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Wicklow County Manager,  
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Order.—The suggested increase from £15 to £20 was accepted and approved by the County Council.

The Secretary submitted a Memorandum which had been prepared by direction of the Council Chief Executive Officers' Association relative to the Vocational Education (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 1943.

Order.—Read.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.:—

"That the County Manager be requested to give effect to a Resolution passed by the late Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance at their meeting held on 17th August, 1942, approving a recommendation of the County Engineer that amounts in respect of War Extras be paid to the following, viz.: £568 15s. 3d. to Joseph O'Reilly, Contractor for the erection of 30 houses at Newtownmountkennedy, in full discharge of his claim for £1,295 12s. 7d.; £656 to Charles Shortt, Contractor for the erection of 54 houses at Baltinglass in full discharge of his claim for £943 12s. 3d.; £474 to Patrick Fenlon, Contractor for the erection of 25 houses at Dunlavin, in full discharge of his claim for £843 10s. 3d.; £78 to John Murphy, Contractor for the erection of 12 houses in the Wicklow area, in full discharge of his claim for £130 19s. 7d. The contracts in these cases were sealed and approved by the late B.H.P.A. at their meeting held about two weeks prior to the outbreak of the War. The contractors were not apparently protected by War Clauses in their Tenders."

In a subsequent letter from the L.G.D. to the County Manager, it was stated "that the Minister would raise no objection to the County Manager, whose function it then was, offsetting portion of the Contractors' losses due to War Conditions by means of an ex gratia payment."

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, the 14th February, 1944.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor Edward Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. McCarthy, J. J. McCrea, J. Everett, T.D.; B. Farrell, W. J. Doyle, D. J. Kehoe, Croistoir M. O'Broin, T.D.; Peter Ledwidge, William J. Clarke, George Byrne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, T. Fitzpatrick, H. J. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, J. J. Bourne, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, Joseph Kavanagh.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of previous Meetings.
2. To sign applications for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
3. To consider applications for Licences under the Explosives Acts, 1875.
4. To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
5. To consider applications for Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
6. To execute such Cottage Tenancy Agreements as may be submitted.
7. To execute such Contracts as may be submitted under the Childrens' Acts in connection with the boarding out of Foster Children.
8. To Seal and Sign Vesting Orders (in duplicate) in respect of the sale of Cottages under the Labourers' Acts, 1936, to the Tenants thereof.
9. To consider the County Manager's Report on the Estimates for the service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1945.
10. To consider the Estimates (Form E.1) and pass Resolutions 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, 1945, and, further, to determine the amount to be demanded from each of the Urban Districts in the County in respect of that year.
11. To Sign and Seal Agreement between Wicklow County Council and Messrs. Finlayson Brothers, in respect of the Contract for the construction of additional office accommodation adjoining the Court House, Wicklow.
12. To Seal and Sign the Deed of Conveyance in regard to the site at the Brook, Portrane, acquired by the Dublin Board of Public Health from Grangegorman Mental Hospital Committee for the erection of a Sanitary Convenience.
13. To Seal and Sign the Agreement with Thomas Brennan, Carnew, in relation to a Contract for the carrying out of necessary works extending the Sewerage System at Carnew.
14. To pass the Resolution required by the Council's Treasurer in relation to the borrowing of £6,000 for the purpose of defraying expenditure in connection with additional office accommodation.
15. To pass a Resolution authorising and directing the entering into of sub-contracts for the repair and maintenance of certain roads in the County, but more particularly in West Wicklow.
16. To pass the usual Resolutions in connection with the Council's application for (a) Overdraft Accommodation in the months of March, April, and May, 1944, on the County Council's General Account, and (b) Overdraft Accommodation on the Turf Production Account for the same months.
17. To pass a Resolution 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, 1945.
18. To receive and consider a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health in which the Minister outlines the relationship which he believes should exist, between each Local Authority and the County Manager.
19. To consider and discuss the two Reports prepared and circulated by the County Surveyor in connection with Turf Production in the County in the years 1941, 1942 and 1943.



20. To receive a Report from a Conference held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on the 7th January, 1944, to consider the disturbing conditions on relation to outbreaks of Infectious Diseases.
21. To consider a circulated Report prepared by the County Surveyor after his inspection of Baltinglass Hospital as instructed by the County Council.
22. To consider a communication from the Minister for Supplies following consideration by him of the Resolution passed by Wicklow County Council on the 13th December, 1943, relative to the necessity for fixing a special price for seasoned timber.
23. To consider such matters as may be raised for discussion in connection with the administration of Assistance, Health and Housing Services in the County of which notice, as requested, has been given to the County Manager at his Rathdrum Office.
24. To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture on the 25th January, ultimo:—

"Resolved—That the attention of the responsible authority be drawn to the slow progress being made in West Wicklow with regard to lime production, although the material is available in large quantities for manufacture. As lime is such an essential factor for a large part of land in West Wicklow, we suggest that if fuel be available, that a Kiln be built convenient to site of deposits."

25. To consider a circulated Report prepared by the County Surveyor indicating the steps taken by him in regard to, and the possibilities of, producing lime in County Wicklow.
26. To consider a Report from the first Meeting of the Committee newly set up to consider the advisability of establishing a Mental Hospital within the County for patients from County Wicklow.
27. To consider the Report called for by the County Council in connection with Tuberculosis patients within the County under treatment.
28. To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James McCrea:—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the next Meeting of the Wicklow County Council that all road Workers in the employment of Wicklow County Council be granted an increase of 5s. per week."

29. To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor P. McCarthy:—
- "That we request the Wicklow County Council to formulate a scheme of Pensions for Road Workers."
30. To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.:—

"That the County Manager be requested to give effect to a Resolution passed by the late Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance at their Meeting held on 17th August, 1942, approving a recommendation of the County Engineer that amounts in respect of War Extras be paid to the following, viz.: £568 15s. 3d. to Joseph O'Reilly, Contractor for the erection of 30 houses at Newtownmountkennedy, in full discharge of his claim for £1,295 12s. 7d.; £656 to Charles Shortt, Contractor for the erection of 54 houses at Baltinglass in full discharge of his claim for £943 12s. 3d.; £474 to Patrick Fenlon, Contractor for the erection of 25 houses at Dunlavin, in full discharge of his claim for £843 10s. 3d.; £78 to John Murphy, Contractor for the erection of 12 houses in the Wicklow area in full discharge of his claim for £130 19s. 7d. The Contracts in these cases were sealed and approved by the late B.H.P.A. at their meeting held about two weeks prior to the outbreak of the War. The contractors were not apparently protected by War Clauses in their Tenders. In a subsequent letter from the L.G.D. to the County Manager, it was stated that the Minister would raise no objection to the County Manager, whose function it then was, offsetting portion of the Contractors' losses due to War Conditions by means of an ex-gratia payment."

31. To consider the County Surveyor's application for permission to use £116 out of County Contingencies for the repair of the approach walls at Haughton's Bridge, Brittas, on Road No. 161.
32. To pass a Resolution approving of alteration in the site for the Pound at Carnew, the old site being required by the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee.
33. To pass a Resolution urging upon the Minister for Local Government and Public Health the necessity for increasing the subsidy of 60 per cent of the Annual Loan Charges with a limit of expenditure of £300 per house for cottages erected under the Labourers Acts to £400 per cottage.
34. To consider the County Analyst's Report.
35. To consider Abstract of Correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby extend to our esteemed colleague, Councillor P. P. O'Reilly, the assurance of our sincere sympathy with him in his recent sad bereavement, due to his sister's death.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby extend to our esteemed colleague, Councillor W. J. Doyle, the assurance of our sincere sympathy with him and the Members of his family in their recent sad bereavement on the death of his nephew.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we have heard with deep regret of the death of John J. Redmond, of Greystones, a former valued member of this County Council, and we offer our sympathy to the members of his family.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we have heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. Denis J. Cogan, a former valued member of Wicklow County Council, and we offer our sincere sympathy to the members of his family in their great loss.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we have heard with deep regret of the death of Mrs. Joseph Doyle, of Talbotstown House, Kiltegan, and we hereby extend to her husband, Mr. Joseph Doyle, and to her son, Mr. John A. Doyle, Poor Rate Collector, Main Street, Baltinglass, the assurance of our sincere sympathy in the loss they have suffered.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Resolved—That we hereby place on record our sincere regret at learning of the death of Mr. Brereton-Barry, K.C., and we offer our sincere sympathy to the Members of his family in their bereavement.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

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

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

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 Explosives Act, 1875, for submission to the Council.

The were no applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, for submission to the Council.

Proposed by Councillor George Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick:

Resolved—That we, the Members of the Wicklow County Council, express our views that we are very dissatisfied with the reply of the Minister for Justice in reply to the General Council of County Councils, and that we send our Resolution (re Cinematograph Licences) for reconfirmation by the latter Body to be forwarded again to the Minister.

Passed.

The Secretary reported that the Council, before being in a position to either grant or refuse Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, were awaiting the County Surveyor's Reports after he had made a personal inspection of each of the premises referred to in the four following applications:

- (1) From Edward Fossett, Ballybeg, Ballinglen, for an iron roofed concrete building situate at Avoca.
- (2) From Edward Fossett, Ballybeg, Ballinglen, for an iron roofed wooden building situate at Tinahely.
- (3) From John Cunningham, Dunlavin, for the premises known as Imaal Hall, Dunlavin.
- (4) From Walter Kehoe, Emo, Portarlinton, for the Tower Cinema, Baltinglass.

The County Surveyor, who was present at the Monthly Meeting, undertook to have these four Reports for submission to the next Meeting of the County Council.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:

Resolved—That the Cottage Tenancy Agreements as set out hereunder be sealed and signed by the Chairman and the County Manager:

- 5th February, 1944—Michael Kiernan Newcastle.  
 31st January, 1944—Michael Whelan, Parkbridge.  
 29th January, 1944—Martin White, Kilmacullagh.  
 29th January, 1944—Benjamin Merriman, Newcastle.  
 29th January, 1944—Edward Doyle, Knockroe.  
 29th January, 1944—James Fagan, Monaline.  
 29th January, 1944—William Bradshaw, Knockroe.  
 29th January, 1944—Patrick Kiernan, Newcastle.  
 22nd January, 1944—John Stafford, Ballinaclogh.  
 22nd January, 1944—Andrew Whelan, Ballintim.  
 17th January, 1944—Rosanna McDonald, Newcastle.  
 17th January, 1944—Ellen Byrne, Newcastle.  
 15th January, 1944—James Redmond, Ballyduff.  
 15th January, 1944—Ann Redmond, Ballydonrea.  
 10th January, 1944—Patrick Somers, Croneyhorn.  
 10th January, 1944—Rosanna Balfe, Carnew.  
 9th January, 1944—Michael Molloy, Carnew.  
 8th January, 1944—Bridget Southern, Gorteen.  
 7th January, 1944—Aiden Doyle, Ballinacor.  
 4th January, 1944—Margaret Donohue, Lugduff.  
 31st December, 1943—Mrs. Ann McKenna, Killincarrick, Delgany.  
 31st December, 1943—William Keegan, Kindlestown Lower.  
 28th December, 1943—Mrs. Annie Hogan, Redford, Greystones.  
 28th December, 1943—Mrs. Catherine Murphy, Kindlestown Lower.  
 28th December, 1943—Elizabeth Kavanagh, Killincarrick.  
 28th December, 1943—Patrick Kelly, Ballynerrin.  
 20th December, 1943—Timothy Farrell, Liscolman.  
 18th December, 1943—Thomas Kelly, Ballynerrin.  
 18th December, 1943—Mrs. Annie Crinnion, Old Court, Boghall Road, Bray.  
 18th December, 1943—Willion Lennon, Old Court, Boghall, Bray.  
 11th December, 1943—Edward McNabb, Ballybeg.

- 11th December, 1943—Joseph Cullen, Killadreenan.  
 11th December, 1943—Peter Murphy, Ballinclair.  
 11th December, 1943—James Hughes, Three Mile Water.  
 6th December, 1943—Patrick Fogarty, Bawnogue, Baltinglass.  
 27th November, 1943—Patrick Byrne, Ballynerrin.  
 20th November, 1943—John Molloy, Ballydonrea.  
 14th November, 1943—Thomas Carroll, Ardoyne.  
 6th November, 1943—Elizabeth Donohue, Tinoran, Baltinglass.  
 28th August, 1943—Denis Shannon, Parkmore, Baltinglass.  
 7th August, 1943—Esther Cullen, Newtown Saunders, Baltinglass.  
 7th August, 1943—Bridget Doyle, Shrughaun, Baltinglass.  
 29th May, 1943—Victor Mitchell, Killincarrick, Delgany.  
 29th May, 1943—William Brown, No. 10, Arch Villas, Rathdown Lr., Greystones.  
 1st May, 1943—John Brien, Ballykillmurry, Hacketstown.  
 1st April, 1943—John Whiston, Windgates.  
 1st April, 1943—John Whiston, Coolagad, Greystones.  
 1st April, 1943—Mary Byrne, Raheen, Baltinglass.  
 1st April, 1943—Margaret Jones, Deerpark, Baltinglass.  
 1st April, 1943—Margaret Byrne, Raheen, Baltinglass.  
 1st April, 1943—Thomas Alyward, Knockerin, Blessington.  
 1st April, 1943—Christopher Byrne, Bawnogue, Baltinglass.  
 31st March, 1943—Mrs. Mary Darcy, Killincarrick.  
 1st March, 1943—Mrs. Annie Mahony, Belle Vue, Delgany.  
 11th December, 1943—Alexander Newman, Thonelagee.

Passed.

There were no contracts for submission under the Childrens Acts in connection with the Boarding Out of Foter Children.

There were no Vesting Orders to be Sealed and Signed in respect of the Sale of Labourers' Cottages under the Labourers' Act, 1936, to the tenants thereof.

The County Manager submitted for the Council's consideration, the following Resolution which was passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, consideration of which was deferred by the Council to the Meeting at which the Estimates of Rates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1945, would be considered:—

"That we request the County Council to increase the Rate for the County Agricultural Schemes by  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. in the £ to make further provision for the Committee's Schemes in general, and for a further extension of the Lime Subsidy Scheme in particular."

#### COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT ON THE ESTIMATES FOR THE SERVICE OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1944/'45.

To the Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council.  
 Gentlemen,

I submit Statement Explanatory of the figures which will be placed before you in the form of Estimate to be considered at your Meeting to be held on 14th instant. I do not propose to enter into any elaborate explanation at this stage, but I shall be glad to give you any possible information you may require when considering the Estimates at your Meeting.

There are just a few points to which I would like to draw your attention:

#### GRANGEGORMAN MENTAL HOSPITAL.

The amount demanded for the coming year is £31,093, being £38 less than last year. You will, however, recollect that in last year's Estimate there was a very big increase (approximately £5,797) over that of the previous year.

#### ROADS.

Already you have had an opportunity of examining the figures submitted in the County Surveyor's Scheme for Road Maintenance, etc., and you have decided upon items in that Scheme. The only figures in the Roads Section of the Estimates to which I would, therefore, direct your attention are certain items to be brought to credit. These items include provision made last year for the raising of two loans for the repair of bridges and gulleys on Main and County Roads: the cost as raised last year being—Main



Roads £642; County Roads £847. You will, however, recollect that these Loans have been renewed in the approved Road Works Scheme for the coming year, so that the amounts to be raised for this purpose are balanced by the two entries on the credit side of the Estimates. There are several other small credits received from estimated unexpended balances in the current year.

#### GENERAL PURPOSES.

Generally speaking there is no increase of importance in the estimate of expenditure now submitted under the heading General Purposes. You will, however, observe that the expenditure under the heading "Reformatory and Industrial Schools" has been increased from £1,123 to £2,318. This has been occasioned by the increased contributions payable to the Institutions not only for the coming year, but also for the current year. £500 of the amount entered covers a deficit for the current year.

I have again included a Loan for the provision of additional office accommodation at a cost of £833 in the first year, but you will observe that a similar amount raised for this purpose last year is now brought to credit under the heading of receipts.

I have included the sum of £430 for additional cost of clerical staff under the office re-organisation Scheme submitted by me to the Department.

Last year the sum of £550 was raised in the rates for the purpose of providing the salary of the new Secretary to be appointed. No expenditure took place under this heading, and the amount is now brought to credit.

#### INTEREST ON OVERDRAFT.

In your last year's Estimates it was necessary to provide the sum of £1,072. This sum covered the actual cost of overdraft accommodation for the year 1942/43. In the current year (1943/44) I estimate that the cost for overdraft accommodation will not exceed £263, and I have accordingly entered this sum to be raised in the coming year. The saving thus effected was possible owing to certain sums of arrears of Agricultural Grant having come to hand. Had these sums—approximately £15,000—not been brought to credit I would now be compelled to ask you to provide an additional sum of £600 for overdraft interest.

For your information I submit the Estimated Rates in the £ to meet your requirements in the coming Financial Year under the heading of each service, and I also set out the corresponding Estimated Rates which were submitted to meet your requirements in the current year, 1943/44.

	Proposed rate in £ as submitted last year	Proposed rate in £ for 1944/45
Roads	3/9d.	3/9½d.
Public Assistance	4/-	4/3½d.
Mental Hospital	1/10½d.	1/10½d.
Health Charges	11d.	11½d.
Housing Charges	1/8½d.	1/6¾d.
General Purposes Charges	2/7½d.	2/1¾d.
	14/10½d.	14/7¾d.

Yours faithfully,

P. T. HEALY, Wicklow County Manager.

County Council Offices,  
Courthouse, Wicklow;  
5th February, 1944.

### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL. ESTIMATES OF EXPENSES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON 31st MARCH, 1945. EXPENDITURE.

#### ROAD CHARGES. NATURE OF EXPENDITURE.

	To which Urban Districts contribute		From which Urban Districts are exempt.	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	s	£	s
Salaries:—				
County Surveyor (Salary £810, £200 for 1 year's travelling allowance, increment £20, and Motor Tax £16) (one-half charged to Roads)			523	0
Retiring Allowance—Ex-County Surveyor (Proportion of above two items chargeable to Arklow and Wicklow Urban Districts)			507	0
4 Assistant Surveyors (1 at £550 per annum; 1 at £530 per annum; 1 at £320 per annum; 1 at £300 per annum) (one-half charged to Roads)			850	0
Travelling Expenses not exceeding £600 per annum. (Proportion charged to Roads)			351	0
Temporary Engineer at £250 per annum. Travelling Expenses approximately £80			330	0
Second Temporary Engineer at £5 5s. per week. Expenses 1½d. per mile			300	0
Third Temporary Engineer (at same salary and with same expenses)			300	0
Clerks in County Surveyor's Office			628	0
Assistant Surveyors' Motor Tax Refunds (4 at varying amounts)			66	0
Bonus granted to members of Permanent Clerical Staff			110	0
Equipment purchased by County Surveyor in 1943 (including Map Cabinets, £12 12s. 8d.; Note Books; Graph Paper; Set Squares, etc.)			65	0
Equipment required for County Surveyor's Office (including Typewriter, £45 10s.; Tacheometer, £120; Filing Cabinets, £45; Level, £8; Planimeter, £8; Ranging Poles, £15; Other Items, £18)			260	0
				Nil



**COST OF ROAD WORKS SCHEME.**

**MAIN ROADS.**

Part I: Repairs—Trunk and Link Roads (comprising Main Roads in Bray Urban Area and the Main Roads in Group A to O of Road Works Scheme) .. .. .  
Part 2: Improvements:  
(a) Submitted by County Surveyor .. .. .  
(b) Submitted by County Councillors .. .. .  
(c) Loan Repayments as shown in Road Works Scheme .. .. .  
Main Road Contingencies .. .. .

**COUNTY ROADS.**

Repairs (comprising the County Roads in Groups A to O of the Road Works Scheme) .. .. .  
Improvements:  
(a) Submitted by County Surveyor .. .. .  
(b) Submitted by County Councillors .. .. .  
(c) Loan Repayments as shown in Road Works Scheme .. .. .  
County Roads Contingencies .. .. .

**OTHER EXPENDITURE.**

Printing and Stationery .. .. .  
Advertising .. .. .  
Rent, Rates, Fencing, etc.—Quarries .. .. .  
Insurance Premiums (including Debit for 1943/44 caused by increased percentage charges) .. .. .  
Stamp Duty—Paying Orders (after allowing credit for 1943/44) .. .. .  
Postage and Telephones (including £60 Debit for 1943/44) .. .. .  
Weighbridge—gross expenses for year .. .. .  
Miscellaneous .. .. .

	To which Urban Districts contribute		From which Urban Districts are exempt.	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
Part I: Repairs—Trunk and Link Roads (comprising Main Roads in Bray Urban Area and the Main Roads in Group A to O of Road Works Scheme) .. .. .	20000 0 0	20000 0 0		
Part 2: Improvements:				
(a) Submitted by County Surveyor .. .. .	3385 0 0	2283 0 0		
(b) Submitted by County Councillors .. .. .	3410 0 0	1260 0 0		
(c) Loan Repayments as shown in Road Works Scheme .. .. .	1460 0 0	1460 0 0		
Main Road Contingencies .. .. .	500 0 0	350 0 0		
<b>COUNTY ROADS.</b>				
Repairs (comprising the County Roads in Groups A to O of the Road Works Scheme) .. .. .			21400 0 0	21200 0 0
Improvements:				
(a) Submitted by County Surveyor .. .. .			3370 0 0	900 0 0
(b) Submitted by County Councillors .. .. .			18102 0 0	620 0 0
(c) Loan Repayments as shown in Road Works Scheme .. .. .			1677 0 0	1677 0 0
County Roads Contingencies .. .. .			400 0 0	250 0 0
<b>OTHER EXPENDITURE.</b>				
Printing and Stationery .. .. .	19 0 0	19 0 0	296 0 0	296 0 0
Advertising .. .. .	35 0 0	35 0 0	62 0 0	62 0 0
Rent, Rates, Fencing, etc.—Quarries .. .. .	63 0 0	63 0 0	14 0 0	14 0 0
Insurance Premiums (including Debit for 1943/44 caused by increased percentage charges) .. .. .	2388 0 0	2000 0 0	2239 0 0	2239 0 0
Stamp Duty—Paying Orders (after allowing credit for 1943/44) .. .. .	130 0 0	130 0 0	84 0 0	84 0 0
Postage and Telephones (including £60 Debit for 1943/44) .. .. .	125 0 0	125 0 0	210 0 0	210 0 0
Weighbridge—gross expenses for year .. .. .	54 0 0	30 0 0	73 0 0	73 0 0
Miscellaneous .. .. .				
	£31569 0 0	£27755 0 0	£52217 0 0	£31355 0 0

**RECEIPTS.**

**ROAD CHARGES.**

**Nature of Receipt.**

Death Duty Grant .. .. .  
Maintenance Grant from Road Fund for Trunk and Link Roads .. .. .  
Other Receipts:  
From Ministry—For erection of Road Signs .. .. .  
Refund Insurance Premiums .. .. .  
Local Contributions towards expenses of Public Works .. .. .  
Insurance Broker's Commission .. .. .  
Sale of Tar Drums .. .. .  
Sale of Material .. .. .  
Opening of Roads and other Refunds .. .. .  
Credit amount raised in 1943/44 for Loans for Repair of Bridges and Gulleys, Main and County Roads .. .. .  
Weighbridge—Estimated receipts from fees .. .. .  
Miscellaneous Receipts .. .. .  
Temporary Engineer—Raised 1943/44 £330. Expended £204—Credit .. .. .  
2nd Temporary Engineer—Raised 1943/44 £300. Expended £288. Credit .. .. .  
3rd Temporary Engineer—Raised 1943/44 £300. Expended £198. Credit .. .. .  
Clerks in County Surveyor's Office:  
Raised 1943/44—£600 .. .. .  
Expended £473. Credit: .. .. .

	In which Urban Districts participate.		In which Urban Districts do not participate.	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
Death Duty Grant .. .. .			800 0 0	800 0 0
Maintenance Grant from Road Fund for Trunk and Link Roads .. .. .	8000 0 0	8000 0 0		
Other Receipts:				
From Ministry—For erection of Road Signs .. .. .	47 0 0	47 0 0	24 0 0	24 0 0
Refund Insurance Premiums .. .. .	12 0 0	12 0 0	41 0 0	41 0 0
Local Contributions towards expenses of Public Works .. .. .	60 0 0	60 0 0	30 0 0	30 0 0
Insurance Broker's Commission .. .. .	85 0 0	85 0 0		
Sale of Tar Drums .. .. .	20 0 0	20 0 0	2 0 0	2 0 0
Sale of Material .. .. .	7 0 0	7 0 0	7 0 0	7 0 0
Opening of Roads and other Refunds .. .. .				
Credit amount raised in 1943/44 for Loans for Repair of Bridges and Gulleys, Main and County Roads .. .. .	642 0 0	642 0 0	847 0 0	847 0 0
Weighbridge—Estimated receipts from fees .. .. .	50 0 0	50 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0
Miscellaneous Receipts .. .. .	35 0 0	35 0 0		
Temporary Engineer—Raised 1943/44 £330. Expended £204—Credit .. .. .			126 0 0	126 0 0
2nd Temporary Engineer—Raised 1943/44 £300. Expended £288. Credit .. .. .			12 0 0	12 0 0
3rd Temporary Engineer—Raised 1943/44 £300. Expended £198. Credit .. .. .			102 0 0	102 0 0
Clerks in County Surveyor's Office: Raised 1943/44—£600 .. .. .			127 0 0	127 0 0
Expended £473. Credit: .. .. .				
	£38958 0 0		£1338 0 0	£2138 0 0



EXPENDITURE.

GENERAL PURPOSES CHARGES.

NATURE OF EXPENDITURE

Public Works:—

Repairs to Courthouses and Offices .. .. .

Salaries:—

County Manager (including Expenses and Deficit from 1943/44) .. .. .

County Secretary .. .. .

Chief Clerk and Accountant .. .. .

Assistant Accountant .. .. .

Six Clerks and One Temporary Clerk .. .. .

New appointments and increases under County Manager's Re-organisation Scheme .. .. .

Emergency Bonus granted to members of Permanent Clerical Staff .. .. .

Rate Inspector .. .. .

County Solicitor (Half his Salary) .. .. .

Under Sheriff .. .. .

VETERINARY INSPECTORS UNDER DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS.

S. Conway, V.S.—For former Ratdrum Union Area .. .. .

Same Naas No. 2 R.D. Area .. .. .

G. A. Morrin, V.S.—For former Baltinglass No. 1 R.D. Area .. .. .

Same Shillelagh R.D. Area .. .. .

W. J. Richardson, V.S.—Co. Wicklow's proportion of Rathdown Area .. .. .

VETERINARY INSPECTORS UNDER BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER.

S. Conway, V.S.—For same area as above .. .. .

Same do. .. .. .

G. A. Morrin, V.S. .. .. .

Same do. .. .. .

	To which Urban Districts contribute			From which Urban Districts are exempt.		
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council		Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	
	£ s d	£ s d		£ s d	£ s d	
Repairs to Courthouses and Offices .. .. .	500 0 0	300 0 0				
County Manager (including Expenses and Deficit from 1943/44) .. .. .	1543 0 0	1400 0 0				
County Secretary .. .. .	600 0 0	300 0 0				
Chief Clerk and Accountant .. .. .				450 0 0	450 0 0	
Assistant Accountant .. .. .				300 0 0	300 0 0	
Six Clerks and One Temporary Clerk .. .. .				1000 0 0	1000 0 0	
New appointments and increases under County Manager's Re-organisation Scheme .. .. .				430 0 0	430 0 0	
Emergency Bonus granted to members of Permanent Clerical Staff .. .. .				232 0 0	232 0 0	
Rate Inspector .. .. .				310 0 0	310 0 0	
County Solicitor (Half his Salary) .. .. .				300 0 0	300 0 0	
Under Sheriff .. .. .	200 0 0	200 0 0				
S. Conway, V.S.—For former Ratdrum Union Area .. .. .	70 0 0	70 0 0				
Same Naas No. 2 R.D. Area .. .. .	20 0 0	20 0 0				
G. A. Morrin, V.S.—For former Baltinglass No. 1 R.D. Area .. .. .	30 0 0	30 0 0				
Same Shillelagh R.D. Area .. .. .	25 0 0	25 0 0				
W. J. Richardson, V.S.—Co. Wicklow's proportion of Rathdown Area .. .. .	30 0 0	30 0 0				
S. Conway, V.S.—For same area as above .. .. .	40 0 0	40 0 0				
Same do. .. .. .	15 0 0	15 0 0				
G. A. Morrin, V.S. .. .. .	20 0 0	20 0 0				
Same do. .. .. .	17 10 0	17 10 0				

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To which Urban Districts contribute

From which Urban Districts are exempt.

W. J. Richardson, V.S. do. .. .. .

County Analyst (One-half Fees) .. .. .

Coroners' Salaries and Expenses of Inquests (£70 East Wicklow; £50 West Wicklow; Expenses £95) .. .. .

Temporary Clerks (for Applotting Rates, writing Demand Notes and Receipts, etc.) .. .. .

Court House Keepers .. .. .

Retiring Allowances—County Officers .. .. .

Cost of Rate Collection—Poundage, Preparing Group Books, etc. .. .. .

Rates written off 1942/43 Warrants; Discount 1943/44 and Remissions under Housing Acts, 1943/44 .. .. .

Part of the £11,915 c/f to 1943/1944 Warrants not likely to be collected .. .. .

Lists of Electors' and Jurors' Lists (including debit £159 from 1943/44) .. .. .

Estimated Loss on Turf Schemes .. .. .

Valuation Expenses .. .. .

To provide for Solicitor's outlay, etc. .. .. .

Printing and Stationery (including deficit 1943/44) .. .. .

Advertising Pleasure Resorts .. .. .

Other Advertisements .. .. .

Damage to Property under Neutrality Act .. .. .

Tramway Employees—Co. Wicklow's Proportion of Pensions .. .. .

Prosecutor's and Witnesses' Expenses .. .. .

Conveyance of Prisoners (including deficit from 1943/44) .. .. .

Weights and Measures .. .. .

Food and Drugs .. .. .

Rent and Expenses of Courthouses and Offices .. .. .

Reformatories and Industrial Schools (including deficit from 1943/44—£500) .. .. .

Expenses under Air Raid Precautions Act, 1939, chargeable to Functional Area .. .. .

Audit Expenses .. .. .

	To which Urban Districts contribute		From which Urban Districts are exempt.	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
W. J. Richardson, V.S. do. .. .. .	12 10 0	12 10 0		
County Analyst (One-half Fees) .. .. .	80 0 0	80 0 0		
Coroners' Salaries and Expenses of Inquests (£70 East Wicklow; £50 West Wicklow; Expenses £95) .. .. .	215 0 0	215 0 0		
Temporary Clerks (for Applotting Rates, writing Demand Notes and Receipts, etc.) .. .. .			457 0 0	457 0 0
Court House Keepers .. .. .			94 0 0	94 0 0
Retiring Allowances—County Officers .. .. .	188 0 0	188 0 0	39 0 0	39 0 0
Cost of Rate Collection—Poundage, Preparing Group Books, etc. .. .. .			4442 0 0	4242 0 0
Rates written off 1942/43 Warrants; Discount 1943/44 and Remissions under Housing Acts, 1943/44 .. .. .			1855 0 0	1855 0 0
Part of the £11,915 c/f to 1943/1944 Warrants not likely to be collected .. .. .			3000 0 0	Nil
Lists of Electors' and Jurors' Lists (including debit £159 from 1943/44) .. .. .	1740 0 0	1500 0 0		
Estimated Loss on Turf Schemes .. .. .	175 0 0	175 0 0		
Valuation Expenses .. .. .			63 0 0	63 0 0
To provide for Solicitor's outlay, etc. .. .. .	62 0 0	62 0 0	381 0 0	381 0 0
Printing and Stationery (including deficit 1943/44) .. .. .	316 0 0	200 0 0		
Advertising Pleasure Resorts .. .. .	10 0 0	10 0 0	71 0 0	71 0 0
Other Advertisements .. .. .	525 0 0	525 0 0		
Damage to Property under Neutrality Act .. .. .			1025 0 0	1025 0 0
Tramway Employees—Co. Wicklow's Proportion of Pensions .. .. .	60 0 0	60 0 0		
Prosecutor's and Witnesses' Expenses .. .. .	195 0 0	180 0 0		
Conveyance of Prisoners (including deficit from 1943/44) .. .. .	216 0 0	200 0 0		
Weights and Measures .. .. .	93 0 0	93 0 0		
Food and Drugs .. .. .	318 0 0	318 0 0	30 0 0	30 0 0
Rent and Expenses of Courthouses and Offices .. .. .				
Reformatories and Industrial Schools (including deficit from 1943/44—£500) .. .. .	2318 0 0	2000 0 0		
Expenses under Air Raid Precautions Act, 1939, chargeable to Functional Area .. .. .			125 0 0	125 0 0
Audit Expenses .. .. .			60 0 0	60 0 0

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	In which Urban Districts participate.		From which Urban Districts are exempt.	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
County Circulating Library Scheme (including £140 for Libraries at Greystones, Enniskerry, Kilmacanogue and Curtletstown)			788 0 0	788 0 0
To meet increases in Co. Librarian's Salary			50 0 0	50 0 0
Compensation paid under Bovine Tuberculosis Order	60 0 0	60 0 0		
Cattle Diseases Fund	320 0 0	320 0 0		
Sheep Dipping (including deficit from 1943/44—£60)	1025 0 0	900 0 0		
Warble Fly Order, 1936				
Insurance Premiums	45 0 0	45 0 0	110 0 0	110 0 0
Expenses Combined Purchasing Act	175 0 0	175 0 0		
Postage and Telephones	23 0 0	23 0 0	329 0 0	329 0 0
Local Authorities Officers and Employees Act (including deficit from 1943/44—£15)	145 0 0	145 0 0		
Interest on Overdraft			263 0 0	200 0 0
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts—Preliminary Expenses			100 0 0	Nil
Provision for Payment of Travelling Expenses of Members of the County Council to Meetings	296 0 0	250 0 0		
Pensions—Late Union Officers	1197 0 0	1197 0 0		
Pensions—Late R.D. Councils' Officers			168 0 0	168 0 0
Preliminary Expenses—Seeds Scheme, 1944	50 0 0	Nil		
University Scholarships—3 at £70	210 0 0	210 0 0		
Secondary School Scholarships in accordance with Schemes approved	905 0 0	905 0 0		
To raise 10 year Loan of £6,000 to build additions to the Offices of County Secretary; County Surveyor and County Registrar			833 0 0	833 0 0
Exploring for Lime—Resolution of Council, 13th Dec., 1943			150 0 0	150 0 0
Other Expenditure—Miscellaneous Items	67 0 0	67 0 0	235 0 0	200 0 0
Money supplied to:—				
County Committee of Agriculture			2774 0 0	2774 0 0
Same—Special item for Extension of Schemes— 3d. in £			756 0 0	700 0 0
<b>TOTAL GENERAL PURPOSES</b>	<b>£14152 0 0</b>	<b>£12583 0 0</b>	<b>£21220 0 0</b>	<b>£17766 0 0</b>
Money supplied to:—				
Grangegorman Mental Hospital	£31093 0 0	£31093 0 0		

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## RECEIPTS.

GENERAL PURPOSES CHARGES. NATURE OF RECEIPT.	In which Urban Districts participate.		In which Urban Districts do not participate.	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
Bounty in lieu of Rates on State Property			2960 0 0	2960 0 0
Any other Grants:—				
(1) Recoupment of Agricultural Grants withheld— already received			13423 0 0	13423 0 0
(2)				
Recoupment from Paymaster-General for Expenses of Prosecutors and Witnesses	60 0 0	60 0 0		
Salary raised for new County Secretary in 1943/44—Cr.	550 0 0	550 0 0		
Fines under Food and Drugs Acts	14 0 0	14 0 0		
Clerks County Secretary's Office—Credit from 1943/44	90 0 0	90 0 0		
Recoupment under Diseases of Animals Acts	343 0 0	343 0 0		
" " " " for Sheep Dipping	512 0 0	512 0 0		
" " " " Warble Fly Order, 1936				
Fees formerly paid to Co. Sec. and now refundable by him:				
(1) Franchise Fees	360 0 0	360 0 0		
(2) Motor Registration	117 0 0	117 0 0		
(3) Poisons Licences, etc.	7 0 0	7 0 0	175 0 0	175 0 0
Air Raid Precautions—Adjustment (Credit from 1943/44)				
Interest from County Account			61 0 0	61 0 0
Other Receipts:				
Tramway Employees Pensions—Credit £61 raised 1943/44	360 0 0	360 0 0		
Refund of Registration Officers' Expenses				
Recoupment of Pensions—Late Union Officers—(1) from Co. Carlow £45; (2) from Co. Kildare £23	68 0 0	68 0 0		
Credit Rate Inspector's remuneration—unexpended balance of amount raised in 1943/44	309 0 0	309 0 0	122 0 0	122 0 0
Damage to Property Neutrality Act—Cr. from 1943/44				
To be demanded from Arklow Urban Council—under Library Acts—proceeds 1½d. in £ for transfer to Co. Library Committee				
To be demanded from Wicklow Urban District:—proceeds of 0½d. in £ for transfer to Co. Library Committee				
Same—A.R.P. Expenditure			833 0 0	833 0 0
Loan from New Offices—Cr. from 1943/44				
<b>TOTAL GENERAL PURPOSES</b>	<b>£2790 0 0</b>	<b>£2790 0 0</b>	<b>£17574 0 0</b>	<b>£17574 0 0</b>
Grant in Aid of Maintenance of Mental Patients	£2736 0 0	£2736 0 0		

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## EXPENDITURE.

	To which Urban Districts contribute		From which Urban Districts are exempt.	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
<b>COUNTY COUNCIL SEPARATE CHARGES.</b>	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board Compensation for Criminal Injury to be levied over Baltinglass No. 1 Rural Area	2667 0 0	2667 0 0	84 0 0	84 0 0
Wicklow Harbour Loan	181 0 0	181 0 0	62 0 0	62 0 0
Repayment of Loans raised by late Boards of Guardians				
Payments of Pensions—Ex-Officers of County Councils			103 0 0	103 0 0
Repayment of Tramway Commutations Pensions Loan Vocational Education Committee—			330 0 0	330 0 0
Demand				
Repayment of Loans	3863 0 0	3863 0 0		
Retiring Allowance—Nicholas Pender £94	467 0 0	467 0 0		
" " Miss I. M. Tarrant £52	146 0 0	146 0 0		
<b>TOTAL SEPARATE CHARGES</b>	£7324 0 0	£7324 0 0	£579 0 0	£579 0 0

## RECEIPTS.

	In which Urban Districts do participate.		In which Urban Districts do not participate.	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Recoupment from Department of Education of Half the Expenses of Loan for Vocational Education School Buildings (to be credited to Vocational Education Area)	234 0 0	234 0 0		
Recoupment proportion Pensions—Department £73	83 0 0	83 0 0		
" " Leitrim £6				
" " Sligo £4				
<b>TOTAL</b>	£317 0 0	£317 0 0		

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

## PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING SECTIONS.

Herewith Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure of the Council acting as the Sanitary and Housing Authority, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1945.

