<b>3,045 16 5</b>	<b>1,952 15 3</b>	<b>1,409 2 5</b>	<b>1,278 3 8</b>	<b>350 6 1</b>	<b>1,145 3 2</b>
Cu. yds. wet turf cut	16,185	9,751	8,580	4,410	1,985	6,445
Estimated tons dry turf (Ass. Surveyor) ...	1,700	1,300	740	623	184	469
Cost per c.y. wet turf cut ...	3s. 8d.	4/-	3/3	5/9	3/7	3/6½
Quantity dry turf removed	1,355 tons	458 tons	120 tons	624 tons	184 tons	469 tons
Cash Received ...	£2,069 18 8	£1,092 15 9	£166 2 0	£1,169 1 6	£278 10 0	£856 10 4
Cash Due ...	£706 6 11	£77 8 0	£7 5 0	£7 9 0	£28 9 3	£50 16 0
<b>Spent ...</b>	<b>£3,045</b>	<b>£1,953</b>	<b>£1,409</b>	<b>£1,278</b>	<b>£350</b>	<b>£1,145</b>
<b>Received ...</b>	<b>£2,069</b>	<b>£1,092</b>	<b>£166</b>	<b>£1,169</b>	<b>£278</b>	<b>£856</b>
<b>Due ...</b>	<b>£706</b>	<b>£77</b>	<b>£7</b>	<b>£7</b>	<b>£28</b>	<b>£51</b>
<b>Anticipated ...</b>	<b>£540</b>	<b>£1,080</b>	<b>£1,080</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>
	<b>3,315</b>	<b>£2,249</b>	<b>£1,253</b>	<b>£1,176</b>	<b>£306</b>	<b>£907</b>
<b>Profit or Loss ...</b>	<b>+270</b>	<b>+296</b>	<b>-156</b>	<b>-102</b>	<b>-44</b>	<b>-238</b>

#### SUMMARY (Nearest £).



WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

TURF SCHEME, 1941.

Details of Expenditure and Production as at 31st October, 1941.

	7 Ballygobban	8 Aughavannagh	9 Farbreaga	10 Knocknaskeagh
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
A. Supervision	70 7 0	77 17 7	94 6 5	109 15 2
B. Skilled Labour	78 12 3	164 4 4	320 8 9	320 8 9
C. Unskilled Labour	334 11 3	551 9 0	537 13 9	877 10 3
D. Carting	189 17 0	209 16 8	279 19 6	215 12 0
E. Tools	56 5 0	28 13 8	19 17 2	65 0 11
F. U.I. & N.H. Insurances	50 2 4	74 2 1	77 19 4	125 12 5
G. Other Charges	4 0 11	18 8	1 19 5	26 7 5
H. Transport of Men	—	138 2 2	71 17 2	81 9 6
Overhead Charges:—				
Surveyor's Travelling Expenses (£246 1s. 8d.)				
Clerical Assistants (Co. Surveyor's) (£75 13s.)				
Workmen's Comp. Insurance (£600)				
Insurance of lorries (£246 11s. 8d.)	69 4 8	111 4 8	105 4 8	180 13 8
Miscellaneous A/cs.: Int. on overdraft, postage, telephone and revenue (£233 18s. 7d.)				
Establishment Costs (£731 9s. 8d.)				
Clerical Assistance (Co. Secretary's) (£55 18s. 2d.)				
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE to 31/10/41</b>	<b>£853 0 5</b>	<b>1,346 3 10</b>	<b>1,353 1 9</b>	<b>2,002 10 1</b>
Cu. yds. wet turf cut	5,795	11,556	7,927	12,693
Estimated tons dry turf (Assistant Surveyor)	644	1,284	880	1,410
Cost per cu. yd. wet turf cut	2/11	2/3½	3/4	3/2
Quantity dry turf removed	441 tons	Nil	Nil	271 tons
Cash received	£457 3 0	Nil	Nil	£493 10 0
Cash due	£385 10 0	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>SUMMARY (Nearest £).</b>				
Spent	£853 0 0	£1,346 0 0	£1,353 0 0	£2,002 0 0
Received	£457 0 0	Nil	Nil	£493 0 0
Due	£385 0 0	Nil	Nil	Nil
Anticipated	£360 0 0	£2,160 0 0	£1,440 0 0	£1,980 0 0
	£1,202 0 0	£2,160 0 0	£1,440 0 0	£2,473 0 0
Profit or Loss	+349	+814	+87	+471
<b>RESULT: NETT PROFIT</b>	<b>=£1,721</b>			

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

TURF SCHEME, 1941.

Details of Expenditure and Production as at 31st October, 1941.

	11 Gowle	18 Ballinasillogue	19 Ardnaboy	20 Knocknagilky	21 Umrygar
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
A. Supervision	132 8 5	58 12 4	2 3 1	21 5 4	19 17 4
B. Skilled Labour	184 8 5	71 0 4	13 15 8	83 1 4	17 3 10
C. Unskilled Labour	930 4 6	334 4 9	50 5 5	362 13 4	5 0
D. Carting	177 0 6	91 17 8	10 0 0	52 15 0	—
E. Tools	11 17 3	10 0	—	—	—
F. U.I. & N.H. Insurances	124 5 0	42 11 8	6 8 4	46 10 5	4 19 2
G. Other Charges	9 4 2	19 19 6	—	—	12 6
H. Transport of Men	—	33 7 4	4 10 0	51 5 0	—
Overhead Charges:—					
Surveyor's Travelling Expenses (£246 1s. 8d.)					
Clerical Assistants (Co. Surveyor's) (£75 13s.)					
Workmen's Comp. Insurance (£600)					
Insurance of lorries (£246 11s. 8d.)	151 19 8	63 19 8	14 13 8	54 17 8	8 11 2
Miscellaneous A/cs.: Int. on overdraft, postage, telephone and revenue (£233 18s. 7d.)					
Establishment Costs (£731 9s. 8d.)					
Clerical Assistance (Co. Secretary's) (£55 18s. 2d.)					
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE to 31/10/41</b>	<b>£1,721 7 11</b>	<b>716 3 3</b>	<b>101 16 2</b>	<b>672 8 1</b>	<b>51 9 0</b>
Cu. yds. wet turf cut	9,183	3,748	195	2,699	250
Estimated tons dry turf (Assistant Surveyor)	1,020	416	22	299	28
Cost per cu. yd. wet turf cut	3/8	7 tons	9/11	5/-	3/5
Quantity dry turf removed	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cash received	£21 0 0	£12 5 0	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cash due	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>SUMMARY (Nearest £).</b>					
Spent	£1,721 0 0	£716 0 0	£101 0 0	£672 0 0	£51 0 0
Received	£21 0 0	£12 0 0	Nil	Nil	Nil
Due	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Anticipated	£1,800 0 0	£720 0 0	£39 0 0	£537 0 0	£40 0 0
	£1,821 0 0	£732 0 0	£39 0 0	£537 0 0	£40 0 0
Profit or Loss	+100	+16	-62	-135	-11
<b>RESULT: NETT LOSS</b>	<b>=£92</b>				



WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

TURF SCHEME, 1941.

Details of Expenditure and Production as at 31st October, 1941.

	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Ballynultagh	Coragh	Coragh (Hollywood)	(Roundhill)	Garryknock	Ballinagee
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
A. Supervision	£57 19 5	63 4 1	32 12 11	79 10 4	69 0 0	93 16 9
B. Skilled Labour	288 18 8	152 4 5	139 19 9	206 16 11	152 11 3	232 0 8
C. Unskilled Labour	440 6 4	544 13 1	325 0 7	404 12 8	201 9 5	511 13 9
D. Carting	150 6 9	36 7 0	—	150 14 11	158 2 3	127 19 8
E. Tools	40 14 11	30 2 3	40 2 7	28 9 0	25 4 0	43 7 8
F. U.I. & N.H. Insurances	81 4 8	78 10 4	63 5 10	77 2 11	53 19 2	85 17 11
G. Other Charges	14 8 4	17 0 1	17 17 6	19 10 0	1 10 1	1 10 1
H. Transport of Men	2 0 0	33 0 0	55 14 9	95 4 0	—	244 8 10
Overhead Charges:—						
Surveyor's Travelling Expenses (£246 1s. 8d.)						
Clerical Assistants (Co. Surveyor's) (£75 13s.)						
Workmen's Comp. Insurance (£600)						
Insurance of lorries (£246 11s. 8d.)						
Miscellaneous A/cs.: Int. on overdraft, postage, telephone and revenue (£233 18s. 7d.)	86 14 8	90 10 8	77 0 8	94 14 8	63 18 8	116 5 8
Establishment Costs (£731 9s. 8d.)						
Clerical Assistance (Co. Secretary's) (£55 18s. 2d.)						
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>1,162 13 9</b>	<b>1,045 11 11</b>	<b>751 14 7</b>	<b>1,156 15 5</b>	<b>725 14 10</b>	<b>1,457 1 0</b>
Cu. yds. wet turf cut	4,642	4,155	3,861	4,922	3,187	5,294
Estimated tons dry turf (Assistant Surveyor)	520	1,030	3/10	590	540	850
Cost per cu. yd. wet turf cut	4/8	4/9½	Nil	4/5½	4/4½	5/1½
Quantity dry turf removed	Nil	9 tons	Nil	Nil	Nil	44 tons
Cash received	£10 10 0	£114 4 0	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cash due	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>SUMMARY (Nearest £).</b>						
Spent	£1,163	£1,797	£1,156	£725	£1,457	
Received	£10	£114	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Due	Nil	Nil	£1,027	£972	£1,529	
Anticipated	£1,250	£1,750				
	£1,260	£1,864	£1,027	£972	£1,529	
	+97	+67	—127	+247	+72	
<b>Profit or Loss</b>	<b>+97</b>	<b>+67</b>	<b>—127</b>	<b>+247</b>	<b>+72</b>	
<b>RESULT: NETT PROFIT</b>	<b>£354</b>					

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE ON ALL BOGS.

	£	s.	d.
Supervision (Overseer, Gangers, etc.)	1,404	17	1
Skilled Labour	3,327	14	1
Unskilled Labour	11,013	4	5
Carting	2,069	4	10
Tools	1,017	1	10
U.I. and N.H. Insurances	1,571	15	8
Other Charges	269	13	4
Transport of Men	1,435	14	10

OVERHEAD CHARGES:—

Travelling Expenses (Surveyor's)	
Clerical Assistance (Co. Surveyor's)	
Workmen's Compensation Insurance	
Insurance of Lorries	£2,189 12 9
Postage, Revenue, &c.	
Establishment Costs (Huts, etc.)	
Clerical Assistance (Co. Secretary)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£24,298 19 0</b>

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

TURF SCHEME, 1941/42.

Details of Expenditure on Special Emergency Experimental Turf Cutting requested by the Department during August and September, 1941:—

Name of Bog	Amount Spent
Sally Gap	£119 10 11
Aughavannagh	46 1 3
Farbreaga	18 3 0
Knocknaskeagh	82 15 5
Ballinasillogue	111 0 10
Ballinagee	142 14 4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£520 5 9</b>



Int 31st October, 1941.

	15	16	17
	Roundhill	Garryknock	Ballinagee
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Privat			
" b			
rel	79 10 4	69 0 0	93 16 9
De	206 16 11	152 11 3	232 0 8
h	404 12 8	201 9 5	511 13 9
l.	150 14 11	158 2 3	127 19 8
7	28 9 0	25 4 0	43 7 8
4	77 2 11	53 19 2	85 17 11
0	19 10 0	1 10 1	1 10 1
8	95 4 0	—	244 8 10
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des	1,156 15 5	725 14 10	1,457 1 0
be	4,922	3,187	5,294
let	590	540	850
ma	4/5 1/2	4/4 1/2	5/11
Or	Nil	Nil	44 tons
an	Nil	Nil	Nil
dis	Nil	Nil	Nil
on			
ha			
to			
Ar	£1,156	£725	£1,457
C&Y	Nil	Nil	Nil
ap	Nil	Nil	Nil
col	£1,027	£972	£1,529
res	£1,027	£972	£1,529
19	-127	+247	+72
0			
0			

(Nearest £).

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE ON ALL BOGS.

	£	s.	d.
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Clerical Assistance (Co. Surveyor's)	
Workmen's Compensation Insurance	
Insurance of Lorries	£2,189 12 9
Postage, Revenue, &c.	
Establishment Costs (Huts, etc.)	
Clerical Assistance (Co. Secretary)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£24,298 19 0</b>

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

TURF SCHEME, 1941/'42.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

TURF SCHEME 1941/42.

Details of Grants allocated by the Department for Roads through Bogs and Drainage.

No. of Bog.	Name of Bog	Amount Allowed for Roads.	Amount Allowed for Bridges.	Amount Allowed for Drainage	Total Allowed.
1.	Glencree (Featherbed)	£250	Nil	Nil	£250
..	Glencree	£70	£100	£35	£205
2.	Sally Gap (Cloghoge)	£180	£120	Nil	£300
3.	Glenmacnass	£75	Nil	£30	£105
5.	Tiglin	£35	Nil	£25	£60
9.	Farbreaga	£60	Nil	£90	£150
10.	Knocknaskeagh	£100	Nil	£40	£140
21.	Umrygar	Nil	Nil	£25	£25
—	Sallymount	Nil	Nil	£50	£50
13.	Knocknaboley	£150	Nil	Nil	£150
14.	Coragh, Kilcoagh	£350	Nil	Nil	£350
12.	Ballynultagh	£250	Nil	Nil	£250
15.	Granamore	£225	Nil	Nil	£225
16.	Garryknock	£100	Nil	Nil	£100
TOTALS		£1,845	£220	£295	£2,360

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS AT 31st OCTOBER, 1941.

	DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE.			DETAILS OF RECOUPMENT.			G. TOTAL
	A. Already Expended	B. Estimated further Expenditure.	C. TOTAL	D. Already Received.	E. Due.	F. Anticipated	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1. Cost of Scheme as detailed on pages 2, 3A, 3B, and 4.	24,298 19 0	800 0 0	25,098 19 0	6,741 11 0	1,263 4 2	18,304 0 0	26,308 15 2
2. Bog Roads: Drainage and Bridges (Free Grants).	1,641 15 4	718 4 8	2,360 0 0	Nil	1,603 12 4	756 7 8	2,360 0 0
3. Special Experimental Cutting (to be repaid by Government).	520 5 9	(Whatever expenditure incurred).	520 5 9	Nil	520 5 9	(Whatever further expenditure incurred).	520 5 9
	26,461 0 1	1,518 4 8	27,979 4 9	6,741 11 0	3,387 2 3	19,060 7 8	29,189 0 11

NOTE.—Although a profit of £1,209 16s. 2d. is shown between Expenditure (Col C) and Recoupment (Col. G) allowance must be made for probable future losses owing to bad weather and a reduction of the apparent profit after payment of about £600 in Turbary Fees.



Office of the Parliamentary Secretary,  
To the Minister for Finance,  
Turf Division,

Room 51A, Custom House, Dublin.  
11th November, 1941.

Reference No. T.658.

To: Each County Surveyor.

A Chara,

Article 11 of the Emergency Powers (No. 73) Order, 1941, made by the Government on the 25th March, 1941, provided that:—

"11 Where any bog-land is compulsorily acquired by the Council of a County under this Order, the following provisions shall have effect, that is to say:—

- (a) compensation shall be paid by the Council to the owner of such land;
- (b) such compensation shall, in default of agreement, be determined by a person appointed for the purpose by the Minister for Industry and Commerce.
- (c) the amount of such compensation shall be such sum as fairly represents the diminution in the value of such bog-land occasioned by the exercise under this Order of any turbary rights over such bog-land.

The provisions of Article 11 above were revoked by the Emergency Powers (No. 73) Order, 1941 (Amendment) Order, 1941, made by the Government on the 6th May, 1941; and Article 6 of this existing Order provided as follows:—

- "6 (1) Where the Council of a County acquire compulsorily any bog-land under the Principal Order, the Council shall pay, by way of compensation, to every person having an interest in such bog-land such sum as fairly represents the diminution in the value of such interest occasioned by the exercise under the Principal Order of any turbary rights over such bog-land.
- (2) Any person who exercises any right under Article 9 of the Principal Order shall pay by way of compensation, to every person having an interest in any land which has been damaged by such exercise an amount fairly representing the loss suffered by such last-mentioned person by reason of such damage.
- (3) Where the Council of a County exercises any right conferred by Article 5 of this Order, the Council shall pay, by way of compensation, to every person having an interest in any land (including land other than the land in respect of which such right was directly exercised) damaged by such exercise an amount fairly representing the loss suffered by such person by reason of such damage.
- (4) The right to and the amount of any compensation payable under this Article shall, in default of agreement, be determined by a person appointed for the purpose by the Minister for Industry and Commerce, and the decision of such person shall be final and conclusive."

Article 5 of the Amending Order provided that:—

- "5 (1) The Council of a County may enter on any land in the neighbourhood of bog-land over which a right of turbary is, by virtue of the Principal Order or any licence granted, thereunder, exercisable by any person and make, in, through or on to that land, such drains as the Council think fit for the purpose of rendering such bog-land more suitable for the exercise of such right of turbary.
- (2) No person shall obstruct or interfere with the Council of a County in the exercise by the Council of the powers conferred on them by this Article."

WICKLOW TOP  
COUNTY SURVEYOR'S RETURN

DETAILS OF EXPENSE	
A. D.	B. C.
Estimated Expenditure	Actual Expenditure
£ 2,200 0 0	£ 2,200 0 0
£ 1,000 0 0	£ 1,000 0 0
£ 200 0 0	£ 200 0 0
£ 2,400 0 0	£ 2,400 0 0

NOTE: Although a total of £2,400 was estimated, the actual expenditure was £2,200, owing to the fact that the estimated expenditure was based on the assumption that the land would be acquired by the Government.

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The appointment of the person to determine the right to and the amount of any compensation payable in cases where agreement with the owner of the land acquired cannot be reached is now under consideration. I am to request that you would be good enough to furnish to this Department at the earliest date possible a list of the cases in your County in which agreement as to compensation has not been reached. The particulars should include the name of the owner of the bog, the area acquired and its location (townland and Electoral Division), as well as confirmation that an effort has been made to reach agreement on the amount of compensation payable.

Mise le meas.

T. C. COURTNEY,  
Chief Engineering Adviser.

Order: Submitted.

OFFICE OF THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE  
MINISTER FOR FINANCE.

TURF DIVISION,  
21, Fitzwilliam Square,  
Dublin.

23rd September, 1941.

PF.2/26.

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

A Chara,

I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance to refer to your letter of 3rd instant, regarding the marketing of turf produced by your Council, and to say that he has under consideration the effect of the control of the Fuel Order recently made by the Minister for Supplies. The Parliamentary Secretary will take every possible step to ensure that the interests of County Councils which produced turf will be safeguarded.

The Parliamentary Secretary understands that arrangements have been made by the Turf Development Board, Ltd., to dispose of 3,000 tons of turf cut by your Council, the position of which in the mountains has given rise to some anxiety in view of transport difficulties in the winter period.

Mise, le meas.

W. S. ANDREWS.

DCL/EP.

Order: Submitted.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,

Court House,  
Wicklow.

16th February, 1942.

G/T/S/1622.

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

**TURF SCHEME, 1941.**

Dear Sir,

Since preparing my recent detailed report the position regarding the turf raised during 1941 has somewhat changed and the Council may wish to know the present position, which is as follows:—

**Expenditure on Turf Scheme 1941/42 up to 30/1/42.**

(a) "Ordinary" turf cutting .. .. .	£20,721 10 6
(b) "Extra" turf cutting advised by the Department after normal turf cutting would ordinarily cease .. .. .	£2,315 4 9
(c) "Experimental" cutting as directed by the Department during late months of 1941 for research purposes .. .. .	£533 8 11
(d) Overhead charges (huts, tools, etc.) .. .. .	£2,524 14 2
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>£26,094 18 4</b>

(e) Bog Development Works (Free Government Grants) (to 12/2/42) .. .. .	£1,980 12 7
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	£28,075 10 11

Total quantity of turf cut—12,500 tons (estimated)

Total quantity of turf sold—4,530 tons (approx.)

Cash already received .. .. .	£8,142 6 6
Cash due on turf sold .. .. .	£500 0 0 (approx.)
Value of turf sold .. .. .	£8,642 6 6
Value of turf (8,000 tons approx.) to be sold .. .. .	£16,000 0 0

It is suggested that overhead charges should be spread over at least three years so that the charge may not be laid against the year 1941 in toto.

I have been in negotiation with the Military Authorities and also with Grangegorman Mental Hospital with regard to the sale of the turf now available. The Military Authorities have agreed to take between 2,700 and 3,000 tons. Representatives from Grangegorman have inspected several bogs and expressed themselves pleased with the products, and I believe I will be in a position to negotiate a sale within three or four weeks when the material reaches a drier stage. If it is possible to deal with both of these Departments, I will be able to dispose of all the turf now on hands.

I may add that if a market had been made available last July and August for the turf in County Wicklow, it would have been possible to dispose of it at that time at a much smaller price. I would suggest that before embarking on the 1942 season's cutting the Department concerned should be asked to indicate the sources to which the turf from each bog would be sold.

For the moment I propose to work only the following bogs in 1942:—Sally Gap; Ballinagee (Wicklow Gap); Garrynock (Hollywood); Knocknaskeagh; Ballymultagh (Blessington) and Ferbreaga (Aughavannagh).

The Government have taken over the bog in the vicinity of Glencree altogether for supplying turf to Dublin city, and this fact may influence County Wicklow in the number of bogs to be worked and the quantity to be raised.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE.

County Surveyor.

Order: Noted—the Secretary to obtain the views of the Department of Local Government and Public Health on the County Surveyor's observations in the report in so far as they refer to the turf cutting in 1942.

A communication, dated the 25th September, 1941, was submitted from the Chief Clerk, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, stating, amongst other things, that the Contracts sub-Committee of the Joint Committee of Management had cancelled the balance of the Turf on order in view of complaints made of the unsatisfactory quality of the Turf already supplied.

Order: Referred to County Surveyor for his information and suitable action.

A communication, dated the 19th September, 1941, was submitted from Wicklow Urban District Council regarding the price to be charged to that Body for the Turf supplied by the County Council for the operation of the Urban Council's Scheme to supply Turf in small quantities to purchasers with limited means.

Order: Referred to County Surveyor for his information and suitable action.