The Estimate is divided into four Sections, viz.:

(1) General Charges, which are chargeable on the County Health District, i.e., the County exclusive of the Urban Districts of Arklow, Bray, and Wicklow; (2) Housing Charges, also chargeable on the County Health District; (3) Joint District Charges, which are chargeable on the County as a whole, including the Urban Districts above-mentioned; (4) Separate Charges, which are chargeable on certain specified areas defined in Sealed Orders made from time to time by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

**GENERAL CHARGES.**—The various matters dealt with under this head are shown in the Table attached, together with the estimated expenditure in respect of each item. The Estimate for the current year was £8,947. This figure must be increased in respect of the coming financial year by £1,053. The principal increases are as follows:—

Salaries and Wages £379, to meet casual wage increases and War Emergency Bonuses payable to Officers; Office Expenses £100, to meet increases in cost of Books, Forms, Stationery, and printing; Vaccination Acts £100, to meet the cost of vaccination fees payable to Medical Officers under the Acts. Owing to the strict compliance by the County Manager with the Vaccination Regulations, work under this head is steadily on the increase; Diphtheria Immunisation £150. Having regard to a severe epidemic of Diphtheria during the current year, there is steady increase in the number of children being immunised, and in these circumstances expenditure on sera and fees paid to Medical Officers for immunisation is increasing; Fire Brigades Act £100, to purchase protective clothing for fire-fighting squads; Burial Ground Caretakers £100, to meet cost of remuneration of caretakers of at least 4 new Burial Grounds at present being provided, and £100 additional to carry out extra repairs, fencing and maintenance work on some of the old Burial Grounds in the County.

**HOUSING CHARGES.**—Under this head is dealt with all operations under the Labourers Acts, 1883 to 1932. The estimated expenditure in respect of current year was £52,282, and for the coming year I am placing the figure at £51,014, i.e., a reduction of £1,268. Provision for Cottage Repairs will show a reduction of £2,000, whilst poundage to Rent Collectors and Loans Charges will increase by £732 in consequence of the fact that in spite of the many difficulties encountered as a result of emergency conditions, cottages still are, though to a limited extent, being provided. Over 200 cottages have been repaired in the first nine months of the current financial year, which figure creates a record. No provision is being made for loan repayment in respect of the additional housing scheme now contemplated by the Council, as it may be taken for granted that it would not in any circumstances have progressed sufficiently in the coming financial year to make it necessary to budget for expenditure on its behalf. Under the Schemes promoted by the late Board of Health, 1,664 houses have been erected, 79 houses are in progress, and 101 have not yet been commenced. Building progress has had to be considerably slowed down by reason of the shortage of building materials, and the quality of timber supplies available.

**RECEIPTS.**—Receipts from all sources under the heads Health District Charges and Housing Charges for the coming financial year are estimated at £33,751, as against £33,654 for the current year. Neither the amount of Housing Subsidy nor income from Cottage Rents reached the anticipated figure during the current year, by reason of the fact that Cottages were not completed as quickly as was originally expected.



Summarised, the foregoing gives an estimated expenditure of £61,016 under the head General Charges and Housing. Estimated Receipts amount to £33,751, leaving a nett sum of £27,265 to be raised on rates of the County Health District of Wicklow. As the amount raised under same head in current year was £27,577, there is a reduction of £317.

As already pointed out, expenses under these heads are chargeable on the County Health District as a Unit.

**JOINT DISTRICT CHARGES.**—A sum of £9,241 was estimated for the service in current year.

Due to transport difficulties, Medical Inspection of School Children had to be curtailed considerably, and Cod Liver Oil and other such foods could not be obtained in the usual quantities for use of Tuberculosis patients, with the result that expenditure on the County Tuberculosis and Schools Medical Service Schemes did not reach the anticipated figures. Consequently, without fear of impairing any of the services concerned, I am enabled to reduce the estimated figure for the coming year by £886.

Receipts under Joint District Charges are estimated at £4,425, leaving a nett sum of £3,930 to be provided for in the coming year. The current year's Estimate was £2,751, thus an increase of £1,179 is shown for the coming year. The current year's low estimate resulted from substantial credit balance from the previous year.

**SEPARATE CHARGES.**—Receipts and Expenditure under the various areas of Charge are set out in detail on the Table attached, and it will be observed that I have omitted making provision for major Schemes of Water Supply and Sewerage, etc., for the reason that with the exception of water supply for Monastery, Enniskerry, no plans in relation to major schemes have been prepared. Even if such plans are submitted during the coming financial year, it can safely be assumed that no repayment of Loan Instalment would have to be made in the period, as the approval of plans by the Local Government Department and the time which must necessarily elapse between the issue of the advertisement inviting tenders and the date when a payment on account to the Contractor would become due, as well as the extended period taken to comply with the terms of the Local Government Act, 1927, in relating to borrowing, would preclude speedy handling of such a Scheme. In the case of the proposed Monastery Water Supply it was found as a result of Bacteriological examination made on two occasions that the water from the proposed source was not safe for drinking purposes. In the case of similar schemes, it has been held by the Local Government Department (e.g., Glenealy Water Supply) that the carrying out of such works under the existing emergency conditions was not economic.

In Table B I have set out the effect on the rates for each Rural District in the County and on the Urban Areas in respect of the Estimate of the Council under the heads—Public Assistance, Public Health, Housing, Joint District Charges, and Separate Charges, together with the rate in £ for these services for current year. From a comparison of these figures it will be seen that Baltinglass Rural District shows a small increase of ½d. in the £; Rathdown Rural District a decrease of 4½d. in the £; Rathdrum Rural District of decrease of 2½d. in the £; and there is no change in the case of Shillelagh Rural District.

In respect of the Urban Areas of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow, which share only in the Public Assistance and Joint District Charges portions of these Estimates, it is regretted that the nett increase over last year's rate amounts to approximately 5d. in the £.

P. T. HEALY,  
Wicklow County Manager.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING SECTIONS.**  
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, FINANCIAL YEAR  
ENDING 31st MARCH, 1945.  
**HEALTH DISTRICT CHARGES (GENERAL):**—  
Salaries and Wages, Office Staff, Public Health Nurse, Medical

Officers of Health, Sanitary Sub-Officers, Veterinary Surgeons, etc.	£2800
Superannuation (3 Officers)	105
Remuneration, Burial Ground Caretakers	450
Repairs and maintenance, Burial Grounds	250
Fire Brigades Act	250
Vaccination Acts	300
Maternity and Child Welfare	40
Free Milk Schemes: Cost of Milk	1143
Administration	57
Office Expenses, Books, Forms, Printing, Advertising, etc.	500
Shops Act (Inspectors' remuneration)	55
Insurance Premiums	950
Replacing Clothing and Bedding destroyed (fever outbreak)	400
Analyst's Fees (water)	30
Diphtheria Immunisation	150
Notification of Infectious Diseases	10
Legal Outlay	50
Derelict Sites Act	100
Other Miscellaneous Expenditure	400
Loan Charges: Arklow Cemetery Extension	330
Seven New Burial Grounds	660
Fire Brigades Act (Equipment)	975
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£10002</b>

**HOUSING CHARGES:**

Salaries of Engineers and Law Agent	£822
Cost of Cottage Rent Collection	1610
Cottage Repairs	2000
Loan Charges	42250
Rates on Cottages (Rates on S.D. Act)	4132
Other Miscellaneous Labourers Acts Expenses	200
<b>Total</b>	<b>51014</b>

**GROSS TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING** .. .. . **£61016**

**RECEIPTS:**

Public Health Charges:—	
Burial Fees	£100
Child Welfare Grant	20
Free Milk Grant	1140
Government Recoupment Sanitary Salaries	216
Miscellaneous	25
	<b>£1501</b>

**Housing Charges:—**

Cottage Rents and Rents in lieu of Rates (Rates on S.D. Act)	£15100
State Subsidy (Housing, Fin. and Misc. Prvns. Act, 1932)	17150
	<b>£32250</b>

**Total Public Health and Housing Receipts** .. .. . **£33751**

**Nett sum to be raised on Rates of County Health District** .. .. . **£27265**

**PUBLIC HEALTH SECTION:****JOINT DISTRICT CHARGES.**

Estimated Expenditure:	
Tuberculosis Acts	£6600
Prevention and Treatment of Disease	400
Midwives Act	70



Schools Medical Service .. .. .	1100	
Blind Persons Act .. .. .	185	
<b>Total Expenditure .. .. .</b>		<b>£8355</b>
<b>Estimated Receipts:</b>		
National Tuberculosis Grant .. .. .	£2750	
Tuberculosis Block Grant .. .. .	680	
Recoupment of Maintenance in T.B. Institutions .. .. .	20	
Government Grant, Prevention and Treatment of Disease .. .. .	375	
Government Grant, Schools Medical Service .. .. .	600	
<b>Total Receipts .. .. .</b>		<b>£4425</b>
Nett sum to be met from Rates on County at Large .. .. .		<b>£3930</b>
<b>PUBLIC HEALTH SECTION.</b>		
<b>SEPARATE CHARGES.</b>		
No. 1—Baltinglass Rural District:		
Salaries and Wages, Waterworks and Sewerage Caretakers .. .. .	£200	
Maintenance and Repairs, Water Supplies and Sewerages .. .. .	500	
Public Lighting, Dunlavin and Baltinglass .. .. .	130	
Repayment of Loans .. .. .	1620	
Provisions for such new works of a minor nature as may be decided on .. .. .	300	
<b>Estimated Receipts:</b>		<b>£2750</b>
Estimated Cr. Balance on 31/3/44 .. .. .	875	
Water Rents and Rates .. .. .	204	
		<b>1079</b>
Nett amount to be raised .. .. .		<b>£1671</b>
Current year's Demand £1913; Decrease £242.		
No. 6—Rathdown Rural District:		
Salaries and Wages, Waterworks and Sewerage Caretakers .. .. .	£60	
Maintenance and Repair to Waterworks and Sewerages .. .. .	200	
Repayment of Loans (existing Loans) .. .. .	1080	
Provision for such new works of a minor nature as may be decided upon .. .. .	300	
<b>Estimated Receipts:</b>		<b>£1640</b>
Estimated Cr. Balance on 31/3/44 .. .. .	£557	
Water Rates and Rents .. .. .	25	
		<b>582</b>
Nett amount to be raised .. .. .		<b>£1058</b>
Current year £2148; Decrease £1090.		
No. 8—Parish of Dengany (Greystones Sewers):		
Salary of Caretaker .. .. .	£90	
Repairs and Maintenance .. .. .	20	
Repayment of Loan .. .. .	350	
<b>Estimated Dr. Balance on 31/3/44 .. .. .</b>		<b>£460</b>
		<b>26</b>
<b>Total to be raised .. .. .</b>		<b>£486</b>

Current year's Demand £490; Decrease £4.		
No. 9—Powerscourt Disp. District (Enniskerry Sewers):		
Salary of Caretaker .. .. .	£30	
Maintenance .. .. .	10	
<b>Estimated Cr. Balance on 31/3/44 .. .. .</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>Total to be raised .. .. .</b>		<b>£32</b>
Current year's Demand £40; Decrease £8.		
Nos. 10 and all—Greystones Electoral Division:		
Greystones Sanitary Conveniences, Dumping Ground, Protection Wall, Beach Scavenging, Greystones and Killincarrig Lighting:		
Salary of Caretaker .. .. .	£10	
Maintenance and Scavenging .. .. .	50	
Rats Extermination .. .. .	32	
Public Lighting .. .. .	558	
Repayment of Loan .. .. .	145	
<b>Total to be raised .. .. .</b>		<b>£795</b>
Current year's Demand £1113; Decrease £318.		
No. 12—Rathdrum Rural District:		
Estimated Expenditure:		
Salaries of Waterworks and Sewerage Caretakers .. .. .	£350	
Repairs and Maintenance, Waterworks & Sewers .. .. .	500	
Repayment of Loans .. .. .	1770	
Provision for any new works of a minor nature as may be decided on .. .. .	1500	
<b>Total Expenditure .. .. .</b>		<b>£4120</b>
Receipts: Estimated Cr. Bal. on 31/3/44 .. .. .	1730	
Water Rate and Rents .. .. .	250	
		<b>1980</b>
<b>Total sum to be raised .. .. .</b>		<b>£2140</b>
Current year's Demand £5042; Decrease £2902.		
No. 15—Newcastle Dispensary District:		
Kilpeddar Sewers, Water Supplies at Newtownmount-kennedy, Kilpeddar, Killadreenan & Downs:		
Salaries of Caretakers .. .. .	£40	
Dublin Corporation for Water used .. .. .	70	
Repairs .. .. .	10	
Repayment of Loan .. .. .	34	
<b>Estimated Credit Balance on 31/3/44 .. .. .</b>		<b>£154</b>
		<b>12</b>
<b>Nett sum to be raised .. .. .</b>		<b>£142</b>
Current year's Demand £104; Increase £38.		
No. 20—Shillelagh Rural District:		
Estimated Expenditure: Salaries of Caretakers of Water Supplies and Sewers .. .. .		
Repairs & Maintenance, Water Supplies & Sewers .. .. .	£125	
Loans Repayments .. .. .	100	
Provision for any new works of a minor nature as may be decided upon .. .. .	675	
	200	
<b>Total Expenditure .. .. .</b>		<b>£1100</b>
Receipts:		
Water Rates and Rent .. .. .	£93	
Small Dwelling Annuities, Tinahely .. .. .	95	
		<b>188</b>
<b>Nett sum to be raised .. .. .</b>		<b>£912</b>



No.	Area of Charge.	Current year's Demand £1347, Decrease £435.	Other Separate Charges (Public Lighting):	Total Expenditure:
23	Blessington E.D.—Blessington	..	..	£43
24	Carnew E.D.—Carnew	..	..	40
27	Newcastle Upr. E.D.—Newtown-Mt.-Kdy.	..	..	28
28	Rathdrum E.D.—Rathdrum	..	..	78
30	Wicklow Rural E.D.—Rathnew	..	..	36
33	Delgany E.D.—Delgany	..	..	71
34	Humewood E.D.—Kiltegan	..	..	24
40	Glenealy E.D.—Ashford	..	..	23

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND HOUSING SECTIONS, RATHDRUM.

TABLE B.

District.	Public Assistance Charges.	Rate in £	Public Health & Housing Charges.	Rate in £	Joint District Charges.	Rate in £	Separate Charges.	Rate in £	Total Rate for coming year.	Present Total Rate in £
Balinglass Rural District	£64,990	4/3	£27,265	2/2½	£3,930	3d.	£1671	6½d.	7/2½	7/2½
Additional to (Blessington E.D.)							Lighting	2½d.	2½(x)	2½
Balinglass R.D. (Humewood E.D.)	£64,990	4/3	£27,265	2/2½	£3,930	3d.	£1,058	7d.	7/3½	7/8
Rathdown No. 2 R. District							Lighting	4d.	4d.(x)	4d.
Additional to Rathdown R.D.										
Delgany E.D.	£64,990	4/3	£27,265	2/2½	£3,930	3d.	£2,140	4½d.	7/1	7/3½
Rathdrum Rural District							Lighting	1d.	1d.(x)	1d.
Additional to R'dru m.R.D.:							do.	1d.	3d(x)	3d.
Newcastle Upr. E.D.							do.	1d.	1d.(x)	1d.
Rathdrum E.D.							do.	3d.	3d.(x)	3d.
Wicklow Rural E.D.							do.	6½d.	7/2½	7/2½
Glenealy E.D.	£64,990	4/3	£27,265	2/2½	£3,930	3d.	£912	6½d.	7/2½	7/2½
Shillelagh Rural District							Lighting	2d.	2d.(x)	2d.
Additional to Shillelagh R.D.:										
Carnew E.D.					£3,930	3d.	—	—	4/6	4½d.
Bray U.D.C.	£64,990	4/3	—	—	£3,930	3d.	—	—	4/6	4½d.
Arklow U.D.C.	£64,990	4/3	—	—	£3,930	3d.	—	—	4/6	4½d.
Wicklow U.D.C.	£64,990	4/3	—	—	£3,930	3d.	—	—	4/6	4½d.

N.B.—Items marked (x)—The item of Public Lighting appears in the Separate Charges column, and, in addition to the Total Rate applicable to, say, the Balinglass Rural District as a whole, the ratepayers in the Blessington Electoral Division and in the Humewood (Kiltegan) E.D. must pay, respectively, a sum of 2½d. and 2½d. in the £. Thus the entire rate in respect of these Estimates chargeable on a holding in Blessington E.D. is the general Rate of 7/3½d. plus the further charge in respect of lighting, 2½d., bringing the Rate in this Electoral Division to 7/5½d. in the £.

In the other cases similar additions in certain Electoral Divisions are made to the general Rate obtaining in the Rural District in question as a whole.



**PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SECTION.**

The Estimate of Receipts and Expenditure of the Council, acting as the Public Assistance Authority, for the service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1945, is submitted herewith, and the following is a summary of its provisions:—

**DISTRICT INSTITUTIONS.**—Under this head is dealt with the County Home, Rathdrum (300 beds) for aged and infirm poor persons, idiots and imbeciles, unmarried mothers, chronic invalids, and certain classes of able-bodied destitute persons; the County Hospital, Wicklow (30 beds), for the treatment of certain classes of Medical and Surgical cases from East and North Wicklow, that is, the former Rathdrum and Rathdown Rural Districts; the District Hospital, Baltinglass (50 beds), which, similarly, treats cases from West and South Wicklow, surgical treatment, on a fairly large scale, however, is carried out at this Institution; the County Fever Hospital at Wicklow (15 beds), which caters for all such Fever Cases (as far as bed accommodation permits), arising in North, South, and East Wicklow. Fever Cases from West Wicklow are sent to the new Fever Hospital at Naas, Co. Kildare. The estimated expenditure for the service of these Institutions during the coming financial year is placed at £22,029, as against £21,231 in respect of the current year. The present indications are that the provision made in this year will be entirely insufficient. The increase of £798 is intended to provide against the ever-increasing costs of all classes of foods used in these Institutions, and also for increases in the salaries of certain officers in respect of Emergency bonuses; increased costs of clothing, etc. The upward trend in costs of maintenance of patients in these Institutions is illustrated by the following table which gives average weekly costs per patient in respect of food, fuel and light, washing and cleaning, and clothing and bedding for each of the last five years ending 30th September, 1943, viz.—

	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
Co. Home	7/2d.	8/5d.	9/-	10/8d.	11/3d.
Co. Hospital	10/10d.	13/6d.	14/11d.	17/1½d.	18/6d.
District Hospital	12/5d.	14/2d.	14/11d.	16/10½d.	18/4½d.

There are no indications at the moment that prices have stabilised at even the figures quoted for 1943. In this respect, comparative prices of the principal foods during the last 6 years is of interest. They are taken from the tenders for supply to the County Home and accepted in December in each year:—

	Bread per 4 lbs.	Beef per lb.	Mutton per lb.	Bacon per lb.	Eggs doz.
1938	8d.	3½d.	5½d.	10½d.	1/5d.
1939	9½d.	5½d.	7d.	1/1d.	1/7d.
1940	10½d.	6½d.	9½d.	1/1½d.	2/-
1941	9½d.	1/2d.	11d.	1/7½d.	2/6d.
1942	11½d.	10½d.	1/3d.	2/2d.	2/9d.
1943	11½d.	1/2d.	1/8d.	2/4d.	3/3d.

**HOME ASSISTANCE.**—The Public Assistance Act, 1939, charges the County Manager with the responsibility for assisting persons who: (a) being permanently disabled by infirmity of mind or body are unable to maintain themselves or their dependents; or (b) being disabled by infirmity arising from old age are unable to maintain themselves or their dependents.

Each case must be thoroughly investigated by the County Manager, through the Assistance Officers, before a weekly allowance of Home Assistance is granted. All cases receiving Home Assistance must be reviewed by the Manager at least once in every three months. The provision of £19,000 from Rates in respect of the current year is likely to be overexpended by at least £1,200. Although individual allowances have in no case been increased by anything approaching figures to correspond with the increases in the prices of food and clothing, such increases as have been made were unavoidable and they result in the estimated over-expenditure above referred to. For the coming year I am placing the figure at £20,550, made up as follows:—

Assistance in cash to permanent recipients, £17,000; a sum of £3,550 in kind for assistance resulting from cases of sudden illness or other urgent necessity, and for fuel supplied under Fuel Schemes in the Urban Areas. Under existing circumstances, the requirement under this head would be much greater, but I anticipate some relief as a result of the proposed granting of Childrens' Allowances and increases in Old Age and Widows and Orphans Pensions. In respect of the Special Food Voucher Scheme, I am repeating the figure of the current year's Government Grant, i.e., £4,705. No intimation has yet been received as to whether this Grant will be forthcoming for the year 1944/45. If no Grant is received, of course, the issue of these Special Food Vouchers must be discontinued. The estimated figures for Boarded Out Children, Salaries of Assistance Officers, Postage and other expenses vary very little from those contained in the current year's estimate.

**MAINTENANCE IN EXTERN HOSPITALS.**—Under this head is included the cost of maintenance of all patients sent by Dispensary Medical Officers or the Medical Officers of the County Institutions to Dublin Hospitals. The patients dealt with thereunder are comprised mostly of cases of Diseases of the eyes, complicated Maternity, cancer, and those requiring Specialised Medical or Surgical treatment. In respect of the current financial year I estimated the cost of this service at £6,168. This figure, however, was reduced by the County Council to £5,668; by March 31st, 1944, it is likely that a sum of £6,100 will have been expended. I am placing the figure for the coming period at £5,500. The reduction is made in the hope that under the new National Health Insurance (Additional Benefits) (Hospitals) Scheme, a saving of £600 may be effected. The scheme referred to provides for the recoupment of the cost of a maximum of 8 weeks maintenance at 42s. a week, in the case of each insured person qualified for treatment or benefit. A person is said to be in benefit under the Scheme when he or she has been a member of the Society for 3 years and has at least 104 contributions paid in respect of that period. In all cases sent for treatment to extern hospitals on the recommendation of Medical Officers, the approval of the Co. Manager must be obtained. Each such Medical Officer is required to satisfy the Manager that the patient could not be satisfactorily treated in any of the County Institutions. The daily charges per patient made by the various Dublin Hospitals have been increased in practically every case by amounts varying from 1s. 6d. to 4s. 6d.

**MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.**—A sum of £10,590 was provided in respect of the current financial year for this service. It includes the cost of salaries of 17 Dispensary Medical Officers, 18 Midwives, 26 Caretakers of Dispensaries and Dispensary Depots, Rents of Dispensary Residences, Dispensary and Dispensary Depots, Medicines, and Medical and Surgical Appliances used by Dispensary Medical Officers and Midwives, and the maintenance and repair of nine Dispensary Residences and 26 Dispensary Depots and Dispensaries. I am reducing my estimate from last year's figure to £10,372 for the service of the coming financial year, as Repairs to two Dispensary Residences of a non-recurring nature were effected in the current year. The Expenditure under this head, being very much of a fixed nature, can be estimated with a fair degree of accuracy.

**OTHER EXPENDITURE.**—Estimated expenditure on the various items under this head approximates closely to the actual expenditure during the current year, and shows no appreciable change from last year's estimate. The same remarks apply to items appearing under the head General Administration.

**RECEIPTS.**—Receipts from all sources during the coming financial year are estimated at £11,212, or £570 in excess of the estimated Receipts for the current year. It is hoped here also, as in the case of Extern Hospitals, that an additional sum of £500 may be received in respect of National Health Insured patients treated in the County Institutions.

Summarized, the foregoing figures indicate an estimated expenditure of £71,540, to which must be added an estimated Debt Balance of £4,662 at the close of the current financial year, making a total liability of £76,202. On the Credit side, estimated receipts amount to £11,212, leaving a nett sum



of £64,990 to be provided from Rates for the service of the coming financial year. The total amount provided for in the current year was £59,398; the increase, therefore, is £3,892, being equivalent to approximately 3d. in the £ on the rateable valuation of the County.

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.**  
**PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SECTION.**

Estimate of Receipts and Expenditure for Financial Year ending 31st March, 1945.

**EXPENDITURE.**

**District Institutions:**

	£
Salaries and Wages of Medical Officers, Nurses, and other Staff	4,750
Superannuation, Medical Officer, Co. Home, and 1 Cook	147
Food, Drink and Tobacco	8,880
Farm Expenses	130
Washing and Cleaning	80
Medicines	500
Fuel and Light	5,000
Clothing and Bedding	650
Furniture, Crockery and Hardware	90
Medical and Surgical Appliances	300
Repairs and Upkeep	500
Rents, Rates, and Taxes	52
Repayment of Loans	550
Miscellaneous	400
	£22,029

**Home Assistance:**

Assistance in Cash	17,000
Urgent Assistance in kind, including Fuel Scheme in Urban Areas	3,550
Government Grant, Special Food Voucher Scheme	4,705
Boarded-Out Children	2,500
Salaries of Assistance Officers	1,200
Officers' Postage and other Home Assistance expenditure	120
	£29,075

**Maintenance in Extern Institutions**

**Medical Assistance:**

	£2,275
Salaries and Wages of Dispensary Medical Officers, Midwives, Dispensary Caretakers, etc	7,250
Superannuation	847
Medicines and Medical Appliances	1,300
Repairs and Upkeep	100
Rents, Rates, and Taxes	300
Pathological Exams., Consultations, etc	400
Repayment of Loans	120
Other Medical Assistance Expenditure	55
	£10,372

**Other Expenditure:**

Ambulance Service	1,000
Other transport of patients	400
Burials of Poor Persons	500
Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages	345
Lunacy Fees	30
	£2,275

**Forward**

**General Administration:**

Salaries and Wages, Office Staff, and Infant Protection Visitors	1,075
Superannuation	78
Printing, Stationery, Books, Forms, and Advertising, etc	300
	£69,251

Postage and Telephones	260
Insurance Premiums	450
Miscellaneous	126
	£2,289
Total Expenditure	£71,540
Estimated Dr. Balance on 31st March, 1944	£4,662
	Total Liability £76,202

**Receipts:**

Estate Duty to be received	800
Estate Duty recouped	900
Refunds of Assistance, i.e., Cost of Maintenance in Institutions, and Refunds of Home Assistance	4,300
Food Voucher Scheme (Government Grant)	4,700
Refund of Assistance (Unemployment Period) Order	400
Medical and Educational Recoupment from Government Funds	1,562
Other Miscellaneous Receipts	250
	£12,912
Total Receipts	£12,912
Nett sum to be raised on Rates	£63,290
Current Year's Demand	£59,398
	Increase .. £3,892

Increase of £5,592 is equivalent to approximately Threepence in the £.

P. T. HEALY,

Wicklow County Manager.

2nd February, 1944.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That the County Manager's Reports on the Estimate of Expenses and Determination of Rates in the £ (Form E.1), for the financial year ending 31st March, 1945, as printed and circulated to each Member of Wicklow County Council, be, and they are hereby approved and adopted subject to the reduction made at this day's Meeting having been first made therein in the several calculations of the Rate.

Passed.

The County Manager suggested to the Council the advisability of considering his Estimates item by item. A protracted discussion followed, after which the considered views of the County Council were embodied in the following resolution, which was

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That this County Council is of opinion that whilst it is desirable that the Council's overdraft should be kept to the lowest possible figure, we hold the very definite view that this Council's liabilities should so far as possible be spread over the greatest number of years obtainable and for that reason we hereby urge the County Manager to effect a substantial reduction in his Estimates for 1944/45 so as to bring the General Rates, which are hereby adopted by us to-day for the year 1944/45, down to the Rate adopted for the year 1942/43, i.e., 12s. 10d., and we suggest to him that this reduction can be effected by using the £15,000 lodged in the shape of withheld Grants after the adoption of the 1943/1944 Rates, together with the further withheld Grants that we believe will be received within the next two months.

Passed—the Vice-Chairman objecting.

The Secretary explained that the £15,000 withheld Grants referred to in the Resolution just passed had been applied by him towards the reduction of overdraft and interest thereon, during the financial year which will end on the 31st March, 1944. He pointed out that this was the proper course to be followed in connection with these withheld Grants now received, because overdraft interest became payable by all ratepayers resident outside the urban areas, whereas the necessity for the overdraft arose through non-payment of Land Annuities, some of which could quite possibly be due out of lands



within the urban areas. He submitted the following financial statement showing the results of his efforts to reduce the County Council overdraft yearly, and thus avoid the payment of interest thereon:

**STATEMENT SHOWING INTEREST ON OVERDRAFT PAID TO COUNTY TREASURER, THE NATIONAL BANK, LTD., WICKLOW.**

	Interest paid for Half-year ended 30th Sept.			Interest paid for Half-year ended 31st March.			Total Amount of interest paid for year.			No. of days in year during which Overdraft was required.
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	
1931-32	6	10	4	42	14	6	49	4	10	42
1932-33	3	17	0	30	9	0	34	6	0	143
1933-34	101	18	6	238	10	0	340	8	6	252
1934-35	178	0	0	331	10	0	509	10	0	267
1935-36	160	12	3	327	8	6	488	0	9	263
1936-37	335	17	6	564	18	6	900	16	0	303
1937-38	647	7	0	747	4	3	1,394	11	3	307
1938-39	641	2	6	717	12	9	1,358	15	3	305
1939-40	501	1	9	582	18	9	1,084	0	6	295
1940-41	462	9	9	702	11	6	1,165	1	3	295
1941-42	572	10	10	701	9	6	1,274	0	4	302
1942-43	370	18	0	496	16	3	867	14	3	278
1943-44	143	3	1	70	8	9	213	11	10	69
(up to 9/2/1944)										

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;  
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe.

Resolved—That we hereby confirm, adopt and seal the Estimates (Form E.1) 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, 1945, as follows:—

- Road Charges—3s. 8d. in the £.
- Public Assistance Charges—4s. 2d. in the £.
- Mental Hospital Charges—1.10½d. in the £.
- Health Charges—11½d. in the £.
- Housing Charges—1.6½d. in the £.
- General Purposes Charges—8d. in the £.

Total—12.10½d. in the £.

**SEPARATE CHARGES.**

- Baltinglass No. 1 R.D. Water Supply—7d. in the £.
  - Rathdown No. 2 R.D., Water Supply—7d. in the £.
  - Greystones Sewerage—6½d. in the £.
  - Enniskerry Sewerage—¾d. in the £.
  - 10 and 11c, Greystones E.D. Lighting—15½d. in the £.
  - 12d, Rathdrum R.D. Water Supplies, etc—4½d. in the £.
  - 15d, Newcastle Dispensary District (Water/Sewerage)—1½d. in the £.
  - 20c, Shillelagh R.D. Water Supplies and Sewerage—6½d. in the £.
  - 23a, Blessington E.D. Lighting—2½d. in the £.
  - 24c, Carnew E.D. Lighting—2½d. in the £.
  - 27d, Newcastle Upper E.D. (Lighting Newtownmountkennedy) 1d. in £.
  - 28d, Rathdrum E.D. Lighting—3d. in the £.
  - 30d, Wicklow Rural E.D. Lighting, Rathnew—fd. in the £.
  - 33c, Delgany E.D. Lighting—3½d. in the £.
  - 40d, Glenealy E.D. Ashford Lighting—¾d. in the £.
  - 34a, Humewood E.D. Kiltegan Lighting—3d. in the £.
- VII, Wicklow Harbour—3d. in the £.  
IX, Tramway Employees Commutation of Pensions Loan—¾d. in the £.  
LXIV, Rathdrum Union Loans—¾d. in the £.

- LVI, Wicklow and Rathdrum Joint Burial Board—¼d. in the £.  
LXVII, Baltinglass Union Loans—¼d. in the £.  
LXVIII, Baltinglass No. 1 District Pensions—¼d. in the £.  
1, Criminal Injury Baltinglass No. 1—Nil.  
Vocational Education Committee's Demand—4d. in the £.

Passed.

The following certificate, prescribed under Article 56 Sub-Section 2 of the Public Bodies Order, 1942, was thereupon signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the County Secretary.

I hereby certify that at the Estimates Meeting of the Wicklow County Council held this 14th day of February, 1944, the Council did by Resolution adopt the Estimates of Expenses set forth at Tables A, B, C, D, and E, and did also by Resolution determine in accordance with the said Estimates the Rates set forth in Column 13 of the Tables C and D to be the Rates in the Pound to be levied for the several purposes specified in the said Estimates for the financial year ending on the 31st day of March, 1945.

(Signed)—E. BYRNE, Chairman.

(Countersigned)—P. T. HEALY, Secretary.

14th February, 1944.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we hereby, in accordance with the Estimates on Form E.1 and 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, 1945, as follows:—

	Arklow	Bray	Wicklow
Roads	£816 3s. 9d.	£3,534 7s. 9d.	£749 2s. 3d.
Public Assistance	£1,939 2s. 0d.	£8,866 12s. 0d.	£1,785 18s. 0d.
Mental Hospital	£667 13s. 0d.	£3,111 0s. 0d.	£628 17s. 0d.
Health Charges	£204 15s. 9d.	£948 1s. 9d.	£188 0s. 6d.
General Purposes Charges	£538 8s. 10d.	£1,432 12s. 9d.	£445 10s. 7d.
Separate Charges	£293 3s. 0d.	Nil	£1,111 8s. 6d.
Total:	£4,459 6s. 4d.	£17,892 14s. 3d.	£4,908 16s. 10d.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Ed. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we hereby Seal and Sign Agreement between Wicklow County Council and Messrs. Finlayson Brothers, in respect of the Contract for the construction of additional office accommodation adjoining the Court House, Wicklow.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we hereby Seal and Sign the Deed of Conveyance in regard to the site at the Brook, Portrane, acquired by the Dublin Board of Public Health from Grangegorman Mental Hospital Committee for the erection of a Sanitary Convenience.

Passed.

The Council spent a considerable time considering matters raised for discussion in connection with the administration of Assistance, Health and Housing services in the County. The County Manager noted the points submitted and undertook that they would be investigated and considered.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That pursuant to the letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister dated 20th January, 1944, the sum of £6,000 be borrowed from the National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, to defray expenditure in connection with the provision of additional office accommodation, said sum to be repaid within 15 years with interest at the rate of one half per cent. under the Irish Banks' Rate rising and falling from time to time with a minimum of £4 per cent. per annum as in said letter of sanction provided, and said loan and all interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank, Ltd.

Passed.



Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That the Corporate Seal of the Council be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage on the Rates of the County Health District of Wicklow securing the National Bank, Ltd., for a sum of One Thousand One Hundred Pounds (£1,100) advanced by them by way of Loan for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the provision of a Burial Ground at Greystones.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That the Corporate Seal of the Council be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage on the Rates of the County Health District of Wicklow securing the Irish Assurance Company for a sum of Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-five Pounds (£5,945) to be advanced by them to the Council for the purpose of the completion of a Scheme of 188 Labourers' Cottages in the County Health District of Wicklow.

Passed.

The following letters from (a) the County Surveyor to the County Manager, dated 25th January, 1944 and (b) from the County Surveyor to Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., dated 25th January, 1944, were submitted:

Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.  
25th January, 1944.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
County Manager, Wicklow.

Re Sub-Contracts, 1944/45.

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith copy of a communication dated 25th instant which I have addressed to Assistant County Surveyor P. J. Foley in above.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Surveyor.  
25th January, 1944.

(Enclosure).

P. J. Foley, Esq., B.E.,  
Assist. County Surveyor, Blessington.

Re Sub-Contracts, 1944/45.

Dear Sir,

I am visiting the County Manager to-day to communicate or to advertise the taking of roads by SubContract as I have now formed the opinion that some Contractors have been given too much money for the lengths of the type of roads they have to maintain.

Will you, therefore, be good enough to let me have a list of all the roads you propose should be given out by Contract this year, dividing them as between each Overseer. State the length of the road, the quantity and type of material you recommend and the amount of money which you think should be reasonably allocated.

All this information should be in my hands not later than the middle of February next so as to give us time to advertise and get the Contracts signed up and ready to start before 1st April, 1944.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)—J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Surveyor.

At the request of the County Surveyor the following Resolution was passed:—

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we hereby recommend Wicklow County Manager to enter into sub-contracts for the repair and maintenance of certain roads in the County, but more particularly in West Wicklow, provided the Minister for Local Government and Public Health offers no objection to this departure from the conditions set forth in the Road Works Scheme approved and adopted by Wicklow County Council for the service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1945.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the County Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the month of March shall not exceed £5,000; that the amount to be applied for in respect of the month of April shall not exceed £ "Nil"; and that the amount to be applied for in respect of the month of May shall not exceed £10,000.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the County Council's Turf Production Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the month of March shall not exceed £12,000; that the amount to be applied for in respect of the month of April shall not exceed £16,000; and that the amount to be applied for in respect of the month of May shall not exceed £16,000.

Passed.

The County Manager having pointed out that sufficient time had not elapsed between the publication of the statutory notice and the date of this meeting the Council, at his request, deferred to their Monthly Meeting to be held on the 13th March, 1944, consideration of the passing of a Resolution authorising the taking over, repair and maintenance in future of 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, 1945.

The County Manager submitted a letter, dated the 27th January, 1944, No. 10/44, which it was intended should remove misconceptions in regard to the County Management Act, 1940, on certain matters so as to secure the fullest co-operation possible between the Elected Representatives and the County Manager in the discharge of their respective functions. The Council directed that a copy of this letter be forwarded to each Member so as to place him in a position to discuss the several points in the letter at their next monthly meeting.

The Council, after some discussion, adjourned to their monthly meeting to be held on the 13th March proximo, the two reports prepared and circulated by the County Surveyor in connection with Turf Production in the County in the years 1941, 1942 and 1943.

A communication, dated the 8th January, 1944, was submitted from the Clerk of the Wicklow Urban District Council, with which he enclosed the following report from a Conference held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Friday, the 7th January, 1944, in connection with Infectious Diseases and the County Fever Hospital, Wicklow:

Wicklow Urban District Council,

Town Hall, Wicklow.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE HELD AT TOWN HALL, WICKLOW, ON  
FRIDAY, 7th JANUARY, 1944.

At a Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on the 4th January, 1944, the following Resolution was passed unanimously:—

"That the County Manager be asked to arrange a conference of the members of this Council and the County and Local Medical Officer of Health at the earliest opportunity (Friday next, if possible) for the purpose of:—

- (a) having a better understanding about notification by Doctors of Notifiable infectious diseases;
- (b) having an understanding about disinfecting homes of persons infected with notifiable infectious diseases;



- (c) making a representation concerning increased hospital accommodation for infectious diseases."

The following attended the Conference:—

Councillors J. Olohan (Presiding); C. W. Hudson, J. Everett, T.D.; M. McMahon, R. B. Haskins and J. D. Haughton; Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, C.M.O.H.; Dr. A. A. O'Connor, M.O.H., Wicklow; Thomas Byrne, County Council Offices, Rathdrum (representing the County Manager); J. T. O'Byrne, Esq., County Engineer, and J. McGrath, Town Clerk, Wicklow.

The following recommendations were made:—

- (a) Dr. Beckett having called attention to the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations, 1941, it was recommended that steps be taken to ensure that the local M.O.H. be also notified of outbreaks of infectious diseases as well as the C.M.O. Health; also the Town Clerk so that an up-to-date Register can be kept at the Town Hall, Wicklow.
- (b) That Dr. Beckett be asked to notify each medical practitioner in the County that the S.S. Officer can take instructions for disinfecting only from him or the Local Medical Officer of Health.
- (c) That a scheme of immunisation against diphtheria be inaugurated by the C.M.O.H. and Local M.O.H. at the earliest opportunity at a cost not exceeding £30

and the following Resolution was passed unanimously (after hearing Thomas Byrne on the question of Hospital Accommodation):—

That the attention of the Minister for Local Government and P.H. be personally directed to the conditions existing in County Wicklow by reason of the inadequate accommodation for Fever Patients in the Wicklow Fever Hospital. During the past week vacancies could not be obtained in any Hospital outside the County and the Fever Hospital at Wicklow is at the moment overcrowded and it has to-day been found necessary to request the County Manager to take immediate steps to have a hut erected in the Fever Hospital Grounds to relieve the congestion. Although this state of affairs arises directly from an epidemic of diphtheria in the County there is no guarantee that similar epidemics of other infectious diseases may not occur from time to time and in such circumstances the problem of having patients treated in an institution will be equally if not more difficult.

We would ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inquire personally into the causes for the delay in proceeding with the Hospital Scheme which was engaging his Department's and the late Board of Health's attention for 4 years prior to the outbreak of the War and also into the reason why the Architect, Mr. Vincent Kelly, who was appointed by the late Board of Health and Public Assistance was not facilitated by the Department of Local Government and Public Health in the matter of the preparation of Plans for new Wicklow Hospitals.

We also request the Minister to take immediate steps to see that at least the provision of a new Fever Hospital in the County is proceeded with forthwith.

Certified a True Copy.

J. McGRATH, Town Clerk.

The County Manager undertook, following a discussion on the point, to publish an advertisement in the Press circulating in the County warning the tenants of Labourers' Cottages that serious attention would be taken by him in any case where he found the plots attaching to the cottages not being properly cultivated.

After some discussion regarding the possibility of allowing Members of Wicklow County Council to have a voice in the selection and appointment of Tenants for vacant Labourers' Cottages the County Manager undertook to divide the County into four County Electoral Areas and to consult the County Councillors elected for each County Electoral Area regarding the filling of such Labourers' Cottages as might be situate within the said County Electoral Area, and to be guided as far as possible by the representations made by the County Councillors provided always that in doing so there would not be in his opinion any infringement of the Loan Charges Regulations and the consequent danger of complete loss of Government Subsidy.

At this point Councillor J. McCrea asked for permission to have the Notice of Motion standing in his name on the Agenda (Item No. 28) considered as follows:—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some one for me, will move at the next Meeting of the Wicklow County Council that all road workers in the employment of Wicklow County Council be granted an increase of 5s. per week."

The County Manager suggested that no useful purpose would be served by discussing this matter as he had already made an Order in that connection on the 11th February, 1944, which Order was at the moment under consideration by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. The Order was as follows:—

COUNTY MANAGER'S SITTING HELD ON 11th FEBRUARY, 1944.

Inasmuch as the previous Order made by me in regard to the weekly wage to be paid to workers on road construction and road maintenance in this County was intended to have the effect of paying to each man (with the aid of an Emergency Bonus a weekly wage of 1s. per week less than the rate of wage fixed for Labourers by the Agricultural Wages Board, and further, the Agricultural Wages Board having under the Agricultural Wages (Minimum Rates) Order, 1944, increased Agricultural Labourer's weekly wage to £2 1s. 6d. in the District Electoral Divisions of Enniskerry, Powerscourt, Kilmacanogue, Delgany and Greystones, and to £2 in all the other District Electoral Divisions in the County, I, P. T. Healy, Wicklow County Manager, hereby order and direct—subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health—that all men employed on road construction or maintenance by Wicklow County Council, within the District Electoral Divisions of Enniskerry, Powerscourt, Kilmacanogue, Delgany and Greystones, be paid £2 0s. 6d. per week on and from Saturday, 8th February, 1944; and I further order and direct—subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health—that all men employed by Wicklow County Council on road construction or maintenance, in each and all of the other District Electoral Divisions in the County, exclusive of the Urban Areas, be paid £1 19s. 0d. per week on and from Saturday, 8th February, 1944.

It is to be clearly understood that the additions granted now in this Order to these employees, are to be regarded as Emergency Bonuses to be reviewed from time to time, and are allowed now to meet the increased cost of living by bringing the weekly wages of this class of employee up to the figure set out in the above Order.

Made and signed by me this 11th February, 1944.

(Signed)—P.T. HEALY.

Wicklow County Manager.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick and accepted by the Chairman:—

"That we proceed to make regulations under Section 28 of the County Management Act, 1940."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick and accepted by the Chairman:—

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to make arrangements with the Minister for Finance and otherwise, whereby all Fire-fighting facilities in the County be made available under suitable conditions within a determinable area from their customary centre of control, and that the entire area of the County be suitably zoned as to those facilities, and that the accommodation arising from their existence be continuously in local service. That if necessary legislation be introduced to effect this."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick and accepted by the Chairman:—

"That this Council desires to record its disapproval of the proposal of the Minister for Industry and Commerce to hand over to the G.S.R. the business of local motor haulage, and considers that such transfer will act to the serious detriment of the interests of the rural community."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick and accepted by the Chairman:—



"That this Council considers that the new National Transport Company should bear a substantial portion of the burden of road maintenance in view of their so great and so increased use of those roads. That the reduction of rates payable by the G.S.R. allowed to them in recent years in view of their apparently reduced capacity to pay be remembered in this connection. That the probable reduction of contributions to the local share of the Road Funds be also borne in mind. That this resolution be forwarded to the General Council of County Councils."

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne:

Seconded by Councillor J. McCrea:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Order made by the Wicklow County Manager in which he gave authority to use £116 out of County Contingencies for the repair of the approach walls at Haughton's Bridge, Brittas, on Road No. 161.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne:

Seconded by Councillor J. McCrea:

Resolved—That the Order vesting 56 acres 2 roods of land of Granamore, the property of the Marquis of Waterford, be sealed and signed for the purpose of Turf Production in the 1944 season.

Passed.

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

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some other Councillor for me, shall move at the next Meeting of Wicklow County Council that the rate allowable to Carters be increased from 12s. to 15s. per day."

The County Manager submitted the following financial statement in connection with the operation of the Seeds and Fertilizers Supply Scheme, showing how the accounts stood on the 12th February, 1944:—

#### SEEDS AND FERTILIZERS SUPPLY SCHEME.

Seeds Accounts for Year ending 31st March, 1944.

		Value of Seeds, etc., paid for by Co. Council	Received back from recipients during year.	Amount outstanding on this date.
In the hands of Law Agent	1940 Scheme	£1,433 0 0	£46 8 11	£35 3 11
"	1941 Scheme	£2,411 0 0	£150 12 3	£150 17 2
"	1942 Scheme	£2,442 0 0	£249 10 10	£125 2 0
"	1943 Scheme	£2,944 0 0	£2,059 9 7	£884 16 11
	TOTALS ...	£9,230 0 0	£2,506 1 7	£1,196 0 0

(Signed)—P. T. HEALY,

Wicklow County Manager.

County Council Officer  
Court House, Wicklow.

14th February, 1944.



# WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Monthly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, the 13th March, 1944.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor Edward Byrne, Chairman;  
Councillors B. Farrell, P. McCarthy, James Everett, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, W. J. Doyle, Joseph Jacob, D. J. Kehoe, Peter Ledwidge, William Clarke, George Byrne, Joseph Kavanagh, Dr. J. J. Hickey, T. Fitzpatrick, H. J. Byrne, J. J. Bourne, C. M. Byrne, T.D.

## BUSINESS :

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of previous Meetings.
2. To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
3. To consider applications for Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
4. To execute such Cottage Tenancy Agreements as may be submitted.
5. To execute such Contracts as may be submitted under the Childrens' Acts in connection with the boarding out of Foster Children.
6. To Seal and Sign Vesting Orders (in duplicate) in respect of the sale of Cottages under the Labourers Acts, 1936, to the tenants thereof.
7. To pass a Resolution 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, 1945.
8. To receive and consider a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health in which the Minister outlines the relationship which he believes should exist between each Local Authority and the County Manager.
9. To consider a circulated Report prepared by the County Surveyor after his inspection of Baltinglass Hospital as instructed by the Co. Council.
10. To consider a Report from the first Meeting of the Committee newly set up to consider the advisability of establishing a Mental Hospital within the County for patients from County Wicklow.
11. To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health requesting to be furnished with particulars of the representation which the suggested deputation propose to submit to the Minister in connection with Hospital Accommodation for Co. Wicklow.
12. To consider and discuss the two Reports prepared and circulated by the County Surveyor in connection with Turf Production in the County in the years 1941, 1942 and 1943.
13. To consider a communication from the Minister for Supplies following consideration by him of the Resolution passed by Wicklow County Council on the 13th December, 1943, relative to the necessity for fixing a special price for seasoned timber.
14. To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture on the 25th January, 1944:—  
"Resolved—That the attention of the responsible authority be drawn to the slow progress being made in West Wicklow with regard to lime production, although the material is available in large quantities for manufacture. As lime is such an essential factor for a large part of land in West Wicklow, we suggest that if fuel be available that a Kiln be built convenient to site of deposits."
15. To consider a circulated Report prepared by the County Surveyor, indicating the steps taken by him in regard to, and the possibilities of producing lime in County Wicklow.
16. To consider the Report called for by the County Council in connection with Tuberculosis patients within the County under treatment.
17. To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor P. McCarthy:—

"That we request the Wicklow County Council to formulate a Scheme of Pensions for Road Workers."

18. To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.:—

"That the County Manager be requested to give effect to a Resolution passed by the late Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance at their Meeting held on 17th August, 1942, approving a recommendation of the County Engineer that amounts in respect of War Extras be paid to the following, viz.: £568 15s. 3d. to Joseph O'Reilly, Contractor for the erection of thirty houses at Newtownmountkennedy in full discharge of his claim for £1,295 12s. 7d.; £656 to Charles Shortt, Contractor for the erection of 54 houses at Baltinglass, in full discharge of his claim for £943 12s. 3d.; £474 to Patrick Fenlon, Contractor for the erection of 25 houses at Dunlavin, in full discharge of his claim for £843 10s. 3d.; £78 to John Murphy, Contractor for the erection of 12 houses in the Wicklow area, in full discharge of his claim for £130 19s. 7d. The Contracts in these cases were sealed and approved by the late B.H.P.A. at their Meeting held about two weeks prior to the outbreak of war. The Contractors were not apparently protected by War Clauses in their Tenders. In a subsequent letter for the L.G.D., to the County Manager, it was stated that the Minister would raise no objection to the County Manager, whose function it then was, offsetting portion of the Contractors' losses due to War Conditions by means of an ex gratia payment."

19. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor T. Fitzpatrick:—

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to make arrangements with the Minister for Finance and otherwise whereby all Fire-fighting facilities in the County be made available under suitable conditions within a determinable area from their customary centre of control and that the entire area of the County be suitably zoned as to those facilities, and that the accommodation arising from their existence be continuously in local service. That if necessary legislation be introduced to effect this."

20. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor T. Fitzpatrick:—

"That this Council desires to record its disapproval of the proposal of the Minister for Industry and Commerce to hand over to the G.S.R. the business of local motor haulage, and considers that such transfer will act to the serious detriment of the interests of the rural community."

21. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor T. Fitzpatrick:—

"That this Council considers that the new National Transport Company should bear a substantial portion of the burden of road maintenance in view of their so great and so increased use of those roads. That the reduction of rates payable by the G.S.R. allowed to them in recent years in view of their apparently reduced capacity to pay be remembered in this connection. That the probable reduction of contributions to the local share of the Road Funds be also borne in mind. That this Resolution be forwarded to the General Council of County Councils."

22. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor W. J. Doyle:—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some other Councillor for me, shall move at the next Meeting of Wicklow County Council that the rate payable to carters be increased from 12s. to 15s. per day."

23. To pass a Resolution approving of alteration in the site for the Pound at Carnew, the old site being required by the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee.
24. To pass a Resolution urging upon the Minister for Local Government and public Health the necessity for increasing the subsidy of 60 per cent. of the Annual Loan Charges with a limit of expenditure of £300 per house for cottages erected under the Labourers Act to £400 per cottage.
25. To execute, in duplicate, the usual Local Contribution Agreement required



- under the Tourist Traffic Development Act, 1931, in connection with the Council's contribution to the Irish Tourist Association.
26. To pass a Resolution appointing our Chairman as ex-officio Director of the Irish Tourist Association in accordance with Article 20 of the Articles of Association of the Irish Tourist Association, 1925.
  27. To pass the Resolution contemplated by Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940, consenting to the expenditure of money or the incurring or liability in excess of the expenditure for any particular purpose specified in the Estimate approved and adopted for the service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1945.
  28. To fill the vacancy existing on the Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-committee caused by the resignation of the Rev. Chancellor Scott, M.A.
  29. To consider a communication from the Department of Agriculture in which the County Council is asked what steps they propose to take to deal with the complaints made regarding the muddy condition of the surfaces of the Catch Pens at the public dipping baths on the premises of Mr. John Jones, Newtown Saunders, Baltinglass, and Mr. Harmon, Ballingule.
  30. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor T. Fitzpatrick:—  
"That we proceed to make regulations under Section 28 of the County Management Act, 1940."
  31. To consider such matters as may be raised for discussion in connection with the administration of Assistance, Health and Housing Services in the County, of which notice, as requested, has been given to the County Manager at his Rathdrum Office.
  32. To consider the County Analyst's Report.
  33. To consider Abstract of Correspondence.  
Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;  
Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;  
Resolved—That we have heard with deep regret of the great loss our late esteemed colleague, Mr. Laurence Moore, has suffered by the death of his son, and we extend to him and to the members of his family our sincere sympathy with him in his sad bereavement.  
Passed.  
The signing of the Minutes of the previous monthly meeting was deferred, the County Secretary having explained that they were very voluminous, ran to thirty-two pages of printed matter, and were, he feared, not in the hands of all the Members in time to allow of each reading them before coming to the Meeting.  
Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;  
Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;  
Resolved—That we the Members of the Wicklow County Council pledge our loyal support to the Irish Government in the attitude they have taken up during the present negotiations and in their determination to preserve the neutrality of Eire in any and every circumstance that may arise in future in that connection.  
Passed.  
There were no applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, to be submitted.  
Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;  
Resolved—That we hereby renew the Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, applied for by Mr. J. Hipple, of the Picture House, Greystones, the said Licence not to be issued unless and until favourable reports have been received from the County Surveyor and the Gardai Authorities—the first on the premises and the latter on the suitability of the applicant.  
Passed.  
The Secretary informed the Council that he was still awaiting Reports from the County Surveyor that he had satisfied himself after a personal inspection that the following premises were in every respect suitable and that Licences therefor might be now issued under the Cinematograph Act, 1909:—

- (1) The Iron-roofed Concrete building situate at Avoca. Applicant, Edward Fossett, Ballybeg, Ballinglen.
- (2) The premises known as Imaal Hall, Dunlavin. Applicant, John Cunningham, Dunlavin.
- (3) The Tower Cinema, Baltinglass. Applicant, Walter Kehoe, Emu, Portarlinton, Laoighis.

No Licences had therefore been issued in respect of these three Cinemas. The Secretary also submitted the following communication in relation to the Iron-roofed Wooden Building situate at Tinahely. Applicant, Edward Fossett, Ballybeg, Ballinglen.

Court House, Wicklow.

To: P. T. Healy, Esq.,

County Manager, Wicklow.

4th March, 1944.

RE: CINEMA, TINAHELY.

Dear Sir,

On 3rd instant I inspected the building at Tinahely proposed to be used temporarily as a Cinema by Edward Fossett of Ballybeg, Ballinglen, regarding which correspondence was submitted to the Wicklow County Council at the recent Meeting, and upon which I was directed to make a special report after personal inspection. I write to confirm that I see no reason why Mr. Fleming's recommendation should not be adhered to and Mr. Fossett, with your approval, may be given a Licence for six months.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE, County Surveyor.

In regard to these premises, the County Secretary reported that Licences had now been issued.

Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Resolved—That the County Medical Officer of Health be requested to investigate the effect on the eyes of Cinegoers of close proximity to the picture screens—especially in the case of children, and that if it be found necessary conditions be imposed in the granting of Licence requiring that the minimum distance shall exist between the Cinema seats and the picture screen, especially for children.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Kavanagh;

Resolved—That the Cottage Tenancy Agreements as set out on the subjoined list be sealed.

26th July, 1943—Mrs. Eileen Morgan, Forge Cottage, Blacklion, Greystones.  
28th December, 1943—John Byrne, Killincarrig Village Scheme House, Killincarrig, Delgany.

29th January, 1944—William Kinsella, Charlesland, Delgany.

29th January, 1944—John Quinn, Kindlestown, Killincarrig, Delgany.

29th January, 1944—John Carthy, Timmore.

1st February, 1944—Joseph Green, Kindlestown Lr., Killincarrig, Delgany.

12th February, 1944—Denis Byrne, Kilquiggan.

12th February, 1944—Edward A. Pierce, Mountkenedy.

19th February, 1944—William Fitzpatrick, Knockroe.

19th February, 1944—George Shirley, Ballinahinch.

19th February, 1944—Peter Lacey, Ballyfree East.

4th March, 1944—John O'Neill, Ballinacoola.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Resolved—That Contract Forms in connection with the boarding-out of children with Foster-Parents be sealed and signed by the County Manager, as follows:—

Name and Address of Foster-Parent.	Name of Child.
Margaret O'Connor, Ballykillavane, Glenealy—	Patrick Sheridan.
Ellen Murray, Ballymurrin, Kilbride—	Peter Dodd.
Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Coolawinna, Rathnew—	Anne Courtney.



Susan Kinsella, Ballydowling, Glenealy—Anne Lawlor,  
Mary Connor, Ballykillavane, Glenealy—Mary Brien,  
Elizabeth Carton, Killoughter, Ashford—Basil Boland.  
Passed.

There were no Vesting Orders to be sealed and signed in respect of the sale of Cottages under the Labourers' Acts, 1936, to the tenants thereof.  
Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;  
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;  
Resolved—That the Wicklow County Council take over, repair and maintain the following road:—

County Road.	Expenditure.
Extension of Trooperstown Lane from Junction with Road No. 89 to Ballard—one mile .. .. .	£200
Passed.	

The Council postponed consideration of letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated 27th January, 1944, Ref. No. 10/44 in which the Minister outlined the relationship which he had decided should exist between each Local Authority and the County Manager.

In relation to items Nos. 9 and 11 on the Agenda, it was  
Proposed by Councillor J. McCrea;  
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

Resolved—That consideration of items Nos. 9 and 11 be deferred to our next Meeting and that in the meantime copies of the County Surveyor's report (No. 9) and of the Memorandum prepared for submission to the Parliamentary Secretary of the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. 11) be forwarded to each County Councillor.

The following report was submitted from the newly set up Mental Hospital Committee.

Wicklow County Council,  
County Home, Rathdrum.  
3rd February, 1944.

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

Dear Manager,

For your information and that of the Council, I have to report that a Meeting of the Committee appointed by the Wicklow County Council to enquire into the advisability of establishing a Mental Hospital in the County Wicklow for the treatment of such patients as are at present being treated at Grangegorman and Portrane Institutions was held at Bray Town Hall on Monday, 17th January, 1944. All the members of the Committee, with the exception of Councillors Hudson and C. M. Byrne, T.D., attended, and there were also in attendance the Wicklow County Manager and the Co. Engineer.

The Committee considered at length the report prepared by me on this subject in October last. The Committee adjourned to a date to be fixed, and meantime I was directed to obtain for the information of the Members of the Committee the following particulars from the Chief R.M.S., Grangegorman Mental Hospital:—

1. The number of patients from County Wicklow treated in the Grangegorman Institutions.
2. The number regarded as incurable.
3. The number undergoing specialised treatment and the nature of such treatment.
4. The number of patients who are regarded as dangerous and require continuous attention.
5. The number of patients not dangerous and capable of working with the minimum of supervision.

6. Number not dangerous but incapable of working.  
Some of this information has been received by me to-day, and I hope to have the remainder in the course of the next week, after which I will consult you again as to a suitable date for a further meeting of the Committee.  
Mise le meas, (Signed)—T. BYRNE,  
Secretary to the Committee.

Order: Approved—Next Meeting of the Committee to be held in Town Hall, Bray, at 2.15 p.m. on Monday, 27th March, 1944.

The following reports which had been printed and circulated to each Member of Wicklow County Council were submitted and discussed:—



COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE MANNTAIN.

**COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.**

Oifig an tSuirbheir,  
Tig na Cuirte,  
Cill Manntain.  
1/12/43.

A Dhaoine Uaisle,

I submit herewith report on the Turf Scheme operated by this Council since May, 1941, to date.

**PRODUCTION.**

## 1941-'42 SEASONS.

Turf Produced ..... 21,540 tons  
Total Expenditure ..... £46,560  
Average Cost per Ton ..... 43/2d.

**Receipts:**

Sale of Turf ..... £44,720  
Miscellaneous ..... £332  
Expected refund by L.G.D. of loss  
on Experimental Cutting, 1941.. £320

**TOTAL:** ..... £45,372

Loss ..... £1,188

Estimated value of tools and equip-  
ment on hands at completion  
of Scheme ..... £500

Net Loss ..... £688

## 1943 SEASON.

Turf Produced (Estd. Tons)	Expenditure To Date, £	Estd. Further Expenditure—£	Estd. Total Expenditure—£	Estd. Final Cost per Ton
10,500	£15,414	£3,000	£18,414	35/1d.
Turf Sold to Date (Tons),	Receipts To Date	Value of Turf on Hands (Estd.)	Ultimate Total Receipts (Estd.)	Provisional Selling Price per Ton (Loaded)
4,750	£8,755	£10,350	£19,105	36/0d.

**ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE.**

Season	Wages, in- cluding N.H. and U. In- surance	Other Insurances	Transport of men	Turbary Compen- sation	Materials, Tools, etc.	Additional Clerical Staff	Bank Charges Trav. Exp. etc.
1941-'42	£38,580	£1,648	£2,231	£1,124	£1,188	£242	£1,547
1943	£13,111	£454	£842	£123	£383	£214	£287
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£51,691</b>	<b>£2,102</b>	<b>£3,073</b>	<b>£1,247</b>	<b>£1,571</b>	<b>£456</b>	<b>£1,834</b>

**TURF PURCHASED.**

During 1943 an additional 3,291 tons of turf were purchased from Contractors to Wicklow County Council and from Private Producers at a nett cost of £9,621. Receipts from the sale of this Turf amounted to £9,970 to cover additional expenditure on overheads such as Overdrafts, Insurances, Turbary, etc.

**HAULAGE.**

In addition to the expenditure shown above, £5,000 has been paid for haulage of turf by this Council and subsequently recouped from the various purchasers.

**PETROL DISTRIBUTION.**

Vouchers for approximately 30,000 gallons of petrol have been issued through this office since the beginning of the turf scheme for transport of men to bogs, haulage of road materials, haulage of turf, and for use in County Council Plant engaged on road reconstruction work in connection with the Turf Scheme.

**BOG DEVELOPMENT WORKS.**

To date the sum of £4,605 has been spent on the construction and maintenance of bog roads and bridge and on bog drainage, from Government Grants.

1941—14 Schemes operated costing	£2,231
1942—11 " " "	£1,158
1943—9 " " "	£1,216

Total: £4,605

Refunds from the Department of Local Government to date total £4,209.

**BOG APPROACH ROADS (COUNTY COUNCIL ROADS).**

To meet the increased demands of turf traffic on County Roads, I have obtained Grants totalling £33,200 of which £26,000 has already been spent on an extensive programme of reconstruction and maintenance.

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S. T. Ua BROIN, B.I.,

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To: Each Member of Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

That the efforts of the Council to produce turf in County Wicklow be devoted in the first instance to production by Contract. That in so far as Contract production may be inadequate that the officers of the Council be instructed to secure that:—

(a) No turf shall remain wet on the bog at the end of this season.

(b) No turf be supplied to consumers of any kind which is not quite dry and fit for use.

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

For the Motion—Councillors Joseph Kavanagh, J. J. Bourne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, H. J. Byrne, George Byrne, T. Fitzpatrick (6).

Against the Motion—Councillors J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. J. Doyle, D. J. Kehoe, B. Farrell, E. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, T.D.; W. J. Clarke (10).

The Motion was thereupon declared to have been lost: only six Councillors having voted in favour of it and ten Councillors having voted against it.

The Council at their Monthly Meeting held on the 13th December, 1943, passed a resolution relating to the necessity for fixing a special price for seasoned timber (vide page 12 of the printed Minutes of that Meeting). This resolution was, in due course, forwarded to the Department of Supplies whose reply thereto was submitted as follows:—

Department of Supplies,  
Ballsbridge, Dublin.  
13th January, 1944.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Supplies to refer to your letter of the 21st ultimo conveying a copy of a resolution passed by your Council relative to the necessity for fixing a special price for seasoned timber. I am to state that the prices set out in Emergency Powers (Control of Prices) (No. 148) Order, 1942, are calculated having regard to the fact that a certain amount of seasoning has taken place between the time the timber is felled and the time it is consumed. I am also to point out that it is provided in Part IV of the Schedule to the above-mentioned Order that for timber seasoned down to 20 per cent. moisture content a deduction of one-thirty-second of an inch per inch in width and thickness is allowed and that this provision is equivalent to an addition to the price for seasoned timber.

I am further to point out that, at the time the Order was being framed, discussions took place with various interested parties, including the Association of Master Builders as well as various associations of timber merchants, and no stress was laid by these bodies on the necessity for having special prices fixed for seasoned timber.

Mise le meas,  
JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

Secretary, Wicklow County Council,  
Court House, Wicklow.

EFOR/SC.

Order—Read: The Council's views on this whole question as contained in the letter, dated 27th January, 1944, addressed by Councillor Fitzpatrick to the Secretary, be forwarded to the Minister for Supplies and also the County Councils' General Council.

The following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, on the 25th January, 1944, was considered in connection with the circular letter, dated 26th August, 1943, No. 101/43, on the subject of production of lime in County Wicklow:—

"Resolved—That the attention of the responsible authority be drawn to the slow progress being made in West Wicklow with regard to lime production, although the material is available in large quantities for

manufacture. As lime is such an essential factor for a large part of land in West Wicklow, we suggest that if fuel be available, that a Kiln be built convenient to site of deposits."

The following letters from the County Surveyor (to the first of which is attached copies of reports from Assistant Surveyors J. P. Caffrey, B.E., and P. J. Foley, B.E.) were submitted.

Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

TURF PRODUCTION BY DIRECT LABOUR—1943 SEASON.

(No. 1 Report was submitted to Council on 13th December, 1943).

REPORT NO. 2.

Name of Bog	Turf Cut (cu. yds. wet)	Estimated Equivalent Dry Turf (Tons)	Expenditure on Bog		Carting to Roadside and Loading		Total Expendi- ture, all operations £	Estimated further Expendi- ture £	Estimated total Expendi- ture including 'overheads' £	Estimated Final Cost Per Ton s d	Total Turf sold to date (Tons)	Cost of Transport per ton mile	Turf still on bog (estimated) cu. yards
			Total £	Per ton s d	Total £	Per Ton s d							
SALLYGAP	80928	8000	7435	17 0	2030	14 0	9465	2500	12962	32 5	2078	7d to 7.77d	53,000
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AUGHAVANNAGH	3180	450	557	24 9	225	10 0	782	45	896	39 9	450	7d.	—
FEARBREAGA	2097	400	367	18 0	200	10 0	567	40	658	32 4	407	7d.	—
KNOCKNASKEAGH	6876	810	884	21 10	261	6 5	1145	81	1328	32 9	752	7d.	600
GOWLE	2769	311	332	21 0	94	6 0	426	31	495	27 1	151	7d.	1600
BALLINASILLOGUE	3473	440	604	27 5	153	6 10	757	44	868	39 5	370	7d.	700
BALLYNULTAGH	1026	114	70	10 0	39	6 11	109	52	171	30 0	114	9.5d.	—
CORAGH	2000	200	174	16 9	134	12 10	308	51	387	37 2	208	9.5d.	—
BALLINAGEE	2173	400	471	23 1	218	10 8	689	40	790	38 8	408	6.3d.	—
TOTALS	105683	11400	11234	—	3449	—	14683	2911	19056	34 0 (approx)	5212	—	55900

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(Signed): J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Surveyor.



To: Each Member of Wicklow County Council.

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Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

26th January, 1944.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
County Manager, Wicklow.

RE: LIME STONE QUARRIES.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your communication of 15th ultimo, I submit herewith copies of reports received from Assistant Surveyors Foley and Caffrey re search for limestone in this County, as requested recently by the Minister for Local Government.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)—J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Surveyor.

Courthouse, Arklow.

21st January, 1944.

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

RE: LIME STONE QUARRY.

Dear Sir,

So far we have had no success with our quarrying operations for limestone at Parknashaw.

The limestone showing on the road appears to be just an outcrop there and although we have sunk many trial holes on both sides of the road ten to eleven feet deep we have come on no signs of rock of any kind. Even on the road the outcrop fades out quickly. On the lower or north side the rock dips straight down and there is no sign of it even in the side-drain and on the upper or south side it also dips very quickly.

I am trying one or two more places and if these prove unsuccessful I think we should abandon the project.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)—J. P. CAFFREY.

To: J. T. O'Byrne, Esq., B.E.,  
County Surveyor, Wicklow.

7th January, 1944.

RE: LIME.

Dear Sir,

You asked me to make some enquiries re same. I did so.

The only lime kiln in recent times is near Crosscoolharbour in County Kildare. There are some small old kilns in the mountain area to which stone was drawn years ago. These would be of no interest whatsoever.

There does not appear to be anyone locally who knows anything about the work except a man Benson whom I am told was employed at the work a few years ago.

There are several limestone gravel pits at Poulaphouca, and all along the main road from Blessington. There are, however, none of any use in County Wicklow. All the pits of any consequence are in County Kildare and many of them are owned by people supplying gravel to Dublin.

A good deal of limestone has been raised and not used and is available in these pits.

In my opinion that if you are to go in for burning lime that you will have to construct kilns.

I might mention there are also pits quite close to Dunlavin, but also in County Kildare.



Our pits in that district would not pay at all as the quantity of large stone is too small.  
It occurs to me that if the work is to be carried out that the stone will have to be carted in from County Kildare.

Yours faithfully,  
(Signed)—P. J. FOLEY,  
County Surveyor's Office,  
Court House, Wicklow.  
9th February, 1944.

#### PRODUCTION OF LIME BY COUNTY COUNCILS.

Dear Sir,

I have been investigating the question of the economic production of lime for agricultural purposes in this County in accordance with your request. An outcrop of limestone was indicated to me by the Co. Agricultural Inspector at Castlemacadam, Avoca. I had excavations made on the site but I regret to say that the deposit appears to be of such limited quantities as not to be of any potential value. I have ceased further excavations.

I have had Mr. Foley, Assistant Surveyor, West Wicklow, investigating the possibilities in his area. He reports that the only lime kiln used in recent times is in County Kildare, bordering County Wicklow. There are several limestone gravel pits at Poulaphouca and all along the main road from Blessington: none of these are of any use in County Wicklow. I have inspected some of the pits myself and I find that the stone is of very small dimensions and would have to be forkpicked in order to get sufficiently large stone for burning. If the work is to be carried out the stone will have to be carted from County Kildare, but in any event I am not satisfied that there is economical justifications for this.

I have now instructed Mr. Foley to go to Clogrennane, County Carlow, and investigate on the spot the preparation and burning of lime and to get all particulars regarding the construction of kilns.

I will submit further report to you on the matter, generally, but it does not seem that there will be a possibility of lime under this Scheme being made available during the present season.

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

To: Each County Councillor,  
Wicklow County Council.

Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.  
14th February, 1944.

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

#### RE: LIME SCHEME.

Dear Sir,

Further to my previous reports in above, Mr. Foley, Assistant Surveyor, has now ascertained some additional information.

A lime kiln would require to be about 20 ft. high, as small kilns are not economical. The probable cost of each kiln would be £350. The output of such a kiln would be four tons of lime per day: 2 tons of limestone would produce one ton of lime. One ton of lime would require 12 cwt. of anthracite to burn it and the cost of anthracite at the pit head is 25s. It is most desirable that a little coke should be added to the anthracite. Small round stone 4 ins. to 2 ins. is the most suitable for burning.

It is not possible for me to give the exact cost of the finished production at this stage, but provided that the stone is already quarried and fairly handy the price might not exceed £3 per ton.

Yours faithfully,  
(Signed)—J. T. O'BYRNE, Co. Surveyor.

Order: The County Surveyor to investigate all sources in connection with the possibility of obtaining and supplying lime to the farmers of the County.

Wicklow County Council,  
Rathdrum Office,  
4th February, 1944.

To: Each Member of the Wicklow County Council.

#### COUNTY TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME.

A Chara,

At the meeting of the Wicklow County Council held on 13th December last, I was requested to prepare and issue to each member a report dealing with the following matters, viz.:-

- (a) The number of cases in the County suffering from Tuberculosis of which there is official knowledge;
- (b) The number of Tuberculosis cases under treatment in each of the Institutions in the County;
- (c) Particulars of steps, if any, that have been taken to provide domiciliary treatment in each case;
- (d) The precise amount allowed in each such case.

I forwarded the queries in question to the County Medical Officer of Health, who is directly responsible for the working of the County Tuberculosis Scheme. His reply was in the following terms:-

- (a) The number of cases in the County suffering from Tuberculosis of which there is official knowledge, on 30/11/43—238.
- (b) The number of Tuberculosis cases under the treatment in each of the Institutions in the County. (In addition to the figures asked for I have given the numbers of County Wicklow cases in Institutions outside the County).

Newcastle Sanatorium (30/11/43)	..	14
Countess of Wicklow Memorial Hospital, Arklow	..	10
St. Kevin's Sanatorium, Rathdrum	..	27
County Hospital, Wicklow	..	1
District Hospital, Baltinglass	..	3
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Dunlaoghaire	..	2
Cappagh Hospital	..	1
Orthopaedic Hospital, Baldoyle	..	1
Peamount Sanatorium	..	1
Mercer's Hospital, Dublin	..	1
Harcourt Street Children's Hospital, Dublin	..	1
	Total	62

- (c) Particulars of steps, if any, that have been taken to provide domiciliary treatment in each case.

Passed.

During the month of November, 1943, there were 136 attendances at my Tuberculosis Dispensaries, held at Arklow, Baltinglass, Blessington, Bray, Delgany, Rathdrum, Tinahely and Wicklow.

During the same period the Jubilee Nurses paid 307 visits to Tuberculosis patients.

The L.G.D. Circular No. 53/43, made provision for the supply of extra nourishment in the shape of milk, butter, and eggs to necessitous patients awaiting admission to the Institution or following discharge therefrom.

The terms of this Circular were put into force in November, and up to the end of the year seven patients were given food vouchers. The smallness of this number is due to the fact that by the terms of the L.G.D. Circular mentioned above, vouchers should only be issued to necessitous patients who are awaiting admission to, or who have been discharged from Institutions. A number of my patients are not in these categories.

- (d) The precise amount allowed in each such case: 4s. per patient per week approximately.

Mise, le meas,  
P. T. HEALY,  
Wicklow County Manager.

Order: Submitted.



The County Secretary having pointed out that in his opinion new legislation would be required before the County Council was vested with legal powers to operate a Scheme of Pensions for Road Workers, as was suggested in Notice of Motion (No. 17 on the Agenda), standing in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy, this Motion was thereupon withdrawn and a direction given that the whole matter be deferred to the General Council of County Councils for their information and suitable action.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor J. McCrea:

Resolved—That the County Manager be requested to give effect to a Resolution passed by the late Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance at their meeting held on 17th August, 1942, approving a recommendation of the County Engineer that amounts in respect of War Extras be paid to the following, viz.: £568 15s. 3d. to Joseph O'Reilly, Contractor for the erection of 30 houses at Newtownmountkennedy, in full discharge of his claim for £1,295 12s. 7d.; £656 to Charles Shortt, Contractor, for the erection of 54 houses at Baltinglass in full discharge of his claim for £943 12s. 3d.; £474 to Patrick Fenlon, Contractor for the erection of 25 houses at Dunlavin, in full discharge of his claim for £843 10s. 3d.; £78 to John Murphy, Contractor for the erection of 12 houses in the Wicklow Area, in full discharge of his claim for £130 19s. 7d.

The Contracts in these cases were sealed and approved by the late B.H.P.A. at their meeting held about two weeks prior to the outbreak of the War. The contractors were not apparently protected by War Clauses in their Tenders.

In a subsequent letter from the L.G.D. to the County Manager, it was stated that the Minister would raise no objection to the County Manager, whose function it then was, offsetting portion of the Contractors' losses due to War Conditions by means of an ex gratia payment.

At this point the County Manager informed the Council that this was a matter to which he had given the greatest possible consideration. His reason for not making the payment referred to in the Motion was that he had satisfied himself so far as documents and figures available had been submitted to him, that neither in law nor in equity were the four Contractors concerned entitled to any payment on foot of their claims for Extras in respect of increased prices resulting from the present emergency.

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

**FOR THE MOTION:**—Councillors J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. J. Doyle, D. J. Kehoe, B. Farrell, Edwd. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, J. Everett, T.D., C. M. Byrne, T.D., W. J. Clarke—10.

**AGAINST THE MOTION:**—Councillors J. Kavanagh, J. J. Bourne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, H. J. Byrne, G. Byrne, T. Fitzpatrick—6.

The Chairman thereupon declared the Motion to have been passed—10 Councillors having voted for it, and 6 having voted against it.

The County Manager informed the Council that if each of all these four Contractors supplied him with any new facts, supported by documentary evidence, he would, in those circumstances, be quite willing to reconsider the applications.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick,

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That the Minister for Local Government be requested to make arrangements with the Minister for Finance and otherwise, whereby all Fire-fighting facilities in the County be made available under suitable conditions within a determinable area from their customary centre of control, and that the entire area of the County be suitably zoned as to those facilities, and that the accommodation arising from their existence be continuously in local service. That if necessary legislation be introduced to this effect.

Passed

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick,

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That this Council desires to record its disapproval of the proposal of the Minister for Industry and Commerce to hand over to the G.S.R. the business of local motor haulage, and considers that such transfer will act to the serious detriment of the interests of the rural community.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That this Council considers that the new National Transport Company should bear a substantial portion of the burden of road maintenance in view of their so great and so increased use of those roads. That the reduction of rates payable by the G.S.R. and allowed to them in recent years, in view of their apparently reduced capacity to pay, be remembered in this connection. That the probable reduction of contribution to the local share of the Road Funds be also borne in mind. That this Resolution be forwarded to the General Council of County Councils.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle,

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

Resolved—That the rate payable to carters be increased from 12s. to 15s. per day, on the following grounds:—

1. Cost of shoeing has increased.
2. Cost of tyres on cars has also increased.
3. Cost of oats and all feeding stuffs have increased.
4. Cost of harness and repairs thereto is almost prohibitive.

Further, where the County Council finds it necessary to hire a lorry from the G.S. Railways or a private owner, the figure of cost is measured by the Company or the owner, and this Council cannot see why this should not apply also to the common carter.

Passed.

The following letter was submitted:—

COUNTY WICKLOW VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE,  
County Office,  
Technical School,  
Wicklow.  
10th December, 1943.

#### POUND FIELD IN CARNEW.

A Chara.

I beg to inform you that my committee has purchased a plot of land from Mr. E. Hammond, of Carnew, which is situated as shown on the enclosed map. This plot contains the Carnew Pound field, the right of holding of which is being retained under agreement by Mr. Hammond. It is the intention of my committee to use this plot for experimental tillage purposes in connection with the Rural Science School, which occupies the adjoining plot, and with this end in view desire, as far as possible, to have a clear field. Already the process of demolishing the old cottage is being carried out and, subject to your approval, it is the wish of my committee that the pound field should be transferred to that part of the field shown in red on the map. I am given to understand that, in your letter to Mr. Hammond, dated 28th April, 1943, you raised no objection to the pound being transferred. Before taking any steps in this direction, I should be pleased to receive official approval for the transfer.