A communication received on the 15th October, 1941, was submitted from Mr. James Jones, Glassavilawn, Tallaght, County Dublin, in which he submits a claim from the Bog Workers employed at Glencree for pay in respect of the public holiday on Monday, 4th August, 1941.

Order: Referred to County Surveyor for his information and suitable action.

A file of correspondence (including letters from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, Roads Section, dated 12th November, 1941, No. RU/208/9; 12th November, 1941, No. RU/208/9A; from the Depart-



ment of Finance, Turf Division, dated 11th November, 1941, No. T.658; and from the County Surveyor, dated 20th November, 1941, No. S/20111, outlining the procedure to be followed regarding County Roads damaged by Turf Traffic where such roads are likely to be used for future transport of Turf, was submitted.

Order: Referred to County Surveyor for his information and suitable action.

The Secretary again submitted the following Report from the County Surveyor, consideration of which has been adjourned from the Council's Quarterly Meeting, held on the 17th November, 1941:—

## COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE MANNTAIN.

### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Oifig an tSuirbheir,  
Tig na Cuirte,  
12/11/1941.

A Dhuine Uaisle,

#### 1. SPECIAL ROAD WORKS:

You will remember that some time ago the Department requested that a detailed Survey be prepared of the reconstruction and widening of the Rocky Valley, Killough-Enniskerry Main Road No. 18 and the Special Engineer was engaged on this work up to the 19th July, 1941. The work was not completed in full and the Special Assistant's services were terminated as I felt at the time I could not give the matter sufficient personal attention owing to the Turf Scheme so as to have the details compiled as the work proceeded. In order to comply with the Department's request I now propose to continue this work to its completion, with the aid of a Special Assistant and I ask the Council's approval.

#### 2. WEEKLY PAYMENTS:

Once again I regret that I have to bring to the notice of the Council the matter of weekly payments to road workers. Over a year ago a request was made to me to initiate this system and I pointed out at that time that it would lead to considerable additional work both in my office and for the outdoor staff; I gave it as my opinion also that the system prevented adequate supervision of works by either the Assistants or the Overseers, and the year's working has not changed my opinion. Further, I find from enquiries that there is no great desire amongst the constant road workers themselves for a weekly payment, and, in fact, the general opinion appears to be that they would prefer these fortnightly.

Under all these circumstances I do most respectfully ask the Council to revert to fortnightly payments which has been the system in this County ever since Direct Labour was inaugurated. Payment can be made satisfactorily and regularly to the workers and they will be issued payment definitely at the end of each fortnight. I believe that the real factor which suggested the weekly payment system was the fact that many workers drawing home help were engaged for work on the roads and that for a period of three weeks they received no payment or out-door help; this can be alleviated by employing all casual workers who are in such circumstances, on the Monday following each Finance Committee Meeting so payment will be ensured six days after the first week during which they will have been engaged on the works. This arrangement would, I think, meet the wishes of the County Council, and these home assistance workers would be treated in the same way as the ordinary County Council worker.

#### 3. SILVER STRAND LINK ROAD:

The final compensation award in this case has been made and there only remains a small dispute with reference to the type of fencing to be used. This matter will, I am satisfied, be readily settled, but in the meantime I think the Council ought to ask the Department to allocate the promised Grant-In-Aid for employment under this Scheme so as to enable it to be proceeded with in the early Spring, 1942.

#### 4. LIFFEY SCHEME—ALTERNATIVE ROADS:

I have been unable to complete the documents embodying the case for the Wicklow County Council in connection with the forthcoming Arbitration with the Electricity Supply Board, regarding the reconstruction of the Lackan-Ballyknocken-Annacorney Road, owing to the fact that I was unfortunately absent on sick leave, and many urgent matters required my attention on my return. The necessary documents are in course of preparation and it is hoped that the matter will be finalised within three weeks.

#### 5. COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICES:

Some repairs and reconstruction work are necessary in my offices, viz., a new fire place and alteration to the chimney in the upper room, and I have obtained a tender for this work at £14 7s. 6d. I propose to extend the telephone to the upper private office, and whilst this item will be free initially, the only charge will be a small annual rental.

#### 6. COUNTY WEIGHBRIDGE:

One heating socket and one lighting point are required in the weigh-bridge office. The Murrrough, Wicklow, and I have received a tender for this work, including an electric fire, amounting to £7 10s. 0d. I ask approval to have this completed.

#### 7. REPAIRS TO ROADS:

As the intensive work in connection with the Turf Production Scheme, 1941, is now somewhat lessened, I am proposing to proceed with normal Road Works on as large a scale as possible during the next four months with the funds at my disposal. In addition, schemes for employment have been submitted to the Department, as shown hereunder, and will, I believe, be authorised to start within two or three weeks.

The list is as follows:—

(1) Baltinglass Town and E.D.	..	£605
(2) Kilcoole Town	..	£253
(3) Rathnew Town	..	£209
(4) Ballinaclesh E.D.	..	£187
(5) Cronebane and Avoca E.D.s	..	£676
(6) Aghowle and Ballingate E.D.s	..	£440
(7) Carnew E.D.	..	£330

#### 8. EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES:

I have to report that I made a special inspection on the 5th November, 1941, of the Enniskerry-Powerscourt-Scalp Road No. 18 and the Laragh-Wicklow Gap-Hollywood Road with Mr. P. J. Raftery, B.E., from the Roads Section, Local Government Department, with a view to their inclusion in my large-scale special employment schemes, should funds become available.

I believe that there is a distinct possibility that both these roads will be found suitable for this purpose and that their development would be an undoubted benefit to County Wicklow.

In order to be in a position to submit a scheme of such magnitude to the Department a detailed survey will be necessary when the Department indicate that plans are required and Special Technical Assistance will be needed at that stage.

#### 9. COUNTY ENGINEERING SERVICES:

The amalgamation and reorganisation of the County Engineering Services, including the administration of roads and Board of Health work, will



necessitate additional clerical assistance in my Department. I will require a permanent special technical assistant, who will be a competent draughtsman and costing clerk, and also an additional short-hand typist. I would remind you that the original Scheme in 1940, approved by the Council, included the appointment of a clerk and short-hand typist.

#### 10. ADDITIONAL OFFICE ACCOMMODATION:

At your last meeting of the Council consideration was given to the question of office accommodation, and it was fully recognised by every member of the Council that this was needed. It is unnecessary for me to remind you that the accommodation available at the moment in the Co. Secretary's department and the County Surveyor's department is totally inadequate.

Some twelve months ago I prepared a plan of a proposed addition to the existing Courthouse building at Wicklow, but the Council, at their August, 1941, Meeting, considered that it would be better to design a completely new building to accommodate all the County Services. I have gone into the question, but I find that whilst there is a good site available at the rear of the existing jail in Wicklow Town, the cost of this building will be between £35,000 and £40,000. I think the Council will agree with me that it is unlikely that such an expenditure will be undertaken at the present time, and indeed for very many years to come, if at all, and I do respectfully suggest that the Council revert to their original idea of building the proposed smaller addition in accordance with the plan which I have already presented to you, and which I again submit to-day. It is impossible to expect that efficient work can be done under present conditions, and I know that each member of the Council appreciates this.

The cost of the building now proposed will be about £6,000.

Le meas mor.  
SEOSAMH T. UA BROIN, B.E.  
Suirbheir an gComúdae.

#### ORDERS:

- Paragraph No. 1—No action.
- Paragraph No. 2—To appear on next Agenda.
- Paragraph No. 3—See Resolution of 17/11/1941.
- Paragraph No. 4—Noted.
- Paragraph No. 5—Sanctioned.
- Paragraph No. 6—Sanctioned.
- Paragraph No. 7—Noted.
- Paragraph No. 8—New Engineering Scheme to be adhered to.
- Paragraph No. 9—New Engineering Scheme to be adhered to. See Resolution hereon.
- Paragraph No. 10—To appear on next Agenda.

The following letter was submitted by the County Surveyor:—  
Court House,  
Wicklow.

No. HE/1622.  
The Chairman,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

With reference to paragraph 9 in my report dated the 12/11/41, re County Engineering, I have agreed, after consultation with the County Secretary, to ask you to postpone the full consideration of this paragraph for a period of six months, when I shall again consult with the County Secretary and report to you accordingly.

In the meantime, however, the employment of a clerk in connection with the administration of Board of Health matters now under my control is necessary, and I ask that Miss Bridie Finlay, Wicklow, who has been engaged on this work with me as my personal clerk during the last eight years, would now be taken over by the County Council and Board of Health and appointed in this capacity for six months from the 1st March next.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Surveyor.

Submitted to County Secretary for approval.—J. T. O'B.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

Resolved: Being determined that the approved and sanctioned Scheme of County Engineering shall be given a reasonable time to test itself, we are therefore unable to accede to the County Surveyor's request, as contained in his Report dated the 12th November, 1941, considered to-day; we do, however, realise that the operation of that scheme will in its early stages at least involve a considerable amount of extra correspondence, and, therefore, we hereby appoint, for a period not exceeding six months, Miss Bridie Finlay, Market Street, Wicklow, as temporary Shorthand Writer Typist in the County Surveyor's Office at an inclusive wage of £1 14. 6 per week, Miss Finlay's cards to be stamped at the expense of the Council.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following Government Auditor's Report on his Audit of the Accounts of Wicklow County Council for the two half-years which ended on the 30th September, 1940:—

8/11/1941.

No. A.4612/2/41.

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, 1940.

Certified copies of the abstracts are forwarded herewith.

Following is a comparative table of the Rates raised for the years 1939/40, 1940/41, 1941/42:

	1939/40.	1940/41.	1941/42.
In respect of Roads (Rate in £)	40½	43½	45½
" " County Services	39½	39	50½
" " Poor Relief	34½	42	41
" " Health District Charges	21½	24½	18½
	136	149	155½

As compared with the previous year, the Rate raised for roads in 1941/42 showed an increase of 2½d., and the Rate for County Services an increase of 1½d. in £, but the rates for Poor Relief and Health District Charges were decreased by 1d. and 6d. in the £ respectively.

The Revenue balances on the foregoing services were as follows:—

	At 31/3/1940.	At 31/3/1941.
Roads	In favour £2,162 11 1	In favour £2,838 9 1
County Services	do. 2,740 4 1	Against 6,919 17 11
Poor Relief	Against 3,817 11 11	do. 3,974 1 11
Health Dist. Charges	do. 393 0 0	do. 348 18 8

The increased Rate for County Service in 1941/42 was mainly due to provision which had to be made for a refund of rates to the G.S. Railway Company following a Court decision on a Valuation appeal.

With the intention of giving effect to the decision referred to, an adjustment was made as between the Urban Districts and the County Health District in the accounts for the half-year ended 30th September, 1940. In view of a more recent Court decision this adjustment will have to be revised in the current accountancy period.

The following table shows the irrecoverable rates written off and the collectible arrears carried forward at the close of each of the three years:

	1938/39	1939/40	1940/41
Recoverable Rates C/F	£11,548	£11,168	£20,601
Irrecoverable Rates struck off, Refunds and Discount	2,300	1,097	1,324

The very large increase in collectible rates carried forward at the close of the 1940/41 collection is stated to be due mainly to restrictions on the movement of farm stock necessitated by outbreaks of Foot-and-Mouth Disease in the County and adjoining districts.

Requisition for payment of balance of £1,590 on Road Improvement Grant for 1939/40 has now been made.

The large balance shown on machinery account at 30/9/40 includes the cost of a steamroller purchased during that and the preceding half-year.



I have directed the attention of the Librarian to the need for prompt payment of traders' accounts and salaries of officials, and to the necessity for the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in accordance with Section 51 (7), Local Government Act, 1898, should payment be delayed beyond the period fixed in that Section. The Librarian states that the delay in making certain payments in the period under audit was due to shortage of funds.

A substitute has not been appointed to replace a deceased surety on the personal Bond of the Collector for No. 11 District, but I am informed that application has been made to an Insurance Company for a Fidelity Bond to replace the existing Personal Bond.

Insurance of motor lorries employed for the transport of men engaged on turf production Scheme expired on 7th November, 1941. I am informed that all those lorries with one exception have ceased to be employed for this purpose. Application has been made for temporary cover in respect of this lorry. Subject to this, all insurance renewal premiums have been paid to date.

(Signed)—S. O. h-EALUIGHTE,  
Infiuchoir.

Do/n

Aire Rialtas Aiteamhla agus Slainte Puibli.

The Secretary submitted the file of correspondence which had passed in connection with the Council's efforts to put into operation the Weighbridge erected at The Murrough, Wicklow, under the provisions of the Road Traffic Act, 1933, and he pointed out that it was imperative that this matter should be brought to finality without further delay, as it was manifest that this expensive and intricate machine was deteriorating from day to day for lack of the daily attention which all such machines required.

Proposed by Councillor M. J. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Resolved: That with a view to bringing into official use without further delay the Council's Weighbridge erected on The Murrough, Wicklow, at a cost of £686 4. 8, which has been discussed over and over again during the past year at Meetings of this Body, we hereby appoint, temporarily, for a period of six months from the date of official sanction, at an all-in salary of Thirty Shillings (30/-) per week, Mr. Matthew G. King, of Dunbur, Wicklow, who is an eminently suitable man at present unemployed, and we authorise and direct our Secretary to exercise complete control in this matter so as to ensure that the fullest effect is given to the Sections of the Road Traffic Act, 1933, under the terms of which this Weighbridge was erected, and as this is a matter of urgent financial importance, we hereby rescind all previous Resolutions and Orders that the County Council may have made previously in this connection.

Passed.

County Council Offices,  
Wicklow.

Chairman and Members,  
Wicklow County Council.  
Gentlemen.

3rd January, 1942.

I have now almost eleven years' service in my present position as Chief Clerk and Accountant during which period there has been no complaint in regard to my work and no surcharge.

My predecessor enjoyed a salary of £480, together with bonus for supervising preparation of Rate Books and certain fees which, in all, came to over £500 per annum.

At the time of my appointment a total salary of £450 was fixed by the Council. In the letter of sanction, however, a further reduction of £50 was made, bringing the amount to £400—being exactly £20 over my previous salary of £380 as Assistant Accountant.

Having regard to all the circumstances, I shall be greatly obliged if you recommend the Minister to restore the sum of £50 deducted in sanction, and thereby bring my remuneration to the sum fixed by the Council at their Meeting of 30th March, 1931.

Yours faithfully,

L. WOLAHAN.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. D. Kinsella;

Resolved: That we hereby recommend the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to put into operation, as from 1st January, 1942, the Order made by the County Council on the 30th March, 1931, fixing the remuneration of our Chief Clerk and Accountant at £450 per annum.

In making this recommendation we have in mind the greatly increased work in our offices in recent years caused by the introduction of new Schemes, such as Seeds and Turf Production Schemes, and the alterations in the method of applotting rates. We appreciate the fact that in the eleven years under review no increase in salary has been sought by Mr. Wolahan, and by putting this Resolution into effect his remuneration will still be considerably under that of his predecessor.

Passed.

A communication, dated the 15th January, 1942, was submitted from Tomacork Parish Committee calling attention to two dangerous corners and a water course that needed covering on the road from Carnew to Tomacork Church.

Order: Referred to County Surveyor for his information and suitable action.

A communication, dated the 14th January, 1942, was submitted from Killaveney (Tinahely) Parish Committee requesting immediate repairs to the streets of Tinahely and also referring to the very bad condition of the footpaths which needed concreting.

Order: Referred to County Surveyor for his information and suitable action.

A memorial, dated the 14th January, 1942, and signed by nine local residents, was submitted from Killaveney (Tinahely) Parish Committee, complaining of the impassable state of Gorteen-Tinahely Road.

Order: Referred to County Surveyor for his information and suitable action.

A communication, dated the 17th January, 1942, was submitted from Killaveney (Tinahely) Parish Committee calling for an immediate improvement of blind corners at the intersection of the roads Tinahely-Togher and Protestant and Catholic Churches.

Order: Referred to County Surveyor for his information and suitable action.

A communication, dated 24th December, 1941, was submitted from Mr. Richard G. Fenton (Agent for Major Mitchell's Estate), Ballinaclea, Donard, complaining of a number of matters in connection with the taking of gravel from a pit at Ballynure.

Order: Referred to County Surveyor for his information and suitable action.

A memorial from the residents of Ballingate and adjoining Townlands was submitted, directing the County Council's urgent attention to the alleged disgraceful condition of the road leading to Tomacork Church from Clery's Cross, Croneyhorn, and requesting the County Council to have it put into proper condition forthwith.

Order: Referred to County Surveyor for his information and suitable action.

A communication, dated the 15th December, 1941, was submitted from the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance regarding the complaint of Lieut. J. A. Harbourne, The Hotel, Baltinglass, of the condition of the street at his premises.

Order: Referred to County Surveyor for his information and suitable action.

An application, dated the 10th December, 1941, was submitted from about twenty-four unemployed men in the Knockananna District asking the County Council to commence a Minor Relief Scheme in that locality, such as essential work on the lane connecting Ballinasillogue and Moyne roads leading to Rathmeague School, with a view to relieving the unemployment prevailing in that area.

Order: Referred to County Surveyor for his information and suitable action.



A communication, dated the 26th January, 1942, was submitted from Mr. William Redmond, Blessington, in which he complained that he and other men employed by the County Council had not received yet their holiday pay due since August, 1941, and threatening legal proceedings if he is not paid forthwith.

The County Surveyor submitted the following explanation:—

Court House, Wicklow.  
16th February, 1942.

HE/1622.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

County Secretary, Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your communication in which you asked me to inform you of the circumstances under which men in West Wicklow were not paid for holidays due under the Conditions of Employment Act, 1936, full instructions in connection with this matter were issued by me to each area and no difficulty has been experienced in the matter in the Southern and Eastern Districts of the County. The Assistant in West Wicklow finds some difficulty in dealing with these payments and stated that he was not in a position to verify the leave which would be due, and points out that clerks were specially provided in my office for checking record cards which give full details of the days worked by any man in the County.

It is obvious that the clerks were not provided solely to carry out this checking, and all I asked from each Assistant and Overseer was that when holidays became due for each man my office should be notified that a check would be put up against the notification, and then the Assistant would certify for payment.

It will be readily understood also that the Assistant in the District is the person who finally certifies to me the correct payments in this respect, and in West Wicklow there has been delay in doing this. However, recently I have brought the matter up-to-date and the particulars which I asked for have now been made available and payments will be made accordingly. It is hoped that in future such payments as are due in this regard will be kept up-to-date.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Surveyor.

Order: Referred to County Surveyor for his information and suitable action.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby re-appoint, temporarily, Mr. Michael McD. Fleming, B.E., as Assistant Surveyor in the North-Eastern (No. 1) Area of County Wicklow, to hold that office until such time as his permanent successor has taken up office, or for a period of three months, whichever first occurs; this temporary appointment to be at the same salary and on the same conditions as exist at present.

Passed.

A file of correspondence that had passed between Messrs. S. & R. C. Walker & Son, Solicitors to the La Touche Estate, the Council's Solicitor, Mr. J. Brazil, and the Secretary, relative to responsibilities in connection with the fencing of cliffs at Greystones, was submitted.

Order: Wicklow County Council repudiates all liability whatsoever in connection with this fencing at the cliffs Greystones.

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, which has already been approved by the Department of Agriculture in a letter dated the 9th December, 1941, No. L.2269-41, addressed to the Committee of Agriculture:

"That we hereby recommend Wicklow County Council to pay the sum of Fifteen Pounds (£15) to Mr. Michael Kelly, Knockrath, Rathdrum, as a subsidy towards the cost of erection of a Public Sheep Dipping Bath on his premises."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That we hereby approve, confirm, and adopt the following Resolution passed by the County Committee of Agriculture at their November Quarterly Meeting, an amendment having been first made therein in connection with the payment to A. F. Walsh, V.S.:

"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, 1941:

S. Conway, V.S.—£80

A. F. Walsh, V.S.—£20

W. J. Richardson, V.S.—£30

Subject to the sanction of the Minister for Agriculture."

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a communication, dated the 27th January, 1942, received from Veterinary Inspector A. F. Walsh, V.S., 35 Dublin St., Carlow, in which he asks to be forwarded a Paying Order for the sum of £65, being the amount of remuneration usually paid to him each year for additional duties discharged in enforcing the Sheep Dipping Order.

Order: See Resolution passed on previous item on the Agenda.

The Council considered the letter, dated the 29th December, 1941, from Mr. Matthew Byrne, Hon. Secretary of Baltinglass Branch of the Red Cross Society in which application was made for the use of the old Grand Jury Rooms in Baltinglass Court House to store the First Aid Equipment for West Wicklow Divisional Area of the Red Cross.

Order: The Secretary to endeavour to arrange matters with the County Registrar in whom the custody of the building is vested by Statute as the County Council has no objection to the use of the rooms for the purposes indicated provided that use does not interfere with the purposes for which the building is at present being used.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That in compliance with the request of Chief Superintendent W. P. Quinn, Garda Síochána, Bray, we hereby appoint Garda Timothy McCarthy (5571), Newtownmountkennedy, as Food and Drugs Inspector for the area to replace Garda J. Nevin (2913) transferred.

Passed.



The Minutes of Proceedings of the following Monthly Meetings of the County Library Committee were submitted: 7th November, 1941; 5th December, 1941; 2nd January, 1942.  
The County Surveyor submitted the following:—

Ref. HE/1422. Court House, Wicklow. 14th February, 1942.

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

Dear Sir,  
I enclose herewith letter dated the 11th instant which I have received from Mr. John O'Rourke, of my office staff, in which he indicates his intention to enlist in the National Army for the duration of the Emergency.  
I presume it will be necessary to put this matter before the County Council at the Meeting on the 16th instant so that appropriate arrangements may be made.

Yours faithfully,  
J. T. O'BYRNE, County Surveyor.  
County Surveyor's Office,  
Court House, Wicklow.  
11th February, 1942.