It is proposed to enclose the new pound, of equal area to the existing pound, by a concrete wall 9" thick and 8' 0" high, using the existing double iron gate and usable parts of the inner open shed.



Thanking you for an early reply.

Mise, le meas,

H. PAINTING,  
Chief Executive Officer.

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

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That in view of the intention of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee to use the field adjoining the Carnew Technical School for the purpose of experimental tillage in connection with the Rural Science School, we hereby approve of the alteration of the site of the old Pound, provided a Pound similar in every respect to the present one is made available in the same field, to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor, and provided that Wicklow County Council is indemnified against any expenditure in connection with this alteration.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.:

Resolved—That the three Deputies for County Wicklow be requested to bring to the notice of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health the necessity for increasing the subsidy of 60 per cent. of the Annual Loan Charges with a limit of expenditure of £300 per house for cottages erected under the Labourers Acts to £400 per cottage. Having regard to the increased cost of building, the present subsidy represents less than 40 per cent. of the Annual Loan Charges. The figure £300 was apparently arrived at when the all-in cost of cottages approximated to that figure, whereas the present all-in cost of the provision of cottages ranges from £450 to £475 each.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.:

Resolved—That the usual Local Contribution Agreement required under the Tourist Traffic Development Act, 1931, in connection with the Council's contribution of £200 for the year 1944-45 to the Irish Tourist Association be executed in duplicate.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That our Chairman, Councillor Edward Byrne, do represent this County Council of Wicklow as a Director of the Irish Tourist Association for the financial year 1944-45, in accordance with Article 20 of the Association of the Irish Tourist Association, 1925 (i.e., where a Local Authority contributes a sum of £100 or more for Tourist Development).

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That in compliance with the provisions of Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940, we hereby consent to, and approve and confirm the expenditure of money, or the incurring liability in excess of the expenditure for any particular purpose specified in the Estimate (approximately £5,000), approved and adopted for the service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1944, and we are satisfied that such expenditure, or the incurring of such liability was due to matters not within the control of the County Manager.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge,

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the Rev. Canon E. H. F. Campbell

to fill the vacancy existing on the Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee caused by the resignation of the Rev. Chancellor Scott, M.A.

Passed.

The following letters were submitted:—

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DUBLIN.

L.2407/43.

3rd February, 1944.

Sir,

I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that a Departmental Inspector has reported that when in Tinahely on the 23rd September last he met a number of your Local Authority's Dipping Inspectors and discussed with them certain matters relating to sheep dipping. It appears that complaints had been made of the muddy condition of the surfaces of the catch pens at the public dipping baths on the premises of Mr. John Jones, Newtown Saunders, Baltinglass, and Mr. Harmon, Ballingule. The Inspector was given to understand that the County Committee of Agriculture had made recommendations with a view to having improvements carried out, but that their proposals had been negated by the Council on the grounds of expense.

It is understood that these baths—Mr. Harmon's in particular—are extensively availed of for the dipping of sheep, and, in the circumstances, I am to request that you will please look into the matter and indicate what steps you propose to take with a view to obviating further like cause for complaint.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. MEEK,

For Secretary.

The County Manager,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Wicklow.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DUBLIN.

L.2407/43.

10th March, 1944.

Sir,

I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to refer to this Department's letter of the 3rd ultimo regarding the need for improving the catch pens at the public dipping baths on the premises of Mr. John Jones, Newtown Saunders, Baltinglass, and Mr. Harmon, Ballingule, and to state that the Minister will be glad if he can now be furnished with a reply in the matter.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. MEEK,

For Secretary.

The County Manager,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Wicklow.

Order: Further inquiries to be made—terms of the original Agreement to be adhered to.

Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick,

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey:

Resolved—The Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway (Abandonment) Act, 1932, having imposed two burdens on the shoulders of the ratepayers in the Counties Dublin and Wicklow—the first being the upkeep and maintenance of the portion of the road from Terenure to Poulaphuca, which was formerly taken up by the Tramway, and the second being the payment of a large sum annually by way of pensions to former employees of the Company—we hereby request the County Councils' General Council to review this whole question of pensions generally, as it may be there are other Counties whose ratepayers may in similar circumstances be shouldering the payment of pensions.

We further request the General Council to urge upon the Government that in equity a Section should be imported into foreshadowed legislation proposing to set up a Transport Company with a monopoly over all the roads and streets of our County and of every other County in, at least, the matter of heavy traffic, the effect of such Section to mean that the liability



for these pensions be transferred from the ratepayers of County Dublin and Wicklow to the newly-set up Transport Company.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,

Seconded by Councillor Peter Ledwidge:

Resolved—That pursuant to the provisions of Section 15, Sub-section 1 (d) of the Liffey Reservoir Act, 1936, we, the County Council of Wicklow, hereby request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to take into consideration the question whether or not the diversion roads and bridges, and approach roads thereto, constructed by the Electricity Supply Board under the provisions of the above Act, have been properly constructed, and to give this Council his ruling thereon so soon as he is in a position to do so.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick,

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Hickey, M.B.:

Resolved—That machinery be established whereby there shall be continuous supervision of cases of unemployment of youth who have left school, and that Parish Councils be requested to act as Welfare Committees to interest themselves in the occupations of such youth pending their employment.

Passed.

The following letter was submitted by the County Secretary:—

THE IRISH FARMERS' FEDERATION.

Secretary: Miss E. F. Bobbett,

Springfield,

Kilbride,

7th March, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Healy.

At the Annual County Convention of the Irish Farmers' Federation, which was held in Clash on 5th March, I was instructed to write and ask you would you receive a small deputation from the Irish Farmers' Federation at the next meeting of the County Council. There are several very important matters which we would like to place before you and the Councillors.

First, we want an extension of time for the payment of the present half-year's Rates till 1st May, as very many farmers have great difficulty in trying to purchase their seeds to comply with the Tillage Regulations, and to press these farmers now for their rates would mean that many of them would be forced to sell their young, immature cattle at a very bad time of the year, thereby being at a great loss on the sale of his cattle—a loss which could be avoided in the matter of the extra few weeks to meet the rates.

Secondly, the farmers are very disappointed with the small reduction in the rates for the coming year, we are entitled to a much larger reduction.

Thirdly, we demand that the Rates Estimates be dealt with at the County Council Meeting item by item and not in bulk, and we demand that the Estimates be published in the local paper item by item and comparative figures for preceding year given.

Please let me know the date of next County Council meeting so that I can notify the members of the deputation in time to attend.

Yours faithfully,

ELIZABETH F. BOBBETT,

County Secretary.

Proposed by Councillor J. Kavanagh,

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.:

Resolved—That we hereby request the County Manager to urge the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to extend to the 30th

April, 1944, the period within which the Poor Rate Collectors shall have for the purpose of closing their 1943-1944 Collections, as it has been submitted to this Council that a great hardship will be inflicted on many Ratepayers otherwise.

Passed.

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

#### NOTICE OF MOTION.

I give notice that I or someone for me will move at next Meeting of County Council that a second Agricultural Instructor be appointed permanently.



ABSTRACT OF CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

30th November, 1943, H.19210/1943, Ilgh (Pg) intimating the proposal to have a formal survey made of disused country mansions in the County, and asking for particulars of such buildings disclosed on County Council records.

14th December, 1943, TA. 100333/3 sanctioning the continuance of overdraft accommodation in connection with Turf Production for the sum of £10,000 for the period ending 31st December, 1943.

16th December, 1943, R/RS/33 sanctioning the retention up to the 31st March, 1944, of Messrs. Fleming, O'Brien and Howard as temporary engineers.

21st December, 1943, No. 135/43 intimating that the usual forms of Claim for Abatement of Rates on Agricultural Land should be issued before the end of the year.

23rd December, 1943, G.4332/12/43 sanctioning the continued employment of Miss M. Gregan, for the period not exceeding three months on the terms already approved.

29th December, 1943, referring to the demolition of Killincarrick Castle, and stating that the request to defer this demolition work was addressed to the County Manager, in view of representations made regarding the historical associations of the ruins of this castle and that the matter is being taken up with the Commissioners of Public Works.

30th December, 1943, R/RS/33 noting the terms of the County Manager's Order of the 26th October, 1943, regarding the employment of Messrs. Fleming, O'Brien, Howard as temporary engineers, and the alterations made subsequent to the resignation of K. C. Hardiman, B.Sc., B.E.

30th December, 1943, L.5798/14/43 Cill Manntain, stating the Minister will raise no objection to the adoption of the Modifications recommended by the County Engineer in the specification already approved of for the erection of additional County Council office accommodation.

3rd January, 1944, G.4332/12/43, sanctioning the continued employment of Mr. P. Maguire and Miss B. Finlay for a further period not exceeding three months.

4th January, 1944, G.3032/12/43 consenting to the continuance of overdraft accommodation on the accounts of the County Council for the sum not exceeding £8,000 for the period to the 31/1/44.

6th January, 1944, Circ. No. 136/43 transmitting copy of the Minister's Order made on 24th December, 1943, in pursuance of Sections 5 (3) and 14 (8) of the County Management Act, 1940, determining the amount of the annual contribution to be paid by Joint Bodies in respect of expenses of management.

10th January, 1944, regarding wages of men engaged on road works outside Wicklow Urban District (E.S.V. £1,300), and stating that the Minister sanctions the County Manager's proposal to grant workers under this heading an increase by way of emergency bonus of 6d. per day, and also regarding wages of men engaged on road works in the Bray Area (E.S.V. Grant of £2,080), and stating that the Minister sanctions on similar terms the proposal to grant increase of 4d. per day.

11th January, 1944, R.G.M./201/43, intimating that the Main Road Grant, 1943/44, for County Wicklow has been provisionally fixed at £9,600.

14th January, 1944, Memo in connection with the Employment and Emergency Scheme Vote, 1943/44, Works No. U.897, Grant £2,080, setting forth certain amendments in paragraph 11 of the Memo (SGA/209/E(U)) of the 24th November, 1942.

14th January, 1944, Memo in connection with Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1943/44, Works No. U.898, Grant £1,300, setting forth certain amendments in paragraph 11 of the Memo (SGA/209/E(U)) of the 24th November, 1942.

17th January, 1944, P.H.80/44, Cill Manntain, acknowledging County Manager's letter of the 30th ultimo transmitting the County Council's Resolution regarding the Regulations issued in pursuance of the Cinematograph Act, 1909.

18th January, 1944, R/RM/210/54S, stating that a supplemental

QUARTERLY REPORT.

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by her during the Quarter ending the 31st December, 1943.

Articles submitted for Analysis	Date Received	Number	From	Analysis of Result
W. Milk	9/10/43	2	Carnew, Gd. Doyle	Genuine
Porter	"	1	"	Genuine
Rice	13/10/43	1	"	Genuine
W. Milk	"	3	Dunlavin, Gd. Laverty	Genuine
Sugar	"	1	"	Genuine
Coffee	18/10/43	1	Bray, Gd. Murphy	Genuine
W. Milk	"	1	"	Genuine
Vinegar	"	1	"	Not Gen.
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
F. Soda	26/10/43	1	"	Genuine
Rice	"	1	Roundwood, Gd. Roberts	Genuine
Porter	"	1	"	Genuine
Cheese	1/11/43	1	"	Genuine
Milk	6/11/43	1	Dist. Hospital, Baltinglass	Genuine
Rice	"	2	N-T-Mt.-Kennedy, Gd. Ward	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
Cocoa	9/11/43	1	Roundwood, Gd. Roberts	Genuine
Stout	"	1	"	Genuine
Porter	"	1	"	Genuine
Ale	"	1	"	Genuine
Sugar	13/11/43	1	"	Genuine
W. Milk	"	1	"	Genuine
Butter	"	2	Rathdrum, Gd. Sweeney	Genuine
Cheese	"	1	Blessington, Gd. Brennan	Genuine
F. Oatmeal	"	1	"	Genuine
Flour	"	1	"	Genuine
W. Milk	17/11/43	3	Shillelagh, Gd. Behan	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
W. Milk	"	2	"	Genuine
P. Wine	18/11/43	1	Aughrim, Sergt. Lee	Genuine
W. Milk	"	1	"	Genuine
Coffee	"	1	"	Genuine
B. Powder	"	1	"	Genuine
Sugar	"	1	"	Genuine
B. Soda	"	1	"	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
C. L. Oil	"	1	"	Genuine
Cheese	"	1	"	Genuine
W. Milk	22/11/43	2	Bray, Gd. Murphy	Genuine
Whiskey	"	2	"	Genuine
Sugar	30/11/43	1	Roundwood, Gd. Roberts	Genuine
B. Soda	"	2	"	Genuine
Rice	"	1	"	Genuine
W. Milk	1/12/43	1	Arklow, Gd. O'Reilly	Genuine
W. Milk	2/12/43	4	Baltinglass, Gd. Conway	Genuine
W. Milk	6/12/43	4	Arklow, Gd. O'Reilly	Genuine
W. Milk	13/12/43	2	Rathdrum, Gd. Sweeney	Genuine
Butter	"	2	"	Genuine
W. Milk	14/12/43	1	Greystones, Gd. O'Dwyer	Genuine
Coffee	"	4	"	Genuine
Essence	"	1	"	Genuine
B. Powder	"	1	"	Genuine
Port Wine	"	1	"	Genuine
Rice	"	1	"	Genuine
Whiskey	"	1	"	Genuine
Neave's	"	1	"	Genuine
Food	"	1	Bray, Gd. Murphy	Genuine
Butter	"	2	"	Genuine
Custard	"	1	Baltinglass, Gd. Conway	Genuine
Pancake	"	1	"	Genuine
Flour	"	1	"	Genuine
Malted	"	1	"	Genuine
Bran	"	1	"	Genuine
Coffee	"	1	"	Genuine
F. Meal	"	1	"	Genuine
C. Powder	"	1	"	Genuine
Milk	20/12/43	1	Baltinglass, Dist. Hospital	Genuine
W. Milk	21/12/43	3	Roundwood, Gd. Roberts	Genuine
Porter	24/12/43	1	Wicklow, Gd. Bergin	Genuine
B. Powder	"	1	"	Genuine
Custard	"	1	"	Genuine
Whiskey	"	1	"	Genuine
Vinegar	30/12/43	1	Roundwood, Gd. Roberts	Genuine
Stout	"	2	"	Genuine
Lemonade	"	1	"	Genuine
Lemonsoda	31/12/43	1	Shillelagh, Gd. Behan	Genuine
W. Milk	"	2	"	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
Vinegar	"	1	Carnew, Gd. Doyle	Genuine
W. Milk	"	1	"	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
Custard	8/10/43	1	"	Genuine
Drugs	14/10/43	2	County Hospital	Genuine
Drugs	16/10/43	2	Co. Home, Rathdrum	Genuine
Drugs	9/11/43	2	Kiltegan Dispensary	Genuine
Drugs	18/11/43	2	Dist. Hospital, Baltinglass	Genuine
Drugs	22/11/43	2	Blessington Dispensary	Genuine
Drugs	23/11/43	2	Aughrim Dispensary	Genuine
Drugs	24/12/43	2	Baltinglass Dispensary	Genuine
Drugs	"	2	County Sanatorium	Genuine

grant accommodation on the County Council's General Account for the sum of £5,000 for the period ending 31st March, 1944.

2nd March, 1944, T.A.161G, setting forth rates of wages which the County Manager may pay to employees engaged on Emergency Turf Schemes.

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter: Foods, 107; Drugs, 16; Total, 123. Number adulterated—1 Vinegar.

Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

Dated 18th Jan., 1944.



## ABSTRACT OF CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

30th November, 1943, to have a form and asking for records.

14th December, overdraft account sum of £10,000.

16th December, 31st March, 1944, engineers.

21st December, Claim for Abatement the end of the month of Miss M the terms already.

29th December, and stating that to the County historical association being taken up.

30th December, Manager's Order Messrs. Fleming, conditions made subject.

30th December, will raise no objection by the County in erection of additional.

3rd January, of Mr. P. Maguire three months.

4th January, overdraft account sum not exceeding.

6th January, Order made on 14 (8) of the County the annual contract of management.

10th January, outside Wicklow Minister sanctioning this heading and also regarding works (E.S.V. Grant of terms the proposed).

11th January, Grant, 1943/44, for.

14th January, Emergency Scheme forth certain amendments of the 24th November, 1942.

14th January, 1944, Memo in connection with Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1943/44, Works No. U898, Grant £1,300, setting forth certain amendments in paragraph 11 of the Memo (SGA/209/E(U)) of the 24th November, 1942.

17th January, 1944, P.H.80/44, Cill Manntain, acknowledging County Manager's letter of the 30th ultimo transmitting the County Council's Resolution regarding the Regulations issued in pursuance of the Cinematograph Act, 1909.

18th January, 1944, R/RM/210/54S, stating that a supplemental allocation for the provision of additional employment in Bray Urban District has been provisionally made available from Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1943/44, and stating that the amount of the Grant available for road works or amenity schemes is £600, subject to local contribution of £280.

18th January, 1944, Circ. No. 6/44, intimating that the total amount which it is proposed to provide in the year commencing 1st April, 1944, by way of Agricultural Grant will be the same as in the current year.

19th January, 1944, T.A. 100/33/3, consenting to the continuance of overdraft accommodation in connection with Turf Production for the sum of £11,000 for the period ending 31st January, 1944.

20th January, 1944, L.1727/44, sanctioning the Council's proposal to obtain a loan of £6,000 to defray expenditure on the additional County Council Office accommodation—repayable over a period of 15 years with interest at the usual rate.

25th January, 1944, G.2314/44, sanctioning continuance of overdraft accommodation on the accounts of the County Council for the sum of £8,000 for the period to the 29th February, 1944.

26th January, 1944, stating that Paying Order for £4,000 in respect of further instalment of Agricultural Grant for the year ending 31st March, 1944, has been forwarded to the Council's Treasurer.

27th January, 1944, Memo setting forth condition of Rate Collection of County Councils as on the 31st December, 1943.

29th January, 1944, G.2662/3/43, Memo regarding Workmen's Compensation and setting forth provisions under this heading consequent upon the Government's Order entitled Emergency Powers (No. 274) Order, 1943 (Amendment) Order, 1944, which came into effect on the 17th January, 1944.

1st February, 1944, T.A.199/33/3, sanctioning the continuance of overdraft accommodation in connection with Turf Production for the sum of £11,000 for the period ending 29th February, 1944.

15th February, 1944, intimating that the Government has made an Order entitled Emergency Powers (No. 312) Order, 1944, which provides that the superannuation allowance payable to a pensionable officer of a local authority, whose remuneration is comprised of basic salary, cost-of-living bonus, and emergency bonus, shall be by way of fixed allowance based on basic salary, plus emergency bonus, together with cost-of-living bonus on that portion of the superannuation allowance that is calculated by reference to the basic salary plus emergency bonus.

21st February, 1944, RU/210/54S, intimating the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health of the Scheme of Road Works proposed to be carried out with the aid of Supplemental (Bray U.D.) Grant, under Works No. U.899—Total estimates expenditure £680; Grant £600; Local Contribution £60.

28th February, 1944, T.A.100/33/3, consenting to the continuance of overdraft accommodations on the Turf Production Account for the sum of £12,000 for the period ending 31st March, 1944.

29th February, 1944, Ref. No. IR/107/1, Order of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health authorising the temporary closing of Road No. 377—the portion of the said road situate between the cross-roads junction with the Main Sally Gap-Kilbride Road and the cross-roads junction with the county road leading from Ballysmutton to Ballinascullogue.

1st March, 1944, G.2314/2/44, consenting to the continuance of overdraft accommodation on the County Council's General Account for the sum of £5,000 for the period ending 31st March, 1944.

2nd March, 1944, T.A.161G, setting forth rates of wages which the County Manager may pay to employees engaged on Emergency Turf Schemes.



7th March, 1944, No. 26/44, relating to Schemes for the Supply of Fuel for necessitous households during the Summer months.

8th, March, 1944, RM/201/33W, sanctioning Emergency Bonus of 3s. per week for road workers in the Electoral Divisions of Enniskerry, Powerscourt, Kilmacanogue, Delgany and Greystones, and a further Emergency Bonus of 4s. per week for road workers in the rest of the County Rural Area.

9th March, 1944, TA.141G, intimating that fees at the rates indicated in the circular letter of the 16th January, 1942, No. T.559, may be allowed to survey staffs engaged in the supervision of Bog Development Works financed out of Grants during the 1943/44 season.

9th March, 1944, R/RGM/33, intimating the Minister sees no objection to the proposal to advertise for contract certain roads included in the Road Estimate to be maintained otherwise than by contract in 1944/45.

#### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

4th January, 1944, SR/6/2/38, stating that during the year 1943 the Minister for Agriculture did not grant approval for any name for use in connection with margarine.

9th February, 1944, L.510/44, sanctioning payment of special allowances to Wicklow County Council's three Veterinary Inspectors for their work in furtherance of the Sheep Dipping Scheme during the past dipping season, and setting forth the nature of the reports to be submitted by these Inspectors in future in connection with this particular Scheme.

25th February, 1944, L.150/44, sanctioning the arrangements whereby Mr. W. J. Richardson, V.S., acted temporarily from the 14th to the 17th inst., as Local Authority Veterinary Inspector in place of Mr. S. Conway, V.S.

#### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE.

December, 1943, A.R.P. Memo No. 24 (Pamphlet on Control Scheme for County Areas).

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

30th December, 1943, T.S.10025, regarding the County Council's Resolution in connection with priority facilities for members of Wicklow County Council for travelling by 'bus or train, and stating that the Minister regrets that it would not be feasible to make arrangements such as are suggested by Wicklow County Council.

#### FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLIES.

18th December, 1943, P.32, referring to the Council's Resolution concerning priority facilities for members of Wicklow County Council for travelling by 'bus or train, and stating that this is a matter for the Department of Industry and Commerce.

#### FROM WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL, PUBLIC HEALTH SECTION.

21st December, 1943, reporting the existence of diphtheria in Baltin-glass District Hospital.

3rd January, 1944, enclosing synopsis of the more important Orders made by the County Manager at his Rathdrum office during the month of December, 1943.

4th February, 1944, enclosing synopsis of the more important Orders made by the County Manager at his Rathdrum office during the month of January, 1944.

#### FROM OTHER PUBLIC BODIES.

9th December, 1943, from Great Southern Railways Co., Ltd., stating that the resolution of the County Council concerning the taking over of all transport of goods will receive attention.

10th December, 1943, from Kerry County Council stating that the Wicklow County Council's resolution concerning election to the Seanad has been read.

3rd January, 1944, from the Irish Tourist Board, Dublin, noting the extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on the 13th December, 1943, relative to certain works of improvement to be carried out in Greystones.

7th January, 1944, from Galway County Council stating that Wicklow County Council's resolution regarding the Regulations under the Cinematograph Act shall be placed on the Agenda of Galway County Council.

12th January, 1944, from Letterkenny Urban Council submitting copy of resolution passed by that Body viewing with alarm the introduction of any legislation in post-war period, the effect of which will restrict the use of privately owned commercial vehicles, privately owned motor-cars or hackney vehicles, and demanding an assurance from the Government that no such interference with the fundamental rights of the individual is contemplated.

17th January, 1944, from Longford County Council intimating that the resolution of Wicklow County Council concerning the Regulations issued under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, was adopted by Longford County Council.

20th January, 1944, from Longford County Council enclosing copy of resolution requesting the Government to speed up the work of the Land Commission in the division of Land.

Memo dealing with Vocational Education (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 1943.

16th February, 1944, from Laoighis County Council intimating that no action was taken by them regarding Wicklow County Council's resolution relative to Cinematograph Act Regulations.

28th February, 1944, from the Irish Tourist Association, 14, Upper O'Connell St., Dublin, noting the County Council's contribution of £200 towards the Tourist Rate.

28th February, 1944, from Waterford County Council enclosing copy of resolution of that Body calling upon the Minister for Agriculture to have legislation effected in order that the duty under the Diseases of Animals Acts, formerly discharged by the County Councils, be allocated to the Committees of Agriculture.

3rd March, 1944, from Roscommon County Council asking that the legislation debarring the County Councils from making cul-de-sac roads be amended.

6th March, 1944, from Tipperary N.R. County Council intimating that the resolution re Cinematograph Regulations was read by that Council.

7th March, 1944, intimating that Kildare County Council adopted the Resolution of this Council concerning Cinematograph Regulations.

9th March, 1944, from County Councils' General Council intimating the next Meeting of the County Councils' General Council will take place on the first week in May.

#### FROM THE COUNTY WICKLOW COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

17th December, 1943, enclosing copy of Return of the Number of Sheep reported to have been dipped in County Wicklow during the 1943 season.

13th January, 1944, enclosing copy of letter received from the Department of Agriculture in connection with the use of Young's "Green Label" Sheep Dip in the District of Mr. G. A. Morrin, V.S.

#### FROM THE WICKLOW COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

23rd December, 1943, submitting a report regarding the supply of books to Ballyconnell, Tullow, Co. Carlow.

#### FROM THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

2nd December, 1943, enclosing copy of letter addressed to Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., intimating dissatisfaction at the method of Mr. Foley's estimates for road expenditure for 1944/45.

15th December, 1943, enclosing copies of the following communications to Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., dealing with administration of road work and cottage building in West Wicklow.

- (1) Dated 14th December, 1943, regarding alleged unsatisfactory work in the District supervised by Overseers Fay and Kehce, and pointing out that he, the County Surveyor, has not up to date received specific report asked for concerning Kehoe's area.



- (2) 14th December, 1943, pointing out that a considerable time previously he, the County Surveyor, had asked for a report about Sally Gap—Kilbride Road in anticipation of heavy turf traffic expected in 1944 season, and no report was received by the County Surveyor to date.
- (3) 14th December, 1943, intimating that the County Surveyor has been trying to get Mr. Foley to provide stores for the storage of tools, etc., in Dunlavin, Baltinglass and Blessington, and pointing out that the lengthy correspondence in this connection indicates the difficulties experienced in getting Mr. Foley to carry out his duties. These stores have not yet been erected to date.
- (4) 14th December, 1943, intimating that Assistant Surveyor Foley had been spoken to and written to for a report on the Cinemas in Dunlavin and Baltinglass, but that the required report had not been submitted, and consequently the matter could not be dealt with at the County Council Meeting held on the 13th December, 1943.
- (5) 14th December, 1943, again calling Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley's attention to correspondence with reference to the measurements of stone supplied by Road Contractors; that these measurements have not yet been received; no report on Road Sub-Contracts was submitted, although the roads in question should have been inspected by Mr. Foley in September last and the materials measured in the usual way.
- (6) 14th December, 1943, referring to letters addressed to Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley on 24th August and 4th December, 1943, asking for quantity of stone that had been put on roads in his area, or made available thereto during the present season, and intimating that no reply was received.
- (7) 14th December, 1943, referring to Map submitted by Mr. Foley on the 3rd instant, purporting to show the extent of the bog at Kippure, and the new road thereon, accompanied by letter in which Mr. Foley admits that the Map had been prepared from particulars supplied by Mr. Murray. The County Surveyor points out that this was Mr. Foley's duty as Assistant Surveyor to investigate these matters personally, and that the Maps supplied by Mr. Foley and Mr. Murray are not similar, and are misleading, and that he, the County Surveyor is thoroughly confused regarding the whole matter.
- (8) 14th December, 1943, intimating that Mr. Foley had been written to on several occasions to submit details of Agreements entered into with certain Contractors for the building by piece work of cottages under the 1939 cottage building Scheme. No documents of any description had been received to date.
- (9) 14th December, 1943, intimating that Mr. Foley had been written twice regarding the handing up of keys of cottages already built, and that this was a definite loss to rates by non-occupation of these cottages.
- (10) 14th December, 1943, intimating that a member of Wicklow County Council informed the County Surveyor that a considerable time previously Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley had been informed by him of certain necessary cottage repairs in his district, but that no action had been taken.
- (11) 14th December, 1943, stating that consequent upon a Conference held at Vallemount on 2nd instant regarding the Ballyknockan-Annacorney Road, instructions were issued to Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., to visit the remainder of the land-owners in that village regarding the arrangements for compensation for land required. No report was received from Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley in the matter.

- (12) 14th December, 1943, pointing out that the sum of £126 was allowed in the Road Works Scheme for the current year for the repair of Ballysmutton Bridge County Road No. 277, and although instructed on several occasions as to the necessity for the work being executed, no action was taken by Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley. This is another instance of gross carelessness. Another item of £100 on the Road Works Scheme for the taking over of the road at Belan Street, Baltinglass, had not been attended to. This also clearly shows that Mr. Foley's attention is not on his work.

1st January, 1944, regarding Turbary Development Scheme, 1942/43, and pointing out the serious situation which has arisen concerning Grant to be allocated from Government Funds for the completion of certain Bog Development Road Works in Mr. Foley's area, and pointing out that the Department cannot certify for the refund to Wicklow County Council of the full amount of the Grant in question because of the fact that the full extent of these works was not completed.

1st January, 1944, enclosing letter dated 15th December, 1943, regarding the County Surveyor's letter of the 26th November, 1943, concerning Turbary Development Schemes, 1943, and the completion of certain Bog Development Road Works which were a matter of urgency in order that Grants may be paid therefor, and pointing out that there is no evidence that Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley has done anything in the matter.

1st January, 1944, enclosing letter dated 15th December, 1943, intimating that the County Surveyor is held up from submitting Completion Forms to the Department for refund of Grants under the Turbary Development Schemes, 1943, owing to delay in having each work completed.

6th January, 1944, enclosing copy of letter addressed to Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley in connection with the delay in submitting a list of schemes for Post Emergency Planning, and pointing out that the withholding of this information is prohibiting the submission to the Department of the details required by them.

18th January, 1944, referring to Mr. Foley's neglect in respect of his sub-contract roads, and intimating that his opinion has been confirmed that Mr. Foley has neglected to give the necessary attention to roads.

19th January, 1944, regarding Turf Production Scheme, 1944, and the arrangements made with Grangegorman Mental Hospital for the supply of turf in the coming season.

20th January, 1944, pointing out that Assistant Surveyor Foley had been asked on several occasions for the submission, without delay, of signed and witnessed Agreements in connection with the Road widening at Ballyknockan-Annacorney Road.

21st January, 1944, enclosing copy of letter, dated 12th January, 1944, intimating that the written and signed Agreements from land-owners concerned with the Ballyknockan-Annacorney Road, requested on several occasions, have not been submitted by Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley.

21st January, 1944, stressing the urgency of executing Agreements with every person from whom land is required in connection with the Ballyknockan-Annacorney Road.

21st January, 1944, referring to Mr. Foley's request that copy of the Agreement, signed by Mr. Brady at Vallemount, in connection with the Ballyknockan-Annacorney Road, and pointing out that copy of this Agreement was submitted to the County Manager. (N.B.—This Agreement had already been transmitted to Mr. Foley by the County Manager on the 3rd December, 1943).

21st January, 1944, enclosing copy of letter, dated 20th January, 1944, pointing out to Mr. Foley that the Amount to be expended on the road between Lugnaskea and Annacorney for reconstruction is £3,265, and that the County Manager and he will insist that this road be completed entirely for that amount.

21st January, 1944, enclosing copy of letter to Mr. Brazil with reference to Agreements to be made between Wicklow County Council and the land-



owners adjoining the Ballyknockan-Annacorney Road, and intimating that copy of the Agreement entered into at a Conference held in Vallemount is enclosed, and that Mr. Foley has been instructed to supply the necessary information regarding the remaining land-owners.

21st January, 1944, asking that Mr. Foley give particulars to Mr. Brazil in connection with the Ballyknockan-Annacorney Road in order to allow of the preparation of suitable agreements. Mr. Foley is in possession of these details, and he must be insisted upon to produce them in view of the urgency of the matter.

21st January, 1944, again pointing out to Mr. Foley the necessity for getting signed Agreements for each of the land-owners adjoining the Annacorney-Ballyknockan Road, and pointing out that Mr. Foley now wants particulars of fencing, although he should have taken note of them before. Mr. Foley pretends to be unaware of the amount to be expended, although he was informed of same on 1st July, 1943.

25th January, 1944, stating that the County Surveyor had inspected, on the 21st instant, the work on the Ballyknockan-Annacorney Road, and intimating his dissatisfaction regarding the manner in which the work is being carried out.

25th January, 1944, pointing out that for a long time past the steam-roller in Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley's area has been lying idle; loss is being incurred by paying the driver; Mr. Foley's is the only area where a roller cannot be frequently engaged, which seems extraordinary.

25th January, 1944, enclosing letter, dated 21st instant, from Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley regarding the Ballyknockan-Annacorney Road, and intimating that the only Agreements which he, Mr. Foley, got signed were those persons' whom Mr. Brady said he did not represent.

31st January, 1944, relative to the Lugnaskea-Ballyknockan-Annacorney Road, and enclosing:—

- (1) Copy of communication addressed to James Brady, of Ballyknockan, in regard to the objection to allow the County Council to take material from the rubbish banks and works in his quarry.
- (2) Copy of letter addressed to Overseer James Ryan suggesting that it would be more economic to pay carters by the load.
- (3) Copy of letter addressed to Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley confirming and repeating instructions previously given regarding the above road, which instructions the County Surveyor thought Mr. Foley would have understood.
- (4) Copy of letter addressed to Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley regarding the preparation of maps and agreements in above connection.

31st January, 1944, enclosing letter addressed to Mr. Brazil regarding the Lugnaskea-Ballyknockan-Annacorney Road, and enclosing list of land-owners handed in by Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, and pointing out that he, the County Surveyor, could not guarantee its accuracy, and suggesting that Mr. Brazil should communicate with Mr. Foley and ask for the names of the land-owners adjoining the road.

31st January, 1944, stating that he, the County Surveyor, finds it impossible to go to West Wicklow each Wednesday, and that he could now only get out West in every third week.

2nd February, 1944, enclosing letter from Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley regarding the Lugnaskea-Ballyknockan-Annacorney Road, in which Mr. Foley states he had not consent to enter on some of the lands, where agreements had not been signed, and he was, therefore, confined to a limited amount of work on the Road. Mr. Foley also makes a statement regarding the men found by the County Surveyor to be breaking stones without wearing goggles.

2nd February, 1944, pointing out that there was a grave likelihood of losing Bog Development Grants because of the non-completion of Roads in Assistant Surveyor Foley's area.

10th February, 1944, referring to previous correspondence whereby he fears that Wicklow County Council might lose Grants applicable to Bog

Development Works in Mr. Foley's area, and enclosing copy of letter dated 9th instant, addressed by him to Mr. Foley in that connection.

4th March, 1944, setting forth certain complaints about the method of carting used on the Lugnaskea-Annacorney-Ballyknockan Road.

FROM ASSISTANT SURVEYOR P. J. FOLEY, B.E.

3rd January, 1944, setting forth certain explanations regarding delay in the work on the Ballyknockan-Annacorney Road.

20th January, 1944, stating that his instructions were to make agreements with the persons for whom Mr. Brady did not act. That it was understood that the County Surveyor was accepting Messrs. Brady's and O'Brien's signatures, but should separate Agreements be required, it will be necessary to have them in the form which was agreed upon at Vallemount.

25th January, 1944, enclosing draft agreement which Mr. Foley proposes to have signed by each person on whose land he enters for the widening and reconstruction of Ballyknockan-Annacorney Road.

3rd February, 1944, concerning the Agreements in connection with the Annacorney-Ballyknockan Road.

4th February, 1944, regarding certain Sub-Contracts in his area.

Undated relative to Mr. Foley's Office in Dublin.

FROM THE COUNCIL'S LAW AGENT.

10th January, 1944, intimating that the case of alleged breach of the Food and Drugs Act by Matthew Gordon, Shillelagh, was heard at Shillelagh District Court on the 4th instant. The Defendant was ordered to pay 8s. 4d. costs.

19th January, 1944, enclosing explanation from Collector Patrick Kinsella concerning allegation regarding the payment of the sum of £5 by Peter Doyle in relation to cottage at Knockenreagh.

26th January, 1944, stating that Criminal Proceedings will be instituted by the Gardai regarding turf stolen from Knocknaskea Bog.

26th January, 1944, referring to the County Surveyor's intimation to him on the 21st instant regarding the request that Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., supply certain information to prepare Agreements for the Ballyknockan-Annacorney Road.

31st January, 1944, intimating that the District Justice refused the application to commit a child, Elizabeth O'Rourke, of Cornan, Rathdangan, to an Industrial School, but instead imposed a fine of 10s. on the father.

29th February, 1944, referring to the County Surveyor's desire to have legal interpretation of the law agent on all Emergency Powers Orders affecting local authorities.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

15th January, 1944, from William J. Doyle, M.C.C., conveying his thanks to the Wicklow County Council for their expression of sympathy with him in his recent bereavement.

7th February, 1944, from Right Rev. Monsignor M. J. Curran, P.P., Greystones, relative to the demolition of Killincarrick House.

24th February, 1944, conveying Judge Fawsitt's expression of thanks to the Wicklow County Manager for the renovation of the Court, and the erection of the proper Court Symbols and the permanent Flag Pole and National Flag on the Courthouse building.

February, 1944, relative to the appointment of a member to attend and vote at General Meetings of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Co.

19th February, 1944, from Mrs. Clare Brereton Barry, Millbrook, Eglinton, Dublin, expressing her gratitude to the County Council for their Resolution of sympathy on the death of her son.

3rd March, 1944, from John A. Doyle, Main St., Baltinglass, expressing his gratitude to the County Council for their Resolution of sympathy on the death of his mother.

5th March, 1944, from Mr. Joseph Doyle, Talbotstown, Fort, Kiltegan, returning sincere thanks for the County Council's resolution of sympathy in his bereavement.



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Monthly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, the 17th April, 1944.

The following Members were present:  
Councillor Edward Byrne, Chairman;  
Councillors P. P. O'Reilly, P. McCarthy, J. Everett, T.D.; B. Farrell, W. J. Doyle, C. M. Byrne, T.D.; Peter Ledwidge, George Byrne, J. J. Hickey, M.B.; T. Fitzpatrick, C. W. Hudson, J. J. Bourne, J. J. McCrea, D. J. Kehoe, Joseph Kavanagh, H. J. Byrne.

### BUSINESS:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of previous Meetings.
2. To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
3. To consider applications for Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
4. To execute such Cottage Tenancy Agreements as may be submitted.
5. To execute such Contracts as may be submitted under the Childrens' Acts in connection with the boarding out of Foster Children.
6. To Seal and Sign Vesting Orders (in duplicate) in respect of the sale of Cottages under the Labourers Acts, 1936, to the tenants thereof.
7. To receive and consider a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health in which the Minister outlines the relationship which he believes should exist between each Local Authority and the County Manager.
8. To consider a circulated Report prepared by the County Surveyor after his inspection of Baltinglass Hospital as instructed by the Co. Council.
9. To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health requesting to be furnished with particulars of the representation which the suggested deputation propose to submit to the Minister in connection with Hospital Accommodation for Co. Wicklow.
10. To consider a report from the second Meeting of the newly set up Committee to consider the question of establishing a Mental Hospital within the County Wicklow for patients from that County.
11. To execute an Agreement with Mr. Edward O'Connor, of Poulaphouca, Ballymore-Eustace, for the production of one thousand tons of turf from Roundhill Bog.
12. To consider the following Notice of Motion, standing in the name of Councillor T. Fitzpatrick:  
"That we proceed to make regulations under Section 28 of the County Management Act, 1940."
13. To consider the further detailed Report on the possibilities of producing lime in County Wicklow, which report was asked for at the Council's last monthly meeting.
14. To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture on the 25th January, 1944:—  
"That the attention of the responsible authority be drawn to the slow progress being made in West Wicklow in regard to lime production, although the material is available in large quantities, as lime is such an essential factor for a large part of land in West Wicklow, and we suggest that if fuel be available, that a kiln be built convenient to site of deposit."
15. To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture on the 28th March, 1944:  
"That in view of favourable report from Assistant Surveyor Foley, re costing of lime production in West Wicklow, and the urgency of such production, that we again request the responsible authority to have work commenced for that purpose."
16. To pass a Resolution, following the recommendation of the County Committee of Agriculture, that Mr. G. P. Byrne's Pension be fixed consequent upon his resignation from Secretary to that Committee.