To: J. T. O'BYRNE, Esq., E.E.,  
County Surveyor,  
Court House, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,  
I propose enlisting in the National Army for the duration of the Emergency. In doing so, I assume, the County Council will, in accordance with the established practice of other County Councils, Public Companies, Private Employers and Government Services, approve of my offering my services to the State through the Minister for Defence by granting the necessary leave of absence and authorising payment of the difference between my salary and Army pay.  
Will you kindly transmit this application to the County Secretary so that it may be placed before the County Council at their Meeting due to be held on Monday next, 16th instant.  
I am to request that you will regard this application as extremely urgent.  
Yours faithfully,  
J. O'Rourke.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor F. D. Kinsella, and accepted by the Chairman:  
"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, shall move at the next Meeting of Wicklow County Council that we approve of Mr. John O'Rourke's proposal to enlist in the National Army for the duration of the Emergency, and we hereby grant the necessary leave of absence and authorise the payment of the difference between his salary and Army pay."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Edward Byrne and accepted by the Chairman:  
"I hereby give Notice that at the Meeting to be held on the 23rd March, 1942, I will move that the County Council approves of the borrowing by the Board of Health of a sum of £3,000 from the National Bank for a period of 10 years at half per cent. under Irish Bank Rate, varying, with a minimum of 4 per cent. for the purpose of providing Burial Grounds in the County Health District of Wicklow."

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, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Meeting of Wicklow County Council that the Finance Committee be requested to draft a Scheme of Scholarships, of the usual value annually and tenable for four years, from the Primary Schools to approved Secondary Schools, and that in drafting such Scheme every effort be made to confine the Scholarships to children on the Rolls of National Schools on the 1st June.

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by her during the Quarter ending the 31st December, 1941.

Articles submitted for Analysis	Date Received	Number	From	Result of Analysis
Whiskey	3/10/41	4	Bray, Gd. Murphy	Genuine
Whole Milk	4/10/41	3	Carnew, Gd. Doyle	Genuine
Port Wine	"	1	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	18/10/41	2	Rathdrum, Gd. Sweeney	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	21/10/41	1	New-T.-Mt.-Kennedy, Gd. Nevin	Genuine
Caff-o-era	"	1	"	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
Milk	25/10/41	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	Genuine
Milk	31/10/41	1	County Hospital	Genuine
Milk	"	1	Fever Hospital	Genuine
Whole Milk	5/11/41	2	Blessington, Gd. Brennan	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
Jam	"	1	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	10/11/41	3	Arklow, Gd. O'Reilly	Genuine
Butter	"	2	"	Genuine
Butter	14/11/41	1	Roundwood, Sgt. Mahony	Genuine
Malt Vinegar	"	1	"	Genuine
Sausages	"	1	"	Genuine
Whiskey	"	1	"	Genuine
Chef Sauce	22/11/41	1	"	Genuine
Sherry	"	1	"	Genuine
Whiskey	"	1	"	Genuine
C.L. Oil Cpd.	"	1	"	Genuine
Milk	29/11/41	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	Genuine
Milk	"	4	Bray, Gd. Murphy	Genuine
Whole Milk	1/12/41	1	Shillelagh, Gd. Behan	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
Jam	"	1	"	Genuine
Cheese	8/12/41	1	Baltinglass, Gd. Conway	Genuine
Oatmeal	"	2	"	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
Flour	"	1	"	Genuine
Cheese	"	1	"	Genuine
B Soda	"	1	"	Genuine
Whiskey	"	1	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	10/12/41	2	Dunlavin, Gd. Laverty	Genuine
P. Wine	"	1	"	Genuine
Whiskey	"	1	"	Genuine
Cheese	"	1	"	Genuine
Flour	"	1	"	Genuine
Whiskey	12/12/41	4	Bray, Gd. Murphy	3 Gen., 1 Not Gen.
Flour	"	1	Blessington, Gd. Brennan	Genuine
Rice	"	1	Blessington, Gd. Brennan	Genuine
Whole Milk	12/12/41	1	"	Genuine
Porter	13/12/41	1	Carnew, Gd. Doyle	Genuine
Tea	"	1	"	Genuine
Sugar	"	1	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	"	1	"	Genuine
Castor Oil	17/12/41	1	Greystones, Gd. Dwyer	Genuine
Whole Milk	"	4	"	Genuine
B. Soda	"	1	"	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
Beef Suet	"	1	"	Genuine
Cordial	"	1	"	Genuine
Malt Coffee	"	1	"	Genuine
Butter	19/12/41	2	Wicklow, Gd. Bergin	Genuine
Whole Milk	"	2	"	Genuine
Milk	20/12/41	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	Genuine
Whole Milk	"	2	Rathdrum, Gd. Sweeney	Genuine
Butter	"	2	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	22/12/41	4	Wicklow, Gd. Bergin	Genuine
Rice	23/12/41	1	Bray, Gd. Murphy	Genuine
Wheat Flakes	"	1	"	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
Whole Milk	"	1	"	Genuine
Drugs	4/10/41	3	Bray No. 1 Dispensary	Genuine
Drugs	10/10/41	3	Dunganstown "	Genuine
Drugs	21/10/41	3	Coollattin "	Genuine
Drugs	22/10/41	3	Co. Hospital "	Genuine
Drugs	30/10/41	3	Wicklow "	Genuine
Drugs	"	3	Avoca "	Genuine
Drugs	"	3	Rathdrum "	Genuine
Drugs	4/12/41	3	St. Kevin's Sanatorium	Genuine
Drugs	"	2	Dunlavin Dispensary	Genuine
Drugs	6/12/41	3	Bray "	Genuine
Drugs	23/12/41	3	Tinahely "	Genuine
Drugs	29/12/41	2	Arklow "	Genuine

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter: Foods 94; Drugs 34; Total 128

Number Adulterated: 1 Whiskey.  
Date: 15th January, 1942.

(Signed)—PHYLLIS RYAN,  
Public Analyst.







28th October, 1941, No. 132/1941, enclosing copy of an Order providing that the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) (Amendment) Act, 1940, shall come into operation on the 1st November, 1941; that as from the 1st proximo the appointment of Nurses and Midwives will be made by the local authority concerned; but for the filling of vacancies of Matrons, Assistant Matrons, Head Nurses, etc., any of these latter offices may be filled in the ordinary way unless the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, is applied to it by the Minister with the concurrence of the Local Appointments Commissioners.

1st November, 1941, No. G.3705/10/41, consenting to the continuance of Overdraft Accommodation, not exceeding £30,000, on the accounts of the County Council to the 30th November, 1941.

1st November, 1941, No. T.1/18/41, sanctioning the continuance of Overdraft Accommodation, not exceeding £22,000 for the period ending 30th November, 1941, in connection with Turf Production.

**FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.**

25th August, 1941.—Concerning a Deputation to An Taoiseach in connection with the problem of providing coal for Steam Threshing Sets.

26th August, 1941.—Copy of broadcast delivered by the Minister for Agriculture from Radio Eireann relative to Harvesting and Disposal of Grain Crops.

5th September, 1941.—Order of the Minister for Agriculture under the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Application of part 1 of the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Ireland) Order of 1915) (Counties Carlow, Kildare, and Wicklow) Order, 1941.

5th September, 1941.—Order of the Minister for Agriculture under the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Prohibition of Movement of Milk) Order (No. 2) (Amendment) Order, 1941.

11th September, 1941.—Order of the Minister for Agriculture under the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Pursuit of Ground Game) Order, 1941.

13th September, 1941.—Order of the Minister for Agriculture under the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Application of part 1 of the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Ireland) Order of 1915) (Counties Carlow, Kildare, Wexford and Wicklow) Order, 1941.

16th September, 1941.—Order of the Minister for Agriculture under the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Prohibition of Movement of Milk) Order (No. 3), 1941.

16th September, 1941.—No. L.699/1940, approving of an expenditure of £6 for the payment of compensation of certain animals slaughtered under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order of 1926.

18th September, 1941.—No. L.3791/41, approving of the appointment of Mr. W. J. Richardson, V.S., as a substitute during the absence of Mr. S. Conway, V.S., for one week as from the 11th instant with remuneration at the same rate as that normally payable to Mr. Conway.

20th September, 1941.—No. L.38/8/41, approving of the proposal of Wicklow County Council to make payments to owners of Private Swim Baths in respect of the dipping in such baths during the current dipping period of sheep the property of neighbouring owners at the rate of 30s. per 500 sheep double-dipped.

24th September, 1941.—Referring to suspected case of Foot-and-Mouth Disease on the lands of William E. Clune, Clonwilliam, Woodenbridge, and stating that the latter's farm was examined by a Departmental Veterinary Inspector who failed to find existence of Foot-and-Mouth Disease on the premises.

4th October, 1941.—Enclosing a Press Notice referring to Potato Silage and the need for making arrangements for the disposal of small and partially diseased potatoes.

4th October, 1941.—Order of the Minister for Agriculture under the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Carlow and Wexford Local Restrictions) Order, 1941.

4th October, 1941.—Order of the Minister for Agriculture under the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Application of Part 1 of the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Ireland) Order of 1915) (Laoighis) Order (No. 2), 1941.

4th October, 1941.—Order of the Minister for Agriculture under the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Application of Part 1 of the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Ireland) Order of 1915) (County Kilkenny) Order (No. 3), 1941.

4th October, 1941.—Order of the Minister for Agriculture under the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Application of Part 1 of the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Ireland) Order of 1915) (County Tipperary) (South Riding) Order (No. 5), 1941.

4th October, 1941.—Order of the Minister for Agriculture under the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Application of Part 1 of the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Ireland) Order of 1915) (Counties Carlow, Kildare, Wexford and Wicklow) Order (No. 2), 1941.

10th October, 1941.—No. L.2269/41, referring to the County Council's Resolution in connection with the erection of Sheep Dipping Baths on Subsidy conditions; noting the Council's decision that subsidies of £15 only be payable in respect of the four baths in question; notifying that no Departmental Inspector is available for inspection and reports in connection with Sheep Dipping Baths; and intimating that the question of approval of payments of subsidies will be considered on receipt of reports from Mr. Conway, V.S.

20th October, 1941.—Order of the Minister for Agriculture under the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Application of Part 1 of the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Ireland) Order of 1915) (Counties Carlow, Kildare, Wexford and Wicklow) Order (No. 3), 1941.

27th October, 1941.—Copy of broadcast delivered by the Minister for Agriculture on the 27th October, 1941, regarding Fertilisers and Food Production.

**FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE.**

23rd September, 1941.—No. A.R.P./1307, approving of the expenditure of £5 10s. on the Printing of the original draft under the County Council's Air Raid Precautions Scheme, suggesting the copying of the Scheme by duplicator for reasons of economy, and pointing out that in future cases involving expenditure which might rank for grant under the A.R.P. Act, prior approval must be sought, and approving of the expenditure of 6s. 6d. postage during the period ended the 31/3/1940.

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.**

24th September, 1941.—No. 76/19, enclosing two copies of the Wild Birds County Wicklow Order, 1941, prohibiting the taking or destroying of the eggs of certain wild birds in any part of County Wicklow during any of the years 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945 or 1946.

**FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLIES.**

22nd September, 1941.—No. P.44/171, regarding the suggestion of an allowance of Motor Spirit to Rate Collectors employed by Wicklow County Council and stating that in view of the limited quantities of petrol available and the uncertainty of future supplies, the Minister is not prepared to grant additional allowances to Rate Collectors.

**FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF VALUATION.**

29th August, 1941.—Notifying the Council that Mr. W. A. Nunan, of their Department, will commence the annual revision of valuation of County Wicklow on the 8th proximo.

**FROM THE OFFICES OF PUBLIC WORKS.**

25th September, 1941.—No. C.94.392/1/39, notifying that pursuant to Section 8 (1) of the National Monuments Act, 1930, the Minister for Finance has made an Order entrusting to the Commissioners of Public Works the preservation of a Monument known as Dolmen, County Wicklow, situate in the townland of Onagh, Parish of Powerscourt.

2nd October, 1941.—No. C.94.395/1/39, notifying that pursuant to Section 8 (1) of the National Monuments Act, 1930, the Minister for Finance has made an Order entrusting to the Commissioners of Public Works the preservation of a Monument known as Rathgall, County Wicklow, situate in the townland of Rath East in the Parish of Liscolman.

**FROM THE COUNCIL'S SOLICITOR.**

10th October, 1941, referring to the prosecution under the Food and Drugs Act of Garda James Conway v. Eva Doyle, Main Street, Baltinglass, and stating that the District Justice applied the Probation Act on Defendant paying £1 5s. Costs.



22nd September, 1941, notifying the committal to Daingean Reformatory until he attains the age of 18 years, of a boy named Alfred Conlon at Bray District Court.

**FROM OTHER PUBLIC BODIES.**

12th September, 1941, from Grangegorman Mental Hospital submitting copy of Resolution adopted by the Contracts Sub-Committee of that Body that the sum of 31/6 per ton, the rate previously contracted for by the County Surveyor, be paid for all turf supplied to the 28/8/41, and that the delivery of the balance of 1,000 tons turf contracted for be accepted at 35/- per ton on bank, provided delivery is completed by 1st October.

18th September, 1941, from Grangegorman Mental Hospital, referring to the price fixed by that Body for Turf obtained from Wicklow County Council and referring to an explanation which they seek from the County Surveyor concerning a charge for delivery of turf from bank to roadside which works out at slightly more than 6/8 per ton.

18th September, 1941, asking that Wicklow County Council lodge the second Quarter's Instalment of Estimate and Demand, i.e., £7.038 10s. before the 30th instant.

**FROM THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD, DUBLIN.**

18th September, 1941.—Stating that Board is prepared to agree to Informal Arbitration concerning Roads and Bridges referred to in previous correspondence.

**FROM THE TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS' UNION.**

23rd September, 1941.—Relative to Carlow and Killeslin Coal Fields, setting forth Resolutions of that Body regarding the development of these Coal Fields.

**FROM THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE SOCIETY.**

25th September, 1941.—Enclosing an abbreviated copy of the Annual Report of the Committee of Management of that Society.

**MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE.**

**FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILS GENERAL COUNCIL.**

3rd October, 1941.—Notifying the date of their next Meeting as Thursday, the 11th December, 1941, and any matters which the Council may desire to have placed on their Agenda should reach that Body before the 27th November, 1941.

**FROM THE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE, WICKLOW.**

4th November, 1941.—Enclosing copy of Resolution requesting the County Council to strike a rate of 2½ in the £ for Agricultural purposes for the year 1942/1943 and setting forth reductions in their Schemes which they found necessary owing to financial difficulties.

**FROM S. CONWAY, V.S., SALEM, WICKLOW.**

(Undated).—Notifying his intention of being absent from duty for one week from the 11th September, 1941.

**FROM LONGFORD BOARD OF HEALTH.**

16th September, 1941.—Enclosing copy of a Resolution of that Board strongly protesting against the proposal of the Irish Banks to increase the charges so unduly as to amount to a direct tax on each customer.

**FROM MICHAEL KELLY, DRUMMIN, ANNAMOE.**

19th September, 1941.—Notifying that his son, Hugh F. O'Kelly, who won a County Council University Scholarship, also won a Scholarship from the County Committee of Agriculture and that he is relinquishing the latter.

**FROM MACCAUCHEY REPRIEVE COMMITTEE.**

Received the 20th September, 1941.—Advocating the postponement of the execution of Sean Mac Cauchey pending public inquiry into the whole affair.

**FROM THE IRISH SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF WILD BIRDS, DUBLIN.**

1st October, 1941.—Expressing their strong appreciation of the action of Wicklow County Council in putting into force the Wild Birds County Wicklow Order, 1941.

**FROM DR. P. D. MURPHY, ABBEY SQUARE, ENNISCORTHY.**

6th October, 1941.—Certifying that Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., County Surveyor, will be unable to resume duty until the 13/10/1941.

16th October, 1941.—Certifying that Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., County Surveyor, will be unable to resume work until the 20/10/1941.

**FROM MISS MARGARET M. WYBRANT, 141, TRITONVILLE ROAD, SANDYMOUNT, DUBLIN.**

22nd October, 1941.—Referring to her being awarded a County Council University Scholarship and notifying that she is residing at the above address and not at the University Hostel.

3, Glenville,  
Naas,  
County Kildare.  
26th October, 1941.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

Dear Mr. Healy,

Please convey to the Members of the Wicklow County Council my deep appreciation of their expression of sympathy with me in the death of my dear late husband.

I also wish to express to you and to the Members of your Staff my very deep appreciation of your sympathy.

I remain, dear Mr. Healy,  
Yours sincerely,

KATHLEEN WILLIAMS.

**FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH:**

18th November, 1941, No. C.P.2405/41, Co-Cheannach, asking why an account for the sum of £624 18s. 5d. due to the Irish Tar Distillers, Ltd., for Tar Bitumen Mixture, purchased in 1940, had not been discharged by the County Surveyor.

No. R/RS/33, 24th November, 1941, sanctioning the Resolution passed by the County Council on the 17th instant regarding the remuneration of Mr. P. J. Foley, Assistant County Surveyor.

28th November, 1941, No. C.L.147/1941, enclosing a pamphlet entitled "Guide to the Social Services."

1st December, 1941, No. G.3705/11/41, consenting to the continuance of Overdraft Accommodation, not exceeding £40,000, on the accounts of the County Council to the 31st December, 1941.

6th December, 1941, No. T.1/21/41, consenting to the continuance of Overdraft Accommodation, in connection with Turf Production for the sum of £20,000, to the 31st December, 1941.

26adh Meitheamh, 1941, No. R/RS/33, sanctioning the proposal of Wicklow County Council to appoint, through the Local Appointments Commissioners, two Assistant County Surveyors.

9th December, 1941, No. RU/208/33, approving of the Scheme of Road Works proposed to be carried out with the aid of Grants from the Employment Schemes Vote 1941/1942, as follows: Works No. M.904E. Total Estimated Expenditure £2,700; Grant £2,000; Local Contribution £700.

15th December, 1941, No. H.28369/1941, Igh. stating that save where the terms of an existing Mortgage Deed or Charging Order preclude it, interest on every issue made out of the Local Loans Fund on and after the 1st inst., shall be charged at the rate of 4½ per cent. per annum, irrespective of the purpose of the loan.

15th December, 1941, No. A.24451/41, enclosing copy of the Auditor's Report on his Audit of the Accounts of Wicklow County Committee of Agriculture for the half-year ended the 31st March, 1941.

15th December, 1941, No. A.24455/41, enclosing copy of the Auditor's Report on his Audit of the Accounts of the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board for the half year ended 31st March, 1941.



16th December, 1941, No. T.1/22/41, referring to the Minister's sanction to Turf Overdraft up to the 31st December, 1941, and pointing out that all similar applications submitted subsequent to that date should be accompanied by a summarised statement of the expenditure and receipts to date on the turf account, the estimated quantity and value of turf on hands, and the anticipated receipts in the monthly period for which the overdraft is required.

16th December, 1941, No. C.L.152/1941, referring to the Local Government Act, 1941, and setting forth certain Local Authorities in addition to those mentioned in Section 80, sub-Section (2) of the Act which should come within the scope of the Local Authorities (Travelling Expenses of Members) Order, 1941.

21st December, 1941, No. C.L.158/1941, referring to Section 80 of the Local Government Act, 1941, and stating that claims for the recoupment of travelling expenses incurred by members of local authorities in attending meetings should be made in writing; that a Form of Claim has been drawn up, that travelling expenses to be defrayed cannot exceed the amount which would have been reasonably incurred; and that to obviate delay in the allowance of claims and to facilitate scrutiny at audit Instructions are set forth on the back of the claim form.

1st January, 1942, No. G.3705/12/41, consenting to the continuance of Overdraft Accommodation, not exceeding £35,000, on the accounts of the County Council to the 31st January, 1942.

2nd January, 1942, No. T.1/23/41, consenting to the continuance of Overdraft Accommodation, in connection with Turf Production, for the sum of £19,500, to the 31st January, 1942.

2nd January, 1942, No. R/RS/33, stating the Minister has no observations to offer on the draft agreement with Mr. P. J. Foley, Assistant County Surveyor, except that in view of the provisions of Sec. 19 (1) (b) of the Local Government Act, 1941, the Agreement might make it clear that the allowance for travelling expenses is subject to any regulations made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in that behalf.

12th January, 1942, No. P.H.1240/2/41, Cill Mhanntain (Pd.), transmitting copy of an Order made on the 4th ult., fixing among others, the area of charge for special expenses of providing and maintaining a water supply at Kirakee.

15th January, 1942, No. H.2725/41, Ilgh (A.R.P.), forwarding copy of the Neutrality (War Damage to Property) Act, 1941, and pointing out that contributions by County Councils must be raised equally over the whole of the County by means of Poor Rate. The Minister for Finance may in the event of the recovery of compensation from an external Government recoup such sum as may have been paid to him by the Council.

#### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE:

30th October, 1941, Order of the Minister for Agriculture under the Foot and Mouth Disease (Prohibition of Sales of Horses) (Amendment) Order (No. 3), 1941.

30th October, 1941, Broadcast from Radio Eireann by the Minister for Agriculture on "Fertilisers and Food Production."

30th October, 1941, Order of the Minister for Agriculture under the Foot and Mouth Disease (Application of Part 1 of the Foot and Mouth Disease) (Ireland) Order, 1915 (Counties Carlow, Laoighis and Wexford) Order, 1941.

30th October, 1941, Order of the Minister for Agriculture under the Foot and Mouth Disease (Prohibition of Sales of Animals) (Revocation) Order (No. 2), 1941.

8th December, 1941, Broadcast from Radio Eireann by Professor Caffrey, B.Sc., A.R.C.Sc., I., Department of Plant Breeding, University College, Dublin, on "Wheat Growing."

— December, 1941, No. L.4785/41, raising no objection to the payment of the balance of £15 to Sheep Dipping Inspectors if the Local Authority are satisfied with the manner in which these Inspectors carried out their duties; and stating that in reference to the proposed payment of special allowances to Veterinary Inspectors the Minister draws attention to his letter of the 24th July last and state that the matter will be further considered if reports—or copies thereof—as therein indicated, be submitted to this Department.

15th December, 1941, Broadcast from Radio Eireann by Mr. J. J. Brady, M.Agr.Sc., Inspector, Department of Agriculture, on "The Production and Storage of Farm and Garden Seeds."

31st December, 1941, No. L.4785/41, referring to the Special Allowance for Veterinary Inspectors in connection with the Sheep Dipping Scheme, approving of the sum of £80 to Mr. Conway; £30 to Mr. Richardson, and that owing to Mr. Walshe's efforts being regarded as unsatisfactory the Minister reluctantly agrees to an allowance of £20 to Mr. Walshe.

1st January, 1942, No. SK/2/38, referring to the Butter and Margarine Act, 1907, and stating that during the year 1941 the Minister for Agriculture did not grant approval of any name for use in connection with margarine.