17. To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture on the 29th February, 1944:  
 "That in view of Mr. G. P. Byrne's resignation as Secretary to the Committee of Agriculture, we request the Wicklow County Council to establish the position of Chief Agricultural Officer to the County Committee of Agriculture."
18. To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at their Meeting held on the 28th March, 1944:—  
 "That owing to the retirement of Mr. G. P. Byrne as Secretary to this Committee of Agriculture, we recommend that the County Council, at their next Meeting, abolish the post of Secretary to the Committee and create the post of Chief Agricultural Officer, in accordance with the requirements of Section 22 (3) of the Agricultural Act, 1931."
19. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor D. J. Kehoe:—  
 "I hereby give notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the next Meeting of the County Council, that a second Agricultural Instructor be appointed permanently."
20. To receive a joint Report from the Council's Solicitor and County Surveyor in connection with the Council's responsibility in regard to the retaining wall at the premises of Mr. Rae, Oonagh, Enniskerry, which wall collapsed some months ago.
21. To execute the Mortgage required by the Treasurer in connection with the Loan of £6,000 obtained for the purpose of providing additional office accommodation adjoining the Courthouse, Wicklow.
22. To consider a communication from the Minister for Agriculture intimating that the operation of the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Orders, 1936 to 1939, cannot be resumed during the current year owing to the continued shortage of materials.
23. To consider such matters as may be raised for discussion in connection with the administration of Assistance, Health and Housing services in the County, of which Notice, as requested, has been given to the County Manager at his Rathdrum Office.  
 Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;  
 Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;  
 Resolved—That this Council desires to place on record their sympathy with Mr. D. M. Doyle of Ballymacsimon, Glenealy, on the occasion of his recent bereavement.  
 Passed.  
 The County Manager reported to the Council that on the 22nd March, 1944, he received an anonymous letter containing the sum of £20 (two £10 notes), with a request that he place it to the credit of the County Council for the ratepayers, at the same time stating that no publication was necessary. This £20 had been lodged to credit of the County Council.  
 Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;  
 Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;  
 Resolved—That the Minutes of previous Meeting as printed and circulated to each Member of Wicklow County Council be now confirmed and signed by the Chairman.  
 Passed.  
 Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;  
 Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;  
 Resolved—That we hereby empower our Secretary to issue a Licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, to Mr. R. N. Gillespie, Trading as Herbert Webb of Mill Street, Baltinglass, a satisfactory report in that connection having been received from the Garda Síochána.  
 Passed.  
 The Secretary informed the Council that he was still awaiting reports from the County Surveyor that he had satisfied himself, after a personal inspection, that the following premises were in every respect suitable and

complied with the Regulations, and that Licences therefor might be issued now under the Cinematograph Act, 1909:—

1. Premises known as Tower Cinema, Baltinglass—applicant Walter Kehoe, Emo, Portarlington.
2. Premises known as Imaal Hali, Dunlavin—applicant John Cunaingham, Dunlavin.
3. Premises known as "The Cinema," Greystones—applicant, John Hipple, Coolagad, Greystones.
4. Premises known as "The Courthouse," Rathdrum—applicants Richard and Michael Haughton, Rathdrum.

No Licences, therefore, had been issued yet in respect of any of the above premises.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

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 Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That the Cottage Tenancy Agreements as set out on the subjoined list be sealed.

13th March, 1944—Richard Tobin, Tombrean.

13th March, 1944—William Kearney, Tombrean.

16th March, 1944—Patrick Brennan, Deerpark.

7th April, 1944—James Alwell, Tombrean.

6th February, 1939—Patrick Ashford, Ballyorney, Enniskerry.

30th August, 1941—Michael O'Connor, Monastery, Enniskerry.

There were no Contract Forms for submission in connection with the boarding out of children with Foster Parents.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That the Vesting Orders as set out on the subjoined list be sealed:—

Christopher Fenelon, Barronstown Lower;

Richard Murphy, Barronstown.

Passed.

The following communication, consideration of which had been postponed from the two previous Monthly Meetings of the County Council, was discussed:

Courthouse,

Wicklow.

17th February, 1944.

To: Each Member of Wicklow County Council:

A Chara,

In compliance with the request of Wicklow County Council as expressed at the Meeting of that Body held on the 14th inst., I subjoin hereto copy of communication received by me from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relating to the operation of the County Management Act, 1940.

Is mise, le meas,

**P. T. HEALY,**

Wicklow County Manager.

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

Circular Letter No. 10/44.

27th January, 1944.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has received during the past year representations and suggestions from local bodies in regard to the operation of the County Management Act, 1940. These representations have been very fully examined by the Minister. He has also had an opportunity of considering the views



expressed by Deputies when the Vote for the Department was under consideration in the Dáil towards the end of 1943.

The representations from local bodies have been mainly concerned with the effect of the transfer from the elected representatives to county managers of executive duties. It is evident that the extent of the powers vested in elected bodies under the management system is not generally realised, and the following observations are intended to remove misconceptions on certain matters with a view to securing the fullest collaboration possible between the elected representatives and the managers in the discharge of their respective functions.

The elected representatives are given by the Act of 1940 wide powers in connection with the exercise by the County Manager of executive functions. The Manager is bound by the decisions of the elected body on the provision made by them in the annual estimates, and save with their consent he cannot exceed the total amount provided by them for any particular purpose. He must whenever requested by the local authority furnish all information in his possession or procurement concerning any business of the authority. Subject to some exceptions set out in sub-section (5) of section 29 of the Act, any Council or elective body at a meeting specially summoned for the purpose can by resolution passed in accordance with that section require the Manager to do any particular thing which he can lawfully do as part of his executive functions. The business of such a special meeting need not necessarily be confined to a single resolution, and every resolution for which separate notice has been given can be dealt with at one meeting. But it should not be necessary to resort to this procedure except on very rare occasions. Every Manager should as a matter of course keep the local authority informed of the important details of his administration, including particulars of projects in contemplation. The furnishing of such information would be in addition to the production at meetings of the local authority of the Register containing copies of Orders made by the Manager as required for the provisions of the County Management Act. It is understood that there has been a divergence in practice with regard to the circulation of these Orders. In some cases summaries have been issued, or printed copies have been circulated to members, while in others the local press is periodically supplied with copies of the more important Orders. The local authority should decide whether the production at meetings of the Register containing copies of the Managers' orders is sufficient, or what further information is desired. The Manager should endeavour to meet their wishes so far as practicable and not confine himself to the minimum that the law requires, if the Council wish him to go beyond that.

#### COMMITTEES.

The appointment of permissive committees by county councils has also given rise to some misunderstanding. Under the Act the functions of the county council may be divided into three classes. There are the reserved functions which are performed directly by the Council, and the executive functions which are performed through and by the Manager. There is, however, in addition to the reserved functions another group of functions (which might be referred to as "the Supervisory powers" of the Council) to be performed directly by the Council. These functions arise partly as a consequence of the Council's financial control and partly from the special powers provided in the Act of 1940 which are exercisable by resolution. They include a general power to supervise the performance by the Manager of the executive functions, power to examine and revise the estimates, power to obtain information and plans, and power to direct the Manager to do specified things.

The provisions applying to the appointment of committees by County Councils are section 18 of the County Management Act, 1940, and section 58 of the Local Government Act, 1925. The effect of these sections is to preserve the powers of the council to appoint committees with the sole restriction that no executive function can be delegated to a committee except by the Manager.

The appointment of a committee to exercise reserved functions or supervisory powers of the councils is accordingly a matter of which the council are the judges. If, for instance, a council decided to appoint a "Roads Committee" to consider the roads estimate and to obtain information from time to time about road plans and works, it would be within their powers to appoint such a committee. The acts of the committee would require confirmation by the council unless the council under section 58 (4) of the Act of 1925, with the consent of the Minister, empowered the Committee to take independent action. Similarly, the Council can appoint a Committee to perform reserved functions or exercise supervisory powers in relation to any matter which arises within a particular portion of the county.

In the Circular Letter of the 31st August, 1942, relating to the Public Assistance Act, 1939, it was pointed out that in the administration of public assistance local knowledge is of value. In the Public Assistance Act, 1939, section 11, provision is made for the appointment of local committees consisting partly or wholly of persons who are not members of a local authority. Persons who have not the time to devote to local government administration generally in a county may, nevertheless, be desirous of assisting in matters affecting their own particular area. If the county council deem it necessary to appoint local committees of this kind such committees could be appointed. The delegation of executive functions to the committees would, as already indicated, be a matter for the county manager subject in every case to the consent of the Minister.

Joint committees of management of mental hospitals have the same powers of financial control as other elective bodies. In framing their annual budget, they determine the limits of expenditure and in this way can in practice influence the standard of care and treatment in the mental hospital. There is scarcely any improvement, whether in dietary, clothing, equipment or general standard of maintenance, in which the Joint Committee have not a determining voice. They alone have the power to make regulations regarding admission, detention and discharge of patients. They are constituted under the Act the Visiting Committee, and as such they can satisfy themselves as to the standard of the dietary in the institution, and as to the clothing, recreation and all other matters affecting the comfort and welfare of the patients. They have a duty to see that the fabric of the hospital is kept under proper repair and that the farm attached to the Mental Hospital, which is in many instances extensive, is worked to the best advantage. A large and important sphere of useful public work comes directly under their purview.

#### ESTIMATES OF EXPENSES.

In framing the prescribed forms of the estimates of expenses which are included in the Public Bodies Order, 1942, it was necessary by reason of the provisions of section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940, to avoid excessive detail so as to allow the Managers a reasonable discretion, but at the same time to give the local body control over the main heads of expenditure. The giving of further details in an explanatory report is not prohibited by the Order. In fact, such details have been given in most cases. The consideration of the annual budget, one of the most important duties of the elected body, cannot be satisfactorily carried out without the fullest information being available and the reasons for the provision which the members are asked to make being set out in sufficient detail. Every local authority should receive an explanatory report with the estimates, drawing attention to increases and decreases and giving the reasons for the changes. It is only in the case of small authorities that the estimates can be thoroughly examined at a single sitting and, therefore, in the case of the larger rating authorities, it would be advisable that there should be a full exposition and prior examination of the estimates by committees, and that they should be drawn up in sufficient time to have this examination done before the statutory estimates meeting.



**IRRECOVERABLE RATES.**

The power to declare rates irrecoverable should be very carefully exercised. Rates should not be struck out without the fullest evidence that recovery is impossible. Where any question arises as to a decision in any particular case, the Manager should be able to satisfy the Council that the particular rates are in fact irrecoverable. In case of doubt it would be advisable before striking them out to consult the members of the local authority.

**RELATIONS BETWEEN LOCAL BODIES AND MANAGER.**

It is desirable that the members of local bodies should extend full support to Managers in the discharge of their duties, as it is only by the fullest co-operation that the standard of the local services will be improved. The representatives of the electorate are the controlling element in local affairs. It is for them to formulate policy and in association with the Manager to consider the solutions for local problems. A loyal acceptance by the Manager of the predominant position of the elected body will do much to elicit from them the support to which he is entitled in the discharge of his duties. The law gives the Manager the right to take part in the discussions of local bodies. When he does intervene he should do so with tact and discretion. The Manager must be prepared to give advice readily to members who are unacquainted with official routine and be obliging and courteous in his dealings with members of the local body and the public.

The interest of the members of local bodies is not as a rule confined to the administration of existing services, but extends to projects for future betterment and improvements that may be effected in their county or town. The Managers should encourage a spirit of forethought and local initiative where it exists and be ready to consider with members any suggestions put forward by them. Some of the dissatisfaction with the new system of local government arises from a feeling that in the exercise of his executive functions the Manager neither desires the advice of the members nor welcomes it if it is offered. This feeling has given rise to proposals that the Manager's Orders except in relation to certain matters should only become operative after they have been submitted to the county council or elective body and have not been annulled. The Minister thinks that proposals of this kind would not have been put forward had there been closer collaboration between local bodies and managers and fuller accord established. Immediately after the change-over to the management system a certain amount of distrust and some resentment was perhaps inevitable, especially as it was to some extent incorrectly represented that the elective bodies had been deprived of all their powers and that their place was one of subordination. The experience over a period of fourteen years in the county boroughs and the experience gained since 1942 in the counties should be sufficient to show that the controlling power in local affairs still rests with the elected body, and that the present system cannot work with full benefit to the community if the members do not discharge their responsibilities.

Mise, le meas.

**J. HURSON,**

Runaidhe.

To: Each Local Authority.

Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Resolved—That the County Councils' General Council be requested to consider the letter from the Local Government Department on the County Management Act in the light of their Committee's recent analysis of this Act, and that this Council be advised of that Committee's report as applied to this letter.

Passed.

County Surveyor's Office,  
Courthouse,  
Wicklow.  
March 28th, 1944.

**BALTINGLASS HOSPITAL.**

Dear Sir,

With reference to the discussion at the meeting of the Wicklow County Council on the 10th January last, regarding the sanitary arrangements at Baltinglass Hospital, and in connection with which I submitted memorandum on the 27th idem, I beg to confirm that immediately after that meeting I went to Baltinglass and was accompanied by Mr. Foley, Assistant Surveyor; we agree that there are no complaints regarding existing sanitary arrangements at the Hospital in so far as their efficiency is concerned. The matter complained of, however, is insufficient accommodation and there should be a bathroom and W.-C. for the use of each ward. We agree that this can only be provided by building annexes to each gable.

Proposals on these lines were already put before the late Board of Health, which decided at the time that an application for money should be made from the Hospitals' Trust Funds, and I gather that Mr. Vincent Kelly, B.Arch., was appointed to look after the work. Nothing came of the proposals, apparently, and it is suggested that the matter should be raised again in the Department to see if the original plans prepared by Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., would be approved, and a contribution obtained from the Hospitals' Trust.

This report is circulated to each member of the Wicklow County Council as requested.

Yours faithfully,

**J. T. O'BYRNE,**

County Surveyor.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
County Manager,  
County Council Offices,  
Rathdrum.

Order: Consideration postponed to the next Meeting in anticipation of a report being received in the meantime from the deputation which is to visit the Department in connection with hospitalisation generally in the County of Wicklow.

The Council had the following letter again under consideration:—  
**DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,  
CUSTOM HOUSE DUBLIN.**

P. 1007/44.  
Cill Mhanntain,  
A Chara,

20th January, 1944.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 7th instant regarding the reception of a deputation by the Minister in connection with Hospital accommodation for County Wicklow, and to request you to set out particulars of the representations which the deputation propose to make.

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Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
County Home,  
Rathdrum.

The County Manager suggested that the purposes of the interview between the deputation appointed by the County Council and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health should be as follows in connection with the several institutions controlled by the Council:—

**FEVER HOSPITAL, WICKLOW:**

To stress the incontrovertible facts:



1. That notwithstanding the present high prices of building materials, and the great difficulty experienced in procuring supplies of same, the provision of a Fever Hospital for service of County Wicklow should be proceeded with, without further delay, for the following reasons:—
  - (a) That the County M.O.H. has called attention time and again during the past ten years to the urgent necessity for the provision of increased facilities in the County for treatment of Fever Cases.
  - (b) That the present Hospital, which contains only fifteen beds, is entirely unsuitable for the purpose for which it is used, by reason of the fact that it is not sufficiently large and on occasions it has occurred that with, say, one case of diphtheria, one case of scarlet fever, and one case of enteric, no patient suffering from any other infectious disease could be admitted.
  - (c) On various occasions during the last two months during which there has been an epidemic of diphtheria in this County and beds could not be obtained, in any of the following hospitals:—St. Columille's (Fever), Cork St. (Fever) or Naas Fever Hospitals, with the result that patients had to be treated in their own homes, where it can readily be realised in a great many cases isolation was practically impossible.
  - (d) That on other occasions during recent years the greatest difficulty has been experienced in obtaining beds for fever cases in Extern Hospitals.
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2. That the necessity for a Fever Hospital was admitted by the Minister in his letter No. P.88602/35, Cill Mhanntain, of the 18th June, 1935, in which it was stated that the new Fever Hospital should contain accommodation for twenty or thirty beds.

In this connection the opinion has been expressed by the County Council and the Wicklow U.D.C. that accommodation for at least thirty-five beds should be provided.

#### COUNTY HOSPITAL AT WICKLOW:

1. (a) That Mr. Vincent Kelly, who was appointed as Architect under the Hospitalisation Scheme by the late Board of Health and Public Assistance in 1938 and sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health should be allowed to proceed with the selection of sites and the preparation of plans for this Hospital, as was originally arranged, so that work on the actual erection of the Hospital may be ready to commence immediately the Emergency has passed.
  - (b) The necessity for this new Hospital was admitted by the Minister, in his letter, above referred to.
  - (c) That, with the consent of the Minister, an additional nurse for the County Hospital has recently been appointed and, as there is scarcely sufficient accommodation for the existing Staff, the County Engineer has submitted an Estimate amounting to £450 for providing additional accommodation for this nurse, and other nurses, who are temporarily employed from time to time.
- The existing mortuary, in the opinion of all who have seen it, is not fit to be used as such, having regard to the respect due to the remains of deceased persons. The Co. Engineer's Estimate for the provision of a proper mortuary and other necessary improvements, including additional accommodation for the nurses, is £655 0s. 0d. The Council are of the opinion when improvements of this nature are commenced the expenditure thereon is likely to reach £1,000 or perhaps more.
- (d) The County Council are reluctant to spend money on improvements to this unsuitable building in view of the proposal to provide a new Hospital.

The deputation also wish to stress the necessity for providing in the new Institution accommodation for at least 40 beds, instead of for 25 beds, as proposed in the Minister's communication of June, 1938.

#### DISTRICT HOSPITAL AT BRAY:

To urge, as in the case of Wicklow Hospital, that the selection of site and preparation of plans, etc., for this Hospital, be proceeded with forthwith, so that work on the erection of building may commence as soon as possible after the War Emergency has passed. It should be borne in mind that during the year to the 30th of September, no fewer than 159 cases (excluding eye cases) from the area to be served by this proposed hospital (i.e., the former Rathdown No. 2 R.D.) were sent to hospitals outside the County.

#### DISTRICT HOSPITAL, BALTINGLASS:

To urge that the improvements referred to in the Department Inspector's Report P.10779/43, 18/11/43, should form part of an Improvement Scheme, the cost of which would be defrayed wholly or in part from Sweepstake Funds.

In this report, above referred to, the Inspector drew special attention to:

- (a) Overcrowding of wards.
- (b) Lack of adequate sanitary accommodation.
- (c) Lack of satisfactory domestic hot water supply.
- (d) Lack of means of escape from upper floor in case of fire, other than by means of an internal wooden staircase (surgical and maternity cases are accommodated on upper floor).

**COUNTY HOME, RATHDRUM:** The proposed Maternity annexe at this Institution, which is estimated to cost £2,213 6s. 0d., and plans for which, in compliance with the Department's instructions, have already been furnished, should be proceeded with, as the proposed addition to the existing building is essential.

**COUNTY SANATORIUM, RATHDRUM:** To press for the provision from Sweepstake Funds of the cost of providing additional accommodation at the Tuberculosis Institution, Rathdrum (30 beds), the existing accommodation at which has recently been found to be gravely inadequate.

The following were appointed at the Monthly Meeting of the County Council, held on the 13th December, 1943, to represent the County Council on this deputation:

Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Councillor J. Everett T.D.;

P. Cogan, Esq., T.D., and

Mr. Thomas Byrne, Officer in charge of the County Council's Office in the County Home, Rathdrum.

On the suggestion of the County Manager, it was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That the name of Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health, be added to the deputation appointed to wait on the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in connection with the County Hospitalisation Scheme.

Passed.

The County Manager submitted the following communication which he had forwarded to the members of the deputation, and also to the members of the County Council, in order that they might be conversant with the exact situation in so far as it related to hospitalisation in the County:

Rathdrum Office,

11th April, 1944.

To: Each Member of Wicklow County Council.

PROPOSED HOSPITALISATION SCHEME FOR COUNTY WICKLOW.  
A Chara,

As requested by the Council, I attach hereto a summary of the matters to be discussed between the Deputation appointed by the Council—consisting



of the three Deputies for the County and Mr. Thomas Byrne, Officer in Charge of the Public Assistance Section of the County Council—and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

I also attach a brief resumé of the Department's letters and the orders of the former Board of Health and Public Assistance on the same subject.

I might mention that the most pressing needs at the moment in this connection are increased accommodation for Fever patients at Wicklow, and for Maternity patients at County Home, Rathdrum, and at the District Hospital at Baltinglass increased sanitary accommodation is required, as well as the provision of sleeping accommodation for staff there.

Mise, le meas,

**P. T. HEALY,**  
County Manager.

Summary of Works carried out and proposed to be carried out by the former Board of Health and Public Assistance, the cost of which it was anticipated should be defrayed from Sweepstakes Fund:

**County Sanatorium Rathdrum—1933/36—**Tuberculosis Institution, 30 beds, with all furniture and equipment, was provided; 11 acres of land acquired attaching thereto; a surrounding wall of granite was provided at a cost of £20,000 in all. All expenditure defrayed out of Sweepstakes Fund.

**General Hospitals.—18/6/1935—**A letter from Local Government Department setting out their view of Hospital requirements for the County as follows:—

"With reference to previous correspondence, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance that he has received the report of the Hospitals Commission on the Hospital situation in the County, and, on consideration of the report, the Minister has come to the decision that the hospital scheme for the county makes it impossible to find a suitable centre for a County Hospital that would conveniently serve all parts of the County. Having regard, however, to its close proximity to Dublin, the Minister considers that the County should continue to rely on the facilities available in the City for major hospital work. It would then be necessary to provide within the County only for the class of case usually dealt with in District Hospitals, such as maternity cases, urgent or accident cases, cases where the stay in hospital is likely to be very short, and cases where a long journey to hospital would be likely to endanger life. On the understanding that all major medical and surgical cases from the County will be sent to the Dublin hospitals for treatment, the Minister has decided to recast the hospital arrangements with a view to the establishment of an improved service of district hospitals. In selecting the hospital centres, the main consideration of the Minister was the convenience of the centres having regard to the population to be served. The Minister's scheme will provide for:—

1. A district hospital at Bray to contain accommodation for 16 beds, of which 6 would be maternity beds. This would meet the request of the Board in their resolution of 28th January, 1935, for maternity accommodation at Bray.

2. A new district hospital on a new site at Wicklow to contain accommodation for 25 beds of which 6 would be for maternity cases.

3. The practice of treating major cases in Baltinglass hospital is to be discontinued and such cases sent to Dublin Hospitals. Baltinglass Hospital is to contain accommodation for 25 beds, including 6 maternity beds.

As regards Fever Hospital accommodation, the Minister considers that it will be necessary to provide a modern fever hospital at Wicklow town; and he has decided that a new Fever Hospital shall be built at this centre, adjacent to the new District Hospital, so as to economise in common services. The new Fever Hospital should contain accommodation for 20 to 30 beds.

As regards West Wicklow, the Minister desires me to mention that a modern hospital is being provided at Naas, and when it is completed the

Board should enter into an arrangement with the Kildare Board of Health for the treatment of fever cases from West Wicklow in the Naas Fever Hospital.

The Minister will be prepared to consider the question of a new hot water supply for the Baltinglass Hospital.

May and Sept., 1936—Sites for Hospitals were advertised for. Sites duly inspected by the County Engineer, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E.

June, 1938—Local Government Department directed that the proposed works be carried out by qualified architect.

October, 1938—Mr. Vincent Kelly was appointed architect pursuant to advertisement.

Jan./March, 1939—Architect paid several visits to proposed sites in County Wicklow and carried out other works preparatory to drafting of Plans, etc.

Work in this connection was postponed apparently in consequence of the outbreak of war.

April, 1940—Letter was received from the L.G.D. stating that the deficits in the annual accounts of Voluntary Hospitals had in the past few years shown an upward trend, which rendered it necessary to restrict proposals for the construction of new Hospitals. In present conditions the Minister regretted to be obliged to defer consideration of the Hospitals Scheme for County Wicklow.

1942/43—Reports from the Medical Officer, County Home, drawing attention to the inadequacy of the present accommodation for Maternity cases at County Home, Rathdrum, were read. This matter had also been reported on previously by the Department's Medical Inspector. Plans, etc., for a new Maternity Annexe at County Home have been prepared by the County Engineer, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, and approved by the Department. Tenders have been invited after which application will be made for Grant from Sweepstake Fund.

#### OBJECT OF DEPUTATION'S VISIT

**FEVER HOSPITAL**—To stress the incontrovertible facts:—

1. That notwithstanding the present high prices of building materials, and the great difficulty experienced in procuring supplies of same, the provision of a Fever Hospital for service of County Wicklow should be proceeded with, without further delay, for the following reasons:—

(1a) That the County M.O.H. has called attention time and again during the past ten years to the urgent necessity for the provision of increased facilities in the County for treatment of Fever cases.

(b) That the present Hospital, which contains only fifteen beds, is entirely unsuitable for the purpose for which it is used, by reason of the fact that it is not sufficiently large, and on occasions it has occurred that with, say, one case of diphtheria, one case of scarlet fever, and one case of enteric, no patient suffering from any other infectious disease could be admitted.

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2. That the necessity for a Fever Hospital was admitted by the Minister in his letter No. P.88602/35, Cill Manntain, of the 18th June, 1935, in which it was stated that the new Fever Hospital should contain accommodation for twenty or thirty beds.



In this connection the opinion has been expressed by the Co. Council and the Wicklow U.D.C. that accommodation for at least 35 beds should be provided.

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The Wicklow County Council have asked the Department to receive a Deputation consisting of Deputies Byrne, Cogan and Everett, accompanied by Mr. Thomas Byrne, Officer in Charge, Public Assistance Section, Wicklow County Council, in order to discuss the above-mentioned matters.

The County Manager submitted the following report which he had

received from the Committee appointed to discuss the proposal of Wicklow County Council to secede from the Guaranteeing Area of Grangegorman and Portrane Mental Hospitals.  
To: Wicklow County Manager.

#### RE PROPOSED MENTAL HOSPITAL

A Chara,

I beg to inform you that the Committee appointed by the County Council in above matter met at Bray on 27th Mar. 1944. In compliance with the request of the Committee, I had obtained data relative to the County Wicklow cases at present in the Grangegorman and Portrane Institutions. The figures were as follows:—

Total number of County Wicklow patients in these Institutions	
on 25th January, 1944	276
i.e., 139 males and 137 females.	
Regarded as incurable	215
92 males; 123 females.	

The remaining 61 were regarded as probably curable, and undergoing special treatment, ranging from shock treatment and Organo-Therapeutic treatment to Psycho-Therapeutic and occupational treatment.

Sixty-four cases were regarded as specially dangerous, requiring constant supervision.

Of the remaining 212 who are not regarded as specially dangerous, 140 are capable of working with the minimum of supervision, while 72, though not regarded as dangerous, are incapable of working.

The County Surveyor, as requested, submitted his estimate of cost of the provision of a completely new Institution. This report revealed that the new building would cost approximately £900 per bed or a total of £228,000 for 320 beds. Added to this figure must be sundry commencing expenditure and annual repayment of loan charges, making the grand total £301,000, from which sum might be deducted a figure of £30,000, being estimated share of Co. Wicklow in Grangegorman assets, leaving £271,000 to be met by borrowing.

Having gone into these figures of the County Surveyor, and my data relative to the probable annual cost of running the Institution when provided, it was found that the average annual cost per patient would be £112 4s. 7d. The present such charge at Grangegorman is £103 1s. 11d. and at Ardee £84 3s. 11d. The rate in the £ in County Wicklow in respect of this item of expenditure is 1s. 10½d. Under the figures referred to above it would be 2s. 0½d., an increase of 2d. in the £.

Under these circumstances, the Committee passed the following resolution:—

"That the Minister be asked if he would be so good as to cause an inspection of the Buildings at Shillelagh which this Committee contemplates using as a Mental Hospital for patients from their own County to be visited and inspected and reported on by—

- (1) The Departmental Medical Inspector of Mental Hospitals;
- (2) The Departmental Leading Architect;
- (3) The Senior Departmental Engineer.

with a view to assisting this Committee in its deliberations, towards which end this Committee would be very anxious to meet these three Officials at Shillelagh on the site of the Buildings on any suitable day and any suitable hour that might be mutually agreed upon; or, alternatively, would the Minister consent to receive a Deputation from this Committee for the purpose of discussing with them the details connected with the entire project."

The Local Government Department have been written to accordingly.  
Mise, le meas.

T. BYRNE.

Rathdrum Office,  
5th April, 1944.



Order: Read and adopted.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we hereby Seal and Sign the Agreement with Mr. Edward O'Connor of Poulaphouca, Ballymore-Eustace, for the production of 1,000 tons of Turf from Roundhill Bog.

Passed.

It having been stated that there were certain matters of urgency in connection with the payment of turf workers, if a strike was to be avoided, it was

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

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Resolved—For the purpose of discussing the question of rates to be paid in Turf Production now at this Meeting, I move that Standing Orders be hereby suspended.

Passed.

After some discussion the County Surveyor was instructed to get in touch with all the men working on Turf Production and report to the County Manager as quickly as possible regarding any grievance or submissions that these men had regarding the rates of pay they were at present enjoying in order that the County Manager might be placed in a position to issue his decisions thereon, so that if at all possible work on turf production should not be held up.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Resolved—That no tender shall be accepted by the County Manager until the plans and amount in relation thereto shall have been submitted to the Council and approved of by a majority of those present and voting at the meeting to which submitted.

That this rule be reviewed every three years. It is to be understood this Resolution refers to all expenditure by way of Tender other than Tenders for the supply of commodities used by the Institutions in the way of Food.

Passed.

Court House,  
Wicklow.  
17th April, 1944.

#### LIME SCHEME.

Dear Sir,

As requested by the Wicklow County Council, I went to Kildare for the purpose of investigating the working of the Lime Production Scheme in that County. I found, however, that the scheme was being worked only on a very small scale in the vicinity of the town of Naas. There is a limestone gravel pit used by the County Council over a number of years, and in this pit there exists two lime burning kilns, which were erected there several years ago. These kilns, therefore, were very useful to the Kildare County Council when the Lime Production Order was promulgated.

Lime burning is not carried on by Kildare County Council in any other locality, as one would expect, having regard to the possibilities in that County, except in the vicinity of Athy, where a small kiln is at present being built.

I met the Co. Surveyor and he very kindly instructed his Assistant to show me and Mr. Foley around the works, and we ascertained facts and figures in connection with the scheme. All the lime burned in these kilns at Naas is supplied to purchasers on receipt of a note from the Local Agricultural Committee.

It would appear that lime is being produced in this pit at about 48s. per ton, but it should be remembered that the kilns are already in the pit and that the stone available there is of suitable sizes for burning. The pits which I have seen adjacent to Blessington contain very fine, sandy material, and it would, in my opinion, be altogether too expensive to screen

and produce large stone in sufficient quantity to justify embarking on large-scale lime production.

However, after leaving Naas, Mr. Foley and I went to the pits near Blessington and we found one pit in County Wicklow where screening operations have been going on for a number of years and where the larger stone has been thrown on one side in heaps and would be available to make two or three hundred tons of lime. In this pit also I discovered that there is an old limekiln already erected; it is in a very bad state of repair, but it might be worth while putting it in order and to start the manufacture of lime on a limited scale, and we would gain experience in the process, rather than go to the expense, at this stage, of erecting a new kiln.

The owner of the pit is Mr. Samuel Darker, and I instructed Mr. Foley to interview him, and he has done so.

Mr. Foley reports that Mr. Darker will give the kiln free and the stone free. I understand, however, that Mr. Darker gave the kiln to a Mr. Holmes some years ago, and the latter repaired it and used it for some time and then left it. Mr. Foley presumes that, in view of the fact that Holmes did not buy it from Darker, the latter is still the owner.

If the County Council decide to go on with the proposal, I suggest you give me authority to have the limekiln cleaned out for inspection to see what repairs are necessary and, if these are not very expensive, to have them done and see if we can get ahead with the burning.

It will be necessary to get culm for the burning, and I have written to the Department of Agriculture about this, stating the quantity I would require. I instructed Mr. Foley, in the meantime, also to prepare plan and specification for a new kiln. From my interview in Naas, however, I am afraid that the culm will be almost impossible to procure; in fact, I understand that Departmental Inspectors have advised the alternative use of turf and breeze, and the Assistant in Kildare tells me that the use of these had already reduced the quantity of lime produced by about one-third, and the result is not satisfactory.

If the County Council approve, I will immediately give the Assistant Surveyor, Mr. Foley, instructions to take charge of and make every effort to produce the greatest quantity of lime possible under the circumstances.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. OBYRNE,  
County Surveyor.

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

Court House,  
Wicklow.  
17th April, 1944.

#### RE LIME.

Dear Sir,

Hereunder is copy of a letter, dated 12th instant, which I have received from Mr. Foley on above:—

"Mr. D. J. Kehoe, whom I saw yesterday in Baltinglass, wanted some more particulars re above, but I had none to give.

"You are, I suppose, aware that Mr. Thompson is laid up and consequently you cannot now bank on any help there. I told Mr. Kehoe this. Another matter which must now be considered is the altered coal situation."

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Surveyor.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
County Manager,  
Wicklow.

The Council also considered the two following resolutions passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture on the 25th January, 1944, and 28th March, 1944:—



"Resolved—That the attention of the responsible authority be drawn to the slow progress being made in West Wicklow in regard to lime production, although the material is available in large quantities, as lime is such an essential factor for a large part of the land in West Wicklow, and we suggest that if fuel be available that a kiln be built convenient to site of deposit."

"Resolved—That in view of favourable reports from Assistant Surveyor Foley re costing of lime production in West Wicklow, and the urgency of such production, that we again request the responsible authority to have work commenced for that purpose."

Order: The County Surveyor is hereby directed to proceed actively and immediately with the Council's proposal to produce lime, if that be found possible.

The Council postponed consideration of a communication, dated 10th March, 1944, from Mr. G. P. Byrne, who has recently resigned his position as Secretary to the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, in which he conveys his Committee's recommendation that he be granted the maximum pension available to him in the circumstances of his particular case, in order to allow that Committee an opportunity of considering and recommending to the Council the precise annual pension that in their opinion should be paid to Mr. Byrne after the approval of the County Council thereto, and the sanction of the Department had been received.

The following resolutions, passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture on the 29th February and 28th March, 1944, respectively, were submitted:—

(1) "Resolved—That in view of Mr. G. P. Byrne's resignation as Secretary to the Committee of Agriculture, we request the Wicklow County Council to establish the position of Chief Agricultural Officer to the County Committee of Agriculture."

(2) "Resolved—That owing to the retirement of Mr. G. P. Byrne as Secretary to this Committee of Agriculture, we recommend that the County Council at their next Meeting, abolish the post of Secretary to the Committee and create the post of Chief Agricultural Officer in accordance with the requirements of Section 22 (3) of the Agricultural Act, 1931."

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick:

Resolved—That the post of Secretary to the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture be abolished and that in accordance with the requirements of Section 22 (3) of the Agricultural Act, 1931, the Wicklow County Council consents to the creation of the office of Chief Agricultural Officer at the scale of salary therefor, as prescribed in the Committee of Agriculture (Salaries of Officers) Regulations, 1936, as well as the creation of the office of permanent pensionable clerical Assistant to the Chief Agricultural Officer, at the prescribed rate of salary in the Committee of Agriculture (Salaries of Officers) Regulations, 1936.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Kehoe;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That a second Agricultural Instructor be appointed permanently, Mr. E. McCauran, B.Agric.Sc., having been appointed Chief Agricultural Officer.

Passed. Councillors to Fitzpatrick and H. J. Byrne objecting.

The Council postponed consideration of the Joint Report from the Council's Solicitor and County Surveyor in connection with the Council's responsibility in regard to the retaining wall at the premises of Mr. Rae, Oonagh, Enniskerry, which wall collapsed some months ago.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we hereby execute the Mortgage re the Loan of £6,000 to be borrowed from the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow for the provision of additional office accommodation adjoining the Court House, Wicklow.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we hereby Seal and Sign the application to register the plot of land in the townland of Bolinass Lower, situate in the Electoral Division of Killiskey, containing 1 acre, statute measure, marked No. 146 on the Ordnance Sheet No. 18, acquired on the 11th May, 1908, under the Labourers Order, 1908, by the Rathdrum Rural District.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That a Vesting Order for the vesting of 125 acres of the lands of Ballinastoe, the property of Viscount Powerscourt, and a Vesting Order for the vesting of the lands of Clohogue, the property of Lady Oranmore and Browne, be Sealed and Signed by the County Manager.

Passed.

The following letter was submitted:—

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Dublin.

G.240/43.

13th March, 1944.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDERS, 1936 AND 1939.

Sir.

I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to advert to this Department's circular letter (L.939/42) of the 15th February, 1943, and to state, for the information of your Local Authority, that the operation of the above-mentioned Orders cannot be resumed for the current year owing to the continued shortage of the materials necessary for the manufacture of Warble Fly Powder. It will not, therefore, be necessary for your Local Authority to appoint temporary Warble Fly Inspectors this year.

Steps will again be taken, by means of Press and Radio propaganda, to urge stock-owners at suitable intervals to make the fullest possible use of any supplies of Derris preparations they may be able to procure, and, where such preparations are not obtainable, to adopt the method of squeezing out warbles.

A copy of a Press notice in the matter which was issued on the 29th ultimo is enclosed.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

D. TWOMEY,

Secretary.

The Clerk to each Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

Order: Noted.

The County Manager submitted the following letter:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,

County Home, Rathdrum.

6th April, 1944.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

Wicklow County Manager,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear County Manager,

I enclose herewith a letter received from Deputy Everett in which he states that he is going to raise the question of the payment of Emergency Bonus to certain members of the Woodworkers' Union.

For your information, I enclose the correspondence from the Society, the County Engineer, and the Law Agent, together with your orders in the matter.

You will note that the Law Agent gave it as his opinion that these employees did not come within the scope and were not entitled to benefit of the provisions of any Bonus Order made pursuant to the provisions of Emergency Powers Order (260) of 1943.

It has always been the practice of Auditors to look with disfavour on



the payment of any sums by a Public Body which that Body was not liable for in law. If bonus were to be paid in this instance, it would create a precedent for the rest of the County, with the inevitable result of a very substantial increase in the building costs of cottages.

Mise, le meas,

**T. BYRNE,**

ar son Bainisteora an Chonndae.

Copy of correspondence and Orders of County Manager:

From Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers, Wicklow, 4/10/43—"Standard Rate and Bonus Order applicable to our Members in this area. The Minister for Industry and Commerce has permitted a bonus of 1½d. per hour, 48 hour week, retrospective as from 4th September, 1943. We, therefore, respectfully request payment of same, as from above date."