19th January, 1942, No. L.4821, conveying the Minister's thanks to Wicklow County Council for their co-operation and assistance in connection with the measures taken to stamp out Foot-and-Mouth Disease, and also thanking the County Secretary and County Surveyor personally for their helpful assistance.

12th January, 1942, Broadcast from Radio Eireann by Professor E. J. Sheehy, D.Sc., Head of Animal Nutrition Department, University College, Dublin, on "Feeding Livestock in the absence of Maize and Oil Cake."

19th January, 1942, Broadcast from Radio Eireann by Professor Boyle, M.Sc., Ph.D., University College, Cork, on "Beans as a Farm Crop."

#### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE:

3rd January, 1942, No. A.R.P./1307, approving of the additional expenditure of £3 15s. incurred on printing extra copies of the first A.R.P. Scheme.

#### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLIES:

11th December, 1941, No. P.32/26, referring to the Resolution of Wicklow County Council concerning the granting of Supplementary Motor Spirit Licences to Members of Wicklow County Council, and stating that owing to the limited quantities of petrol available for distribution and the uncertainty of future supplies, the Minister is not in a position at present to grant supplementary licences in respect of private cars used for such travelling.

#### FROM THE COUNCIL'S SOLICITOR:

25th November, 1941, intimating that the District Justice at Wicklow on the 19th inst., refused the committal to an Industrial School of Thomas Dover, Wicklow.

25th November, 1941, referring to the application of William S. Hugo and Others for £100 compensation for alleged malicious damage to heather on Carrigeenduff and Drumeen Mountains, and stating that Circuit Court Judge on the 19th inst., awarded the Applicants a sum of £45 and costs to be levied off the Rathdrum former Rural District.

25th November, 1941, referring to the application of Patrick Mulleady, Newtownmountkennedy, for £40 compensation for malicious damage to trees, vegetables, etc., and stating that an Award for £15 and Costs was made.

6th December, 1941, referring to an application for the committal of a child named Bridget Hanley, and stating the Wicklow County Council has been relieved of the responsibility of maintenance in this case.

#### FROM THE COUNTY SURVEYOR:

19th December, 1941, enclosing copies of three accounts relative to the Turf Scheme, 1941, furnished (a) to Wicklow Urban District Council; (b) Grangegorman Mental Hospital; and (c) County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance.

#### FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL:

22nd December, 1941, transmitting a Report of the Emergency Committee of the General Council on the Report of the Drainage Commission, together with a summary of the Commission's principal recommendations.

22nd December, 1941, transmitting a Report from the Emergency Committee of the General Council on the recommendations of the Tribunal of Inquiry on Public Transport, together with a summary of the Tribunal's recommendations.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

23rd November, 1941, Medical Certificate from Dr. H. J. Roche, Wicklow, to the effect that Collector James J. McCall is suffering from a dislocation of the right collar bone and will be unfit for duty for a few weeks.

31st December, 1941, from Vocational Education Officers' Organisation, commenting on the existing Scheme for the Award of University Scholarships in Agriculture by County Councils.







## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock noon, on Monday, the 23rd March, 1942.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman;  
Councillors J. P. Kehoe, M. J. Brennan, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); Daniel J. Kehoe, P. P. O'Reilly, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; J. McCrea, Joseph Jacob, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); T. J. Birthistle, P. D. Kinsella, Michael Mooney, W. Hammond, Michael Timmins, J. J. Bourne, J. J. Metcalfe, Major R. Smith, Miss M. Kelly.

### BUSINESS:

1. To consider an application from the Irish Tourist Association for the usual annual contribution from Rates for Tourist Advertising.
2. To consider an application from Assistant Surveyor J. P. Caffrey, B.E., for a refund of the Road Tax paid by him on the motor car used in the discharge of his official duties.
3. To consider an application from Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., for a refund of the Road Tax paid by him on the motor car used in the discharge of his official duties.
4. To consider an Account, amounting to the sum of £15. 4. 4 received by the County Solicitor from Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., in connection with the Council's defence of the Hugo Malicious Injury Claim.
5. To consider the following Resolution which was passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture on the 23rd June, 1941, and which was referred back to the County Council by the Finance Committee for consideration:—

"Resolved: That we hereby approve of the full Marriage Gratuity of £320. 5. 0. being granted to Mrs. M. A. Morrin (formerly Miss M. A. Codd, Instructor in Poultry-keeping and Buttermaking), in accordance with the terms of Section 44 (4) of the Local Government Act, 1925."
6. To consider a communication from the County Surveyor in which he seeks permission to purchase outright a CP-32 Rock Drill Hammer which he has had on hire for some weeks past.
7. To consider the paragraph in the County Surveyor's Report, dated the 12th November, 1941, in which he urges the Council to provide additional office accommodation for the Council's Staff, as the present room space makes efficient work practically impossible.
8. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James Everett, T.D.:

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Meeting of Wicklow County Council that the Finance Committee be requested to draft a Scheme of Scholarships, of the usual value annually and tenable for four years, from the Primary Schools to approved Secondary Schools, and that in drafting such Scheme every effort be made to confine the Scholarships to children on the Rolls of National Schools on the 1st June, 1942, and that we instruct our Secretary to embody the cost of this Scheme in the Estimates to be submitted by him for the service of the financial year 1942/1943."
9. To consider Finance Committee's Report on the Estimates for the service of the Financial Year, 1942-1943.
10. 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, 1943, and, further, to determine the amount to be demanded from each of the Urban Districts in the County in respect of that financial year.
11. To take the prescribed steps for filling the vacancy in the position of Rate Inspector, rendered vacant by the regrettable death of Mr. Michael Donoghue.



12. To receive the Agreement entered into by Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., in conformity with the provisions of the new Scheme of County Engineering, and to consider a number of other matters connected with road administration in Mr. Foley's Area.
13. To consider an application from Poor Rate Collector Michael O'Neill (No. 19 District), supported by a letter from his Solicitor, Messrs. J. H. McCarroll and Co., Wicklow, to the County Council, to make the necessary Order to realise the mortgage on the lands of Mr. W. H. Fenton, Knockloe, with a view to collecting outstanding Rates amounting to the sum of £733. 16. 7, in respect of Mr. Fenton's holdings.
14. To consider the advisability of passing a Resolution extending to the 30th April, 1942, the period within which Rate Collectors shall have their Poor Rate Collections closed for the financial year ending 31st March, 1942.
15. To appoint a temporary Inspector under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Orders, 1936 and 1939, for the area comprising the Garda sub-District of Newtownmountkennedy in accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisement.
16. To confirm the arrangements made by the County Secretary in putting into effect the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Orders, 1936 and 1939.
17. To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
18. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne:  
"I hereby give Notice that at the Meeting to be held on the 23rd March, 1942, I will move that the County Council approves of the borrowing by the Board of Health of a sum of £3,000 from the National Bank for a period of 10 years at half per cent. under Irish Bank Rate, varying with a minimum of 4% for the purpose of providing Burial Grounds in the County Health District."
19. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor P. D. Kinsella:  
"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, shall move at the next Meeting of Wicklow County Council that we approve of Mr. John O'Rourke's proposal to enlist in the National Army for the duration of the Emergency, and we hereby grant the necessary leave of absence and authorise the payment of the difference between his salary and Army pay."
20. To consider a communication from the Minister for Industry and Commerce in which he expresses the opinion that the County Council should, in the interests of the County, take over Wicklow Harbour and promote a Provisional Order for the purpose.
21. To appoint, under the provisions of the National Health Insurance and Widows and Orphans Pensions Acts, 1936, the Council's three representatives on the Committee of Management of the National Health Insurance Society.
22. To consider further correspondence from the County Library Committee and from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the conditions governing the appointment of a Junior Assistant in the office of the former Body.
23. To consider a communication from the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in regard to the closing down of Employment and Emergency Schemes on the 7th March, 1942, so as to avoid interference with the tillage programme.
24. To consider an application from the County Surveyor for authority to restrict the weight of vehicles passing unloaded or loaded over Ardoyne Bridge and Ashford Bridge to 2 tons and 5 tons, respectively.
25. To consider an application from the County Surveyor for permission to close to all vehicular traffic the approach road to Newrath Bridge for a period of four months during the time this Bridge is being reconstructed and widened.

26. To consider the paragraph in the County Surveyor's Report, dated 12th November, 1941, in which he asks the Council to abandon the principle of weekly payments to road workers and to restore the system of fortnightly payment.
27. To consider an application from the owners of the Rialto Cinema, Wicklow, for permission to erect a permanent canopy over the foot-path in front of these reconstructed premises.
28. To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Library Committee on the 5th February, 1942:  
"Resolved: That the salary of Miss Jennie Byrne, 53, Ferrybank, Arklow, attendant at Arklow Library, open six hours weekly, be increased as from 1st May, 1942, from £25 per annum to the sum of £35, subject to the sanction of the County Council and the Minister for Local Government, and that the number of opening hours at Arklow Library be increased from six to ten hours weekly."
29. To consider letters, dated the 3rd and 6th March, 1942, from the County Surveyor intimating that he has been instructed to cut and save 12,850 tons of turf in the year 1942.
30. To consider correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health in which certain Fees are allowed to the County Surveyor and his Assistants in connection with Bog Development Works carried out in 1941 under Grants, and also in respect of works to be carried out in 1942 under Grants.
31. To consider a communication from the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance requesting the County Council to embody in the approved Scheme for County Engineering the supplemental proposals submitted by the County Surveyor to and approved by that Board.
32. To consider the amounts due by the three Urban District Councils to the County Council on foot of the latter's Annual Estimate and Demands, more particularly the correspondence which has passed with Bray Urban District Council in that connection.
33. To consider a Report on the Food Production Conference from a National Conference of Representatives from Farmers' Organisations which was held on the 11th February, 1942.
34. To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, asking for complete plans, specifications, etc., in respect of the reconstruction and improvement of five specified roads important from the point of view of Tourist Development, these being suitable public works which could be undertaken in the event of unemployment becoming widespread at any time.
35. To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the Meeting of that Body held on the 24th February, 1942:  
"Resolved: That we recommend Wicklow County Council to pay the amounts set out on Schedule, to the persons mentioned thereon, in respect of the use of their private swim baths, during the 1941 Dipping Periods (at the rate of 6/- per 100 Sheep double-dipped) totalling £107. 2. 4."
36. To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body held on the 24th February, 1942:  
"Resolved: That we hereby recommend Wicklow County Council to pay the sum of £1 each to 34 owners of public swim baths—in respect of maintenance and repairs to their baths—for the year 1941 Total amount—£34."
37. To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the Meeting of that Body held on the 24th February, 1942:  
"Resolved: That we hereby recommend Wicklow County Council to pay the postage accounts of 17 Sheep Dipping In-



38. To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health asking for a report on the steps taken by the County Council to ensure rigid economy in all branches of their administration.
39. To consider correspondence from Mr. William F. Murphy, The Central Stores, Aughrim, in which he asks for payment of an account amounting to the sum of £102 6. 0. for seeds and manures supplied under the Council's Seeds and Fertilizers Supply Scheme, 1941.  
Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, learned with deep regret of the death of Mr. Michael Donoghue, for three years a faithful and efficient officer of this Council in the position of Rate Inspector, and we tender to his father, to his sisters, and to his brother the assurance of our sincere sympathy with them in their sad bereavement.

Passed Unanimously.

An application, dated the 2nd January, 1942, was received from the Irish Tourist Association for the usual annual contribution from Rates for Tourist Advertising.

The Council agreed to allow the £50 in respect of the year 1942/1943 as recommended by the Finance Committee in their Report.

An application, dated 11th December, 1941, was received from Assistant Surveyor J. P. Caffrey, B.E., for a refund of the Road Tax paid by him on the motor car he uses in the discharge of his official duties.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor P. Doyle (Coolboy) and accepted by the Council:—

"I hereby give Notice that I shall move at the next Meeting of Wicklow County Council that as from January 1st, 1942, Assistant Surveyor J. P. Caffrey, B.E., be refunded Road Tax paid by him on the motor car used in the discharge of his official duties."

An application, dated 12th February, 1942, was received from Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., for a refund of the Road Tax paid by him on the motor car he uses in the discharge of his official duties.

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

"I hereby give Notice that I will move at next Meeting of County Council that a refund of the Road Tax Motor Tax be made to P. J. Foley."

The Council proceeded to consider an account, amounting to the sum of £15 4s. 4d. received by the Council's Solicitor from Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., in connection with the Defence in the Case of the Hugo Malicious Injury Claim.

Order—Referred to Finance Committee for Report—due consideration to be given to the question whether Mr. Foley as a whole-time official from the 1st April, 1941, is entitled to any extra remuneration for duties of this character.

Having regard to the fact that the Finance Committee, at the Special Meeting of that Body held on the 11th March instant to consider the Estimates for the financial year 1942/1943, had included in the said Estimates as recommended to the County Council the sum of £320 5s. 0d. Marriage Gratuity applied for by Mrs. M. A. Morrin (nee Codd) it was

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That we hereby approve, confirm and adopt the following Resolution which was passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture on the 23rd June, 1941, and which was referred back to the County Council by the Finance Committee for consideration:

"Resolved—That we hereby approve of the full Marriage Gratuity of £320 5s. 0d. being granted to Mrs. M. A. Morrin (formerly Miss M. A. Codd, Instructor in Poultry-keeping and Butter-making) in accordance with the terms of Section 44 (4) of the Local Government Act, 1925."

Passed.

The Council considered an application, dated the 6th March, 1942, received from the County Surveyor in which he asked permission to purchase outright, as a spare, a C.P.-32 Rock Drill Hammer which he had on hire for some weeks past—the price to be £45 less 80 per cent. of the Hire Charges paid.

The Council made no Order on this application as no provision had been made in the Estimates therefor.

The Council referred to the Finance Committee for consideration the following paragraph which appeared in the County Surveyor's Report dated the 12th November, 1941:—

"At your last meeting of the Council consideration was given to the question of office accommodation, and it was fully recognised by every member of the Council that this was needed. It is unnecessary for me to remind you that the accommodation available at the moment in the County Secretary's department and the County Surveyor's department is totally inadequate.

"Some twelve months ago I prepared a plan of a proposed addition to the existing Courthouse building at Wicklow, but the Council, at their August, 1941, Meeting, considered that it would be better to design a completely new building to accommodate all the County Services. I have gone into the question, but I find that whilst there is a good site available at the rear of the existing jail in Wicklow Town, the cost of this building will be between £35,000 and £40,000. I think the Council will agree with me that it is unlikely that such an expenditure will be undertaken at the present time, and indeed for very many years to come, if at all, and I do respectfully suggest that the Council revert to their original idea of building the proposed smaller addition in accordance with the plan which I have already presented to you, and which I again submit to-day. It is impossible to expect that efficient work can be done under present conditions, and I know that each member of the Council appreciates this.

"The cost of the building now proposed will be about £6,000."

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was

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

Seconded by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That the Finance Committee be requested to draft a Scheme of Scholarships, of the usual value annually and tenable for four years, from the Primary Schools to approved Secondary Schools, and that in drafting such Scheme every effort be made to confine the Scholarships to children on the Rolls of National Schools on the 1st June, 1942, and that we instruct our Secretary to embody the cost of this Scheme in the Estimates to be submitted by him for the service of the financial year 1942/1943.

Passed.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON RATE ESTIMATES

### FOR THE SERVICE OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1943.

A special Meeting of your Finance Committee was summoned for Wednesday, the 11th March instant, to consider the Estimates.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne, Presiding Chairman;

Councillors Edward Byrne, J. P. Kehoe, and M. J. Brennan.

The Secretary submitted on the prescribed Explanatory Tables the annual estimates of amounts which he believes should be raised as General Charges and as Separate Charges during the financial year ending 31st March, 1943, to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council and for sums demanded in respect of that period by Subsidiary Bodies.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT TO FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Secretary also submitted a Report which has already been circulated to each member of Wicklow County Council as follows:—



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT.

County Secretary's Office,  
Court House, Wicklow.  
4th March, 1942.

The Chairman  
And Members of Wicklow County Council.

**RATE ESTIMATES FOR THE SERVICE OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR,  
WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON THE 31st MARCH, 1943.**

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.

When submitting last year's estimates I pointed out in my Report the very unsatisfactory position of the Council's finances. Since then an overdraft for a very considerable sum has been continuously in operation, with the result that no less a sum than £1,276 was paid within the year to the 30th September last by way of interest. This sum added to the £7,324 14s. 4d. shown in my last year's Report brings the total paid by way of overdraft interest since 1931/32 to the sum of £8,600.

Realising, however, that the burden of raising a sufficient sum in the coming year to carry on the Public Services without an overdraft would be too heavy, I have entered a sum of £10,000 to be raised and I strongly recommend the Council to allow this item to stand in the estimates.

All the items shown in the Explanatory Table submitted with this Report have been carefully considered with a view to keeping them as low as possible consistent with the obligations of the County Council in operating the Public Services.

**DEMANDS FROM SUBSIDIARY BODIES.**—The following demands have been received and in giving you the amounts I am also giving a comparison with the sums actually raised in the rates for the year ending 31st March, 1942:

	Amount demanded for the coming year.	Increase on figures raised for the year 1941/42.	Decrease on figures raised for the year 1941/42.
	£	£	£
County Board of Health .. ..	36,665	6,993	
County Board of Assistance .. ..	55,867	1,885	
Joint Committee of Grangegorman Mental Hospital .. ..	25,334		100
County Vocational Education Committee .. ..	3,863		
County Committee of Agriculture .. ..	2,526	10	
County Library Committee .. ..	702		77

The Net increase in these Demands is approximately £8,711.

**AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS.**—I have included a sum of £1,000 to meet expenditure under the Air Raid Precautions Scheme. This sum includes expenditure which has been, or may be, incurred in the present financial year, as no provision was made in your last Estimates. The requirements under this heading will depend on how far it may be necessary, or advisable, to put the Air Raid Precautions Scheme into operation.

The following are the General Rates which I suggest should be struck for the service of the forthcoming financial year, 1942/43:—

ROADS .. ..	3/4 $\frac{1}{2}$
COUNTY SERVICES .. ..	5/11 $\frac{1}{2}$
POOR RELIEF .. ..	3/9 $\frac{1}{2}$
HEALTH DISTRICT CHARGES .. ..	1/11 $\frac{1}{2}$
<b>TOTAL .. ..</b>	<b>15/1<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></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, 1938 ..	12/0 $\frac{1}{2}$
" " " 1939 ..	11/8
" " " 1940 ..	11/4
" " " 1941 ..	12/5
" " " 1942 ..	12/11 $\frac{1}{2}$

Yours faithfully,

P. T. HEALY,  
County Secretary.

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION BY THE CO. COUNCIL**

Proposed by Councillor J. P. Kehoe;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved: We, the Finance Committee of Wicklow County Council, have noted with some concern the fact that in recent years the County Council has from time to time embarked on expenditure for which no finances had been previously provided; for that reason, we hereby direct the County Secretary and the County Accountant to make it their personal business to see that during the financial year 1942/1943 there shall be no expenditure by the County Council on any service or on any matter whatsoever unless provision for such expenditure has been made in the Estimates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1943, as finally approved and adopted by the County Council; we direct that this Resolution be embodied in our Report, and we urge the County Council to accord their formal approval to its provisions.

Passed.

**CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS.**

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 decided to reduce certain items in the Estimates as follows:—

**ROADS.**

Item.	Amount allowed by the Committee.	Reduction made by the Committee.
	£	£
Miscellaneous ..	100	154

**COUNTY SERVICES.**

Repairs to Court-houses ..	300	200
Part of Arrears of Rates not likely to be collected ..	2,500	2,500
Estimated Loss on Turf Scheme ..	Nil	3,000
Election Expenses ..	Nil	1,500
To reduce Overdraft ..	Nil	10,000
Deficiencies in Agricultural Grant ..	Nil	6,910
Air Raid Precautions ..	500	500

**POOR RELIEF.**

To reduce Debit Balance ..	Nil	3,500
Total amount by which Estimates are reduced ..		£28,264



**COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.**

The Committee recommended that a sum of £2,726 be raised for transfer to the County Committee of Agriculture which is an increase of approximately £369 on last year's amount.

**GENERAL.**

Having already considered the Secretary's Report which is embodied herein, we do not think that any further observations are necessary, except to direct the Council's special attention to the Resolution on the subject of expenditure not included in the Estimates. Should any Councillor, therefore, contemplate making any proposal in the coming year which would involve expenditure, such proposal should be made at the Meeting to be held on the 23rd instant, so that provision in the Estimates may be considered.

**RATE IN THE £.**

On the figures submitted in the Revised Explanatory Table herewith, the following rates in the £ under each heading of General Charges will be necessary:—

(a) Roads .. .. .	3/4
(b) County Services .. .. .	4/-
(c) Poor Relief .. .. .	3/6½
(d) Health District Charges .. .. .	2/-

TOTAL .. .. . 12/10½

This is a reduction of 1¼d. in the £ on last year's Rate for the General Charges.

**SEPARATE CHARGES.**

To the above rate must be added Separate Charges over the various areas in the County. The exact amount of each Separate Charge will be submitted to you on the 23rd instant.

The Board of Public Health Demand in respect of Separate Charges for the coming year exceeds the demand for 1941/42 by a sum of £1,964.

(Signed)—C. M. BYRNE, Senator,  
Presiding Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Dated the 11th March, 1942.

The Secretary submitted the following two letters:—  
Department of Local Government and Public Health,  
Custom House, Dublin,  
26th February, 1942

G.6305/42.

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 pursuant to Article 3 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, he has sanctioned such departure from the terms of Articles 78 and 79 of that Order as will enable the County Council by a date not later than the 23rd proximo to consider and adopt the estimates for the services of the coming financial year.

A copy of the estimates should be furnished to this Department as soon as possible.

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

Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

Department of Local Government and Public Health,  
Custom House, Dublin,  
13th March, 1942.

G.6305/2/42.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 6th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that pursuant to Article 3 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, he sanctions such departure from the terms of Article 77(2) of that Order as may have been necessary to

enable the Finance Committee to consider the estimates for 1942/43 by a date not later than 11th instant.

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

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne.

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report on the Estimates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1943, 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, and subject also to any amendments made in the said Estimates at this day's meeting.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. P. Kehoe.

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, 1943, as follows:—

	s.	d.
Construction and Maintenance of Roads .. .. .	3	4
County Services .. .. .	4	0
Poor Relief .. .. .	3	6½
Board of Health Charges .. .. .	2	0

Total Rate on other Hereditaments .. .. . 12 10½

**SEPARATE CHARGES.**

	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1 R.D.—Water Supplies .. .. .	1	7
Rathdown No. 2 R.D.—Water Supplies .. .. .	1	1
Delgany Parish—Sewerage .. .. .	7	½
Powerscourt Dispensary District—Sewerage .. .. .	11	½
Greystones E.D.—Lighting .. .. .	11	
Newcastle Dispensary District—Water and Sewerage .. .. .	1	
Rathdrum R.D.—Water Supplies, etc. .. .. .	6	½
Shillelagh R.D.—Water Supplies and Sewerage .. .. .	11	½
Enniskerry E.D. (Part of)—Lighting .. .. .	2	
Blessington E.D.—Lighting .. .. .	11	½
Carnew E.D.—Lighting .. .. .	1	½
Newcastle Upper E.D.—Lighting .. .. .	1	
Rathdrum E.D.—Lighting .. .. .	2	½
Wicklow Rural E.D.—Lighting .. .. .	2	½
Delgany E.D.—Lighting .. .. .	2	½
Glenealy E.D.—Ashford Lighting .. .. .	1	½
Kilcoole E.D.—Kilcool Dumping Ground .. .. .	1	
Humewood E.D.—Kiltegan Lighting .. .. .	1	
Wicklow Harbour .. .. .	3	½
Tramway Employees—Commutation of Pensions Loan .. .. .	1	½
Rathdrum Union Loans .. .. .	1	½
Wicklow and Rathdrum Joint Burial Ground .. .. .	1	½
Baltinglass Union Loans .. .. .	1	½
Baltinglass No. 1 District Pensions .. .. .	1	½
County at Large—Criminal Injury .. .. .	1	½
County Health District—Burning gorse at Seven Churches .. .. .	1	½
Newcastle Upper E.D.—Injury to trees, etc. .. .. .	1	½
Rathdrum Former E.D.—Burning of heather .. .. .	1	½

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby, in accordance with the Estimates on Forms



42 and 43, and with the Valuation Lists (so far as they have been supplied to us by the General Valuation Office), to determine the amounts to be demanded from each Urban District Council in respect of the financial year ending 31st March, 1943, as follows:—

	Arklow	Bray	Wicklow
Roads	433 19 6	1,673 19 6	391 1 9
County Services	1,293 0 4	4,788 19 0	1,129 12 11
Poor Relief	1,759 15 3	8,044 4 3	1,578 18 3
Board of Health Charges	137 0 6	624 1 3	122 18 0
Separate Charges	169 19 0	40 5 0	992 6 5
Totals	£3,793 14 7	£15,171 9 0	£4,214 17 4

Passed

The Council proceeded to consider the steps that should be taken for the purpose of filling the position of Rate Inspector which had been rendered vacant by the regrettable death of Mr. Michael Donoghue.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. P. Kehoe;

Resolved—That by virtue of the powers vested in us we hereby promote Mr. A. O'Connor to the position of Rate Inspector in room of Mr. M. Donoghue, deceased, and we do so for the reasons that Mr. O'Connor has a complete knowledge of all matters in our offices relating to rating, and further is at present discharging the duties of Rate Inspector temporarily in an entirely satisfactory manner. Passed.

The Council proceeded to consider the failure of Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., to execute the Agreement prepared by the Council's Solicitor in conformity with the Council's Resolution in connection with the provisions of the new Scheme of County Engineering, together with a number of other matters of a very serious nature connected with road administration generally in Mr. Foley's area.

The Secretary submitted the following letter:—

Church Street,  
Wicklow,  
20th March, 1942.

#### ENGINEERING SCHEME—P. J. FOLEY, B.E.

A Chara.

Mr. Patrick J. Foley, B.E., has consulted me concerning Agreement which you sent to him for signing. On going into same, I regret that I could not advise my client to sign this document in its present form, as I consider it requires some amendments.

I have, accordingly, taken a copy of the Agreement in draft form, and have amended it, and enclose it to you herewith.

I would feel obliged if you would kindly bring this matter before the meeting of your Council on the 23rd inst. I would also like the opportunity (if your Council would permit me) to attend the meeting and I could perhaps then explain more fully the reasons why I considered the amendments necessary.

This Agreement purports to create a new position which possibly might, at a later stage be used to deprive my client of his twenty-four years completed service with the County Council.

Some of the amendments which I have made could, on discussion, be altered without much difficulty to both sides because at present some of the clauses appear much too wide and, to an extent, vague.

My client is anxious to get this question settled once and for all so as to meet the wishes of the Council as expressed by them when the Scheme was being considered and adopted.

My client tells me that there was some resolution passed concerning his status about the year 1929 or thereabouts, and I would be glad to have a copy of that resolution. He would also like to know the reduced area that he will have jurisdiction over.

Le meas mor,  
AUGUSTUS CULLEN.

Secretary, Wicklow County Council,  
Court House, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor P. D. Kinsella;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley's Solicitor, Mr. A. B. Cullen, be received and heard on behalf of his client and in regard to his interests.

Passed.

Having heard Mr. Augustus Cullen, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, who appeared before the Council Meeting on Mr. Foley's behalf, it was

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. D. Kinsella;

Resolved—That the question of the Agreement to be entered into by Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., in conformity with the new Scheme of County Engineering, and the other matters connected with road administration in Mr. Foley's Area, be referred to our Finance Committee for a thorough investigation and a Report subsequently from that Committee to this Council.

Passed.—Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and P. Doyle (Coolboy) dissenting. The Council considered all the correspondence and the facts generally in relation to an application from Poor Rate Collector Michael O'Neill (No. 19 District) supported by a letter from his Solicitor, Messrs. J. H. McCarroll and Co., Wicklow, to the County Council, to make the necessary Order to realise the mortgage on the lands of Mr. W. H. Fenton, Knockloe, with a view to collecting outstanding Rates amounting to the sum of £733 16s. 7d. in respect of Mr. Fenton's holdings.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle (Coolboy):

Resolved—That we, the County Council for the County of Wicklow, accede to the application from our Poor Rate Collector Michael O'Neill (No. 19 District), which is supported by a letter from his Solicitors, Messrs. J. H. McCarroll and Co., Wicklow, and we hereby make the necessary Order the effect of which is to realise the Mortgage on the Holdings of Mr. W. H. Fenton, Knockloe, Tullow, with a view to collecting outstanding Rates amounting to the sum of £733 16s. 7d. due to the County Council in respect of Mr. Fenton's holdings.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne:

Seconded by Councillor Major R. Smith:

Resolved—That having regard to the abnormal times through which the Ratepayers of County Wicklow are passing, we hereby extend to the 30th April, 1942, 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, 1942.

Passed.

The Secretary read the following advertisement which had appeared in the local weekly papers inviting applications from persons suitable for appointment to the position of Temporary Warble Fly Inspector under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Orders, 1936 and 1939, for the area comprising the Garda Sub-District of Newtownmountkennedy:—

#### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL. Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Orders, 1936 and 1939.

##### TEMPORARY INSPECTOR WANTED.

Applications are invited for the appointment of a Temporary Inspector under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Orders, 1936 and 1939, for service in the district comprising the Garda Sub-District of Newtownmountkennedy.

The appointment, which is temporary and whole-time, will be for a period of approximately 3½ months, at £2 per week (inclusive) and subject to termination at a week's notice.

The selected candidate will be required to have a practical knowledge of cattle, to possess a bicycle or other means of locomotion to assist him in carrying out his duties, and to reside in the district above mentioned.

Candidates must be over 21 years of age.



This appointment will be made by the County Council at their Meeting to be held on Monday, the 23rd March, 1942.

Applications should be submitted not later than 12 o'clock noon, on Friday, the 20th March, 1942, to the "Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Court House, Wicklow."

(Signed)—P. T. Healy,  
Secretary to the County Council.

3rd March, 1942.

Applications were submitted from the under-named:—

1. Michael J. Butler, Newtownmountkennedy.
2. P. J. Byrne, Keelogue, Newtownmountkennedy.
3. James Cullen, Ballinalea, Ashford.
4. William Gammell, Upper Green, Kilcool.
5. Thomas Kavanagh, Glendarragh, Newtownmountkennedy.
6. Daniel Magee, Carrigower, Kilpedder.
7. James McManus, Knockraheen, Roundwood.
8. Patrick O'Toole, Kiltymon, Newtownmountkennedy.
9. John Pearse, Bolinass, Ashford (ex-temporary Inspector).
10. Robert Salley, Knockraheen, Roundwood.
11. Thomas S. Sutton, Lower Calary, Kilmacanogue.

A vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted in the First Round as follows—each Councillor having the right to vote for three candidates:—

For Michael J. Butler—Councillors J. McCrea, J. J. Bourne, W. Hammond, T. J. Birthistle, P. Doyle (Coolboy); P. P. O'Reilly, D. J. Kehoe, M. Mooney, J. J. Metcalfe, M. Timmins, Edward Byrne, Major R. Smith, Miss M. Kelly, P. D. Kinsella, J. Everett, T.D. Senator C. M. Byrne (16).

For P. J. Byrne (nil).

For James Cullen—Councillors P. Doyle (Winetavern); D. J. Kehoe, M. J. Brennan, Senator C. M. Byrne, J. P. Kehoe, Joseph Jacob (6).

For William Gammell—Councillors J. McCrea, J. J. Bourne, J. J. Metcalfe, M. Timmins, Edward Byrne, Major R. Smith, James Everett, T.D. (7).

For Thomas Kavanagh—Councillors J. McCrea, J. J. Bourne, P. Doyle (Winetavern); P. P. O'Reilly, D. J. Kehoe, M. Timmins, Edward Byrne, M. J. Brennan, Miss M. Kelly, James Everett, T.D.; Senator C. M. Byrne, J. P. Kehoe, Joseph Jacob (13).

For Daniel Magee—Councillor P. Doyle (Coolboy) (1).

For James McManus—Councillor M. J. Brennan (1).

For Patrick O'Toole (nil).

For John Pearse (nil).

For Robert Salley—Councillors P. Doyle (Winetavern); P. P. O'Reilly, J. J. Metcalfe, Major R. Smith, Miss M. Kelly, P. D. Kinsella, J. P. Kehoe, Joseph Jacob (8).

For Thomas S. Sutton—Councillor P. Doyle (Coolboy) (1).

In the Second Round the Voting was as follows—each Councillor having the right to vote for two candidates:—

For Michael J. Butler—Councillors J. McCrea, J. J. Bourne, W. Hammond, T. Birthistle, P. Doyle (Coolboy); P. P. O'Reilly, D. J. Kehoe, Michael Mooney, J. J. Metcalfe, Michael Timmins, Edward Byrne, Major R. Smith, P. D. Kinsella, J. Everett, T.D. (14).

For James Cullen—Councillors Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); M. J. Brennan, J. P. Kehoe (3).

For William Gammell—Councillors James McCrea, P. Doyle (Coolboy); J. J. Metcalfe, Edward Byrne, Major Smith, J. Everett, T.D. (6).

For Thomas Kavanagh—Councillors J. J. Bourne, P. Doyle (Winetavern); P. P. O'Reilly, D. J. Kehoe, M. Timmins, M. J. Brennan, Miss M. Kelly, Senator C. M. Byrne, J. P. Kehoe, Joseph Jacob (10).

For Robert Salley—Councillors Miss M. Kelly, Senator C. M. Byrne, Joseph Jacob (3).

In the Third and Final Round the Councillors present voted as follows—each Councillor voting for one candidate only:

For Michael J. Butler—Councillors J. McCrea, J. J. Bourne, W. Hammond, T. J. Birthistle, P. Doyle (Coolboy); P. P. O'Reilly, M. Mooney, J. J. Metcalfe, M. Timmins, Edward Byrne, Major R. Smith, P. D. Kinsella, J. Everett, T.D. (13).

For William Gammell (nil).

For Thomas Kavanagh—Councillors P. Doyle (Winetavern); D. J. Kehoe, M. J. Brennan, Miss M. Kelly, Senator C. M. Byrne, J. P. Kehoe, Joseph Jacob (7).

The Candidate, M. J. Butler, in answer to a question put to him by the Secretary, stated that he would not be 21 years of age until about the 26th April, 1942.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Kelly:

Resolved—That Mr. Michael J. Butler, of Newtownmountkennedy, be appointed as temporary Inspector under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Orders, 1936 and 1939, for the area comprising the Garda Sub-District of Newtownmountkennedy in accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisement, i.e., the remuneration which is to cover all his outgoings of every nature whatsoever to be £2 per week, subject to the approval of the Minister for Agriculture.

Passed by 13 votes for to 7 against.

Proposed by Councillor J. P. Kehoe;

Seconded by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby approve, confirm, and adopt the arrangements made by our Secretary in putting into effect the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Orders, 1936 and 1939, and we authorise him to vary where the numbers of cattle in the several areas may warrant it the size of the areas by withdrawing certain Townlands from certain areas which he considers too large and adding the Townlands so withdrawn to other areas where the numbers of cattle to be dealt with are not so large.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy);

Seconded by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne:

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

William B. Kidd,  
Moyné, Ballinglen.

Passed.

The Secretary read the special notice issued to each Member of Wicklow County Council on the 17th February, 1942, 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 Miss Kelly:

Resolved—That the County Council hereby approves of the Borrowing by the Board of Health of a sum of £3,000 from the National Bank for a period of 10 years at half per cent. under Irish Bank Rate, varying, with a minimum of 4 per cent. for the purpose of providing Burial Grounds in the County Health District.

Passed.



In accordance with Notice of Motion it was

Proposed by Councillor P. D. Kinsella;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of Mr. John O'Rourke's proposal to enlist in the National Army for the duration of the Emergency, and we hereby grant the necessary leave of absence and authorise the payment of the difference between his salary and Army pay.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence in connection with Wicklow Harbour, including the following letter:—

Department of Industry and Commerce,  
Transport and Marine Branch,  
14, St. Stephen's Green N., Dublin.  
2nd December, 1941.

TS.9779.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer to your letter of the 16th October enclosing copy of a resolution passed by your Council at a special meeting held on the 13th idem. The proposal contained therein has been carefully considered but the transfer of the duties and functions of the Wicklow Harbour Board to any other Body is not feasible under Emergency Powers. I am to state that the Minister considers that it is highly undesirable that the harbour and works should be abandoned, particularly in view of their possible importance to local interests and to the county generally when the present emergency is past. Since it appears that owing to the defection and resignation of members of the Harbour Board there is now no authority to look after the harbour interests, the Minister is of opinion that having regard to all the circumstances of the case, your Council should, in the interests of the county, take over the harbour and promote a Provisional Order under the provisions of the General Pier and Harbour Acts, 1861 and 1862 for this purpose.

In this connection I am to transmit for your information copy of this Department's regulations in regard to applications for Provisional Orders and to say that this Department will be pleased to afford you any further information in the matter which you may require.

Mise le meas.

JOHN O'BRIEN.

The Secretary, Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor T. Birthistle;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne:

Resolved—Having considered the communications on the subject from the Minister for Industry and Commerce in which he expressed the opinion that the County Council should take over Wicklow Harbour and promote a Provisional Order for the purpose, we hereby direct that the said Minister be informed that it is the considered opinion of this Council that the proper Authority to take over the Harbour and to promote the necessary Provisional Order is Wicklow Urban District Council.

Passed.

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

Seconded by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne:

Resolved—That in accordance with the request of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under the National Health Insurance and Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Act, 1936, in letter dated 28th February, 1942, No. Z/3/42, we hereby nominate the following three persons to be the Council's representatives on the Insured Persons (Local Authorities Nominees) Members' Electorate for the three years commencing on the 1st May, 1942:—

Mr. John McDonald, Drumeen, Annamoe.

Mrs. Kathleen Kilcoyne, Wicklow.

Mr. Bernard Kavanagh, Town Hall, Wicklow.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence from the County Library Committee, and from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, regarding the Conditions which shall govern the appointment of a Junior Assistant in the offices of the former Body.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne:

Resolved—That we, the County Council for the County of Wicklow, having learned that the services are still available of Miss Margaret M. McCrea, who for most excellent reasons resigned her position as Assistant Librarian in the offices of the County Library Committee, where she gave entire satisfaction for many years, and no steps having been taken yet to hold a Competitive Examination of Candidates with a view to securing a suitable person to fill the vacancy, we hereby re-appoint Miss McCrea to the position of Assistant Librarian on the same terms and conditions, and at the same progressive salary, as she was in enjoyment of when she resigned therefrom—provided the Minister for Local Government and Public Health offers no objection to this course of action on the Council's part.

Passed Unanimously.

The Secretary read a communication, dated the 20th February, 1942, Ref. RU/208/13, addressed to the County Surveyor, from the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in regard to the closing down of Employment and Emergency Schemes on the 7th March, 1942, so as to avoid interference with the tillage programme.

Order—Noted.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Kelly:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise and direct our County Surveyor, as requested by him, to take such steps as may be appropriate to restrict the weight of vehicles passing unloaded or loaded over Ardoyne Bridge and Ashford Bridge to 2 tons and 5 tons respectively.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Kelly:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise and direct our County Surveyor, as requested by him, to take such steps as may be appropriate to close to all vehicular traffic the approach road to Newrath Bridge for a period of four months during the time this Bridge is being reconstructed and widened—if such a course be found necessary.

Passed.

Having considered the paragraph in the County Surveyor's Report, dated 12th November, 1941, in which he asks the Council to abandon the principle of weekly payments to road workers and to restore the system of fortnightly payments, the following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe, and accepted by the Council:—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some other Councillor for me, will move at the next available Meeting of the County Council that the system of payment of workers weekly be discontinued and that such payment shall be made, in future, fortnightly, being the method which prevailed for all work done under Direct Labour heretofore."

Having considered a communication, dated 4th March, 1942, from Mr. E. J. H. Hopkins, Solicitor, Main Street, Wicklow, and the accompanying Plans, it was proposed by

Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby grant permission to the Owners of the Rialto Cinema, Wicklow, to erect a permanent canopy over the foot-path in front of their reconstructed premises provided such canopy in no way interferes with the right of users of the road and foot-path at that point.

Passed.



Proposed by Councillor T. Birthistle;  
Seconded by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne:

Resolved—That the salary of Miss Jennie Byrne, 53 Ferrybank, Arklow, Attendant at Arklow Library, open six hours weekly, be increased from 1st May, 1942, from £25 per annum to the sum of £35, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and that the number of opening hours at Arklow Library be increased from six to ten hours weekly.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;  
Seconded by Councillor Michael Timmins:

Resolved—That the road from County Road 332, to the Turf Banks on Toor, and the Turf Banks on Coragh, be repaired and an extension to a branch road of about 200 yards be made in the direction of Toor; that the Government be asked to make a grant to defray the cost; particulars of costs to be supplied by Mr. Foley to the County Surveyor within seven days from date of above Resolution.

Passed.

As the hour at which the County Council had decided the Meeting should terminate was now near at hand, and there was not sufficient time left to discuss any subject at length, it was decided that Items on the Agenda numbered 29 (the question of dealing with Turf Production in all its aspects), 30, 31, 32, 33, and 39, be held over and placed on the Agenda for a Special Meeting to be convened for Wednesday, 8th April, 1942, at 11 a.m. It was also decided to consider at the coming Special Meeting any other matters that might arise in the meantime.

The Secretary read the following letter:—

Department of Local Government and Public Health,  
Custom House, Dublin,  
13adh Eanair, 1942

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that in connection with the planning of suitable public works which could be undertaken in the event of unemployment becoming widespread at any time it is requested that the Wicklow County Council will give consideration to planning the reconstruction and improvement of the following roads which are important from the point of view of tourist development in the county:—

- (1) Laragh—Wicklow Gap—Hollywood.
- (2) Scalp—Enniskerry—Powerscourt—Sugar Loaf.
- (3) Wicklow—Ardanairy—Arklow.
- (4) Dublin County Boundary—Lough Bray—Sally Gap.—Laragh.
- (5) Sally Gap—Roundwood.

It is understood that preliminary estimates have been made in the case of some, or portions of some, of these roads, but detailed surveys should be carried out with a view to the preparation of complete plans. I am to request, therefore, that the Council instruct the County Surveyor in the matter and obtain from him a report as to the additional engineering assistance which may be necessary for the purpose.

Mise le meas,

J. HURSON, Runai.

The Secretary, County Council Offices,  
Wicklow.

To the above list of five Roads the Council added (1) the road from Auhgrim to Rathdangan; and (2) the road from Baltinglass to Kiltegan.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Bourne:

Resolved—That having considered the communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated the 13adh Eanair, 1942, in connection with the planning of five suitable public works set forth in this letter, and the other work suggested at this day's Meeting, we hereby employ temporarily Mr. M. McD. Fleming, B.E., to prepare all plans, documents, etc., required—his appointment to be at the same salary and with the same travelling expenses as he has enjoyed whilst previously temporarily employed by this Council.

Passed.

The Council welcomed at the Meeting Mr. W. I. S. Bloomer, B.E., Assistant Chief Engineering Advisor to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, who gave to the Councillors full details of a proposal to reconstruct the road from the Dublin County Bounds to Sallygap via Glencree and Lough Bray, a distance of almost seven miles on Road No. 12, at a cost of £22,161, provided the County Council contributes towards the entire cost of the work the sum of £1,000. He mentioned that the Construction Corps of the Department of Defence would provide the manual labour for the whole work and their services were estimated to be value for £13,041. He also stated that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health would make a Free Grant of £8,120, and the total of these two sums, together with the County Council's contribution of £1,000 from the Rates, would make the £22,161 which it was estimated the Scheme would cost. Of this total sum of £22,161 it was estimated that Labour, Tools and Transport would cost £13,041, and that Plant, Materials, Supervision, etc., would cost £9,120.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;  
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

Resolved—That we hereby accept the offer of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to reconstruct the road from the Dublin County Bounds to Sallygap via Glencree and Lough Bray (almost 7 miles of road) (Road No. 12) to have the said road reconstructed at a cost of £22,161—provided the County Council contributes towards the work the sum of £1,000—the actual work to be done by the Construction Corps—so as to develop Glencree Bog.

Passed Unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor 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 24th February, 1942:—

“Resolved—That we recommend Wicklow County Council to pay the amounts set out on Schedule, to the seventy-one persons mentioned thereon, in respect of the use of their private swim baths, during the 1941 Dipping Periods (at the rate of 6s. per 100 sheep double-dipped)—totalling £107 2s. 4d.”