Order of County Manager, dated 13/10/43—"Society to be asked to be so good as to forward for the County Manager's perusal a certified copy of the Minister's Order."

From J. F. McDermot, Registration Officer, Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers, 28/10/43—"Your letter of the 19th inst. to our Wicklow Branch Secretary was passed to me for attention, and I have pleasure in enclosing herewith copy of the Minister's Order which I have procured from the Department of Industry and Commerce. I am to request that the County Manager will give his kind consideration to the matter of the payment of the Emergency Bonus to the members of the above Society in the employment of the Council. Thanking you in anticipation of a favourable reply."

Order of County Manager, dated 10/11/43—"Copy of this letter to go to County Engineer for his information and suitable action and a reply thereon."

From County Engineer, 30/11/43—"In reply to yours of the 16th inst., enclosing a communication addressed to you from the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers regarding the order of the Minister for Industry and Commerce (No. 507), 1943, I desire to state that on inquiries I find that in accordance with Section 4 (i) (c) of that Order, it is provided that "a person who is employed by a Local Authority in any office or employment is not classed as an 'employee' for the purpose of the Order. I think if you refer this note to the Amalgamated Society it will show that we cannot pay this Bonus or Wage Increase."

From Registration Officer, Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers—"Emergency Powers (No. 260) Order, 1943—I thank you for yours of the 1st inst. relative to my application to your Council that Emergency Bonus be paid to members of the above Society, and I note the observations of the County Engineer, and I might state that the quotation taken from the Order is correct. I have to point out that in similar cases throughout the country, Bonuses have been paid by Local Authorities to our members where Orders have been made on the Local Employers by the Minister for Industry and Commerce, and that such payments have been sanctioned by the Department of Local Government and Public Health. If the County Manager so desires he can check up on Dublin and Waterford. The County Managers in these and other places were notified and orders for payment were made by the Department. I would point out that workers employed by the Department of Defence are similarly placed, and that in their case the Command Engineer in the area is notified and the Order is given from Parkgate Street for the payment. Trusting that the above information will be of assistance to the County Manager when giving consideration to the matter."

Order of the County Manager, dated 15/12/43—"Mr. Brazil and the County Engineer to consider this matter jointly and advise the County Manager hereon."

From Law Agent, Mr. Brazil, 17/1/44—"I duly received your letter of 20th ult., in reference to an application received by the County Manager from the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers for payment of a bonus to the members of the Society under Bonus (No. 711) Order, 1943. I have perused

"(1) Emergency Powers (No. 260) Order, 1943;

"(2) Wages (Standard Rate) (No. 507) Order, 1943;

"(3) Bonus (No. 711) Order, 1943;

"(4) Bonus (No. 556) Order, 1943.

"Emergency Powers (No. 260) Order, 1943, provides that a person employed by a Local Authority is excluded from the terms of the said Order, and accordingly an employee of the County Council does not come within the scope of and is not entitled to benefit of the provisions of Emergency Powers (No. 260) Order, 1943. In my opinion, a member of the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers who is employed by Wicklow County Council is not entitled to the Bonus awarded by Bonus (No. 711) Order, 1943."

Order of County Manager, dated 2/2/44—"Copy to be forwarded to the County Engineer, whose views therein are to be submitted to the County Manager at his next sitting."

From County Engineer, 11/2/44—"I am in receipt of yours of the 9th inst., regarding application from the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers for payment of bonus under Bonus (No. 711) Order, 1943. The County Manager requests that my views be submitted for his next sitting. I do not think I could say anything further, having regard to the Law Agent's ruling, that an employee of the County Council does not come within the scope of the Order and is not entitled to benefit of the provisions of any Bonus Order under Emergency Powers (No. 260) Order, 1943. The Law Agent also gives his opinion that a member of the A.S.W. employed by Wicklow County Council is not entitled to the Bonus awarded under Bonus (No. 711) Order, 1943."

Order of County Manager, dated 16/2/44—"The County Manager regrets no monies were provided in any Estimates adopted by Wicklow County Council he could use in granting the Bonuses sought."

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Resolved—That we hereby recommend the County Manager to seek the approval of the appropriate Minister to grant to all skilled labourers and others engaged at building work in our employment a similar rate of wage, and also a similar Emergency Bonus to that granted by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to employees in all outside works.

Passed.

The County Manager also submitted the following:—

[COPY]

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,

County Home,

Rathdrum.

5th April, 1944.

The Wicklow County Manager,  
Wicklow.

I attach herewith letter received from Deputy Everett intimating his intention to raise at the next meeting of the County Council the question of the reduction in the allowances made to recipients of Home Assistance presumably in respect of Special Food Vouchers during the month of March.

In this connection I might mention that a circular letter was received from the L.G.D. on 7th April, 1943, which stated, inter alia, that the Minister for Finance would be prepared to recoup local bodies up to the amount expended by them in connection with the provision of Food Vouchers in the last financial year, that is, the year to 31/3/43. The actual allocation for that particular year was £4,847, and acting on this Circular Letter, Grants were made to cash recipients of Home Assistance at the rate of 1s. 6d. per head by way of Special Food Voucher. This was increased to 2s. on 1st November, for the reason that it was obvious that better provision would have to be made for the trying months of Winter. A further letter, however, was received from the L.G.D. on 3/12/43, i.e., nine months after the Scheme had commenced, fixing the maximum amount of recoupment at £4,705 7s. 0d. in respect of the year 31/3/44—that is, a reduction of £141 13s. 0d., which obviously considerably upset the previous estimate and consequent allocation to recipients.



This, coupled with the fact that the numbers on Home Assistance increased during the Winter months, resulted in the Grant being expended on 4/3/44. To offset this loss to some extent, the County Manager authorised a cash allowance of 1s. per head up to a maximum of 6s. to each cash recipient. The provision of Food Vouchers to the value of 1s. 6d. per head commenced on 1st April, 1944.

Misc. le meas.

**T. BYRNE.**

For the information of the members of the Council the following was submitted:—

[COPY]  
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,

County Home,  
Rathdrum.  
13th April, 1944.

8331/44.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
Wicklow County Manager,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.  
A Chara.

With reference to your recent inquiry, I subjoin details of expenditure on the carrying out of repairs to labourers' cottages in the County Health District during the past three years.

The total number of cottages in the County Health District is 2,560.

Misc. le meas.

**T. BYRNE.**

Year ended 31st March, 1942	Total Expenditure.	Average weekly Expenditure.
.. .. .	£5,348 0 6	£102 16 11
" " " " 1943	922 3 8	17 14 8
" " " " 1944	2,713 1 5	52 3 6

For the information of the members of the Council, the County Manager also submitted the two following letters which were receiving attention:

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

H.204/3/44.

A Chara.

22nd February, 1944.

With reference to your letter of the 24th ultimo, in connection with the preparation of the Housing Survey, 1943, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the scope of the survey extends only to persons coming within the definition of "agricultural labourer," as contained in the Labourers Act, 1883, to 1941. I am also to state that the information required for the survey is as follows for each area:

- (1) The number of unfit houses requiring replacement;
- (2) The number of houses required to relieve overcrowding, and
- (3) Particulars of housing sites available, together with the Council's proposals for the acquisition of these sites.

The details of inspection as set out in the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1936, are not required.

Misc. le meas.

**Runai.**

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,

County Home,  
Rathdrum.  
10th March, 1944.

HOUSING SURVEY, COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT.

A Chara.

I have received your order on the above subject made on 1st March, and I desire to make the following observations:—

1. If the survey is to be done efficiently, it will be necessary for me to inspect every house in the County Health District occupied by persons

coming within the definition of "Agricultural Labourer" about which there is doubt as to its fitness for human habitation. This would be practicable in the case of small towns and compact villages if the difficulties which I mention below in paragraphs (2) and (3) could be overcome, but if all the houses in the sparsely inhabited districts and in the mountains (some of which are half a mile or more from the road) are to be visited, I can put no foreseeable limit to the time which will have to be spent, without taking into account the selection and inspection of sites.

(2) As you know, my time is fully occupied by my duties as County M.O.H., Tuberculosis M.O. and Schools M.O. Since the war started most of the Emergency Measures made necessary by it, such as the establishment of A.R.P. Posts, preparation for the reception of evacuees, and the initial establishment of the Red Cross Society in the County have been allocated to me. I fear, therefore, that some of my routine work will have to be neglected during the completion of the survey.

(3) Unless my present absurd petrol allowance of eight gallons a month be increased to a basic minimum of forty gallons a month, the accomplishment of the Housing Survey would be literally a physical impossibility.

It appears to me that my work is at least as important as that of the Engineers in the County, who, I am informed, are given the amount for which I ask. If this request is granted, I shall commence the work forthwith.

Is misc. le meas.

(Signed)—G. P. G. BECKETT,  
County Medical Officer of Health.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell;

Resolved—That the County M.O.H. and the County Surveyor/Engineer be instructed to have the Housing Survey for Agricultural Labourers required by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health pushed along and completed on the earliest date practicable, and that the County Surveyor send a report to each Councillor before our next Meeting setting out in detail his views on the possibility of carrying through in these times of Emergency another new Scheme for the erection of a further 150 Labourers' Cottages.

The County Manager also submitted the following letter which he had caused to be issued in connection with certain matters in West Wicklow, which had been the subject of complaint:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,

County Home,  
Rathdrum.  
16th March, 1944.

B. Farrell, Esq., M.C.C.

Baltinglass.

D. J. Kehoe, Esq., M.C.C.,

Baltinglass.

P. P. O'Reilly, Esq., M.C.C.,

Blessington.

J. Metcalfe, Esq., M.C.C.

Donard.

A Chara.

I am directed by the County Manager to forward you copy of report received from Rent Collector Kinsella, No. 1 District, in connection with the tenancy of cottage at Knockreagh, together with a copy of the Order made by the County Manager thereon. In order that I may be in a position to have the various matters which the local Councillors, or any other persons inquired into, I would be glad to receive a list of complaints which you might have to make, and, in addition, the names of all persons aggrieved by any action of the Rent Collector, Engineer, or other official of the Council, so that a programme may be arranged for the inquiry. Copies of the information received must, of course, be supplied to the



officers concerned to enable them to produce documents, dates or witnesses which they think fit. I might mention that the County Manager has directed me specially not to allow any matters to be brought into scope of inquiry of which I have not received notice prior to the holding of the meeting.

I would be glad if the information required could be supplied in the course of the next few weeks, so that I can arrange a suitable date for the holding of the Inquiry.

Misc. le meaus.

T. BYRNE,

at son Bainsisteora an Chonndae.

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

Resolved—Having regard to the fact that the poundage payable by Wicklow County Council to Poor Rate Collectors has not varied for a very great number of years, and that a considerably higher poundage is paid to Collectors by many other County Councils, we hereby recommend and urge the County Manager to make an order increasing, as from 1st April, 1944, the poundage payable by this Council to its collectors.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCree;

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

Resolved—That the Great Southern Railway Company be asked to re-open a limited Goods Service on the Woodenbridge-Shillelagh Branch, as it is one of the heaviest grain-growing districts in the County. There are no transport services of any kind between Woodenbridge and Ferns, and it will inflict severe hardships on the entire farming community.

Passed.

#### QUARTERLY REPORT.

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by her during the Quarter ending the 31st March, 1944.

Articles submitted for Analysis	Date Received	Number	From	Analysis of Result
W. Milk	1/1/44	4	N-T-Mt.-Kennedy, Gd. Ward	Genuine
Cocoa	"	1	"	Genuine
Rice	"	2	"	Genuine
Oatmeal	"	1	"	Genuine
W. Milk	13/1/44	2	Bray, Gd. Murphy	Genuine
Whiskey	"	2	"	Genuine
W. Milk	7/2/44	3	Rathdrum, Gd. Sweeney	Genuine
W. Milk	9/2/44	3	Dunlavin, Gd. Laverty	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
Cheese	"	1	"	Genuine
Cornflour	22/2/44	4	Bray, Gd. Murphy	Genuine
Milk	25/2/44	1	Baltinglass, Dist. Hospital	Genuine
Milk	1/3/44	2	Shillelagh, Gd. Behan	Genuine
Coffee	"	1	"	Genuine
Cheese	"	1	"	Genuine
Milk	9/3/44	5	Greystones, Gd. O'Dwyer	Genuine
Port Wine	"	1	"	Genuine
Coffee	"	1	"	Genuine
Neave's Food	"	1	"	Genuine
Rice	"	1	"	Genuine
Cornflour	"	1	"	Genuine
B. Soda	10/3/44	2	Roundwood, Gd. Roberts	Genuine
Rice	"	1	"	Genuine
Lemonade	"	1	"	Genuine
Milk	"	2	Blessington, Gd. Brennan	Genuine
B. Soda	"	1	"	Genuine
Cocoa	"	1	"	Genuine
Milk	"	2	Carnew, Gd. Doyle	Genuine
Port Wine	"	1	"	Genuine
Tea	"	1	"	Genuine
Milk	22/3/44	2	Wicklow, Gd. Bergin	Genuine
Jam	"	1	"	Genuine
W. Milk	27/3/44	2	Bray, Gd. Murphy	Genuine
Whiskey	"	1	"	Not Gen.
Gin	"	1	"	Genuine
B. Pudding	"	1	Baltinglass, Gd. Conway	Genuine
Cordial	"	1	"	Genuine
Stout	"	1	"	Genuine
Cornflour	"	1	"	Genuine
Rice	28/3/44	1	N-T-Mt.-Kennedy, Gd. Ward	Genuine
Cheese	"	1	"	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine
Vinegar	"	1	"	Genuine
Drugs	7/1/44	2	County Home.	2 not Gen.
Drugs	27/1/44	2	Bray No. 1.	Genuine
Drugs	28/1/44	2	Dunlavin.	Genuine
Drugs	1/2/44	2	Dunganstown.	Genuine
Drugs	4/2/44	2	Powerscourt.	Genuine
Drugs	"	2	County Hospital.	1 Genuine 1 not Gen.
Drugs	8/2/44	3	Delgany.	Genuine
Drugs	"	3	Kilmurray.	Genuine
Drugs	18/2/44	2	Rathdrum.	Genuine
Drugs	23/2/44	2	Blessington.	Genuine
Drugs	24/2/44	2	Tinahely.	Genuine
Drugs	28/2/44	2	Wicklow.	Genuine
Drugs	1/3/44	2	Kiltegan.	Genuine
Drugs	4/3/44	2	Arklow.	Genuine
Drugs	8/3/44	2	Newcastle.	Genuine
Drugs	24/3/44	2	Avoca.	Genuine
Water	"	"	"	"
Kiltegan	5/1/44	1	Per Dr. Maguire.	Passed
Water	15/2/44	1	Per Dr. O'Riordan, Annamoe.	Passed
K'kraheen	"	"	"	"
Roundwood	"	"	"	"

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter: Foods, 66;  
Drugs, 34; Waters, 2. Total—102.

Number Adulterated—1 Whiskey, 3 Drugs.

Dated 31/3/44.

Signed—

PHYLLIS RYAN,  
Public Analyst.



The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor B. Farrell and accepted by the Chairman:

**NOTICE OF MOTION.**

I hereby give Notice that I or someone for me will move at the next Meeting of County Council that a second rent collector be appointed for the N. 1 and 2 Collecting Districts, in view of the unsatisfactory way it is being carried on at present, and that in my opinion the present collector's area is much too large.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick and accepted by the Chairman:

**NOTICE OF MOTION.**

That from the evidence in the Abstract of Correspondence before our last Monthly Meeting and now before us in the Minutes, as submitted to each Councillor, it would appear that the duties of Assistant Surveyor in West Wicklow are not being discharged by Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E. and that they should be re-allocated in order to secure their efficient discharge.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Monthly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, the 8th May, 1944.

The following Members were present:

Councillor Edward Byrne, Chairman;  
Councillors P. P. O'Reilly, P. McCarthy, J. Everett, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, W. J. Doyle, B. Farrell, Joseph Jacob, D. J. Kehoe, William J. Clarke, George Byrne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, T. Fitzpatrick, J. J. Metcalfe, Joseph Kavanagh, C. M. O Broin, T.D.; Peter Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne.

### BUSINESS :

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of previous Meetings.
2. To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
3. To consider applications for Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
4. To receive Reports from the Council's Solicitor and the County Medical Officer of Health as to the effect on the eyes of children sitting in cinemas in close proximity to the screen.
5. To execute such Cottage Tenancy Agreements as may be submitted.
6. To execute such Contracts as may be submitted under the Children's Acts in connection with the boarding-out of Foster Children.
7. To Seal and Sign Vesting Orders (in duplicate) in respect of the sale of Cottages under the Labourers' Acts, 1936, to the tenants thereof.
8. To fix a date for the forthcoming Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council.
9. To pass the usual Resolutions in connection with the Council's applications for (a) Overdraft Accommodation in the months of June, July, and August on the County Council's General Account, and (b) Overdraft Accommodation on the Turf Production Account for the same months.
10. To consider a Report from the Deputation that waited upon the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health concerning the necessity for adequate hospitalisation in County Wicklow.
11. To consider a circulated Report prepared by the County Surveyor after his inspection of Baltinglass Hospital, as instructed by the Co. Council.
12. To receive a joint Report from the Council's Solicitor and County Surveyor in connection with the Council's responsibilities in regard to the retaining wall at the premises of Mr. Rae, Oonagh, Enniskerry, which wall collapsed some months ago.
13. To consider and approve the lists prepared by the County Secretary of houses in respect of which certain remissions of 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 13th March, 1945.
15. To consider the claims for Rates stated to be irrecoverable and temporarily uncollectible as received from the several Poor Rate Collectors.
16. To receive and consider the Pension recommended by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture to be paid to Mr. G. P. Byrne, consequent upon his resignation from that Committee.
17. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor T. Fitzpatrick:

"That from the evidence in the Abstract of Correspondence before our last Monthly Meeting, and now before us in the Minutes as submitted to each Councillor, it would appear that the duties of Assistant Surveyor in West Wicklow are not being discharged by



Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., and that they should be re-allocated in order to secure their efficient discharge."

18. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor B. Farrell:

"I hereby give Notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the next Meeting of the County Council, that a second Rent Collector be appointed for the No. 1 and 2 Collecting Districts, in view of the unsatisfactory way it is being carried on at present, and that in my opinion the present Collector's Area is much too large."

19. To receive the County Surveyor's latest Report on the possibility of lime production in West Wicklow by the County Council.  
20. To consider such matters as may be raised for discussion in connection with the administration of Assistance, Health and Housing Services in the County, of which Notice, as requested, has been given to the County Manager at his Rathdrum Office.

The Secretary reported there were no applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, to be submitted.

The Secretary informed the Council that he was still awaiting reports from the County Surveyor that he had satisfied himself, after personal inspection, that the following premises were in every respect suitable and complied with the Regulations, and that Licences therefor might be issued under the Cinematograph Act, 1909:

Premises known as Imaal Hall, Dunlavin—Applicant: John Cunningham, Dunlavin.

Premises known as The Cinema, Greystones—Applicant: John Hipple, Coolagad, Greystones.

Premises known as The Courthouse, Rathdrum—Applicants: Richard and Michael Haughton, Rathdrum.

Premises known as The Hall, Roundwood—Applicant: Edward Curley, Roundwood.

No Licences therefor had been issued yet in respect of any of the above premises.

Proposed by Councillor B. Farrell;

Seconded by Councillor D. J. Kehoe;

Resolved: That we hereby empower our Secretary to issue Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, to Mr. Walter Kehoe, Emo, Portarlinton, in respect of premises known as Tower Cinema, Baltinglass, a satisfactory report in this connection having been received from the County Surveyor.

Passed.

In connection with a discussion which took place at a recent Meeting of the County Council on the subject of the effect on the eyes of persons in Cinema seats in close proximity to the screen, the Secretary submitted the following four communications from the County Medical Officer of Health and the Council's Solicitor, to whom the matter had been referred:

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,

County Home,  
Rathdrum.  
17th April, 1944.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
County Manager,  
Town Hall,  
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of the 18th March, enclosing copy of a Resolution passed by the Wicklow County Council on the 13th of March, on the subject of the effect on the eyes of children at Cinemas, of the proximity to the Screen.

I regret the delay in answering, which was due to the fact that I have been making inquiries on the subject. In my opinion the minimum distance of the screen from the front seats should be twenty feet. I believe that a greater strain is inflicted by looking obliquely at the screen from

a position near it, than from its proximity if the minimum distance is such as I have indicated above.

I shall try to get further information on the subject, and, if I get it, shall write to you again.

Yours faithfully,

G. P. G. BECKETT,  
County Medical Officer of Health.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,

County Home,  
Rathdrum.  
24th April, 1944.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
County Manager,  
Town Hall,  
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

Since writing you on the 17th April, I have been in communication with the Department of Justice, and have obtained a copy of the Regulations dated 20th April, 1910, in connection with the Cinematograph Act, 1909. These Regulations do not provide that a minimum distance must be allowed between the front seats and the screen in the Cinema.

I do not know if it is within the power of the Licensing Authority to go outside these Regulations. This, however, would be a matter for your Law Agent.

Yours faithfully,

G. P. G. BECKETT,  
County Medical Officer of Health.

4, Church Street,  
Wicklow.  
4th May, 1944.

Regulations under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.

Dear Sir,

I duly received your letter of the 26th ult. enclosing copy of letter dated 24th ult. received by you from Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health.

Before replying to your letter it was necessary for me to obtain a copy of the Regulations made by the Lord-Lieutenant, dated respectively, the 20th April, 1910, and 23rd July, 1913.

In my opinion, the County Council when issuing a Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, may impose such terms and conditions, apart from the said Regulations in the preceding paragraph referred to, as it considers necessary.

Yours faithfully,

J. BRAZIL.

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

4, Church Street,  
Wicklow.  
5th May, 1944.

Cinematograph Act, 1909.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 4th inst., I wish to state that in my opinion it is not obligatory on a Local Authority to appoint an Inspector under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.

Section 4 of the said Act provides that a Constable or an Officer appointed for the purpose by the County Council may at all reasonable times enter any premises, whether licensed or not, to see if the provisions of the Act or any Regulations made thereunder and the conditions of any Licence granted under the Act have been complied with.



Accordingly, if the County Council do not appoint an Officer under the Act, a member of the Gardai is empowered to see that the provisions of the Act, the regulations made thereunder, and any conditions imposed by the County Council when granting the Licence, are being carried out.

Yours faithfully,

J. BRAZIL.

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

Order: Copies of correspondence to be forwarded to (a) the County Councils' General Council; (b) the Secretary, Department Local Government and Public Health; and (c) Department of Justice.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. MacCarthy;

Resolved: That the Cottage Tenancy Agreements as set out on the subjoined list be sealed.

20th November, 1943—Mary Canavan, Ballybeg, Rathnew.

8th April, 1944—John Gill, Ballybeg, Rathnew.

19th February, 1944—Michael Grattan, Ballybeg, Rathnew.

8th January, 1944—Sarah Byrne, Ballybeg, Rathnew.

26th February, 1944—Brigid Kavanagh, Merrymeeting, Rathnew.

16th October, 1943—Annie Merriman, Bolarney, Wicklow.

8th January, 1944—Mary Thackaberry, Merrymeeting, Rathnew.

26th February, 1944—John Connor, Merrymeeting, Rathnew.

26th February, 1944—Michael Sammon, Merrymeeting, Rathnew.

15th April, 1944—Margaret Byrne, Knockroe.

8th April, 1944—John Murphy, Mount John.

8th April, 1944—Patrick Whitty, Milltown.

25th March, 1944—Owen Nolan, Knockroe.

25th March, 1944—John Quinn, Knockroe.

25th March, 1944—James F. Morgan, Knockroe.

25th March, 1944—William Lang, Knockroe.

25th March, 1944—John Skehal, Knockroe.

29th April, 1944—Rose Duffy, Killadreenan.

24th February, 1944—Mary Nolan, Parkmore, Baltinglass.

16th October, 1943—Peter Doyle, Knockenreagh, Baltinglass.

26th April, 1944—Michael Kelly, Dragoonhill, Hollywood.

27th April, 1944—Michael Byrne, Newtown, Baltinglass.

25th March, 1944—James Sutton, Parkmore, Baltinglass.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. MacCarthy;

Resolved: That Agreement dated 7th March, 1944, between the Wicklow County Council and Mrs. Annie Ryan, Kilquiggan, Coolkenno, in relation to the boarding-out with the latter of the child, Elizabeth Butler, be sealed with the seal of the Council.

Passed.

There were no Vesting Orders to be sealed and signed in respect of sale of Cottages under the Labourers Act, 1936, to the tenants thereof.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved: That in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 (1) of the Local Elections Act, 1927, we hereby decide and appoint Monday, 26th June, 1944, as the date on which Wicklow County Council shall hold its Annual Meeting, which Meeting shall be followed immediately by the usual Monthly Meeting for June, 1944.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved: That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make

application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the County Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the month of June shall not exceed Nil; that the amount to be applied for in respect of the month of July shall not exceed £6,000; and that the amount to be applied for in respect of the month of August shall not exceed £8,000.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved: That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the County Council's Turf Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the month of June shall not exceed £18,000; that the amount to be applied for in respect of the month of July shall not exceed £17,000; and that the amount to be applied for in respect of the month of August shall not exceed £16,000.

Passed.

The following communication was submitted in connection with Item No. 10 on the Agenda:

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,

County Home,

Rathdrum.

3rd May, 1944.

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

A. Caara,

With reference to No. 10 on the Agenda for Meeting of Wicklow County Council to be held on 8th May, I have to inform you that the Department in a letter, dated 24th ultimo, intimated that the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government proposes to communicate with the Council in the near future fixing a date for the attendance of the Deputation suggested by them for discussion of the general Hospital Scheme for the County.

It is unlikely that that Deputation will have been received or that a Report of the Deputation will be ready for the Meeting on 8th May.

Mise, le meas,

T. BYRNE,

ar son Bainisteora an Chonndae.

The deputation referred to in the foregoing letter not having been received yet by the Department of Local Government and Public Health, Item No. 11 on the Council's Agenda, regarding the condition of Baltinglass Hospital, was postponed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Kavanagh;

Seconded by Councillor D. J. Kehoe;

Resolved: That the following be added to the Deputation appointed to wait upon the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in connection with the Hospitalisation Scheme, that the requirements of the County Council demand:—

Councillors J. J. McCrea, G. Byrne, P. McCarthy accompanied by the three Deputies, the County Medical Officer of Health, and Mr. T. Byrne, Officer in charge of County Council Offices, Rathdrum.

Passed.

In connection with the foregoing matters the County Manager drew the attention of the members of the Council to his detailed report, which appeared in extenso in the Minutes of the Council's Meeting held on the 17th April, 1944, vide pages 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 thereof.



In connection with Item No. 12 on the Agenda, the Secretary intimated that the joint report from the Council's Solicitor and the County Surveyor had not yet been received regarding the Council's responsibilities in relation to the retaining wall at the premises of Mr. Rae, Oonagh, Enniskerry, which wall collapsed a considerable time ago.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved: That the New Buildings 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, 1945, 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 Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved: That we hereby approve, confirm and adopt the decisions made by our Secretary on the information at his disposal in connection with all claims for abatement of rates lodged in our offices in respect of the Agricultural Grant for the service of the financial year 1944-45, 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 the Rates be proceeded with with all practicable speed on the basis of such decisions.

Passed.

The lists for the entire County-at-Large of rates claimed to be (a) irrecoverable, and (b) temporarily irrecoverable, submitted by the Poor Rate Collectors were placed before the Council and examined.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved: That we hereby approve and adopt, as set forth by our Secretary, the Lists of Rates in respect of the financial year which ended on the 31st March, 1944, submitted by the several Poor Rate Collectors, showing (1) the several items allowed as actually irrecoverable, (2) allowed as temporarily uncollectable, but to be carried forward for collection into the Warrants for the service of the financial year 1944/'45.

The County Manager submitted the subjoined summary of these lists:

UNCOLLECTED RATES LISTS, 1943/'44 WARRANT.

District No.	Collector.	Amount of Warrant	Allowed as Irrecoverable	To be carried forward to 1944-45 Warrant	Total	% of Warrant
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1	Luke McDonnell	8,515 5 7	92 7 2	33 18 0	126 5 2	1.47
2	John A. Doyle	5,529 3 7	19 3 2	166 1 10	185 5 0	3.34
3	Edward Lynch	4,587 2 7	1 15 11	445 10 0	447 5 11	9.74
4/5	Patrick Burke	8,221 4 1	97 15 7	194 18 2	292 13 9	3.56
6	Mrs. Mary Healy	7,892 18 3	94 10 1	1,592 17 3	1,687 7 4	21.37
7	P. J. Doyle	21,180 0 11	594 9 5	306 19 0	901 8 5	4.25
8	Patk. Mulligan	5,607 12 7	62 16 6	61 16 9	124 13 3	2.22
9	M. J. Healy	19,092 7 8	87 19 11	2,524 19 8	2,612 19 7	13.68
10	Wm. P. Murphy	7,135 19 10	17 0 5	610 12 0	627 12 5	8.80
11	James J. McCall	10,043 2 11	272 18 2	200 8 11	473 7 1	4.71
12	Wm. C. Byrne	11,478 10 4	5 19 5	1,815 7 2	1,821 6 7	15.86
13/14/15	M. J. Roche	15,217 16 3	201 15 3	384 1 6	585 16 8	3.85
16	P. J. O'Evne	11,196 0 4	244 11 5	1,397 4 3	1,641 15 8	14.66
17	D. J. Kinsella	7,765 8 8	81 19 9	839 0 4	921 0 1	11.86
18	Thomas Fleming	7,598 5 0	21 0 9	121 2 2	142 2 11	1.86
19	Michael O'Neill	5,419 10 10	49 14 7	90 6 8	140 1 3	2.58
	TOTALS	£156,480 9 5	1,945 17 6 1.24%	£10,785 3 8 6.89%	£12,731 1 2 8.13%	



In connection with Item No. 16 on the Agenda, the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the Monthly Meeting of that Body held on the 28th April, 1944, was submitted, approved and adopted unanimously:—

Resolved: That Mr. G. P. Byrne, former Secretary to the County Committee of Agriculture be granted the maximum pension allowable as already stated in the Resolution passed at our Meeting held on the 29th February, 1944."

The County Manager reported that he was awaiting copies of the usual blank Forms on which to submit his recommendation to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in regard to Mr. G. P. Byrne's pension.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved: That the letters to the County Manager from the County Surveyor—containing complaints regarding the manner in which Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., discharges the duties of his position—be printed in full, and that Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley's replies to these letters be also printed and that all be furnished to each member of this Council, and that the consideration of the Notice of Motion on this day's Agenda standing in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick, be postponed to our next meeting.

Passed—Councillors J. Everett, T.D., J. McCreagh, P. McCarthy, W. J. Doyle and B. Farrell dissenting.

The County Manager having pointed out that he had already instructed the Officer in charge of the County Council Offices in Rathdrum, Mr. Thomas Byrne, to hold an investigation on the spot regarding the matters complained of in relation to Assistance, Health and Housing in West Wicklow, consideration of the Notice of Motion on the Agenda (No. 18) standing in the name of Councillor B. Farrell was postponed.

In this connection the following letter, and statement, as circulated to the members of the County Council by the County Manager, was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,

County Home,  
Rathdrum.  
2nd May, 1944.

A Chara,

By direction of the County Manager I enclose herewith statement of the Cottage Rent Collection in the County Health District as at 31st March, 1944, for your information.

Mise, le meas,

THOMAS BYRNE,  
ar son Runai.

To each Member of Wicklow County Council:

No. 1 District—Collector Patrick Kinsella.

Arrears on 30/9/43	£	s.	d.
do. 31/3/44	17	5	5
Decrease	17	3	2
Arrears equal to approximately 3 weeks' rental.	2	3	

No. 2 District—Collector Francis O'Neill.

Arrears on 30/9/43	114	8	10
do. 31/3/44	97	7	1
Decrease	17	1	9
Arrears equal to approximately 4 weeks' rental.			

No. 3 District—Collector Patrick Kinsella.

Arrears on 30/9/43	17	3	1
do. 31/3/44	16	17	3
Decrease	5	10	
Arrears equal to approximately 1½ weeks' rental.			

No. 4 District—Collector Patrick Woods.

Arrears on 30/9/43	165	9	2
do. 31/3/44	176	7	3
Increase	10	18	1

Arrears equal to approximately 4 weeks' rental.

No. 5 District—Collector Patrick Woods.

Arrears on 30/9/43	34	18	8
do. 31/3/44	39	10	6
Increase	4	11	10

Arrears equal to approximately 4 weeks' rental.

No. 6 District—Collector J. O'Neill.

Arrears on 30/9/43	168	19	2
do. 31/3/44	148	5	0
Decrease	20	14	2

Arrears equal to approximately 2½ weeks' rental.

No. 7 District—Collector James O'Neill.

Arrears on 30/9/43	21	3	7
do. 31/3/44	17	2	2
Decrease	4	1	5

Arrears equal to approximately 1½ weeks' rental.

No. 8 District—Collector James J. Dunne.

Arrears on 30/9/43	326	10	2
do. 31/3/44	300	16	6
Decrease	25	13	8

Arrears equal to approximately 4½ weeks' rental.

No. 9 District—Collector James Browne.

Arrears on 30/9/43	190	5	0
do. 31/3/44	190	13	2
Increase	8	2	

Arrears equal to approximately 7½ weeks' rental.

No. 10 District—Collector James O'Neill.

Arrears on 30/9/43	45	4	2
do. 31/3/44	45	17	2
Increase	13	0	

Arrears equal to approximately 2½ weeks' rental.

No. 11 District—Collector Joseph Doyle.

Arrears on 30/9/44	120	1	9
do. 31/3/44	98	2	7
Decrease	21	19	2

Arrears equal to approximately 4 weeks' rental.

Summary for County.

Total Arrears on 30/9/43	1305	1	4
do. 31/3/44	1233	1	6
Decrease	28	0	2

Total arrears equal to approximately 4 weeks' rental.

State of Cottage Rent Collection on 31st March, 1944, in each Collection District in order of merit.

Placing.	Collector.	District.	Arrears per Cottage.
			s. d.
1	P. Kinsella	Baltinglass (1)	1 3
2	Same	Blessington (3)	3 0
3	J. O'Neill	Dunganstown (7)	3 3
4	Same	Newcastle (6)	5 8
5	Same	Tinahely (10)	5 8½
6	P. Woods	Enniskerry (5)	9 9
7	F. O'Neill	Dunlavin (2)	10 1
8	J. Dunne	Rathdrum (8)	10 1½
9	J. Doyle	Rathnew (11)	11 8
10	P. Woods	Greystones (4)	12 4
11	J. Browne	Shillelagh (9)	16 8



The following report was submitted by the County Manager:  
[COPY]

County Surveyor's Office,  
Court House,  
Wicklow.  
27th April, 1944.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
County Manager,

**Re: Lime Scheme.**

Dear Sir,

I beg to report that, following the discussion regarding the proposed production of lime in this County for Agricultural purposes which took place at the Meeting of the County Council on 17th instant, I arranged a visit to West Wicklow on Monday, 24th instant, for the purpose of investigating the possibilities of a Scheme and pointing out the difficulties to some of the Councillors who are more interested in the subject.

The following were present: Messrs. C. M. Byrne, T.D.; T. Fitzpatrick, John J. Metcalfe, Peter P. O'Reilly, D. J. Kehoe and Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, E.E.

The party met at Blessington and proceeded to some sand pits in the vicinity. In one sand pit there is an existing lime kiln, and I have previously reported on this. The owner is a Mr. Samuel Darker, and I had already instructed Mr. P. J. Foley to obtain permission in writing from Mr. Darker to clean out the refuse and half-burned lime from the kiln for inspection. This was being done and I understand the work had been commenced on the previous Thursday, 20th instant. There was a large quantity of stone screened out from the face of the pit over a number of years, estimated varying from 500 tons to 2,000 tons. All the Councillors agree that an experiment of burning should be tried with the existing kiln and with the available stone. Mr. Foley informed us that Mr. Darker promised the stone free of all charge and that the lime kiln was also available on payment of a nominal small sum, practically free.

One of the difficulties is to get a suitable and experienced man to take charge of the burning. Mr. Foley was authorised to go to Carlow on to-day, Thursday, 27th instant, to investigate in the lime burning district as to whether he could engage such a person. I pointed out to Mr. Foley and to the Committee that I had only £101 available, and the Committee agreed that additional funds would be forthcoming at the next Meeting and when required.

The Committee then visited the sand pits at Naas, upon which I have already reported, and saw the two lime kilns under the Kildare Co. Council Authority actually working. We were informed that the fuel problem was very acute and it was most difficult to get the necessary culm: in fact, in this pit they were using turf mould with a little coal breeze mixed. We understood that the lime is not being burned very evenly with this fuel, and that the output had fallen very much owing to the loss of the more suitable culm.

Mr. Foley was instructed to make every effort and investigation to have the experiment in lime-burning pushed on, and was told to leave nothing undone to try and bring it to a successful working conclusion.

Yours faithfully,

**J. T. O'BYRNE,**

County Surveyor.

Order: Noted.

The Council spent a considerable time considering matters raised for discussion in connection with the administration of Assistance, Health and Housing services in the County. The County Manager noted the points submitted, and undertook that they would be investigated and dealt with.

The County Manager submitted the subjoined results of the Open Competitive Examination held for the filling of three whole-time, permanent and pensionable positions (two in the County Council's Offices, Rathdrum, and one in the County Council's Offices, Wicklow) as Clerk-Typists at an

initial salary of £90 per annum until two years have been served, or until officer reaches 20 years of age, whichever period is longer, then £100 per annum, increasing, subject to satisfactory service, by yearly increments of £5 to £120 a year, and thence by yearly increments of £10 to a maximum of £140 per annum. At present an emergency bonus, subject to review from time to time, is payable in addition to the salary. He added that subject to Departmental sanction, the names of the three candidates who secured the first three places at the Examination would be appointed:

**RESULTS OF EXAMINATION HELD ON 4th APRIL, 1944, FOR  
VACANCIES AS SHORTHAND TYPIST/CLERKS  
IN WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICES.**

The following in order of merit qualified:

Exam. No.	Name of Candidate.	Irish	Eng-lish	Arith-metic	Short-hand	Type-writ-ing	Total
17	Maura J. Sutton, Putland Rd., Bray	300	300	300	500	500	1900
16	Joan M. Rafter, Killarney Road, Bray	247	235	215	482†	490†	1669
5	Mgt. M. Nichols, High St., Wicklow	210	271	135	475	455	1546
13	Bernadette E. Doyle, Bridge House, Newcastle	225	250	126	447	477	1525
4	Sheelagh M. L. Brady, Kilmacanogue	234	222	180	473	411	1520
15	Esther M. Donnelly, Kilmurray, Delgany	250	230	120	470	434	1504
1	Eliz. O'Brien, Tigroney, Avoca	293†	200	165	463	374	1495
6	Veronica Murphy, 42, Hollybank Rd., Drumcondra	250	160	235†	365	431	1441
		250	230	110	319	388	1297
The following failed to qualify in one or more subjects:							
2	Sylvia Kennedy, Abbey St., Wicklow	225	280†	160	145*	402	1212
9	Mary Smith, Church St., Wicklow	205	256	115	205*	425	1206
12	Hannah Kavanagh, Ballymoyle, Arklow	220	230	175	269	209*	1103
14	Cora M. Maguire, The Mall, Wicklow	235	225	180	144*	259	1043
10	Lucy Duggan, The Mall, Wicklow	162	235	130	73*	294	894
20	Mary C. Doyle, 49, Lr. Main St., Arklow	130*	190	10*	197*	277	804
3	Marie Hughes, 7, Fitzwilliam Row, Wicklow	175	221	180	74*	90*	740
19	Carmel G. Dunne, The Meetings, Rathdrum	155	150	179	175*	50*	709
18	Carmel Kavanagh, Dunbur Road, Wicklow	180	175	80*	0*	172*	607
11	Mary O'Connor, Ballinabarney, Rathnew	185	180	115	75*	30*	585
21	Peggy Murphy, Kilpoole Hill, Wicklow	106*	106	0*	0*	235*	447
8	Maureen Finlay, Tinnahask, Arklow	100*	181	50*	20*	60*	411

\* Indicates failure to qualify.