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor 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 24th February, 1942:—

“Resolved—That we hereby recommend Wicklow County Council to pay the sum of £1 each to 34 owners of public swim baths—in respect of maintenance and repairs to their baths—for the year 1941. Total amount £34.”

Passed.



Proposed by Council or Senator C. M. Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor 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 24th February, 1942:—

Resolved—That we hereby recommend Wicklow County Council to pay the postage accounts of 17 Sheep Dipping Inspectors for the year 1941, totalling £5 13s. 8d.

Passed.

The Secretary read a communication, dated the 29th December 1941, Ref. C.L.157/1941, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in which he asked for a report on the steps taken by the County Council to ensure rigid economy in all Branches of Administration.

Order—The Council is aware that the most rigid economy is practised in the County Secretary's and the County Accountant's Offices.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond:

Seconded by Councillor J. P. Kehoe:

Resolved—That all future Meetings of Wicklow County Council and of our Finance Committee be held at 11 a.m., owing to the difficulties now confronting Members in the matter of transport.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond:  
Seconded by Councillor J. U. McCarthy:

Resolved—That we hereby accept the offer of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to reconstruct the road from the Dublin County Council to Salzgogh via Glenore and Louisa Bray (almost 7 miles of road) and to have the said road reconstructed at a cost of £22,181 provided the County Council contributes towards the work the sum of £1,000—the actual work to be done by the Construction Corps—so as to develop Glenore Bog.

Passed Unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor 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 24th February, 1942:—

Resolved—That we recommend Wicklow County Council to pay the amount set out on Schedule to the several persons mentioned therein in respect of the use of their private swim baths during the 1941 Dipping Season at the rate of 6s. per 100 sheep (double-dipped)—totalling £107 2s. 6d.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor 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 24th February, 1942:—

Resolved—That we hereby recommend Wicklow County Council to pay the sum of £1 each to 34 owners of public swim baths—in respect of maintenance and repairs to their baths—for the year 1941. Total amount £34.

Passed.

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## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Wednesday, the 8th April, 1942.

The following Members were present:

Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman;  
Councillors Edward Byrne, P. P. O'Reilly, J. McCrea, J. Everett, T.D.;  
Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); T. J. Birthistle, P. D. Kinsella, W. Hammond, J. J. Bourne, J. J. Metcalfe, Daniel J. Kehoe, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern);  
Michael Timmins.

### BUSINESS:

1. To execute (in duplicate) the Agreement with the Irish Tourist Association for the service of the financial year 1942/1943 required under the Tourist Traffic (Development) Act, 1931.
2. To consider a Report from the County Surveyor setting forth the exact financial position in relation to the Turf Scheme operated by him in the year 1941.
3. To consider correspondence dealing with the question of operating a Turf Production Scheme in the year 1942.
4. To consider a statement on the Turf position made in Dail Eireann on the 4th March, 1942, by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, in which the fullest measures of co-operation are asked for in regard to the production of Turf in 1942.
5. To consider correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health in which certain Fees are allowed to the County Surveyor and his Assistants in connection with Bog Development Works carried out in 1941 under Grants, and also in respect of works to be carried out in 1942 under Grants.
6. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:  
"I hereby give Notice that I, or some other Councillor for me, will move at the next available Meeting of the County Council that the system of payment of workers weekly be discontinued and that such payment shall be made, in future, fortnightly, being the method which prevailed for all work done under Direct Labour heretofore."
7. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:  
"I will move at next Meeting of County Council that a refund of the Road Tax Motor Tax be made to Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E."
8. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy):  
"I hereby give Notice that I shall move at the next Meeting of Wicklow County Council that as from the 1st January, 1942, Assistant Surveyor J. P. Caffrey, B.E., be refunded the Road Tax paid by him on the motor car used in the discharge of his official duties."
9. To consider the amounts due by the three Urban District Councils to the County Council on foot of the latter's Annual Estimate and Demands, more particularly the correspondence which has passed with Bray Urban District Council in that connection.
10. To consider a Report on the Food Production Conference from a National Conference of Representatives from Farmers' Organisations which was held on the 11th February, 1942.
11. To consider correspondence from Mr. William F. Murphy, The Central Stores, Aghrim, in which he asks for payment of an account amounting to the sum of £102 6s. 0d. for Seeds and Manures supplied under the Council's Seeds and Fertilizers Supply Scheme, 1941.



12. To consider a communication from the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance requesting the County Council to embody in the approved Scheme for County Engineering the supplemental proposals submitted by the County Surveyor to and approved by that Board.

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

Resolved: That we hereby tender to our esteemed colleague, Councillor Joseph Jacob, the assurance of our sincere sympathy with him and the members of his family on the death of his sister.

Passed.

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

Resolved: That we hereby execute (in duplicate) and attach the Council's Seal to the Agreement with the Irish Tourist Association for the service of the financial year 1942-1943, required under the Tourist Traffic (Development) Act, 1931.

Passed.

The County Surveyor submitted the following Report setting forth the exact financial position in relation to the Turf Production Scheme operated by him in the year 1941:

<b>TURF SCHEME, 1941.</b>			
Expenditure on First Cutting .. .. .	..	..	£21,026 0 0
Expenditure on Extra Cutting after 19th July, 1941, as directed by Local Government Department .. .. .	..	..	2,180 0 0
Expenditure on Overhead Charges .. .. .	..	..	2,559 0 0
<b>TOTAL .. .. .</b>	..	..	<b>£25,765 0 0</b>
Cash Received .. .. .	..	..	£9,267 0 0
.. Due: Military .. .. .	..	£4,182 0 0	..
.. U.D.C. .. .. .	..	131 0 0	..
.. Board of Health .. .. .	..	264 0 0	4,577 0 0
<b>TOTAL .. .. .</b>	..	..	<b>£13,844 0 0</b>
Value of Turf still on hands (6,000 Tons Estimated) .. .. .	..	..	11,100 0 0
Total Assets .. .. .	..	..	£24,944 0 0
Anticipated Deficits .. .. .	..	..	821 0 0
Turbary Rights, £300 .. .. .	..	..	..
Surveyor's Commission, £250 .. .. .	..	..	550 0 0
Total Estimated Deficit .. .. .	..	..	£1,371 0 0

(Signed): J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Surveyor.

Order: Accepted.

8th April, 1942.

In connection with the question of operating a Turf Production Scheme in the year 1942, the Secretary read the five following letters from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated 21st January, 1942, the 25th February, 1942, the 16th March, 1942, the 20th March, 1942, and the 25th March, 1942:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,  
Custom House,  
Dublin.

T.459.

22nd January, 1942.

**TURF PRODUCTION, 1942.**

A Chara,

I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that, in view of the quality of some of the turf produced last year and the long haul involved in certain

cases, he feels that before embarking on turf production in a particular bog, each County Surveyor should satisfy himself that the turf to be produced will be of sound quality and that the bog is suitably situated to meet local demands or transport to railhead.

Whether development works are proposed or not it will be necessary for the County Surveyor concerned to furnish a certificate that the turf will, in his opinion, be of sound quality and that the bog is suitably located to meet local demands or transport to railhead.

Mise, le meas,

H. S. MOYLAN,

ar son Runai.

To/ Each County Surveyor.

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,

Custom House,  
Dublin.  
16th March, 1942.

Ref. No. T.750.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state for the information of Wicklow County Council that a sum of £655 (six hundred and fifty-five pounds) has been provisionally allocated to the Council for the carrying out of Bog development works in connection with the production of turf by the County Council in the 1942 campaign.

Schedules are attached setting out in outline the bogs affected, the nature of the work to be carried out, and the estimated cost of carrying out these works, the documents in connection with which have already been received from the County Surveyor on Forms T.1B.

Payments on foot of the grant are to be requisitioned on Form T.5B as certified by the County Surveyor. Where payment for completed works is being requisitioned the requisition should be accompanied by certificates from the County Surveyor on Form No. T.3B.

The wages to be paid to workers under the grant are not to exceed thirty shillings per week.

As regards the recruitment and employment of labour, the County Surveyor should utilise as far as possible the facilities available in the appropriate Employment Offices of the Department of Industry and Commerce. All suitable unemployment assistance recipients in the area should be recruited in preference to those not in receipt of unemployment assistance. If a sufficient number of suitable unemployment assistance recipients is not available, recruitment may be extended to include other unemployed persons, preference to be given to the most necessitous persons.

The Schemes may be carried out on the basis of full time employment, i.e., 6 days' work per week, including half-day on Saturday.

A copy of this communication has been forwarded to the County Surveyor.

Mise, le meas,

H. S. MOYLAN,

a.s. Runai.

Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.



GRANTS FOR BOG DEVELOPMENT WORKS (1942).  
COUNTY WICKLOW.

List No. 1.

L.G.D. Reference Number	Approval Number	Name of Bog	Townland	Electoral Division	Nature of work submitted by Co. Surveyor and as approved by the Department	Amount £
T.47/11/41	101	Knocknagilly Lower	Knocknagilly Lower	Rathdangan	Drainage	40
T.47/11/41	102	Knocknaskeagh	Knocknaskeagh	Coolballintaggart	Drainage, £40 Roadwork, £25	65
T.47/21/41	103	Ballygobban	Ballygobban and Ballyteigue	Coolballintaggart	Roadwork	60
T.47/22/41	104	Aughavannagh	Aughavannagh (Revel)	Coolballintaggart	Roadwork	20
T.47/10/41	105	Ferbreaga	Ferbreaga and Aughavannagh Mountain	Coolballintaggart	Roadwork, £50 Drainage, £10	60
T.47/12/41	106	Ballynultagh	Ballynultagh	Lacken	Roadwork	160
T.47/20/41	107	Garryknock	Garryknock	Lacken	Roadwork	100
T.47/23/41	108	Ballinagee	Ballinagee	Lacken	Drainage, £30 Roadwork, £120	150
TOTAL:						£655

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Department of Local Government and Public Health (Turf),  
16th March, 1942.

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,

Custom House,  
Dublin.  
20th March, 1942.

T.845.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to enclose for your information a copy of a statement on the turf position made by him to Dáil Eireann on the 4th March, 1942.

The Parliamentary Secretary desires that special attention should be given to the portions of his statement (page 1 to 4) dealing with the grave position then anticipated in regard to supplies of imported fuel in the coming year. Since then there have been further indications that the position will become still more acute, and, while the position will continue to require separate consideration from County to County, it is necessary in general to provide for a considerable expansion of the programme within the coming Turf cutting season. He has asked me to say that he will rely on the fullest measure of local co-operation.

I am to ask that you will be so good as to acknowledge the receipt of the enclosed statement.

Mise, le meas,  
H. S. MOYLAN,  
a/s Runal.

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

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,  
Custom House,  
Dublin.  
25th March, 1942.

T.1/17/42.

Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Court House,  
Wicklow.

A Chara,  
I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 26th February, 1942, enclosing a copy of a report by the County Surveyor on the Turf Production Scheme in 1941.

The question of the marketing of turf to be produced during the 1942 season is receiving attention, but at the present stage it would be premature to endeavour to indicate precisely in what areas the turf will be disposed of.

Mise, le meas,  
H. S. MOYLAN,  
a/s Runal.

The Secretary also submitted a number of letters addressed to him by the County Surveyor in connection with the Turf Production Scheme to be operated in 1942, in one of which, namely, that dated 20th March, 1942, he pointed out that his original Estimate of 12,850 tons of turf, referred to in the Departmental letter dated 25th February, 1942, had been reduced by him to 7,800 tons only in his letter to the Department, dated 3rd February, 1942.



After a prolonged discussion, during which two Amendments were submitted and subsequently withdrawn, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. D. Kinsella;

Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Winetavern):

Resolved: That the County Surveyor's proposals to produce Turf in 1942 in the following bogs be approved:

1. Sallygap
2. Ballygobban
3. Aughavannagh.
4. Farbreaga
5. Knocknaskeagh
6. Ballynultagh
7. Garryknock
8. Ballinagee
9. Knocknagilky
10. Toor
11. Gowle

and that his proposal to raise Turf be approved, and that the Turf be sold in every available market at an economical price so as to cover the cost of the Scheme, and that the Department be urged that the provision of ample petrol to the Engineering Staff be made immediately so as to ensure of proper supervision.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.:

Resolved: That if he deems it necessary, the County Surveyor be hereby authorised to use the services of Mr. M. McDonagh Fleming, B.E., at matters relating to Turf Production in the 1942 Season.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:

Resolved: That this Council desires again to direct attention to the urgent necessity for providing adequate facilities for removal of Turf from the Bogs at Toor, Lugglass and Coragh, in the Donard District, by reconstructing and repairing the existing lane leading to these areas and the details of costs and extent of which have already been furnished to the Department by the County Surveyor by letter dated the 1st instant. These bog areas will be extensively developed by private parties during the 1942 Season; information given by local Councillors indicates approximately 8,000 tons of Turf produced in this area.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

Resolved: That the appropriate Government Department be again informed of the urgent necessity for providing funds to reconstruct the laneway leading from the Ballyknockan Village District to the Bog areas in the adjoining Districts (Black Rocks). Representations have already been made to the Departments concerned regarding this lane and to the fact that about 64 families are deprived of their annual fuel requirements by reason of the submerging of their original Turf Banks by the Liffey Hydro Electric Scheme.

Passed.

The Secretary also submitted the three following letters dealing with: (a) Additional Fees to the County Surveyor and the Assistant Surveyors engaged on the supervision of Bog Development Work financed by grants from the Department of Local Government and Public Health; and (b) Additional Fees payable to County Surveyors and permanent Assistants who participated in the Turf Production Scheme, 1941.

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,  
Custom House,  
Dublin.

No. T.595.

16th January, 1942.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the allowance of fees to Survey Staffs engaged on the supervision of bog development work, financed by grants notified by this Department in connection with turf production by County Councils, has been authorised.

The allowance has been fixed at 1½ per cent. on expenditure on materials and labour in respect of schemes carried out under grants notified by this Department in 1941, and schemes to be undertaken under grants similarly notified in 1942. In submitting estimates for schemes Surveyors may make provision for such fees.

The remuneration is to be apportioned as follows:—

(a) Counties without Chief Assistant County Surveyors—  
½% on approved expenditure to County Surveyor.  
1% to Assistants.

(b) Counties having Chief Assistant County Surveyors—  
½% on approved expenditure to County Surveyor.  
½% " " " to Chief Assistant Co. Surveyor(s).  
½% " " " to Assistant Surveyors.

County Surveyors are to certify that all officers in receipt of fees have discharged their duties satisfactorily.

Mise, le meas,

H. S. MOYLAN,

ar son Runai.

To/ Each County Surveyor.

C.

T.595.

MEMORANDUM.

Fees to Survey Staffs in connection with Bog Development Works to be carried out in 1942 and financed by grants notified by this Department in respect of 1942.

Under circular letter (T.595) of 16th January, 1942, Surveyors were informed they may make provision in their estimates for such fees (1½%) on expenditure on materials and labour.

Where estimates for such work have already been submitted and no provision for fees is included, it should be understood that the amount of grant sanctioned must be regarded as inclusive.

Department of Local Government  
and Public Health.

22nd January, 1942.

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,  
Custom House,  
Dublin.

22nd January, 1942.

T.595.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to enclose copy of a circular letter issued to all County Surveyors on 16th instant regarding the allowance of fees to the Survey Staffs in connection with bog development works carried out in 1941 under grants notified by this Department and in respect of works to be carried out this year under grants similarly notified.

It will be noted that the fees are to be calculated on the approved expenditure on materials and labour and that Surveyors may make provision for such fees in their estimates of the cost of schemes.

As the estimates for the work carried out in 1941 did not include provision for fees a claim on the enclosed form may now be submitted to this Department.

It will be noted that the County Surveyor is to certify that all officers in receipt of fees have discharged their duties satisfactorily. Before, there-



fore, submitting the claim and making the payments to the members of the Survey Staff, you should obtain the required certificate from the County Surveyor.

A copy of this letter has been forwarded to the County Surveyor.

Mise, le meas,  
H. S. MOYLAN,  
ar son Runai.

The Secretary, to each County Council,  
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,  
Custom House,  
Dublin.

1st April, 1942.

T.595.

A Chara,

1. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that he has had under consideration representations on behalf of County Surveyors and their Assistants who participated in turf production in 1941; and he has authorised the payment of bonuses on the following basis:—

2. County Surveyors.	Bonus.
	£
Production below 2,000 tons .. .. .	25
" 2,000 to 9,000 tons .. .. .	80
" 9,000 to 30,000 tons .. .. .	120
" over 30,000 tons .. .. .	150

3. County Surveyors who have cut over 30,000 tons at net cost on roadside of less than 22/6 per ton may be granted an additional sum of £50.

4. Chief Assistant Surveyor.

A bonus calculated at the rate of £10 per 1,000 tons production subject to a maximum of £70 and a minimum of £30.

5. Assistant County Surveyors.

A bonus calculated at the rate of £10 per 1,000 tons subject to a maximum of £60 and a minimum of £20.

6. This Department should be furnished in due course with particulars of the bonuses paid under the following heads:—

- Name of person paid;
- Quantity of turf (in tons) in respect of which the bonus was paid;
- Amount of bonus.

7. All payments will be subject to examination by the Department's Auditors, and care should accordingly be taken that no payment is made in excess of that authorised by the foregoing scale.

8. The bonuses are to be charged against the cost of Turf Production in 1941.

9. Bonus may be paid only to established officers or to engineers acting in a permanent or quasi permanent position. A person taken on specially for turf production is not eligible for bonus.

Mise, le meas,  
H. S. MOYLAN,  
a.s. Runai.

The Secretary,  
To/ Each County Council, County Surveyor.  
No Order.

The Secretary submitted the following paragraph from the County Surveyor's Report, dated the 12th November, 1941, which that official presented to the Quarterly Meeting of the Council held on the 18th November, 1941, but which was adjourned to the Quarterly Meeting of the Council held on the 16th February, 1942, when it was again adjourned to the Special Meeting of the Council held on the 23rd March, 1942, when a Notice of Motion (Item No. 6 on to-day's Agenda) was handed in:

"Once again I regret that I have to bring to the notice of the Council the matter of weekly payments to road workers. Over a year ago a request was made to me to initiate this system and I pointed out at that time that it would lead to considerable additional work, both in my office and for the outdoor staff;

I gave it as my opinion also that the system prevented adequate supervision of works by either the Assistants or the Overseers, and the year's working has not changed my opinion. Further, I find from inquiries that there is no great desire amongst the constant road workers themselves for a weekly payment, and, in fact, the general opinion appears to be that they would prefer these fortnightly.

"Under all these circumstances, I do most respectfully ask the Council to revert to fortnightly payments which has been the system in this County ever since Direct Labour was inaugurated. Payment can be made satisfactorily and regularly to the workers and they will be issued payment definitely at the end of each fortnight. I believe that the real factor which suggested the weekly payment system was the fact that many workers drawing Home Help were engaged for work on the roads, and that for a period of three weeks they received no payment or out-door help; this can be alleviated by employing all casual workers who are in such circumstances on the Monday following each Finance Committee Meeting, so payment will be ensured six days after the first week during which they will have been engaged on the works.

"This arrangement would, I think, meet the wishes of the County Council, and these Home Assistance Workers would be treated in the same way as the ordinary County Council workers."

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Seconded by Councillor Thomas Birthistle:

That during the Emergency the system of payments of workers weekly be discontinued, and that such payments shall be made in future fortnightly, being the method which prevailed for all work done under Direct Labour heretofore.

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

FOR THE MOTION: Councillors J. J. Bourne, W. Hammond, T. J. Birthistle, J. J. Metcalfe, M. Timmins, P. D. Kinsella, Senator C. M. Byrne—7.

AGAINST THE MOTION: Councillors J. McCrea, P. Doyle (Coolboy); P. Doyle (Winetavern); P. P. O'Reilly, D. J. Kehoe, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.—7.

The following Order was made by the Chairman: Equal voting; Chairman not giving his Casting Vote; therefore no decision.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Winetavern):

Having received from Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., an assurance that it is a common practice in other Counties, we hereby authorise that the refund to him of the Road Tax paid on the motor vehicle he uses in the discharge of his official duties, and that this sum be raised in the Estimates for the service of the year 1942/1943 by means of Poor Rate, provided the Minister for Local Government and Public Health accords his formal sanction to the County Council doing so.

The Presiding Chairman (who occupied the Chair in the temporary absence of the Chairman) drew the attention of the County Council to the following Resolution embodied in the Finance Committee's Report on the Rate Estimates for the Service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1943, which Report was approved and adopted by the Council at the Meeting of that Body held on the 23rd March, 1942:—

"Resolved: We, the Finance Committee of Wicklow County Council, have noted with some concern the fact that in recent years the County Council has from time to time embarked on expenditure for which no finances had been previously provided; for that reason, we hereby direct the County Secretary and the County Accountant to make it their personal business to see that during the financial year 1942/1943 there shall be no expenditure by the County Council on any service or on any matter whatsoever unless



provision for such expenditure has been made in the Estimates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1943, as finally approved and adopted by the County Council; we direct that this Resolution be embodied in our Report, and we urge the County Council to accord their formal approval to its provisions.

Passed."

The Chairman stated no provision had been made in the Estimates for the service of the financial year, 1942/1943, for refunding the cost of Road Tax Licences paid for by Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E. He had, therefore, no option but to rule the Motion out of order, which he accordingly did.

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) (Item No. 8 on the Agenda) was ruled out of order for the same reasons as are given on Item No. 7 on the Agenda:

"I hereby give Notice that I shall move at the next Meeting of the County Council that, as from the 1st January, 1942, Assistant Surveyor J. P. Caffrey, B.E. be refunded the Road Tax paid by him on the motor car used in the discharge of his official duties."

Consideration of Item No. 9 on the Agenda was adjourned to the next Meeting, after a considerable discussion on the following Statement submitted by the Secretary:—

#### URBAN DISTRICT ACCOUNTS.

Instalments showing amounts due on the 8th April, 1942, by the several Urban District Councils in respect of the 1941/42 Demands:

Arklow	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Bray	..	..	..	..	..	..	£7,932 0 0
Wicklow (omitting Police Claim, £840 10 6)	..	..	..	..	..	..	£1,816 13 5

The Vice-Chairman (Councillor Edward Byrne) and Councillor P. D. Kinsella undertook to point out in the meantime to the Bray Urban District Council, of which they are Members, the very serious legal situation confronting that body.

The following letter was read by the Secretary:—

#### THE IRISH FARMERS' FEDERATION,

Springfield,  
Kilbride,  
Wicklow.  
24th February, 1942.

The Secretary,  
Co. Wicklow County Council,  
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I have been instructed to send you a copy of the report of the recent Food Production Conference and the official statement issued therefrom. Hoping it will receive the attention of your Council at their next meeting.

Yours faithfully,

ELIZABETH F. BOBBETT,  
General Secretary.

#### FOOD PRODUCTION CONFERENCE.

A National Conference of representatives from Farmers' Organisations was convened by the Irish Farmers' Federation and held in the Ormond Hotel, Dublin, on Wednesday, 11th February, 1942.

Mr. John Rooney (acting President of the Irish Farmers' Federation) presided. Addressing the meeting, he said: The farmers are so misrepresented over the Food Production, and the unfounded charges made against us for hoarding, he called this Conference, not that we could tell the people anything new, but to repeat what we said before at previous Conferences. The items we placed before the Government as being immediately necessary

if we were to be in a position to produce, were Credit, Fair Prices, and that our debts of rates, annuities and Bank debts be sealed down during the Emergency.

We told the people and the Press that the Bankers and the Government would be responsible if there was Famine. Now we are near '47 as regards Famine.

The Manufacturers were not asked to produce at uneconomic prices, and we should not be asked to do so.

We need at least £10,000,000 immediately put into Food Production. It is better for a farmer to produce 14 barrels of oats on his acre of land than to produce only five barrels of wheat off that acre. The Bailiffs are as busy to-day as if we were getting fabulous prices. There are about 200 farmers in County Dublin before the Courts for debts in connection with Rates.

Mr. W. Scanlon, Roscommon Farmers' Association, speaking on the price of Wheat, said that one of our Bishops recently said: "Thanks and praise was very little help to the farmers, and the farmers should get the same price as was being paid for imported wheat for flour, viz., £3 6s. 6d. per barrel." The following week Dr. Ryan increased the price to 50s.

Mr. McMahon, Meath, said the Agricultural Labourer was the worst paid and it was no wonder they were leaving the land, but the farmer must be put into the position to pay an increased wage.

Mr. S. Lennon, Carlow, said the only means of prosperity to this country is by the Compensated Price Policy.

The following Statement was issued from the Conference:—

#### THE NATION'S FOOD PRODUCTIONS DEMANDS THE COMPENSATED PRICE POLICY.

#### CHEAPER FOOD AND BETTER PRICES.

1. That remunerative prices must be paid to Farmers, and the price gap between what the Consumer is able to pay and the price at which the Farmer is able to produce must be filled by Government Finance, thereby putting in force the Compensated Price Policy.
2. That all Agricultural Production will depend on the Live Stock population of the Country.
3. That the ability of the Farmer to produce Food will depend on his Credit, his Equipment and his Live Stock.
4. That the Production of Food by Speculator has failed during the last two years.
5. That the Department of Agriculture must publish the cost of production figures for all Agricultural Products immediately.
6. That the soil of Ireland must not be depreciated in its Food Producing powers if the Nation is to be guaranteed from Famine and Poverty.
7. That Practical Farmers must direct the Food Production Policy.

The following Resolutions were also passed unanimously:—

- (a) That the Food Production of the 26 Counties is gravely endangered by the policy of the Government in collecting this year's very high rate plus debts of rates, annuities, and Bank debts by Bailiffs.
- (b) That we warn the Urban Community of the danger that may result from such a policy if continued in this Emergency.
- (c) That ten million of 216 million idle credit lying idle in Irish Banks be immediately made available to the Farmers for the Food Production of the Country.
- (d) That we call upon the Government to immediately have all debts of Farmers sealed down for the duration of the war.



- (e) That all counties be responsible for the publicity of the report of the Conference in their own counties and its circulation to influential and public bodies.

Representatives from the Farmers' Association in the following Counties were present:—Dublin, Kildare, Wicklow, Wexford, Westmeath, Meath, Carlow, Roscommon, Kilkenny, Monaghan, Louth, and Leix.  
**ELIZABETH F. BOBBETT,**  
 General Secretary, I.F.F.,  
 Springfield, Wicklow.

Order: Copy to be sent to every Member of County Council in the Minutes of this day's Meeting.

After some discussion, the Council adjourned for further consideration correspondence from Mr. William F. Murphy, The Central Stores, Aughrim, in which he asks for payment of an account amounting to the sum of £102 6s. 0d. for Seeds and Manures supplied under the Council's Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme, 1941.

A communication, dated 15th December, 1941, was submitted from the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance requesting the County Council to embody in the approved Scheme for County Engineering the supplemental proposals submitted by the County Surveyor to, and approved by, that Board. The Secretary having stated that he understood that in order to give the new Scheme sufficient time to test itself, it was not the intention of the County Surveyor to press further for the additional office, staff and fees enumerated in his letter to the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance dated 24th November, 1941.

No order was made by County Council.

Though not received in time to appear on the Agenda, the Council considered the following letter:—

**THE LABOUR PARTY,**  
 Branch: Dunlavin/Hollywood,  
 Main St.,  
 Dunlavin.  
 22/3/42.

That we, the above, comprising the Districts of Dunlavin-Hollywood-Donard areas, representing 150 workers, hereby respectfully ask the County Council to continue cutting turf on the Mountains of Luglass and Round Hills. If Turf is not cut on those Bogs this season it will deprive over 150 workers of employment. There are rumours that the Council were contemplating not cutting turf on those mountains this season.

**JAMES CORRIGAN,**  
 Secretary.

Order: No action.

The following letter was submitted from the Minister for Agriculture:

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,**  
 Dublin.  
 2nd April, 1942.

L.708/42.

**WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDERS, 1936 AND 1939.**

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 24th ultimo regarding the appointment by your Local Authority of Mr. Michael J. Butler, Newtownmountkennedy, as temporary Warble Fly Inspector, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that it is not understood why Mr. Butler was appointed to the post, in view of the fact that he does not comply with the condition as regards age stipulated in the advertisement issued in the matter. As Mr. Butler is not, therefore, eligible, according to your Local Authority's requirements, the Minister cannot see his way to approve his appointment and arrangements should accordingly be made for the appointment of the next most suitable applicant for the post who complies with all the conditions specified.

It is noted that the Local Authority have authorised you to vary the areas of certain Inspectors if the cattle population in those areas warrant such a course. This Department should, however, be notified of any changes of the kind that may be made by you.

I am, Sir,  
 Your obedient Servant,  
**J. M. ADAMS,**  
 For Secretary.

The Secretary,  
 Wicklow County Council,  
 Courthouse, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor P. D. Kinsella;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved: That Mr. Michael J. Butler, of Newtownmountkennedy, who was appointed a temporary Warble Fly Inspector by us at our last Meeting, be directed to take up duty in that position on the 26th April, 1942, on which day he will be twenty-one years old.

Passed unanimously.

The Secretary was also instructed to place on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the County Council consideration of the following Resolution received from the Dunlavin-Hollywood Branch of the Labour Party, dated 4/4/1942:—

"We, the Members of West Wicklow Labour Branch, comprising the Districts of Dunlavin-Hollywood-Donard-Ballyknocken, respectfully demand that the Wicklow County Council increase the wages of Road Workers from 30s. per week to £2. We trust that our demand will be given full and due consideration at your meeting of the 8th instant."

The Secretary was instructed to place on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the County Council consideration of the following Resolution received from Aughrim Divisional Area of the Labour Party:—

"That we, the Members of Aughrim Branch of the Labour Party, request that Wicklow County Council increase the wages of all road workers 7s. 6d. (seven and sixpence) per week owing to increased cost of living."

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Resolved: Having regard to the fact that the temporary employment of the Shorthand Writer-Typist in the County Secretary's Office, as referred to in Finance Committee's report dated the 17th October, 1941, and approved of by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in letter dated the 13th October, 1941, No. G.18702/41, expires on the 14th April, 1942, we hereby extend for a further period of six months from the latter date the employment of Miss M. Grogan in a temporary capacity as Shorthand Writer-Typist in our Secretary's Office.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

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 Bonds Register Certificates, value approximately £99, received from the Irish Land Commission in respect of rate liabilities on the lands of Tinnapark Demesne (Rate No. 7560), Electoral Division of Kilcoole, estate of M. A. Skeffington-Jones; that the necessary transfer of said Land Bonds be sealed, and that the proceeds be lodged to credit of Mr. M. J. Healy, Poor Rate Collector.

Passed.



Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

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 approximately £99, in connection with the payment of Poor Rates by the Irish Land Commission on the lands of Tinnapark Demesne (Rate No. 7560), Electoral Division of Kilcoole, estate of M. A. Skeffington-Jones.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

Resolved: Whilst aware that the closing date for receiving applications under the Scheme for the provision of Seeds and Fertilisers in the present year is 31st March, 1942, we hereby decide, in the exceptional circumstances now prevailing, to accept all applications received in that connection up to and including the 18th April, 1942, and we authorise and direct our Secretary to refuse any applications received on any later date.

Passed.

The Secretary was instructed to place on the Agenda for consideration at the next Meeting of the County Council an application, dated the 26th March, 1942, from Arklow Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, for an increase in the weekly wages of carters and labourers employed at reconstructing the footpaths in Main Street, Arklow.

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## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Monday, the 18th May, 1942.

The following Members were present:

Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman;  
Councillors Liam O'Cleirigh, James Everett, T.D.; Edward Byrne, Joseph Jacob, T. J. Birthistle, Major R. Smith, Miss Margaret Kelly, J. P. Kehoe, Michael Timmins, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern).

### BUSINESS:

1. To consider a Report from the County Secretary containing the names of those who have become disqualified from acting further as Members of Wicklow County Council by reason of the fact that they failed to comply with the provisions of Section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1941, copy of which Section was transmitted by him to every Member in his letter dated the 20th February, 1942; and to formally declare the vacancies on the Council that have thus arisen.
2. To declare the vacancy on the County Council that has taken place because of continuous non-attendance by Councillor Daniel Somers, Thomastown, Arklow.
3. To confirm and sign Minutes of previous Meetings.
4. To consider Finance Committee's Reports.
5. To consider a Special Report from the Finance Committee dealing with matters concerning Road Administration in Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley's area which were referred by the Council to that Committee for report.
6. To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance.
7. To consider proposals for payments from the Proposals Committee.
8. To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments.
9. To sign applications for refund of Expenses under the Diseases and Animals Acts.
10. To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
11. To consider applications for Licences under the Explosives Act, 1875.
12. To consider applications for Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
13. To consider and approve the lists prepared by the County Secretary, of houses in respect of which certain abatements in rates are allowable.
14. To pass a Resolution approving of the Secretary's decision in connection with all the claims for abatement of Rates in respect of Agricultural Grant for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1943.
15. To recommend to the Commissioner of Valuation the revisions required in the Valuation Lists for the County.
16. To fix dates for the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council and of the Proposals and Finance Committees for the coming year.
17. To fix a date for the forthcoming Annual Meeting of the County Council.
18. To approve, confirm and adopt the Resolution passed by Arklow Old Age Pensions sub-Committee appointing a Secretary to that Body in succession to Mr. Thomas Tancred, deceased.
19. To take such action as the Council deems advisable in connection with the appointment made temporarily by the County Secretary of Mr. Thomas Kavanagh, Glendarragh, Newtownmountkennedy, as Warble Fly Inspector, the Minister for Agriculture having refused to sanction the appointment of Mr. Michael J. Butler, Newtownmountkennedy.
20. To pass a new Resolution under the Emergency Powers (No. 73) Order, 1941 (Third Amendment) Order, 1942, delegating to the County Surveyor the Council's powers in connection with Turf Production during the season 1942, subject to the limitations set out in Article 3 of the Order.



21. To consider a most important letter from the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence in connection with the responsibilities imposed upon the County Council under Article 5 of the Emergency Powers (No. 87) Order, 1941, and the Evacuation (Dublin and Dun Laoghaire) Scheme to nominate a competent Member of the Staff to assume personal responsibility for such arrangements as may become necessary in that connection.
22. To consider County Surveyor's Report.
23. To make an application to the Local Appointments Commission to recommend a suitable person for the position of Rate Inspector and to fix the Salary and Travelling Expenses for the position.
24. To consider an application from Mr. James J. Doyle, "Sunnybank," Bray, for permission to erect a wooden structure on the waste piece of ground opposite his door.
25. To consider a communication from the Arklow Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union complaining of the rates of pay to Carters and Labourers engaged at reconstructing the footpaths in the Main Street of Arklow.
26. To consider the following Resolution from the Dunlavin and Hollywood Branch of the Labour Party:  
"We the Members of West Wicklow Labour Branch, comprising the Districts of Dunlavin-Hollywood-Donard-Ballyknocken, respectfully demand that the Wicklow County Council increase the wages of Road Workers from 30/- per week to £2. 0. 0. We trust that our demand will be given full and due consideration at your meeting of the 8th instant."
27. To consider the following Resolution from Aughrim Branch of the Labour Party:  
"That we, the members of Aughrim Branch of the Labour Party, request that Wicklow County Council increase the wages of all road workers 7/6 (seven and sixpence) per week owing to increased cost of living. Trusting you will place the above Resolution before your Council at their Meeting of the 8th inst."
28. To appoint a Food and Drugs Inspector at Newtownmountkennedy in place of Garda T. McCarthy (5571), who relinquishes his duties as Food and Drugs Inspector through ill-health.
29. To consider a communication from the County Surveyor in which he places on record the fact that the weekly payment system is greatly impeding his work and the work of his Assistants.
30. To consider an application from the County Printer—The North Wexford Printing and Publishing Company, Ltd., Enniscorthy—for a 33½% increase in the price of the Printing Contract, as from the 1st May, 1942, because of the high cost of paper and other necessary materials.
31. To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture on the 28th April, 1942:  
"Resolved: That a similar Sheep Dipping Scheme to that in operation in County Wicklow in 1941 be put into force for the year 1942, and that we recommend the County Council to re-appoint the 19 Sheep Dipping Inspectors to supervise the operation of the compulsory Sheep Dipping Scheme for 1942 who acted in a similar capacity during the 1941 season. And also to appoint Mr. Michael J. Butler, Newtownmountkennedy, as Inspector for Newtownmountkennedy Garda Sub-District, which is at present vacant. That the remuneration be fixed at £25 each, to cover all work in connection with the 1942 Scheme."
32. To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture on the 28th April, 1942:  
"Resolved: That we hereby recommend the following amounts to be paid to the local Veterinary Inspectors for work

of supervision under the 1942 Sheep Dipping Scheme:

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

33. To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture on the 28th April, 1942:  
"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, 1942."
34. To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture on the 28th April, 1942:  
"Resolved: That a fee of £1 10. 0 per 500 sheep 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."
35. To fix the hours of attendance at the County Council Weighbridge, The Murrough, Wicklow, by the Acting Weigh Clerk, the present hours being 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with one hour's interval for lunch.
36. To consider County Analyst's Report.
37. To adopt the Rates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1943, and to allow and make the same as assessed in the Rate Books.
38. To sign and Seal the Demands (Forms 48) on the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow for the year 1942/1943.
39. To sign and seal the Warrants of the several Poor Rate Collectors.
40. To consider the claims for rates stated to be irrecoverable and temporarily uncollectable as received from the several Poor Rate Collectors.
41. To receive Minutes of proceedings of Monthly Meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee.
42. To consider a communication, with enclosures, from Bray Urban District Council in connection with the amounts due by that Council to the County Council on foot of the Annual Estimates and Demands.
43. To consider correspondence from Mr. William F. Murphy, The Central Stores, Aughrim, in which he asks for payment of an account amounting to the sum of £102. 6. 0., for seeds and manures supplied under the Council's Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme, 1941.
44. To consider official and general correspondence.  
Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.  
Resolved—That we have learned with regret of the death of Councillor Daniel J. Kehoe, Weavers' Square, Baltinglass, and we tender to the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.  
Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following Special Report:—

18th May, 1942.

To the Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

I regret to have to report that the following fourteen Members of Wicklow County Council have become disqualified from Membership for failing to comply with the requirements of Section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1941, in which it is enacted that any Member of a Local Authority who fails to pay the Rates assessed upon him for which he is liable before the close of any financial year, that is to say, on or before the 31st March, shall be disqualified from continuing to be such Member:—

James McCrea, Carnew  
J. J. Bourne, Forrtown, Tinahely  
Wallace Hammond, Paulbeg, Shillelagh  
Patrick Doyle (Coolboy), Tinahely



Denis Condren, 81, Lower Main Street, Arklow  
 Peter P. O'Reilly, Ballyknocken, Blessington  
 Michael Mooney, Rathattan, Hollywood  
 J. J. Metcalfe, Ballylion, Donard  
 George Heatley, Knocklinn, Bray  
 Malachy J. Brennan, Vartry House, Roundwood  
 John Dunne, 10, Largan Street, Bray  
 Patrick D. Kinsella, 17, Florence Road, Bray  
 John P. O'Donnell, Coolawinna, Rathnew  
 Joseph Keenan, Roundwood.

Members of the County Council will no doubt recollect that I sent a copy of this Section 57 to them on the 20th February, 1942, for their information and suitable action. It is the duty of the County Council to declare to-day that the position of County Councillor held by each of the fourteen persons mentioned above has become vacant for the reasons I have given herein.

There is nothing that I am aware of to prevent the County Council co-opting these gentlemen at the Special Meeting to be held on the same date as the Annual Meeting provided all Rates due by them to any Local Authority have been paid prior to co-option.

I have, further, to report that Councillor Daniel Somers, of Thomastown, Arklow, has become disqualified as a Member of the County Council because of continuous non-attendance at Meetings without adequate and acceptable explanations.

The Council will, I am sure, regret to learn that Councillor Daniel J. Keohe, Weavers' Square, Baltinglass, died on the 13th instant.

Yours faithfully,

P. T. HEALY, County Secretary.

#### NOTICE OF FOURTEEN VACANCIES IN WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

We, the Members of the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby declare the office of County Councillor held by

James McCrea, Carnew  
 J. J. Bourne, Forttown, Tinahely.  
 Wallace Hammond, Paulbeg, Shillelagh  
 Patrick Doyle (Coolboy), Tinahely  
 Denis Condren, 81, Lower Main Street, Arklow  
 Peter P. O'Reilly, Ballyknocken, Blessington  
 Michael Mooney, Rathattan, Hollywood  
 J. J. Metcalfe, Ballylion, Donard  
 George Heatley, Knocklinn, Bray.  
 Malachy J. Brennan, Roundwood.  
 John Dunne, 10, Largan Street, Bray  
 Patrick D. Kinsella, 17, Florence Road, Bray  
 John P. O'Donnell, Coolawinna, Rathnew  
 Joseph Keenan, Roundwood,

to be vacant, in consequence of the failure to comply with the requirements of Section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1941, in which Section it is enacted that any Member of a Local Authority who fails to pay the Rates assessed upon him for which he is liable before the close of any financial year that is to say, on or before the 31st March, and we direct that these vacancies shall be made public by a circular letter issued to each Member of this Council, to the Secretary of the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance and to the Clerks of the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow.

A copy of said Declaration of Vacancy is to be posted adjacent to the outer door of the Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dated this 18th day of May, 1942.

Signed: C. M. BYRNE (Senator).  
 E. BYRNE.  
 T. J. BIRTHISTLE.

Three Members of Wicklow County Council.  
 (Signed)—P.T. HEALY, Secretary to the said Council.

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

We, the Members of the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby declare the Office of County Councillor held by  
 Daniel Somers,  
 Thomastown,  
 Arklow,

to be vacant, in consequence of the continuous non-attendance at County Council Meetings, and we direct that this vacancy shall be made public by a circular issued to each member of this Council, and to the Secretary of the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance.

A copy of said Declaration of Vacancy to be posted adjacent to the outer door of the Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dated this 18th day of May, 1942.

Signed: C. M. Byrne (Senator).  
 LIAM O CLEIRIGH,  
 J. P. KEHOE.

Three Members of Wicklow County Council.  
 (Signed)—P.T. HEALY, Secretary to the said Council.

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

We, the Members of the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby declare the Office of County Councillor held by  
 Daniel J. Kehoe,  
 Weavers' Square,  
 Baltinglass,

to be vacant, in consequence of his death, and we direct that this vacancy shall be made public by a circular letter issued to each Member of this Council, and to the Secretary of the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance.

A copy of said Declaration of Vacancy to be posted adjacent to the outer door of the Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dated this 18th May, 1942.

Signed: C. M. BYRNE (Senator).  
 J. P. KEHOE,  
 LIAM O CLEIRIGH.

Three Members of Wicklow County Council.  
 (Signed)—P. T. HEALY, Secretary to the said Council.

The Council instructed their Secretary to convene a Special Meeting of the County Council to be held at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, the 23rd June proximo (the same date on which the Annual Meeting is to be held) in order to provide an opportunity of proceeding by co-option to fill the vacancies on the County Council declared at this day's Meeting.

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

#### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

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

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 17th April, 1942.

The following Members were present:—  
 Councillor James Everett, T.D., Presiding Chairman;  
 Councillors J. P. Kehoe, Edward Byrne, James McCrea, Joseph Jacob,  
 Senator C. M. Byrne.



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

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

**PROPOSALS COMMITTEE—£11,888 16s. 10d.**

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 September, 1942:—

**TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE—£13,754 5s. 0d.**

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the Reports received from the Acting Rate Inspector following his Checkings of the Poor Rate Collectors' Accounts since the Committee's last Meeting, and also the following Return showing the condition of the Poor Rate Collection in the County as it stood on the 31st March, 1942:—

1941/1942 RETURN				
District No.	Amount of Warrant	Amount Collected to date.	Discount Allowed.	Amount not Collected.
1	£8302 5 5	£6858 3 4	£47 15 8	£1396 6 5
2	5500 14 2	3989 3 0	13 15 6	1497 15 8
3	4359 17 2	3032 0 2	14 4 4	1313 12 8
4/5	8765 16 9	6279 7 6	26 7 1	2460 2 2
6	7616 13 6	4286 11 2	15 16 1	3314 6 3
7	17482 9 1	15875 7 9	63 2 6	1543 18 10
8	4901 15 10	4456 7 11	13 7 6	432 0 5
9	17923 19 3	12461 17 0	49 1 3	5413 1 0
10	6749 19 8	5218 6 8	12 6 3	1519 6 9
11	9053 13 10	7585 10 6	37 15 4	1430 8 0
12	10136 11 3	7009 13 6	12 11 1	3114 6 8
13/14/15	13185 18 8	11615 1 2	33 9 0	1537 8 6
16	10638 10 2	7902 7 3	46 4 9	2689 18 2
17	7463 0 3	4317 2 3	24 14 11	3121 3 1
18	7305 19 2	5203 11 0	38 16 8	2063 11 6
19	5717 5 8	3724 0 2	10 19 0	1982 6 6
Totals	£145104 9 10	£109814 10 4	£460 6 11	£34829 12 7

**1939/1940 RETURN**

Holdings acquired in whole or in part by Electricity Supply Board

6	8606 14 6	7059 2 2	11 10 10	375 1 9
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The following application was submitted from certain Members of the Council's Clerical Staff:—

Court House, Wicklow,  
14th April, 1942.