† Indicates first place in subject.

11/4/44.

**B. HOOPER,**  
Examiner.



# WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 5th JUNE, 1944.

A Seanad Election Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. on Monday the 5th June, 1944.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor Edward Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. P. O'Reilly, J. Everett, T.D.; P. McCarthy, J. J. McCrea, Joseph Jacob, Benjamin Farrell, C. M. O'Broin, D. J. Kehoe, Peter Ledwidge, William Clarke, Joseph Kavanagh, Dr. J. J. Hickey, George Byrne, T. Fitzpatrick, H. J. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, J. J. Metcalfe, W. J. Doyle.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.:

Resolved—That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby tender to our esteemed Colleague, Councillor W. J. Doyle, and to the members of his family, the assurance of our sincere sympathy on the death of his sister.

The following is a copy of the Special Notice sent to each Member of the County Council on the 17th May, 1944, convening the Meeting:—

### SEANAD ELECTORAL (PANEL MEMBERS) ACT, 1937.

(Notice of the election of electors to the Seanad members electorate by a Council).

To.....

of.....

being a member of the Council of the County of Wicklow.

This is to inform you that pursuant to Section 37 of the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act, 1937, an election by the above-named Council of seven persons to the electorate for the Seanad election will take place forthwith and that you are entitled to vote at the election and to be a candidate if duly nominated.

Your attention is called to the following directions:—

1. Only members of the Council may be candidates.
2. Any two members of the Council may nominate a candidate.
3. A nomination can only be accepted in writing on a nomination paper in the prescribed form.
4. Nomination papers can be obtained by members of the Council on application to me.
5. Nomination papers must be duly completed and delivered or sent by post to me at

The Offices of Wicklow County Council,  
Court House, Wicklow.

6. The last day for receiving nominations is Thursday, 1st June, 1944.
7. On that day I will attend at the place mentioned above from eleven o'clock in the forenoon to one o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of receiving nominations and accepting or rejecting nominations received by me.



8. Any nomination paper which is not duly completed or which is not actually received by me before one o'clock in the afternoon of the last day for receiving nominations will be rejected.

The voting at the election will take place at a Meeting of the Council to be held at 11.30 o'clock a.m. on Monday, the 5th June, 1944, which meeting you are hereby summoned to attend.

If the number of candidates for whom nominations are accepted does not exceed seven the election will not be contested, no voting will be necessary and the election meeting will not be held. In such case a further notice will be given you cancelling the summons to the election meeting.

(Signed)

County Secretary.

Dated this 17th May, 1944.

County Council Offices,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

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

Department of Local Government and Public Health,

Custom House, Dublin.

No. 55/44.

11th May, 1944.

#### SEANAD ELECTION, 1944.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to draw attention to the provisions of Section 8 of the General Elections (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1943, which provides that every reference in the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act, 1937, to a dissolution of Dail Eireann shall be construed and have effect as a reference to the direction by the President under the Act of 1943 that a general election for members of Dail Eireann shall take place.

A general election of members of Seanad Eireann must be held not later than ninety days after the direction by the President, which was given on Wednesday, the 10th instant. Accordingly it will become the duty of the Council under Section 37 of the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act, 1937, to elect seven persons to the electorate for such Seanad Election, in accordance with the provisions of that section, within a period ending not later than one month after the 10th instant.

The rules governing the election of the seven members are contained in the order entitled the Seanad Electorate (Voting by Councils) Regulations, 1938, dated 4th June, 1938. Arrangements should be made to hold an election in accordance with the provisions of the Act of 1937 and the Order. The documents referred to in Article 9 of the Order are to be sent to Mr. Wilfred Brown, Seanad Returning Officer, Leinster House, Dublin.

An acknowledgement of this Circular is requested.

Mise, le meas,

J. HURSON, Runai.

To each County and County Borough Council.

The Secretary reported that the following 15 members of the Council had been duly and legally nominated:—

Bourne, Jacob James, of Ballyraheen, Tinahely.  
Byrne, Christopher Michael, of Ballykillavane, Glenealy  
Byrne, George, of 14, Brennan's Parade, Bray  
Byrne, Henry John, of St. Enda's, Putland Road, Bray  
Cleary, William, of 25, Upper Main Street, Arklow  
Farrell, Benjamin, of Baltinglass  
Fitzpatrick, Thomas, of Palermo, Bray

Hickey, John James, of Clonsilla, Burnaby Road, Greystones.  
Hudson, Charles Wesley, of Church Street, Wicklow  
Kavanagh, Joseph, of Kilpipe, Ballinglen  
Kehoe, Daniel Joseph, of Baltinglass  
Ledwidge, Peter Christopher, of 29, Dargan Street, Bray  
McCrea, James, of Carnew  
Metcalf, John Joseph, of Ballylion, Donard

O'Reilly, Peter Paul, of Ballyknocken, Blessington  
and that in consequence an election based on the proportional representation system would now be required at that day's meeting. Accordingly, nineteen Members of the County Council being present (out of a full membership of 21) he handed each of the nineteen members present a ballot paper on which to vote with a view to the election of seven of the fifteen members on the Electoral Panel above referred to.

When the voting had been completed and the 19 Ballot Papers had been taken up by the County Secretary, who acted as Presiding Officer for the purpose of this Election, the 19 Ballot Papers were placed in an envelope, which, after the expiration of the appointed time, was duly sealed and posted immediately to Wilfred Brown, Esq., Seanad Returning Officer, Leinster House, Dublin, who would communicate to the Council the result of the election at as early a date as was practicable.

This, the County Secretary informed the Council, completed the business of the Seanad Election Meeting.



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 26th June, 1944, at 11.30 o'clock a.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor Edward Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. McCarthy, P. P. O'Reilly, J. Everett, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, Joseph Jacob, W. J. Doyle, P. Ledwidge, D. J. Kehoe, B. Farrell, W. J. Clarke, George Byrne, Joseph Kavanagh, Dr. J. J. Hickey, T. Fitzpatrick, H. J. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, J. J. Bourne and J. J. Metcalfe.

### BUSINESS:

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

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

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey:

That Councillor Thomas Fitzpatrick be hereby appointed Chairman of this Council for the ensuing year.

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

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle:

That Councillor James J. McCrea of Carnew be elected Chairman of Wicklow County Council for the ensuing year and until his successor shall have been appointed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Seconded by Councillor D. J. Kehoe:

That the outgoing Chairman, Councillor Edward Byrne, be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

The Chairman asked for, and obtained, the Council's permission to withdraw the Motion which proposed his re-election as Chairman.

A vote having been called for on the other two Motions, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

For Councillor James J. McCrea: Councillors J. McCrea, J. Kavanagh, P. McCarthy, W. J. Doyle, P. P. O'Reilly, D. J. Kehoe, B. Farrell, P. Ledwidge, J. Everett, T.D.; C. W. Hudson, W. J. Clarke and Joseph Jacob (12).

For Councillor T. Fitzpatrick: Councillors J. J. Bourne, J. J. Metcalfe, Edward Byrne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, H. J. Byrne, George Byrne, and T. Fitzpatrick (7).

The Chairman thereupon declared Councillor James J. McCrea to have been elected as Chairman of Wicklow County Council for ensuing year, and until his successor shall have been appointed—twelve Councillors having voted for him, and seven Councillors having voted for Councillor T. Fitzpatrick.



Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Resolved—That a vote of thanks be passed to the outgoing Chairman, Councillor Edward Byrne, for his services to the County Council during the two years he occupied the position.

Passed unanimously.

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Kavanagh;

Resolved—That Councillor Charles W. Hudson of Church Street, Wicklow, be elected Vice-Chairman of Wicklow County Council for the ensuing year and until his successor shall have been appointed.

Passed.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman signed, before the Secretary, the prescribed Declaration to be made under the Local Government Acts on Acceptance of a Corporate Office.

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

Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell;

Resolved—That having regard to the provisions of Section 13 of the Local Elections Act, 1927, we hereby select, appoint and continue in office until their successors shall have been appointed, each and every qualified representative who has been elected by this County Council on any Committee or Public Body nominated wholly or partly by this County Council.

Passed unanimously.

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## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Monthly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.45 a.m. on Monday 26th June, 1944.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor James McCrea, Chairman;

Councillors Edward Byrne, P. McCarthy, P. P. O'Reilly, J. Everett, T.D.; Joseph Jacob, W. J. Doyle, P. Ledwidge, D. J. Kehoe, B. Farrell, W.J. Clarke, George Byrne, Joseph Kavanagh, Dr. J. J. Hickey, J. J. Metcalfe, T. Fitzpatrick, H. J. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, and J. J. Bourne.

### BUSINESS:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of previous Meetings.
2. To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
3. To consider applications for Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
4. To execute such Cottage Tenancy Agreements as may be submitted.
5. To execute such Contracts as may be submitted under the Children's Acts in connection with the boarding out of Foster Children.
6. To Seal and Sign Vesting Orders (in duplicate) in respect of the sale of Cottages under the Labourers Acts, 1936, to the tenants thereof.
7. To receive and consider a Schedule giving full particulars regarding the financial position of the 1943/1944 Poor Rate Collection as finally closed.
8. To adopt the Rates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1945, and to allow and make same as assessed in the Rate Books.
9. To sign and seal the Demands (Forms E.8) on the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow for the year 1944/1945.
10. To Sign and Seal the Warrants of the several Poor Rate Collectors.
11. To consider the Secretary's Estimates for Water Rate in respect of the towns of Aughrim, Blessington and Rathdrum for the year which will end 24th June, 1945.
12. To execute Deed Poll under the County Wicklow Labourers' Order, 1939, in connection with Site No. 344—Owner, John R. Rothwell.
13. To execute Deed Poll under the County Wicklow Labourers' Order, 1939, in connection with Site No. 306—Owner, Mary Hogan.
14. To execute Bog Leave Agreements at Sallygap with the following: R. T. Killian, Glanmore Castle, Ashford; Messrs. Mason, Miley and Molley of Rathnew; Messrs. Kenny and Casey of Kilbride; Mr. John Byrne, Annamoe.
15. To execute an Agreement with Mr. Cormac Murray of Ardsallagh, Navan, for the production of 4,500 tons of turf from Kippure Bog.



16. To execute an Agreement with Mr. Cormac Murray of Ardsallagh, Navan, for the reconstruction and repair of an existing road and for the opening of drains at Kippure Bog.
17. To execute an Application for First Registration of land acquired from the Leslie Ellis Estate, Magherymore, for the purpose of constructing a new road.
18. To fill the vacancy on the Baltinglass Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee caused by the disqualification of Mr. Eamonn O'Neill, Main Street, Baltinglass.
19. To consider lists of Old Age Pensioners and Blind Pensioners who (a) have been accepted as suitable cases for additional weekly allowance of 2s. 6d.; and (b) have been unsuccessful applicants, all of which were circulated to each member of the County Council on 25th May, 1944.
20. To consider correspondence in connection with the case of Ed. Carroll versus Wicklow Co. Council in relation to crops damaged by the Council's employees in fencing off a right-of-way to the Council's site at Blessington acquired for the erection of cottages.
21. To consider correspondence from Miss Irene A. Ball-Action, Glencapple, Kilmacanogue, Bray, and from the Hon. Mr. Justice Kevin O.H. Haugh, complaining of the proposed erection of a Wooden Hut on Glencap Commons, the plans of which have been submitted to and approved by the County Surveyor, together with a Report dated 16th June, 1944, from the County Surveyor thereon.
22. To consider the printed and circulated correspondence from the County Surveyor regarding the performance in West Wicklow by Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., of the duties of his position and Mr. Foley's reply thereto.
23. To take steps to raise a Loan of £1,000 to be devoted towards payment for the erecting and equipping of a Maternity Annexe at the County Home, Rathdrum.
24. To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture on 31st May ult. after consideration of a letter from the County Manager to that Committee strongly recommending the return to Wicklow Co. Council Offices of the operation of the Compulsory Sheep Dipping Scheme: "That we retain the entire administration of Sheep Dipping in the County."
25. To consider the following Resolution passed by the Westmeath County Council on the 5th June, 1944:  
"That, where Electricity is being paid for on a Valuation basis, the cost should be reduced in proportion to the curtailment of supply during the emergency, and that, where no electricity is consumed no charge should be made on a valuation basis."
26. To consider a communication from the Minister for the Co-ordination of Defensive Measures in which he intimates that to secure more effective arrangements for the organisation and operation of Air Rail Precaution Services in the County he considers that the duties of A.R.P. Officer should be specifically allotted to a member of the staff of the County Council.
27. To consider Report on A.R.P. Conference held between officials of the Department of Defence and Wicklow Co. Council on Thursday, 18th May, 1944, in the Record Court, Court House, Wicklow.
28. To receive statistical Returns prepared at the request of the Chairman of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Fire Fighting for the County at Large, and for each of the Urban Districts of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow.
29. To consider correspondence from the County Councils' General Council regarding the conditions suggested for the awarding of Scholarships in Agriculture in the University College, Dublin.

30. To consider a request from Mr. James Larkin, General Secretary of the Workers' Union of Ireland, 5a, College St., Dublin, that a Deputation be received from his Union on the question of increasing the weekly remuneration of road workers in the Greystones area, and the possibility of these men being paid weekly.
31. To consider a further Report on the matter of Lime Production received from Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., by the County Surveyor and submitted by the latter to the Council.
32. To consider such matters as may be raised for discussion in connection with the administration of Assistance, Health and Housing Services in the County, of which notice, as requested, has been given to the County Manager at his Rathdrum Office.
33. To receive a joint Report from the Council's Law Agent and the County Surveyor regarding the retaining wall at the premises of Mr. Rae, Oonagh, Enniskerry, which wall collapsed some months ago.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey:

Resolved—That the Minutes of previous Meetings, as printed and circulated to each member of the County Council, be hereby approved and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Passed.

There were no applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, for submission to the County Council.

The Secretary informed the Council that he was still awaiting reports from the County Surveyor that he had satisfied himself, after personal inspection, that the following premises were in every respect suitable and complied with the Regulations, and that Licences therefor might now be issued under the Cinematograph Act, 1909:—

1. Premises known as Imaal Hall, Dunlavin—Applicant, John Cunningham, Dunlavin.
2. Premises known as Cinema, Greystones—Applicant, John Hipple, Coolagad, Greystones.
3. Premises known as Courthouse, Rathdrum—Applicants, Richard and Michael Houghton, Rathdrum.
4. Premises known as The Hall, Roundwood—Applicant, Edward Curley, Roundwood.

No Licences, therefore, had been issued yet in respect of any of above four premises.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey:

Resolved—That the following Cottage Tenancy Agreement be now Sealed and the Co. Council's Seal duly witnessed by Wicklow County Manager: Edward Tuite, Monastery, Enniskerry.

Passed.



Minutes of Meeting, 26th June, 1944.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

Seconded by Councillor D. J. Kehoe;

Resolved—That Agreements between Wicklow County Council and various Fosterparents in relation to the boarding out of children with the latter, as set out below, be sealed with the seal of the Council, viz:—

- Child Margaret Campbell, with Jane Driver, Ballydowling, Glenealy.
- " Hary Hennessy, with Susan Kinsella, Ballydowling, Glenealy.
- " Christopher Donegan, with Sarah Parle, Ballymacsimon, Glenealy.
- " Kathleen Burke, with Lizzie Kinsella, Ballygannon, Rathdrum.
- " Brigid Dignam, with Margaret Grant, Ballinacor, Kilbride.
- " Thomas Vickers, with Mary Connor, Ballykillavane, Glenealy.

Passed.

The Secretary reported that there were no Vesting Orders for submission in respect of the sale of cottages under the Labourers Act to the Tenants thereof.

The Secretary submitted, for the information of the Council, the following Schedule, which gives full particulars regarding the financial position of the 1943/44 Poor Rate Collection as finally closed:

STATEMENT SHOWING IN DETAIL THE FIGURES RELATING TO THE 1943/44 POOR RATE COLLECTION.

Dist. No.	Collector	Amount of Warrant			Amount lodged			Discount allowed			Irrecoverable and struck out			Amount c/f to 1944/45 Warrants			Amount Disallowed	Total uncollected		
		£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d		£	s	d
1	L. McDonnell	8,515	5	7	8,369	19	2	19	1	3	92	7	2	33	18	0		126	5	2
2	J. A. Doyle	5,529	3	7	5,333	11	0	10	7	7	19	3	2	166	1	10		185	5	0
3	E. Lynch	4,587	2	7	4,131	18	1	7	18	7	1	15	11	445	10	0		447	5	0
4/5	P. Burke	8,221	4	1	7,919	10	4	9	0	0	97	15	7	194	18	2		292	13	9
6	Mrs. M. Healy	7,892	18	3	6,202	12	2	2	18	9	94	10	1	1,592	17	3		1,687	7	4
7	P. J. Doyle	21,180	0	11	20,261	1	3	17	11	3	594	9	5	306	19	0		901	8	5
8	P. Mulligan	5,607	12	7	5,470	18	5	12	0	11	62	16	6	61	16	0		124	13	3
9	M. J. Healy	19,092	7	8	16,472	10	5	6	17	8	87	19	11	2,524	19	8		2,612	19	7
10	W. P. Murphy	7,135	19	10	6,504	18	8	3	8	9	17	0	5	610	12	0		627	12	5
11	J. J. McCall	10,043	2	11	9,565	19	0	3	16	10	272	18	2	200	8	11		473	7	1
12	W. C. Byrne	11,478	10	4	9,654	16	6	2	7	3	5	19	5	1,815	7	2		1,821	6	7
13/14/15	M. J. Roche	15,217	16	3	14,621	3	8	10	15	10	201	15	3	384	1	6		585	16	9
16	P. J. O'Byrne	11,196	0	4	9,534	4	0	20	0	8	244	11	5	1,397	4	2		1,641	15	8
17	D. J. Kinsella	7,765	8	8	6,837	11	0	6	17	7	81	19	9	839	0	4		921	0	1
18	T. Fleming	7,598	5	0	7,433	13	2	22	8	11	21	0	9	121	2	2		142	2	11
19	M. O'Neill	5,419	10	10	5,276	2	4	3	7	3	49	14	7	90	6	8		140	1	3
		£156,480	9	5	£143,590	9	2	158	19	1	£1945	17	6	£10,785	3	8		£12,731	1	2
								1.24%			6.89%			8.11%						

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT IN RESPECT POOR RATE COLLECTION OF THE 1942/'43

Irrecoverable and struck out	Carried Forward	Total Uncollected excluding Rates on holdings acquired by E.S.B.
£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
103 16 9	47 0 1	150 16 10
23 4 1	123 4 3	146 8 4
8 0 8	547 3 6	555 4 2
96 5 11	239 12 1	335 18 0
17 15 6	1,537 18 7	1,555 14 1
191 19 11	637 6 6	829 6 5
24 8 11	39 11 9	64 0 8
16 19 1	2,288 19 10	2,305 18 11
1 18 8	649 4 6	651 3 3
23 3 6	441 8 3	474 11 9
7 8 11	1,870 14 5	1,878 3 4
33 19 8	866 17 0	900 16 8
55 18 6	1,491 6 1	1,547 4 7
60 12 8	881 10 8	942 3 4
16 10 5	109 8 3	125 13 8
1 8 5	150 2 8	151 11 1
£693 11 7	£11,921 3 5	£12,614 15 0
00.48%	8.29%	8.77%

1939/40 Warrant—RETURN OF COLLECTION OF RATES ON HOLDINGS ACQUIRED WHOLLY OR IN PART BY THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD.

Dist. No.	Collector	Amount uncollected at 31/3/43	Amount collected during year ended 31/3/44	Amount uncollected at 31/3/44
6	Mrs. M. Healy	£270 12 3	£97 9 3	£173 3 0



Proposed by Councillor B. Farrell;  
 Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle;  
 Resolved—That we now adopt the rates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1945, and allow and make same as assessed in the Rate Books and that the Poor Rate Collectors' Warrants for the financial year ending 31st March, 1945, be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the seal of the Council.  
 Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;  
 Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle;  
 Resolved—That the Demand (Form E.8) on the Urban District Council of Arklow for the sum of £4,459 6s. 4d. determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1945, be now signed by the Chairman and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.  
 Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;  
 Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle;  
 Resolved—That the Demand (Form E.8) on the Urban District Council of Bray for the sum of £17,892 14s. 3d. determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1945, be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the seal of the Council.  
 Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;  
 Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle;  
 Resolved—That the Demand (Form E.8) on the Urban District Council of Wicklow for the sum of £4,908 16s. 10d. determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1945, be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the seal of the Council.  
 Passed.

#### WATER RATES.

The Secretary reported that it will be necessary to consider at their next Monthly Meeting the making of the following Rates in respect of water supplies in the Towns of Blessington, Aughrim and Rathdrum.

The rate necessary in the case of each individual Town, to meet expenditure, would be as follows:—

Blessington—1s. 11d. in the £

Aughrim—3s. 8d. in the £

Rathdrum—1s. 3d. in the £

based on the following:

	Aughrim	Blessington	Rathdrum
Total Valuations in each Town of premises connected	£176 5 0	£518 8 0	£1,128 4 6
Expenditure to be provided for	£32 9 0	£49 4 10	£70 7 11

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;  
 Seconded by Councillor J. Kavanagh;  
 Resolved—That the Estimate for Water Rate in respect of the towns of Aughrim, Blessington and Rathdrum, now submitted, be adopted and Rates made accordingly.  
 Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Kehoe;  
 Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;  
 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 W. J. Doyle;  
 Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;  
 Resolved—That we now Seal and Sign Deed Poll under the County Wicklow Labourers' Order, 1939, in connection with Cottage Site No. 344 on the lands owned by Mr. John R. Rothwell.  
 Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle;  
 Seconded by Councillor J. Kavanagh;  
 Resolved—That we now Seal and Sign Deed Poll under the County Wicklow Labourers' Order, 1939, in connection with Cottage Site No. 306 on the lands owned by Mary Hogan.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Clarke;  
 Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle;  
 Resolved—That we hereby authorise the sealing and signing of the Consent submitted by our Solicitor to the sub-division of the holding the property of Mrs. Bridget Keogh, Carnew, Land Registry Folio 86 S.D., so as to enable the Registrar of Titles to make the necessary amendments in his Records.  
 Passed.

Proposed by Councillor B. Farrell;  
 Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;  
 Resolved—That owing to increased expenditure on Turf Production we hereby authorise our County Secretary to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for overdraft accommodation on the Turf Account of £22,000 for the month of July, which sum is £5,000 additional to the maximum of £17,000 already authorised for July in our Resolution of the 8th May, 1944.  
 Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;  
 Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;  
 Resolved—That we now Seal and Sign Bog Leave Agreements at Sallygap entered into with the following:—  
 R. T. Killian, Glanmore Castle, Ashford;  
 Messrs. Mason, Miley and Molloy of Rathnew;  
 Messrs. Kenny and Casey of Kilbride;  
 Mr. John Byrne, Annamoe; and  
 Mr. Eamonn Coghlan, B.E., Ulster Bank Chambers, 3 Lower O'Connell Street, Dublin.  
 Passed.

Proposed by Councillor B. Farrell;  
 Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;  
 Resolved—That we now Seal and Sign Agreement with Mr. Cormac of Ardsallagh, Navan, for production and sale to Wicklow County Council of 4,500 tons of turf from Kippure Bog.  
 Passed.

Proposed by Councillor B. Farrell;  
 Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;  
 Resolved—That we now Seal and Sign Agreement with Mr. Cormac Murray of Ardsallagh, Navan, for the reconstruction and repair of existing road, and for the opening of drains at Kippure Bog—the expenditure on both of the works is to be met by Government Grants.  
 Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Clarke;  
 Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;  
 Resolved—That we now Seal and Sign Application for First Registration of land acquired from the Leslie Ellis Estate, Magherymore, for the purpose of constructing a new Road.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;  
 Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell;  
 Resolved—That Indenture of Apprenticeship, dated 5th May, 1944, in relation to apprenticeship to Mr. Michael Moore, Carpenter, The Round Wood, of the boarded-out child, John Somers of Barraderry, Kiltegan, be Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Kehoe;  
 Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell;  
 Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr. Matthew Byrne, P.C., Chapel Hill, Baltinglass, to fill the vacancy existing on the Baltinglass Old Age Pensions sub-Committee created by the disqualification from membership of Mr. E. O'Neill, Main St., Baltinglass, for reasons of non-attendance.  
 Passed.

The Secretary submitted the lists which had been circulated to each member of the County Council on the 25th May, 1944, of the Old Age Pensioners, and Blind Pensioners, who (a) had been accepted as suitable cases for additional weekly allowance of 2s. 6d., and (b) had been unsuccessful applicants for such allowance.

During the progress of the discussion which took place on these lists, a number of Councillors referred to applicants, who, in their opinion, were entitled to this additional allowance of 2s. 6d. per week.

The County Manager undertook to re-consider the cases of any applicants to whom his attention was directed, in writing, by a County Councillor to the Officer in Charge of the County Council Offices, Rathdrum, where all these matters were dealt with.

The Council proceeded to consider at some length the correspondence (Item No. 20 on the Agenda) in connection with the case of Edward Carroll (a resident in a labourers cottage) versus Wicklow County Council in relation to crops stated to have been damaged by the Council's employees whilst fencing-off a right-of-way to the Council's field site for thirteen cottages acquired at Blessington.

No. order.

The Secretary read letters, dated 22nd and 31st May, respectively, from Miss Irene A. Ball-Acton, Glencapple, Kilmaeanaogue, and from Rt. Hon. Mr. Justice Kevin O'H. Haugh of St. Anne's, Kilmaeanaogue, complaining of the erection, near their residence of a wooden hut on Glencap Commons, the plans of which had been submitted to, and it was believed approved of by the County Surveyor. The Secretary also submitted to the County Council the following report, dated 16th June, 1944, on this matter, received by him from the County Surveyor:—

Copy.  
 P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
 County Manager,  
 Court House, Wicklow.

16/6/44.

#### Re Glencap Commons: Bye Laws.

Dear Sir,

I have your letter of 15th instant in above, enclosing copy of County Solicitor's communication to you dated 12th instant, and as you suggest, I will communicate with Mr. Justice Haugh and Miss Irene A. Ball-Acton direct.

In considering this whole matter generally there is one point to which I would like to refer: some time in 1938 or 1937 I made an inspection of houses in the vicinity of the Rocky Valley and the Sugar Loaf, as Engineer to the Board of Health, and, together with Dr. Beckett, a Report was submitted advising the demolition of several existing structures. Our recommendations were not fulfilled. Consequently, it would appear to be rather futile to try and impose the terms of the Bye Laws in that area.

As a matter of fact there are several buildings erected in the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District for which plans were never submitted.



I do think that a concise and determined advertisement ought to be issued calling attention to the existence of the Bye Laws and the necessity to conform with them.

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

Order: Referred to County Engineer.

At this stage the Council considered the printed correspondence received by the County Manager from the County Surveyor in which he complained regarding the performance in West Wicklow, by Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., of the duties of his position, and also considered Mr. Foley's replies thereto.

The following original motion was

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;  
Seconded by Councillor G. Byrne:

That the entire matter contained in the Abstract of Correspondence before us to-day regarding the County Surveyor's complaints of negligence on the part of Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley in his area be referred to the County Manager to be dealt with by him as part of his responsibility as County Manager.

As an Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;  
Seconded by Councillor D. J. Kehoe:

That the subjoined members of the Council be appointed as a small Committee to consider all the matters—in conjunction with the County Manager—referred to in the Abstract of Correspondence before us to-day which deals with the charges of the County Surveyor against Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., of negligence in the discharge of the duties of his position in West Wicklow.

The following Amendment was

Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;  
Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey:

That the matter of the County Surveyor's reports on the discharge of his duties to the Council by Assistant Surveyor Foley having been placed before the Council for recommendation or decision, the Council hereby requests that immediate steps be taken to so rearrange the distribution of public works under the control of the County Manager as to secure their satisfactory discharge. That the Council considers that these works have not been satisfactorily discharged. That the reasons for this condition of affairs, seriously injurious to the interests of the Council, should be known to the County Manager and should be under his control and capable of immediate remedy by him. That this remedy be now immediately applied by him, even if that should entail the suspension, dismissal or other method of employing or disemploying, wholly or partly, any or all of the officials whom he knows to be at fault, inefficient or not co-operative, and that if the County Manager be now fully aware of the causes of the delinquencies complained of a Sworn Inquiry be now held. That the County Manager notify the Council accordingly at this or our next Meeting.

After a protracted discussion on the original Motion and the two Amendments, all three were withdrawn on the suggestion of the County Secretary, and were replaced by the following Motion:—

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle:

Resolved—That having regard to the fact that this is the second occasion on which complaints of the manner in which Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., discharges the duties of his position in West Wicklow Area, have been under consideration by this County Council, we hereby recommend

the County Manager to issue a very serious warning to Mr. Foley of the gravity of his position, and to inform him that if there be further complaints, which on investigation prove to be well founded, he will be transferred immediately to another Area in the County.

We avail of this opportunity to place on record our considered opinion that if there was a great deal more tact and understanding shown in the relations between our County Surveyor and Mr. Foley, the Engineering works on which they are both engaged would benefit immeasurably we have no doubt.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager informed the County Council that it was his intention to give effect, in full, to their recommendation as embodied in the resolution just passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor J. J. Bourne and accepted by the Chairman:

#### NOTICE OF MOTION.

I hereby give Notice that at the first Meeting of this Council to be held after the expiration of one calendar month from this date, I will move: "That the approval of the County Council be given to the Borrowing by the Council of a sum of £1,100 for the purposes of the provision and equipment of a Maternity Annexe at the County Home, Rathdrum."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe and accepted by the Chairman:

#### NOTICE OF MOTION.

I hereby give Notice that at the first Meeting of this Council to be held after the expiration of one calendar month from this date I will move: "That the approval of the County Council be given to the borrowing by the Council of a sum of £3,250 for the purpose of providing new Burial Grounds at Rathdrum, Avoca, Kilquiggan, Donard and Davidstown."

The Council considered the following resolution passed by County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, on the 31st May, 1944, after consideration of letter from the County Manager to that Committee strongly recommending the return to the Wicklow County Council Offices of the operation of the Compulsory Sheep Dipping Scheme each year:

"That we retain the entire administration of Sheep Dipping in the County."

The County Secretary submitted to the Council correspondence which had passed in this connection.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick and accepted by the Chairman:

#### NOTICE OF MOTION.

That this County Council finds itself in disagreement with the Resolution passed by the County Committee of Agriculture expressing the wish of that Committee that the entire administration of Sheep Dipping be retained in the Offices for that Committee—and accordingly we direct that the full control of the operation of Compulsory Sheep Dipping Schemes be retained in the Offices of the County Council in future.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;  
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle:

Resolved—That a similar Sheep Dipping Scheme to that in operation in County Wicklow in 1943, be put into force for the year 1944, and that we re-appoint the 20 Sheep Dipping Inspectors to supervise the operation of the Compulsory Sheep Dipping Scheme for 1944, who acted in a similar capacity during the 1943 season, and that the remuneration be fixed at £25 each to cover all work in connection with the 1944 Scheme.

Passed.



Proposed by Councillor G. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Clarke:

Resolved—That, where Electricity is being paid for on a Valuation basis, the cost should be reduced in proportion to the curtailment of supply during the emergency, and that, where no electricity is consumed no charge should be made on a valuation basis.

Passed.

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

I hereby give Notice that I or some member shall move that the wages of Overseers be increased by 10s. per week to meet increased costs of living and arising out of their extra work.

The County Secretary informed the Council that in the normal course the Monthly Meeting for July would take place on 10th July proximo, a fortnight from that date. He suggested that as the amount of business to be transacted if a Monthly Meeting were held on the 10th July proximo would be so small as to hardly warrant the summoning of Councillors from long distances, and consequently he suggested that there be no Monthly Meeting held in the month of July.

It was the Council's unanimous decision that in the circumstances no Monthly Meeting shall be convened in July.

The remaining Items of business on the Agenda, i.e., Item 26 to 33 inclusive, were deferred to the Council's next Meeting.

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## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Monthly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, the 14th August, 1944.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor James J. McCrea, Chairman;

Councillors George Byrne, Edward Byrne, J. J. Hickey, M.B.; T. Fitzpatrick, H. J. Byrne, J. J. Bourne, C. W. Hudson, P. McCarthy, J. Everett, T.D.; W. J. Doyle, W. Clarke, D. J. Kehoe, B. Farrell, P. P. O'Reilly, Joseph Kavanagh, C. M. Byrne.

### BUSINESS:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of previous Meetings.
2. To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
3. To consider applications for Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
4. To execute such Cottage Tenancy Agreements as may be submitted.
5. To execute such Contracts as may be submitted under the Children's Acts in connection with the boarding out of Foster Children.
6. To Seal and Sign Vesting Orders (in duplicate) in respect of the sale of Cottages under the Labourers Acts, 1936, to the Tenants thereof.
7. To Seal and Sign an Agreement and Bond entered into between Wicklow County Council and Charles Shortt, of Tuckmill, Baltinglass, for the sum of £659 10s. for the carrying out of repairs and additions to Ballysmutton Bridge, County Wicklow.
8. To pass the usual Resolutions in connection with the Council's application for (a) Overdraft Accommodation in the Months of September, October, and November on the County Council's General Account, and (b) Overdraft Accommodation on the Turf Production Account for the same months.
9. To consider correspondence from the County Councils' General Council regarding the conditions suggested for the awarding of Scholarships in Agriculture in the University College, Dublin.
10. To renew for a further year the Scholarships awarded to the twelve successful candidates under the Secondary School Scholarship Scheme, 1943.
11. To receive a Report from the County Manager showing details of the operation of the Council's Scheme of Scholarships from Primary to Secondary Schools in the scholastic year 1944/1945 and for the three subsequent years.
12. To make and allow Water Rates for the Towns of Aughrim, Blessington, and Rathdrum.
13. To receive and accept Mr. P. T. Healy's resignation from the position of County Secretary.
14. To consider and act upon a communication from the Local Appointments Commission, recommending the appointment of a County Secretary to Wicklow County Council.
15. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor John J. Metcalfe:—

"I hereby give Notice that at the first Meeting of this Council to be held after the expiration of one calendar month from this date I will move that the approval of the County Council be given to the borrowing by the Council of a sum of £3,250 for the purpose of providing new Burial Grounds at Rathdrum, Avoca, Kilquiggan, Donard and Davidstown."



16. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. J. Bourne:—

"I hereby give Notice that at the first Meeting of this Council to be held after the expiration of one calendar month from this date, I will move that the approval of the County Council be given to the borrowing by the Council of a sum of £1,100 for the purpose of the provision and equipment of a Maternity Annexe at the County Home, Rathdrum."

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

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some other Member for me, shall move that the wages of Overseers be increased by 10s. per week to meet increased costs of living and arising out of their extra work."

18. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor T. Fitzpatrick:—

"That this County Council finds itself in disagreement with the Resolution of the County Committee of Agriculture expressing the wish of that Committee that the entire administration of Sheep Dipping be retained in the Offices for that Committee, and accordingly we direct that the full control of the operation of Compulsory Sheep Dipping Schemes be retained in the Offices of the County Council in future."

19. To consider a request from Mr. James Larkin, General Secretary of the Workers' Union of Ireland, 5a, College Street, Dublin, that a Deputation be received from his Union on the question of increasing the weekly remuneration of road workers in the Greystones Area, and to discuss the possibility of these men being paid weekly.
20. To consider a further Report on the matter of Lime Production received from the County Surveyor.
21. To consider a file of correspondence between the Council's Solicitor and the County Surveyor on the subject of acquiring full and complete control over the Lime Kiln and Pit of Mr. S. C. Darker, Old Paddocks, Blessington.
22. To consider a file of correspondence regarding the condition of Ashford Bridge and the advisability of reconstructing it immediately.
23. To receive and consider correspondence in connection with Plans approved by the County Surveyor regarding the erection of a Blacksmith's Forge near the North end of Church Road, Greystones.
24. To execute the Agreement with Mr. Thomas Brennan, Carnew, Contractor for the erection of the Maternity Annexe at the County Home, Rathdrum.
25. To consider an application, dated the 27th July, 1944, from the County Surveyor, asking that arrangements be made to provide him with the assistance of two temporary engineers for the purpose of carrying out special road survey works.
26. To consider a communication from the Minister for Co-Ordination of Defensive Measures in which he intimates that to secure more effective arrangements for the organisation and operation of Air Raid Precautions Services in the County he considers that the duties of A.R.P. Officer should be specifically allotted to a member of the staff of the County Council.
27. To consider a Report on A.R.P. Conference held between Officials of the Department of Defence and Wicklow County Council on Thursday, the 18th May, 1944, in the Record Court, Courthouse, Wicklow.
28. To consider a communication, dated the 7th July, 1944, from the A.R.P. Branch of the Department of Defence referring to Emergency Powers (No. 325) Order, which gives adequate powers to local authorities to secure the return of items of A.R.P. Equipment lent to Members who have subsequently severed their connection with that Service.

29. To consider a Report from Wicklow County Manager, already circulated to each Member of Wicklow County Council, setting forth particulars relating to applications for Supplementary Allowances in each Assistance District which are (a) granted by the County Manager and (b) refused.
30. To consider a communication, dated the 22nd July, 1944, from Grange-gorman Mental Hospital, transmitting copy of a Resolution passed by Waterford City Council requesting that the Capitation Grant for lunatics be increased from its present nominal figure of 4s. per week.
31. To consider such matters as may be raised for discussion in connection with the administration of Assistance, Health, and Housing Services in the County, of which notice, as requested, has been given to the County Manager at his Rathdrum Office.
32. To consider County Analyst's Report.
33. To receive and consider correspondence received from Ailtire na hAis-eirghe, 13, Sraid Fhearcair, Ath Cliath, in which it is asked that Wicklow County Council should consider a Nation-wide Partition Plebiscite.
34. To appoint a Representative on the Arklow Harbour Board in place of Mr. J. Kavanagh, M.C.C., who tendered his resignation to that Board.
35. To receive statistical Returns prepared at the request of the Chairman of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Fire Fighting for the County at Large, and for each of the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray, and Wicklow.
36. To receive a Joint Report from the Council's Law Agent and the County Surveyor regarding the retaining wall at the premises of Mr. Rae, Oonagh, Enniskerry, which wall collapsed some months ago.
37. To consider Abstract of Correspondence.

The County Manager reported that on the 26th June, 1944, he had received an anonymous letter containing the sum of 10s. with a request that he place it to the credit of the County Council. This sum was described by the sender as "Conscience Money."

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne;  
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

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

Passed.

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

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the renewal of Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, to Mary Condren, Donard, and to James Quinn, Valleymount, Blessington.

Passed.