To: The Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee.  
Gentlemen,

We, the undersigned, members of your Clerical Staff, beg to make application for an adjustment in our scales of salary. When we first took up duty with your Council we were satisfied with the salaries attached to our positions, but as you are aware the cost of living has been steadily increasing from week to week, in circumstances over which we have no control, and, therefore, we are forced to make this application. At present we contribute at least 75 per cent. of our salaries towards our keep (board and lodgings), and the balance is totally inadequate to meet our requirements for clothing, etc. We venture to suggest that we be advanced immediately to the scale of salary which under the present arrangement we would not reach for several years. This suggestion is certainly reasonable, and would be acceptable to all concerned.

We are sure it is quite unnecessary to refer to the enormous amount of work thrown upon us in connection with the operation of a comprehensive Scheme of Turf Production in 1941, in respect of which Scheme provision has been made for remunerating the Council's outdoor staff, but in respect of which no consideration has been given yet to the equitable claims of your indoor staff for similar financial treatment.

It is in these circumstances we shall be grateful if the Committee will recommend this application to the County Council.

We remain,

Your obedient servants,

P. J. Swords  
G. F. Nichols  
R. A. Laven  
J. P. McDonnell  
Veronica C. Byrne.  
Helena M. Meagher.

The Committee recommend that each of the six officers in question be granted immediately the equivalent of two increments. The effect of this recommendation, if adopted by the County Council and sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, is shown in the subjoined Schedule:—

Name of Officer	Present Annual Salary	New Salary recommended (2 increments having been added)	Date next Increment falls due	Annual amount of next Increment
P. J. Swords	£120	£135 0 0	March, 1943	£7 10 0
G. F. Nichols	£100	£127 10 0	March, 1943	£7 10 0
R. A. Laven	£120	£135 0 0	Dec., 1942	£7 10 0
J. P. McDonnell	£120	£135 0 0	Jan., 1943	£7 10 0
Miss V. C. Byrne	£90	£105 0 0	July, 1942	£5 0 0
Miss H. M. Meagher	£90	£105 0 0	July, 1942	£5 0 0

The Secretary drew the Committee's attention to the fact that one of the conditions governing his promotion to the position of Secretary in the year 1922, as approved of by the County Council and sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, was that he was to be paid a commission on the total of all sums collected by him and lodged to credit of the Road Fund annually. The sums thus paid to him on a commission basis were refunded annually to the County Council by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

This arrangement worked smoothly and efficiently for the nineteen years from 1922 to the year which ended on the 31st March, 1941. In the latter year the total sums collected and lodged to credit of the Road Fund, i.e., £18,169 12s. 5d., fell short of the figure required to allow of the usual full annual payment to the Secretary, and as a consequence he lost the sum of £7 9s. 1d. As the result of a similar reduction to £18,081 5s. 4d. in the total sum lodged to credit of the Road Fund in the year ended 31st March, 1942, the Secretary lost a further sum of £8 15s. 7d. These reductions in receipts were of course due to petrol shortage because of the World War at present raging, and the consequent limited amount of motoring owners of private cars were allowed to enjoy, whilst on the other hand the work and responsibilities of the Secretary as Local Taxation Officer were greatly increased because of the governmental policy of accepting monthly payments of Road Tax, necessary refunds, etc., etc.

The Secretary submitted that as the circumstances which led to these reductions in his fees were absolutely beyond his control he was in equity



entitled to receive them, and he pointed out further that the situation was likely to become much worse instead of better.

The Committee recommended that the Secretary be paid the non-recoupable sums referred to above, namely, £7 9s. 1d. in respect to the financial year 1940-41, and £8 15s. 7d. in respect to the financial year 1941-42, provided the Minister for Local Government and Public Health offers no objection to this proposal.

The County Surveyor submitted the following Report:—

Court House, Wicklow.  
20th March, 1942.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICE, BRAY.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 11th instant, I desire to report that I inspected the existing Weights and Measures Office in Bray, and also the proposed alternative accommodation referred to in the letter dated 5th January last, received from the Sergeant in Charge.

Undoubtedly, this alternative accommodation is more suitable and a great improvement on the existing, but I would not describe the latter as a "shambles": it is part of the basement of the Courthouse, but is facing due East, and the windows are not at all useless in so far as light is concerned. There is a wall in front of these windows which, if plastered and coated in white-wash, would improve the lighting a good deal.

I saw no evidence of dampness, but it is reasonable to suppose that dampness would be present on occasions. The fire-place and mantel-place could be repaired. I can say nothing about the dampness being detrimental to the sub-standards, and I am quite prepared to accept the statement of the Sergeant that this is true, and that it is difficult to keep them in good condition.

You will be able to advise the Council as to the proposed charge of 15s. per week for the alternative accommodation suggested, which, so far as the location, convenience, and suitability are concerned, is excellent.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'Byrne,  
County Surveyor.

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

The Committee recommend that the County Surveyor be instructed to expend such monies as he deems absolutely necessary to repair and improve the portion of the Court House, Bray, at present used as a Weights and Measures Office.

The following correspondence was considered:—

4 Church Street, Wicklow.  
22nd December, 1941.

HUGO V. WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM.  
Dear Sir,

I enclose account for payment received from Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., for services rendered in opposing above claim including his attendance in Court at the hearing.

In his letter enclosing account Mr. Foley states that he had to go twice to the place for his second inspection, as the first day he got there the fog was so low on the hill that he could see nothing at all.

I may mention that the second visit became necessary as the Applicant's Solicitor served notice a short time before the hearing that he would apply to the Judge to amend his original Notice of Application for compensation by adding a second townland.

Would you kindly bring the account before the Finance Committee.

Yours faithfully,  
J. BRAZIL,

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

HUGO V. COUNTY COUNCIL.

To Inspection of Mountain .. .. .	£5 5 0
" Three copies of Map .. .. .	2 2 0
" Second Inspection of Mountain in connection with the amended claim .. .. .	1 1 0
" Attendance at Court, Wicklow .. .. .	3 3 0
" Travelling Expenses, 220 miles at 4d. per mile .. .. .	3 13 4
Total .. .. .	£15 4 4

(Signed)—P. J. FOLEY,

32-33 Lower Abbey St., Dublin.  
5th February, 1942.

PF/PF/152/162

HUGO V. COUNTY COUNCIL.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter re above. Payment was claimed and made to me in similar cases because the work was such as did not appertain to the County Surveyor, and defacto that it was outside my duties and was additional work.

Yours faithfully,

P. J. FOLEY.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
Secretary.

Court House, Wicklow.

The Committee, having heard the views of Mr. Foley, who was present at the Meeting, decided to recommend the Council to pay to him the sum of Five Guineas (£5 5s. 0d.) which payment is intended to reimburse him his out-of-pocket expenses only as he will be paid his full salary from the 1st April, 1941, under the newly adopted Scheme of County Engineering as a whole-time, pensionable and permanent official, and consequently in the opinion of the Committee is not entitled to extra Fees for any duties discharged in protecting the interests of the County Council and the Rate-payers they represent.

The following letters were considered:—

Department of Local Government and Public Health,  
Custom House Dublin

Meeting of that Body.

This failure occurred from time to time without a satisfactory explanation, but always occurred in the weeks in which there were Meetings of the County Council or of the Board of Health and Public Assistance, which Meetings Mr. Foley stated he was compelled to attend.

2. An unexplainable explosion at Ballinagee on a date on which blasting operations were not taking place, as a consequence of which a young man, named John Cullen, had lost the sight of one eye and was threatened with the loss of the sight of the second eye also.

3. The issuing of Paying Orders on foot of Wages Sheets certified by Mr. Foley and by the Overseer, and the apparent necessity subsequently for the collection of these Paying Orders from workmen and from a merchant, after they had been authorised by the Finance Committee and issued by the Secretary through the medium of the Post, thereby discrediting the whole administrative machinery of the Council.

4. Gross neglect in taking steps to cause holiday pay to be issued to workers in Mr. Foley's district until March, 1942, which holiday payments should normally have been issued in the Summer of 1941 under the provisions of the Conditions of Employment Act, 1936, thereby leaving the Council open to over one hundred separate and distinct legal prosecutions.

5. The dismissal of nine men one day, and re-employing the same men the following day or the day after, thereby duplicating, in the County Secretary's Office, the work connected with the stamping of the National Health and Unemployment Insurance Cards of these men, and disclosing a complete absence of system in the employment and dismissal of men.



Defence Forces, I desire to state that a substitute is absolutely necessary.

In order to comply with the condition laid down by the Department that such a substitute should not be a person suitable for military service, I suggest that the employment of a girl clerk should be made immediately, and that Miss Bridget Finlay be engaged in that capacity as from 1st proximo.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Surveyor.

The Committee recommend that Miss Bridget Finlay be appointed temporarily as shorthand-writer Typist in the County Surveyor's Office at the salary usually attaching to a position of this type, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

(Signed)—J. EVERETT, T.D.,

Presiding Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Dated this 17th April, 1942.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor Senator C. M. 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.

Passed.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock a.m. on Saturday, the 9th May, 1942.

The following members were present:

Councillor James Everett, T.D., Presiding Chairman; Councillors Joseph Jacob and Senator C. M. Byrne.

Secretary,  
County Council, Wicklow.

The Committee recommend that the County Surveyor be instructed to expend such monies as he deems absolutely necessary to repair and improve the portion of the Court House, Bray, at present used as a Weights and Measures Office.

The following correspondence was considered:—

4 Church Street, Wicklow.

22nd December, 1941.

HUGO V. WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM.  
Dear Sir,

I enclose account for payment received from Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., for services rendered in opposing above claim including his attendance in Court at the hearing.

In his letter enclosing account Mr. Foley states that he had to go twice to the place for his second inspection, as the first day he got there the fog was so low on the hill that he could see nothing at all.

I may mention that the second visit became necessary as the Applicant's Solicitor served notice a short time before the hearing that he would apply to the Judge to amend his original Notice of Application for compensation by adding a second townland.

Would you kindly bring the account before the Finance Committee.

Yours faithfully,

J. BRAZIL,

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

work of any nature whatsoever for any persons other than those enumerated in this Resolution, of which Resolution the aforesaid Undertaking is to be considered a fundamental part and condition governing his appointment."

HEREBY DECLARE that I have ceased to have any interest, either directly or indirectly, with any office inside or outside the City of Dublin kept open for any work other than work relating to the duties of Assistant County Surveyor set out in the Resolution referred to above.

AND I UNDERTAKE in the future to devote my whole time to the duties attaching to the new position to which I have been appointed by the said Resolution, and I FURTHER UNDERTAKE that I will not accept or agree to carry out any professional work of any class or description whatsoever outside my position of Assistant County Surveyor referred to in the Resolution hereinbefore referred to.

AND it is distinctly understood that the Annual Allowance for travelling expenses mentioned in said Resolution is subject to any regulations that may be made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health pursuant to the provisions of Section 19 (1) (b) of the Local Government Act, 1941.

Dated this 8th day of April, 1942.

PATRICK J. FOLEY.

Witness: Patrick J. Swords

Address: Courthouse, Wicklow.

Occupation: Clerk County Surveyor's Office.

PROVIDED ALWAYS that the signing by me of this Declaration and Undertaking shall not be deemed to be an admission by me that my service prior to the passing of the said Resolution was not pensionable Service.

Dated 8th April, 1942.

PATRICK J. FOLEY, B.E.

Witness: Patrick J. Swords.

Address: Court House, Wicklow.

Occupation: Clerk County Surveyor's Office.

The Committee had under consideration a large file of correspondence clearly indicating a lack of efficient supervision in Mr. Foley's area, and dealing more particularly with the following:—

1. Failure to present Wages Sheets weekly in sufficient time to allow of these Sheets being submitted to the Finance Committee at each Friday's Meeting of that Body.

This failure occurred from time to time without a satisfactory explanation, but always occurred in the weeks in which there were Meetings of the County Council or of the Board of Health and Public Assistance, which Meetings Mr. Foley stated he was compelled to attend.

2. An unexplainable explosion at Ballinagee on a date on which blasting operations were not taking place, as a consequence of which a young man, named John Cullen, had lost the sight of one eye and was threatened with the loss of the sight of the second eye also.

3. The issuing of Paying Orders on foot of Wages Sheets certified by Mr. Foley and by the Overseer, and the apparent necessity subsequently for the collection of these Paying Orders from workmen and from a merchant, after they had been authorised by the Finance Committee and issued by the Secretary through the medium of the Post, thereby discrediting the whole administrative machinery of the Council.

4. Gross neglect in taking steps to cause holiday pay to be issued to workers in Mr. Foley's district until March, 1942, which holiday payments should normally have been issued in the Summer of 1941 under the provisions of the Conditions of Employment Act, 1936, thereby leaving the Council open to over one hundred separate and distinct legal prosecutions.

5. The dismissal of nine men one day, and re-employing the same men the following day or the day after, thereby duplicating, in the County Secretary's Office, the work connected with the stamping of the National Health and Unemployment Insurance Cards of these men, and disclosing a complete absence of system in the employment and dismissal of men.



6. Failure from time to time to notify the County Secretary of the date on which men were to be disemployed so that their National Health and Unemployment Cards might be stamped and issued to the men immediately, leaving it open consequently to these men to write letters of complaint that they had not received their cards within a reasonable time, with a consequent wholly unnecessary increase to the correspondence in the Council's Offices, apart altogether from placing such men in a position to take legal action against the Council.

7. Irregularly issuing a weekly Pay Sheet (No. 1117) on which appeared the names of twenty-five workers with sums opposite these names totalling £56 19s. 2d. This proposed expenditure was to be charged to the construction of a road to a bog at Roundhill, Granamore, in respect to which the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had given a Grant of £225, which Grant had already been exceeded by the sum of 14s. 10d. before this particular Pay Sheet was received. This proposed excess expenditure of £56 19s. 2d. was fortunately detected in your Accountant's Office or otherwise. Paying Orders would have been issued and the full amount surcharged to the Members of the Finance Committee who signed the relevant Advice Note, and in the final result would have to be reldged to the credit of the County Council by the County Surveyor, whose certificate also appeared on the Wages Sheet in question.

8. Irregularly certifying an overpayment of £33 15s. to the Firm of Messrs. Osborne and Brady, Granite Quarries, Ballyknockan, Blessington, in respect of stone delivered to the Vallemount Road. In this case the Paying Order was actually authorised by the Finance Committee, and issued by the County Secretary to the Firm in question, which Firm in the most commendable manner promptly returned the Paying Order, at the same time drawing attention to the overpayment.

9. Failure on the part of Mr. Foley to visit regularly the gangs of men at work in his area, and to sign the Time Books on the occasion of every such visit, thereby making it impossible for him to conscientiously sign the certificates at the foot of Wages Sheets presented weekly to the Finance Committee for payment.

After a prolonged discussion on these documents, and having heard, at considerable length the views of the County Secretary, County Surveyor, and Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., the County Surveyor submitted the following two letters:—

Wicklow County Council,  
Court House, Wicklow,  
17th April, 1942.

To the Chairman, Finance Committee,  
Meeting on Friday 17th April, 1942.

Dear Sir,

I have to report that for some time past I have been dissatisfied with the supervision exercised in the road area under the control of Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley. The matters upon which I have had occasion to complain are briefly:—

1. Lack of sufficient personal contact with the Overseers, workmen, or the works in progress.
2. Unreasonable and avoidable delays in furnishing reports and returns, necessitating too frequent reminders in correspondence and otherwise.
3. Certificate of visitation to works and inspection of gangs signed at foot of paysheets unreliable.
4. Estimates carelessly submitted.

If Mr. Foley refused to treat the above complaints as correct and serious, then I would be forced to believe that he surely cannot realise his responsibilities as Assistant County Surveyor.

The matter cannot be allowed to proceed as heretofore. I know that his position up to the present has been a peculiar one: the areas under his control have been altogether excessive to allow of proper supervision, and too much of his time was spent in his Dublin office, but I understand that he has now accepted his new status; at the same time, I have always main-

tained and reported that the activities of any Engineer should be confined to the County, and it should not be usually necessary to go outside it.

However, I have received a letter from Mr. Foley (copy herewith) expressing his desire and willingness to conform with all my requests regarding supervision, and promising that there will be no further cause for complaint.

I accept this undertaking in the spirit in which I believe it to be given but I will observe carefully its fulfilment and report to the Council at intervals, as the occasion arises, and generally at the end of six months, as to the manner in which the duties of this Officer will have been carried out.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Surveyor.

P.S.—Mr. Foley was shown a copy of this letter immediately prior to the above meeting.

32-33, Lower Abbey St.,  
Dublin, C.8  
17th April, 1942.

PF/PF/152/433.

Dear Sir,

I regret the supervision in my district has not given you the satisfaction you require. I might point out that I had to carry out a large amount of work including building, etc., for the Board of Health, in addition to the turf scheme and the weekly system of payment for the County Council, and as I was solely responsible for the Board of Health work a considerable demand was made on my time. Now that the area is smaller, I am sure I will be able to carry out all the works as outlined by you, and I will endeavour to do so, and I am sure that in the altered circumstances you will not have any complaint in future.

Yours faithfully,

P. J. FOLEY.

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

The Committee regret to have to report that they are satisfied that there has been a complete lack of efficient supervision by Mr. Foley over a prolonged period in the area in West Wicklow for which he is responsible to the County Surveyor and to the County Council, but as Mr. Foley has now given personally to this Committee a verbal undertaking that there will be no further cause for complaint in the future, the Committee recommend that no action be taken at the moment. The Committee—Councillor J. Everett, T.D., dissenting—have instructed the County Surveyor to report direct to the County Council immediately any further incident in Mr. Foley's area occurs that would indicate the absence of adequate and efficient supervision by him, in which event the Committee has informed Mr. Foley very definitely, drastic action will be taken against him.

(Signed)—JAMES EVERETT, T.D.

Presiding Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Dated this 17th April, 1942.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve, confirm and adopt the Special Report submitted by our Finance Committee to this day's Meeting, following their investigation of certain matters concerning road administration in the area of Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., which were referred to the Committee by the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Kelly;



Resolved—That 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 we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments, chargeable to the various areas, amounting to the sum of £11,888 16s. 10d. (any modifications made therein having been first initiated by the Chairman) and Order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Liam O Cleirigh;

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

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Major R. Smith;

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 Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. P. Kehoe.

Resolved—That our Secretary is hereby instructed to issue a Licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, to Mrs. Mary A. Kenny, Shillelagh, a satisfactory Report in the matter having been received from the Superintendent of the Garda Síochána.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Thomas Birthistle;

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

William B. Kidd, Moyne, Ballinglen;

John Synnott, Ashford, County Wick'ow.

Passed.

No applications were received or submitted for Licences under the Explosives Act, 1875.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby empower our Secretary to renew the Licence issued to Mr. Edward Bradley, Edward Street, Baltinglass, under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

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

Resolved—That the New Building Lists prepared by our Secretary in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1925, in respect of the financial year ending 31st March, 1943, be hereby approved as submitted, and the appropriate reductions in Rates allowed for the said financial year in each case as specified in said lists.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Jacob;

Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Winetavern);

Resolved—That we hereby approve, confirm and adopt the decisions made by our Secretary on the information at his disposal in connection with all the claims for Abatement of Rates, lodged in our offices in respect of the financial year 1942-1943, more extensively dealt with in circulars from the Department of Local Government and Public Health which have been under consideration at meetings of this Council from time to time, and we hereby direct that the assessment of Rates be proceeded with with all practicable speed on the basis of such decisions.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith;

Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Winetavern);

Resolved—That we have considered the changes and alterations deemed to be necessary in the General Valuation Lists, as given on the accompanying Revision Sheets, and we request the Commissioner of Valuation to have the Valuation Lists revised accordingly.

Passed.

The Council adjourned to a Special Meeting to be held on Tuesday, the 23rd proximo, the question of fixing dates for the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council and of the Proposals and Finance Committees for the coming year 1942-1943.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Joseph Jacob;

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 (1) of the Local Elections Act, 1927, we hereby decide and appoint Tuesday, the 23rd June, 1942, as the date on which Wicklow County Council shall hold its Annual Meeting.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Birthistle;

Seconded by Councillor Liam O Cleirigh;

Resolved—That we hereby approve, confirm and adopt—subject to sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health—the following Resolution passed by the Arklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 15th May, 1942:—

"Resolved—That, subject to the approval of the County Old Age Pensions Committee (i.e., Wicklow County Council) and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, we hereby select and appoint Mr. P. J. Bradford, of Bridge Hotel, Arklow, to be clerk of the Arklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, in accordance with the terms of the published advertisement inviting applications from candidates for that position."

Passed.

The Council had under consideration the following letter and telegram from the Department of Agriculture in connection with the appointment of a temporary Warble Fly Inspector for the Garda Sub-District of Newtownmountkennedy:—

Department of Agriculture,

Dublin,

2nd April, 1942.

L.708/42.

#### WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDERS, 1936 AND 1939.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 24th ultimo regarding the appointment by your Local Authority of Mr. Michael J. Butler, Newtownmountkennedy, as temporary Warble Fly Inspector, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that it is not understood why Mr. Butler was appointed to the post in view of the fact that he does not comply with the condition as regards age stipulated in the advertisement issued in the matter. As Mr. Butler is not, therefore, eligible, according to your Local Authority's requirements, the Minister cannot see his way to approve his appointment and arrangements should accordingly be made for the appointment of the next most suitable applicant for the post who complies with all the conditions specified.

It is noted that the Local Authority have authorised you to vary the areas of certain Inspectors if the cattle population in those areas warrant such a course. This Department should, however, be notified of any changes of the kind that may be made by you.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. M. ADAMS,

for Secretary.