The Secretary informed the Council that he was still awaiting the reports from the County Surveyor that he had satisfied himself after personal inspection that the following premises were in every respect suitable and complied with the Regulations and that Licences in regard thereto might now be issued under the Cinematograph Act, 1909:—

Imaal Hall, Dunlavin—Applicant, John Cunningham, Dunlavin.  
Cinema, Greystones—Applicant, John Hipple, Coolagad, Greystones.  
Courthouse, Rathdrum—Applicant, R. and M. Haughton, Rathdrum.  
The Hall, Roundwood—Applicant, Edward Curley, Roundwood.  
Portable Booth, Baltinglass—Applicant, Ed. Bradley, Baltinglass.

No Licences, therefore, had been issued yet in respect of any of above five premises.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick and accepted by the Chairman:—



## NOTICE OF MOTION.

That at the next Meeting of this Council I or some Councillor acting for me, shall move that before granting further Cinema Licences this Council shall determine restrictive conditions as to the attendance of children.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

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 W. J. Doyle;

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

Resolved—That the Cottage Tenancy Agreements as set out on the subjoined list be sealed:—

1st May, 1944—William Harte, Ballinglen.

1st May, 1944—John Whelan, Newry.

8th May, 1944—Patrick Brennan, Springfield.

15th May, 1944—Patrick Kavanagh, Raheengreaney.

15th May, 1944—Anastatia Mulhall, Knocknagulty, Ballinglen.

20th May, 1944—Michael Bolger, Dunbur.

20th May, 1944—Patrick O'Callaghan, Moneycarroll.

27th May, 1944—Michael Kinsella, Ballyteskin.

31st May, 1944—Peter O'Hara, Raheen, Baltinglass.

31st May, 1944—Nora Gethings, Parkmore, Baltinglass.

3rd June, 1944—James McGrath, Tinaheiy Hill.

3rd June, 1944—Laurence O'Toole, Tinaheiy Hill.

3rd June, 1944—John Cullen, Killadreenan.

5th June, 1944—Patrick Kilbride, Ballycooge.

26th June, 1944—James O'Neill, Ardoyne.

21st June, 1944—Laurence Clarke, Harristown, Hollywood.

24th June, 1944—William Sutton, Ballynerrin.

24th June, 1944—Michael O'Brien, Brittas.

24th July, 1944—William Patrick Gammel, Kilcoole.

29th July, 1944—Martin Driver, Ballydowling.

Passed.

Proposed by Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Seconded by Councillor W. Clarke;

Resolved—That Contract Forms in connection with the boarding-out of children with Foster-parents be sealed and signed by the County Manager as follows:—

Name and Address of Foster Parent. Name of Child.

Mary Swan, Ballyvolan, Newcastle—Elizabeth Kennedy.

Mary Swan, Ballyvolan, Newcastle—Annie Kennedy.

Rose Dunne, Stump, Rathdrum—John Reilly.

Passed.

The Secretary reported that there were no Vesting Orders for submission in respect of the sale of cottages under the Labourers' Acts to the tenants thereof.

Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Resolved—That we hereby Seal and Sign an Agreement and Bond entered into between Wicklow County Council and Charles Shortt of Tuckmill, Baltinglass, for the sum of £659 10s. for the execution of certain works at Ballysmutton Bridge as referred to herein.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

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

Resolved—That we now execute the Agreement with Mr. Edward O'Connor, of Poulaphouca, Ballymore Eustace, Trading as O'Connor Bros., for the production of 500 tons of saved turf from Garryknock Bog, at a cost of £2 17s. 6d. per ton delivered to Grangegorman Mental Hospital, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed thereto and duly witnessed by the presiding Chairman and the County Manager.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William Clarke;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we now execute an Agreement with Messrs. Richard Haughton and Michael Haughton of Rathdrum, for the use in future as a District Court of their premises in Rathdrum, known as "The Court House," and that the seal of the Council be affixed thereto and duly witnessed by the presiding Chairman and by the County Manager.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the County Council's GENERAL ACCOUNT as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the month of August shall not exceed £10,000 and that the amount to be applied for in respect of the month of September shall not exceed £10,000.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the County Council's TURF ACCOUNT as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the month of August shall not exceed £35,000, and that the amount to be applied for in respect of the month of September shall not exceed £25,000.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted letters, dated 17th May, 1943, 9th October, 1943, and 13th May, 1944, from the Secretary to the County Councils' General Council in which the Council was asked to consider the question of (a) allocating a proportion of University Scholarships to the study of Agricultural Science and the obtaining of a degree in that regard, and (b) the method that might be adopted of awarding such Scholarships. The Council deferred consideration of this item on the Agenda to their next Meeting, and directed that the Secretary shall, in the meantime, circulate to each Member copy of the two first mentioned letters received in this connection from the County Councils' General Council.

Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the renewal for a further twelve months of the Scholarships awarded to the twelve successful candidates under Wicklow County Council's Secondary School Scholarship Scheme, 1943, satisfactory reports as to the conduct and progress of these pupils having been first obtained from the Superiors of their Schools, namely:—

Anne J. Toal, Dominican College, Eccles St., Dublin.

Mary A. Lannon, Dominican College, Eccles St., Dublin.

Catherine M. Cullen, Dominican College, Eccles St., Dublin.

Joan Bergin, Dominican College, Eccles St., Dublin.

Annie M. Hanley, Loreto Convent, Gorey.

Kathleen M. Tierney, St. Louis High School, Rathmines, Dublin.

Richard W. Purcell, Kilkenny College, Kilkenny.

Thomas Flynn, C.B.S., Synge St., Dublin.

M. J. Kavanagh, De la Salle College, Wicklow.

Donal Bergin, C.B.S., Westland Row, Dublin.

Thomas D. Moore, Knockbeg College, Carlow.

John O'Toole, Knockbeg College, Carlow.

Passed.



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

## Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1944.

## GENERAL REPORT.

There were thirty applications from candidates who desired to present themselves for the above-mentioned Examination—seventeen girls and thirteen boys. Of these thirty, four were rejected (one girl and three boys). Twenty-five students sat for the Special Examination held by the Department of Education in Easter Week of 1944. One candidate was absent from the Examination.

I show, hereunder, in order of merit, the candidates who passed the examination:—

Reynolds, Michael Joseph, Christian Brothers' School, Greystones.  
 Murray, Anne Philomena, St. Mary's Dominican Convent, Dun Laoghaire.  
 Tumulty, Patrick Joseph, St. Joseph's Intermediate School, Wicklow.  
 Cullen, May, "St. Philomena's," Ravenswell Convent, Bray.  
 Scading, Terence P. H., St. Patrick's Boys' Secondary School, Arklow.  
 Somers, Phyllis, Windgates N.S., Bray.  
 Desmond, John Noel, St. Patrick's Boys' Secondary School, Arklow.  
 O'Hara, Maria Celine A., St. Brigid's N.S., Greystones.  
 Noonan, Ellen Philomena, Dominican Convent, Wicklow.  
 McCarthy, Marie E., St. Philomena's, Ravenswell Convent, Bray.  
 Timmons, Philomena J., Moneystown, Roundwood.  
 Larkin, William Joseph, St. Peter's N.S., Bray.  
 McGrath, John Desmond, Rathdrum Boys' N.S., Rathdrum.  
 Nevin, Thomas, C.B.S., Greystones.

I subjoin the candidates who failed the examination. These names are not in order of merit:—

Holt, Liam, St. Patrick's Secondary School, Arklow.  
 Marah, Denis, Rathnew N.S.  
 Doran, Mary Philomena, Dominican Convent, Wicklow.  
 Hagan, Anastasia Teresa, Dominican Convent, Wicklow.  
 Haughton, Elizabeth M. M., Rathnew National School.  
 Vickers, Mary Patricia, Dominican Convent N.S., Wicklow.  
 Byrne, William Francis, St. Peter's N.S., Bray.  
 Darcy, Kathleen Mary, St. Brigid's N.S., Greystones.  
 Donohoe, Mary Anne, Kilbride N.S.  
 Breslin, Pauline Mary, St. Philomena's, Ravenswell Convent, Bray.  
 Humphreys, Mary Isobel, St. Philomena's, Ravenswell Convent, Bray.

The following Candidate was absent from the Examination:—  
 Gerard, Ellen Teresa, Dominican Convent, Wicklow.

Pursuant to the terms of the Scheme as approved and confirmed by the Minister for Education Scholarships have been awarded to the following students:—

Reynolds, Michael Joseph, Christian Brothers' School, Greystones.  
 Murray, Anne Philomena, St. Mary's Dominican Convent, Dun Laoghaire.  
 Tumulty, Patrick Joseph, St. Joseph's Intermediate School, Wicklow.  
 Cullen, Mary, St. Philomena's, Ravenswell Convent, Bray.  
 Scading, Terence P. H., St. Patrick's Boys' Secondary School, Arklow.  
 Somers, Phyllis, Windgate N.S., Bray.

The amount of clerical work involved renders it impossible to include in this schedule the actual marks obtained by the candidates in each individual subject.

(Signed)—P. T. HEALY,  
 Wicklow County Manager.

Courthouse, Wicklow.  
 14th August, 1944.

Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;  
 Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Resolved—That we hereby approve and confirm the foregoing Report prepared by our County Secretary on the results of the County Council's Secondary School Scholarship Examination held by the Department of Education in Easter Week, 1944, which report contains (1) particulars of the

number of candidates who applied for permission to compete, the number who were rejected, and the number who sat the examination; (2) a list of candidates in order of merit, who passed the examination; (3) a list of candidates who failed the examination; (4) candidates who failed to present themselves for examination; (5) the names and school addresses of the subjoined six candidates who obtained sufficient marks to become eligible for Scholarships under the conditions of the Council's printed scheme; and to whom we hereby award the six scholarships offered by the County Council this year, i.e.:

- 1—Reynolds, Michael Joseph, C.B.S., Greystones.
- 2—Murray, Anne Philomena, St. Mary's Dominican Convent, Dun Laoghaire.
- 3—Tumulty, Patrick Joseph, St. Joseph's Intermediate College, Wicklow.
- 4—Cullen, May, St. Philomena's, Ravenswell, Bray.
- 5—Scading, Terence P.H., St. Patrick's Boys' Secondary School, Arklow.
- 6—Somers, Phyllis, Windgates N.S., Bray.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor B. Farrell;

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

Resolved—That the Water Rate Book as submitted by the Secretary be signed, and Water Rates made in respect of the Towns of Aughrim, Blessington and Rathdrum, in accordance with those adopted on consideration of the Estimates, namely, in the Town of Aughrim, a Water Rate of Three Shillings and Eightpence in the Pound on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply; the Town of Blessington at a Water Rate of One Shilling and Elevenpence in the Pound on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply; the Town of Rathdrum a Water Rate of One Shilling and Threepence in the Pound on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply. That the Warrants authorising the said Rates be signed and the Rate Books and Warrants sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Courthouse, Wicklow.  
 14th August, 1944.

To: The Presiding Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council,  
 Gentlemen,

As the Local Appointments Commission have now recommended to you the name of a suitable person to appoint as Secretary I hereby tender to you my resignation of that position, and also of the position of Chief Air Raid Precautions Officer for the County.

You will, I assume, at this day's Meeting appoint my successor, and I take it you desire me to continue to discharge the duties of the position until such date as the new Secretary finds himself able to take up duty which will not, I understand, be before the 1st October, 1944.

Yours faithfully,

P. T. HEALY,

Wicklow Co. Manager and Co. Secretary.

The Council accepted this resignation with regret, and after each member present had paid tribute to the courteous and efficient manner in which Mr. Healy had discharged the duties of his position all down the years, the following Order was made in regard to the last paragraph of the letter of resignation:—

"Approved—Mr. Healy is hereby requested to continue to act until 2nd October, 1944, or until such time as his successor shall take up duty whichever may happen first."

In connection with the appointment to the position of County Secretary in succession to Mr. P. T. Healy, resigned, the following letter was submitted:



## LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION.

45, Upper O'Connell St., Dublin, C 3.  
Iul 27, 1944.

L.A.13.18.43.

The Wicklow County Manager,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Secretary to Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

In compliance with the Statutory Request received from you on 21st April, 1943, I am directed by the Local Appointments Commissioners to state that they recommend Mr. Kevin J. Brangan, 20, Crannagh Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin, for appointment as Secretary to Wicklow County Council.

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 Particulars of the Office 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—28th March, 1911. Dublin.  
Qualifications and Experience—U.C.D. 1929—1932 B.A. (Hons.), Economics and B.Comm (Hons.)—Chartered Accountant (2nd Place in Final) 1936. Jan., 1933—March, 1937 Articled Clerk (to May, 1936), and Chartered Accountant with Messrs. Reynolds, McCarron & Co., Public Auditors and Accountants, 57, Upper O'Connell St., Dublin. March, 1937, to date, Assistant in the office of the Accountant, Dun Laoghaire Borough Corporation, Town Hall, Dun Laoghaire.

After a protracted discussion it was  
Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;  
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Bourne:

Resolved—Pending opportunity for knowing what we consider necessary as to the best qualified of those competing for the position of County Secretary we are not in a position to and are not satisfied to act upon the communication from the Local Appointments Commission as to the appointment of a County Secretary and that the question of the making of this appointment be adjourned to our next Monthly Meeting, more particularly in view of the fact that Mr. Kevin J. Brangan does not appear to have the knowledge, information and experience we deem to be necessary for an efficient Secretary in County Wicklow—and that we especially wish to urge the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to give his personal consideration to this Resolution.

Passed.

The following communication issued by the County Secretary under Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, was submitted:—

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.  
29th June, 1944.

To: Each Member of Wicklow County Council.  
A Chara,

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, I beg to hand you, hereunder, copy of two Notices of Motion which were handed in, and accepted, at the Monthly Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on the 26th June, 1944, and which it is the intention of the Councillors who handed in these Notices of Motion to move at a Meeting of Wicklow County Council to be held on the 14th August, 1944.

Le meas more, is mise,

P. T. HEALY.

By Councillor John J. Metcalfe (26/6/44):

"I hereby give Notice that at the first Meeting of this Council to be held after the expiration of one calendar month from this date I will move that the approval of the County Council be given to the borrowing by the Council of a sum of £1,100 for the purposes of the provision and equipment at Rathdrum, Avoca, Kilquiggan, Donard and Davidstown."

By Councillor J. J. Bourne (26/6/44):

"I hereby give Notice that at the first Meeting of this Council to be held after the expiration of one calendar month from this date I will move that the approval of the County Council be given to the borrowing by the Council of a sum of £1,000 for the purposes of the provision and equipment of a Maternity Annexe at the County Home, Rathdrum."

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the borrowing by Wicklow County Council of a sum of £1,100 for the purposes of the provision and equipment of a Maternity Annexe at the County Home, Rathdrum.

Passed.

In the absence from the Meeting of Councillor John J. Metcalfe consideration of the following Notice of Motion, standing in his name on the Agenda (Item No. 15) was deferred to the Council's next Meeting in the hope that Councillor Metcalfe would be present at that Meeting:

"I hereby give Notice that at the first Meeting of this Council to be held after the expiration of one calendar month from this date, I will move that the approval of the County Council be given to the borrowing by the Council of a sum of £3,250 for the purpose of providing new Burial Grounds at Rathdrum, Avoca, Kilquiggan, Donard and Davidstown."

The Notice of Motion on the Agenda (Item No. 17) standing in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., was not moved, the County Manager having intimated to the Meeting that he had already made an Order dealing with the question referred to therein, and that the following letter had been received in that connection from the Local Government Department:

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH—ROADS.  
Custom House, Dublin.  
6adh Iul, 1944.

R/RM/201/33W.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 10th ultimo regarding wages, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the payment of an additional emergency bonus of 4s. per week to Overseers in the Baltinglass, Shillelagh and Rathdrum areas. This bonus may be paid as from 29th April last and is subject to review on 30th September next.

In the case of the Overseers in the Rathdown area, the Minister could not agree to a greater increase than that granted to the road labourers.

Mise, le meas,

P. J. MURPHY, a.s. Runai.

The County Manager,  
County Council Offices,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

The file of correspondence having been submitted in connection with the putting into operation of the Compulsory Sheep Dipping Regulations in County Wicklow, in accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Bourne:

That this County Council finds itself in disagreement with the Resolution of the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture expressing the wish of that Committee that the entire administration of Sheep Dipping be retained in the offices for that Committee, and, accordingly we direct that the full control of the operation of the Compulsory Sheep Dipping Schemes be retained in the Offices of the County Council in future.

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

Against the Motion—Councillors J. McCrea, Joseph Kavanagh, P. McCarthy, W. J. Doyle, P. P. O'Reilly, D. J. Kehoe, B. Farrell, J. Everett, T.D.; C. W. Hudson, C. M. Byrne, W. J. Clarke (11).

For the Motion—Councillors J. J. Bourne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, G. Byrne, T. Fitzpatrick (4).

The Chairman thereupon declared the Motion was lost—four Councillors having voted for it and 11 against it.

The Secretary read the following letters from the Workers' Union of Ireland:—



## WORKERS' UNION OF IRELAND.

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

5a, College, St., Dublin.  
8th May, 1944.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to write requesting that at the next Meeting of your Council a deputation would be received from the above Union with the object of permitting them to make representations to the Council in support of an increase in the existing rate of £1 17s. 6d. a week plus 3s. bonus now being paid to members of the above Union employed as Road Workers in the Greystones area.

It is pointed out that with the exception of the recent bonus, no improvements in their basic rates of pay have been made for a considerable number of years. They also desire to urge upon the Council the desirability of payment of wages on a weekly basis instead of fortnightly as at present.

I would be obliged if you would inform me at your earliest convenience when such deputation might be received.

Yours faithfully,  
JAMES LARKIN, General Secretary.

## WORKERS' UNION OF IRELAND.

Secretary, Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Thomas Ashe Hall,  
5a, College St., Dublin.  
4th August, 1944

Sir,

Quite a considerable period has elapsed since I wrote you requesting that a deputation from this Union be received by the County Council to discuss the question of the wages of road men. Your reply indicated that you would have our application discussed by the Council and would communicate its decision to us without delay. So far, we are unaware of the Council's intentions.

I would like the Council to appreciate that this Union regards the question of increased wages for the Road Workers as of supreme importance and a matter on which decision cannot be postponed indefinitely.

I would be glad if you would convey any further information you may have on this matter to me without delay.

Yours faithfully,  
JAMES LARKIN, General Secretary.

After some discussion, the Secretary was instructed to reply to these letters that in the opinion of the County Council, no useful purpose would be served by receiving and hearing the views of the proposed deputation.

The Secretary submitted the following letters dealing with the question of Lime Production received since the Council's last Meeting:—

Copy.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
County Manager, Wicklow.

10th July, 1944.

## RE LIME SCHEME, 1944.

Dear Sir,

I acknowledge your letter of 7th instant enclosing copy of a communication addressed to you dated 5th instant from Mr. Brazil.

Mr. Foley wrote to me under date 7th instant stating that apparently no one has any interest in the place except Mr. Darker and he says that the recent user, Mr. Holmes, has intimated that he has no interest.

These matters, however, are ones of title and I respectfully suggest that Mr. Brazil will be able to deal effectively with them. You may think it wise, therefore, to ask Mr. Brazil to investigate the matter from Mr. Darker and Mr. Holmes (Mr. Holmes, 10, Whithall Gardens, Terenure), and obtain the Agreement he requires.

As the County Council have placed the responsibility on me for the prosecution of this scheme I feel that it would not be desirable to carry out any working therein until title is fully explored.

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

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Court House, Wicklow.  
27th July, 1944.

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

## RE LIME SCHEME.

Dear Sir,

I am obliged for yours of the 14th instant in reply to mine of 12th instant. If our Law Agent is satisfied with his inspection of the original Agreement which has been forwarded to him everything should be in order now to proceed with the actual production of the lime.

We have the fuel, and the only thing required would be the provision of a wooden hut which is necessary for the accommodation of the workers engaged on the job. I got a tender for this hut from Mr. Cormac Murray, amounting to £97 10s. and I think this is reasonable. Also I have now got a Permit for the timber for the hut, and if you will kindly give your approval I will get it put in hands immediately.

I understand that Mr. Brazil requires some further little note from you giving formal instructions to prepare an Agreement with Mr. Darker.

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

4, Church St., Wicklow.  
31st July, 1944.

## LIME PRODUCTION SCHEME.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 29th to hand with enclosures.

On the 17th inst. I wrote both Mr. Darker and Mr. Holmes to send a copy of the Agreement entered into between them some years ago, or, if same were not in writing, to give me particulars of same.

Mr. Holmes has not replied to my letter.

I enclose copy of a letter received from Mr. Darker.

In the County Surveyor's letter to you, dated 27th inst., he states the original Agreement has been forwarded to me. Up to the present I have not received same.

Yours faithfully,  
J. BRAZIL.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
County Manager,  
Court House, Wicklow.  
(Enclosure).

Old Paddocks,  
Blessington, Co. Wicklow.  
20th July, 1944.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Holmes has the copy of the Agreement entered into between myself and Mr. Holmes. I only received one payment from him for the use of the Lime Kiln, that was about four years ago and he has not paid for or worked the Kiln since. I am willing to let the County Council have the use of the Kiln and the stones on my land free, but in carting same I would like them to hire, if possible, a cart with rubber tyres so as to do as little damage as they can to the grass.

Yours faithfully,  
SAM. G. DARKER.



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Court House, Wicklow.

4th August, 1944.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

County Manager, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I acknowledge yours of 1st instant enclosing copy letter dated 31st ultimo from Mr. Brazil, Solicitor, and copy of letter to Mr. Brazil dated 20th ultimo from Mr. S. G. Darker regarding above.

The Agreement to which I referred in my letter to you of 27th ultimo was that which was made between Mr. Samuel Darker and Mr. P. J. Foley, Assistant Surveyor, acting on behalf of the Wicklow County Council, dated 28th April, 1944.

The further Agreement which Mr. Brazil now apparently requires is that between Mr. Darker and Mr. Holmes. I think that you will appreciate that I cannot move any further in the matter until Mr. Brazil will have been successful in his investigations regarding this Agreement and after obtaining same from Mr. Holmes who, according to Mr. Darker, has a copy of the said Agreement.

Yours faithfully,

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

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

County Manager, Wicklow.

10th August, 1944.

## RE LIME SCHEME.

Dear Sir,

I think it as well to let you know how this matter stands.

Twenty tons of "duff" have been delivered. The kiln has been partly cleared except for the small quantity of material left in the bottom of the pit, and no further work has been undertaken pending the settlement of the Agreement with the owner, Mr. Darker.

The material for the construction of the shed has been ordered and I have asked you to approve of the purchase of a hut, and, when convenient, I shall be glad if you will approve of the purchase of the hut, the tender for which I forwarded to you some time ago.

Mr. Foley has no further information about the Agreement with Mr. Darker, but he understands from Mr. Darker that Mr. Brazil wrote to him and he informed Mr. Foley he had replied.

A man has been employed to start at the end of August, believing that at that time matters should be ready, and it would be essential to start then if at all. Even if the Agreement were in order now it will not be possible to get everything else in order to make a start sooner than late in September.

As soon as the work is put in hands funds should be immediately made available to proceed, and I suggest that you would authorise setting aside £250 immediately.

Yours faithfully,

County Surveyor.

The Council directed that every effort be made by their Solicitor to secure copy of the Agreement entered into between Mr. Samuel G. Darker, Old Paddocks, Dillonsdown, Blessington, and Messrs. S. Holmes & Son, Ltd., of 10, Whitehall Gardens, Terenure, Dublin, with a view to placing him in a position to advise the Council as to whether or not they should expend any further monies in producing lime having regard to the possibility of the Agreement in question having already conveyed all legal powers and authority to Mr. Holmes to operate the Kiln and work the quarry which the County Council were proposing to enter.

RE ASHFORD BRIDGE: The following letter was submitted:—  
Department of Local Government and Public Health—Roads,

Custom House, Dublin.

15adh Iul, 1944.

R/RB/33.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 13th instant and previous correspondence in regard to Ashford Bridge, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer you to the provisions of Section 158 of the Road Traffic Act, 1933, and the Road Traffic (Bridge Notice) Order, 1933, in regard to the protection of bridges from excessive burdens. In connection with the suggestion that a speed limit should be imposed on vehicles using the alternative route, I am to refer you to the provisions of Section 48 of the Act, 1933. Sub-section (2) of that Section provides that the Minister shall not make regulations under the Section save on the application of the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána or on the application of the local authority within whose functional area is situate the road to which the regulations are to relate. Pending further consideration of this matter by you the Garda authorities are being requested to furnish their views as to the suitability of the alternative route for omnibus traffic.

Mise, le meas,

P. J. MURPHY, A/s. Runai.

County Manager, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

Resolved—That having heard the reports from the County Engineer regarding the condition of Ashford Bridge on Road No. 66 and T7, we approve of his proposal to divert the traffic travelling over same to the Route Via Hunter's Hotel, Road No. 65 and 69, subject to maximum weights or loading recommended by him for the said bridge; that arrangements be made to construct a temporary road bridge alternatively; that plans for the new bridge be prepared as soon as possible and that the sanction of the Local Government Department be asked for a Grant-in-Aid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Hickey, M.B.;

Resolved—That the Agreement dated the 11th August, 1944, between Thomas Brennan, Carnew, and the Wicklow County Council for the erection by the former of a Maternity Annexe at the County Home, Rathdrum, be sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Kehoe;

Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell;

Resolved—We request the County Manager to pay County Board of Health Workers on the same basis as County Council Workers.

The County Manager, who was present at the Meeting, stated that before he could possibly give effect to the terms of this Resolution he would have to investigate the matters in that connection complained of at the Meeting by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.

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

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some member on my behalf, will move that the expenses of all works or other matters incurred or to be incurred since 31st March, 1944, and which on that date were the subject of a separate charge on the rates of the Wicklow County Health District be, as and from the 1st April, 1944, charged on the Rural District, as constituted immediately before 1st day of October, 1925, in which such works (particulars of which are set out below) are situated, and, further, that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to issue the appropriate orders in the matter under seal:

Provision and maintenance of Water Supplies, including Public Pumps and Wells.

Provision and maintenance of Sewerage and Drainage Systems.

Provision of Public Dumping Grounds and Public Scavenging.

Provision and maintenance of Public Lighting system."



The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor D. J. Kehoe and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the next meeting of this Council that the approval of the County Council be asked for raising of a Loan of £2,000 for the purpose of erection of bridges and culverts at Kilcarney, Toorboy and Carrignamuck."

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

"That I intend moving at the next Meeting of the Council the raising of a Loan of £3,000 to repair and reconstruct the important County Road Carnew, Umrigar, to County Wexford Bounds Road No. 222."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor B. Farrell and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I hereby give Notice that I or some one for me will move at the next Meeting of the County Council that a second Rent Collector be appointed for the No. 1 and 3 Collecting Districts in view of the unsatisfactory way it is being carried on at present, and that in my opinion the present collector's area is much too large."

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

"That I, or someone for me, will move at the next Meeting of the County Council that this Council recommends the County Manager to take immediate steps for the selection and purchase of a site for a new County Hospital and to proceed with site development."

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

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some other member for me, shall move that the wages of road workers be increased by 10s. per week to meet the increased cost of living."

At this stage the Council adjourned, leaving the remaining items on the Agenda to be considered at their Next Monthly Meeting.

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## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Monthly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, the 11th September, 1944.

The following Members were present:

Councillor James J. McCrea, Chairman;  
Councillors: P. McCarthy, W. J. Doyle, Joseph Jacob, Peter Ledwidge, William J. Clarke, George Byrne, E. Byrne, J. J. Hickey, M.B.; T. Fitzpatrick, J. Everett, T.D.; B. Farrell, Joseph Kavanagh, John J. Metcalfe and C. M. O Broin.

### BUSINESS :

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of previous Meetings.
2. To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
3. To execute such Cottage Tenancy Agreements as may be submitted.
4. To execute such Contracts as may be submitted under the Children's Acts in connection with the boarding-out of Foster Children.
5. To Seal and Sign Vesting Orders (in duplicate) in respect of the sale of Cottages under the Labourers Acts, 1936, to the Tenants thereof.
6. To pass the usual Resolutions in connection with the Council's application for (a) Overdraft Accommodation in the Month of October on the County Council's General Account, and (b) Overdraft Accommodation on the Turf Production Account for the same month.
7. To receive and consider Senior Counsel's opinion in connection with the Council's powers in relation to imposing certain conditions on Licences granted by them under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
8. To consider correspondence from the County Councils' General Council concerning restrictions on the admission of children to Cinematograph Performances.
9. To consider applications for licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
10. To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in connection with the delay in the appointment to the position of County Secretary of the person recommended for that office by the Local Appointments Commission.
11. To consider an application, dated the 27th July, 1944, from the County Surveyor, asking that arrangements be made to provide him with the assistance of two temporary engineers for the purpose of carrying out special road survey works.
12. To consider a communication from the Minister for Co-ordination of Defensive Measures in which he intimates that to secure more effective arrangements for the organisation and operation of Air-Raid Precautions Services in the County, he considers that the duties of A.R.P. Officer should be specifically allotted to a member of the Staff of the County Council.
13. To consider Reports on A.R.P. Conferences held between officials of the Department of Defence and Wicklow County Council on Thursday, the 18th May, 1944, and on Monday, 14th August, 1944, in the Record Court, Courthouse, Wicklow.
14. To consider a communication, dated the 7th July, 1944, from the A.R.P. Branch of the Department of Defence, referring to Emergency Powers (No. 325) Order which gives adequate powers to local authorities to secure the return of items of A.R.P. Equipment lent to members who have subsequently severed their connections with that service.
15. To consider a Report from Wicklow County Manager, already circulated to each Member of Wicklow County Council, setting forth particulars relating to applications for Supplementary Allowance in each Assistance District, which were (a) granted by the County Manager, and (b) refused.
16. To consider a communication, dated 22nd July, 1944, from Grange-gorman Mental Hospital, transmitting copy of a Resolution passed by Waterford City Council requesting that the Capitation Grant for lunatics be increased from its present nominal figure of 4/- per week.



17. To consider such matters as may be raised for discussion in connection with the administration of Assistance, Health and Housing Services in the County, of which notice, as requested, has been given to the County Manager at his Rathdrum Office.
18. To consider County Analyst's Report.
19. To receive and consider correspondence received from Ailtire na hAiseirghe, 13, Sraid Fhearcair, Ath Cliath, in which it is asked that Wicklow County Council should consider a Nation-wide Partition Plebiscite.
20. To appoint a Representative on the Arklow Harbour Board in place of Mr. J. Kavanagh, M.C.C., who tendered his resignation to that Board.
21. To receive statistical Returns prepared at the request of the Chairman of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Fire Fighting for the County-at-Large, and for each of the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow.
22. To receive a Joint Report from the Council's Law Agent and the County Surveyor, regarding the retaining wall at the premises of Mr. Rae, Coonagh, Enniskerry, which wall collapsed some months ago.
23. To consider correspondence from the County Councils' General Council, as printed and circulated to each Member of Wicklow County Council, concerning the awarding of Scholarships in Agriculture.
24. To consider the putting into operation for the scholastic year 1945/1946 a scheme of scholarships from Primary Schools to Secondary Schools in conformity with the Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) Act, 1944.
25. To pass a Resolution authorising the County Manager to expend in the current year sufficient sums, not included in the Rate Estimates as adopted, as will ensure Government Contributions by way of Grants.
26. To take such steps as the Council may be advised to ensure the safety of traffic over Ashford Bridge (Route No. T.7, Road No. 66) and to determine what speed limits, if any, are necessary over the alternative route, Road No. 69.
27. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor John J. Metcalfe:—  
"I hereby give you Notice that at the first Meeting of this Council, to be held after the expiration of one calendar month from this date, I will move that the approval of the County Council be given to the borrowing by the Council of a sum of £3,250 for the purpose of providing new burial grounds at Rathdrum, Avoca, Kilquiggan, Donard and Davidstown."
28. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor T. Fitzpatrick:—  
"I hereby give Notice that at the next Meeting of this Council, I, or some Councillor acting for me, shall move that before granting further Cinema Licences, this Council shall determine restrictive conditions as to the attendance of children."
29. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor C. M. Byrne:—  
"I hereby give Notice that I, or some member on my behalf, will move that the expenses of all works or other matters incurred or to be incurred since 31st March, 1944, and which on that date were the subject of a separate charge on the rates of Wicklow County Health District be, as and from 1st April, 1944, charged on the Rural District, as constituted immediately before 1st day of October, 1925, in which such works (particulars of which are set out below) are situate, and, further, that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to issue the appropriate orders in the matter under seal:  
Provision and maintenance of Water Supplies, including Public Pumps and Wells;  
Provision and Maintenance of Sewerage and Drainage Systems.  
Provision of Public Dumping Grounds and Public Scavenging.  
Provision and maintenance of Public Lighting System."
30. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor B. Farrell:—

- "I hereby give Notice that I, or someone for me, shall move at the next Meeting of the County Council that a second Rent Collector be appointed for the No. 1 and 3 Collecting Districts in view of the unsatisfactory way it is being carried on at present, and that in my opinion the present Collector's Area is much too large."
31. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor W. Clarke:—  
"I hereby give Notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the next Meeting of the County Council that this Council recommends the County Manager to take immediate steps for the selection and purchase of a site for a new County Hospital and to proceed with site development."
32. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy:—  
"I hereby give Notice that I, or some other member for me, shall move that the wages of Road Workers be increased by 10/- per week to meet increased cost of living."
33. To receive and consider correspondence in connection with Plans approved by the County Surveyor regarding the erection of a Blacksmith's Forge near the North end of Church Road, Greystones.
34. To consider a petition from the residents of Sugar Loaf, Rockey Valley and Glencap Commons protesting against the erection of huts and shacks in that district, and asking the County Council to refuse to allow these structures from a public health point of view.
35. To consider a Report from the County Surveyor regarding the taking over of Mill Lane, Greystones, and other matters that have arisen in that area.
36. To consider further correspondence received in connection with the Council's efforts in the direction of the production of Lime in West Wicklow.
37. To consider a communication from Killaveney Parish Committee regarding the use of Tinahely Courthouse for public functions.
38. To consider a communication from Aughrim Branch of the Labour Party, dated the 7/8/44, asking (a) that works on roads in that area be commenced in order to absorb workers dismissed from Turf work, and (b) concerning the tenancy of a Labourer's Cottage at Aughrim.
39. To fill the vacancy existing on Shillelagh Old Age Pensions sub-Committee caused by the transfer from that Parish of Rev. M. Brennan, Ballyconnell.
30. To consider Abstract of Correspondence.  
The Acting Secretary reported that on the 21st of August, 1944, he had received from a West Wicklow Merchant the sum of £20 10s. 0d., which he stated represented Restitution Money forwarded to him by a person who did not wish to have his name mentioned. This sum had been duly lodged to credit of Wicklow County Council.  
Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;  
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle;  
Resolved: That we have heard with deep regret of the bereavement suffered by our esteemed Colleague, Councillor J. J. Bourne, by the death of his sister, and we tender to him and to the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.  
Passed.  
Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea;  
Resolved: That this County Council expresses its deep regret regarding the illness of our esteemed colleague, Councillor D. J. Kehoe, and we sincerely hope that he will soon be restored to his usual good health.  
Passed.  
Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle;  
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;  
Resolved: That the Minutes of previous Meeting, as printed and circulated to each Member of Wicklow County Council, be hereby approved, adopted, and signed by the Chairman.  
Passed, Councillor T. Fitzpatrick and Dr. J. J. Hickey dissenting.



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

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

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

Resolved: That the Cottage Tenancy Agreements as set out on the subjoined list be sealed.

29th April, 1944—John Reilly, Kilpoole, Wicklow.

29th April, 1944—Elizabeth Devlin, Ballybeg, Rathnew.

29th April, 1944—Margaret Devlin, Ballybeg, Rathnew.

27th May, 1944—Mrs. Ellen Byrne, Ballybeg, Rathnew.

27th May, 1944—James Murphy, Rathnew.

1st July, 1944—James Bird, Blessington.

12th August, 1944—Joseph P. Kelly, Askakeagh.

12th August, 1944—William Smith, Priestnewtown.

12th August, 1944—James Byrne, Coolballintaggart.

19th August, 1944—Edward Carroll, Kilquade.

2nd Sept., 1944—Michael Walsh, Coolballintaggart.

Passed.

There were no applications for Licences under the Childrens' Acts in connection with the Boarding-out of Foster Children.

The following letter was submitted:

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,  
Custom House, Dublin.

30th August, 1944.

T.A.100/33/3.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 25th August, 1944, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that in the circumstances sanction has been issued to overdraft on the Turf Account not exceeding £29,000.

It will be necessary to explain to the County Council at the next Meeting the circumstances in which this sanction was sought and obtain the approval of the Council to the increase on the amount of £25,000 authorised in their resolution of the 14th August, 1944.

Mise, le meas,

R. O. MURCU,  
A/s Runaidhe.

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

Proposed by Councillor J. Kavanagh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Jacob:

Resolved: That, whereas the amount of Overdraft Accommodation for Turf Production as authorised for the month of September, 1944, amounted to £25,000, and the actual expenditure subsequently found necessary amounted to the sum of £29,000, we hereby authorise the County Secretary to seek a further sum of £4,000 for overdraft accommodation on Turf Production during the month of September, 1944.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy:

Resolved: That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the County Council's GENERAL ACCOUNT as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the month of October shall not exceed £10,000.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

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

Resolved: That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the County

Council's TURF ACCOUNT as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the month of October, 1944, shall not exceed £30,000.

Passed.

The following letters were considered:

4, Church St.,  
Wicklow.

7th September, 1944.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,  
Re Cinematograph Act, 1909.

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith copy of letter of yesterday's date received from Mr. M. J. Ryan, S.C.

Yours faithfully,

J. BRAZIL,

Marine Hotel,

6th September, 1944.

Sutton, Co. Dublin.

P. T. HEALY, Esq.,

County Manager, Wicklow.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,  
Re Cinematograph Act, 1909.

Dear Sirs,

Your letter of the 31st ultimo with Case to Advise herein, for which I am obliged duly reached me here where I am at present on holidays. As I will not be returning to Dublin until next week, and as I have not the necessary text-books and Statutes here, I am sorry that it will not be possible for me to deal with the numerous Queries set out in the Case in time for the next Meeting of the County Council to be held on Monday, the 11th inst. Perhaps it might be possible for the County Manager to defer consideration of the Case until the following Meeting of the County Council. I need not say that the several Queries set out in the Case to Advise are of a searching nature and require careful consideration on my part before advising definitely on same. Please convey to the County Manager my regret that in the circumstances of the case it will not be possible for me to have my Opinion available for next Monday's Meeting. I shall, of course, deal with the Case immediately on my return to Dublin.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

M. J. RYAN.

Messrs. J. H. McCarroll and Co.,

Solicitors, Wicklow.

The Acting Secretary read the schedule of queries he had submitted to the Council's Solicitor for the purpose of obtaining Senior Counsel's Opinion above referred to.

In the discussion which followed, some of the questions were modified and certain additional questions added. The Acting Secretary undertook to have the questionnaire re-typed and re-submitted to the Council's Solicitor for transmission to Senior Counsel.

The Council directed—in regard to Item No. 8 on the Agenda—that the correspondence from the County Councils' General Council, concerning restrictions on the admission of children to cinematograph performances be placed on the Council's Agenda for what ever Meeting the Senior Counsel's Opinion would come up for discussion.

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke;

Seconded by Councillor G. Byrne:

Resolved: That the Government be requested to encourage the production in this Country of Films of a National and Christian character and of Irish, Historical and Tourist interest.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Hickey, M.B.:

Resolved: That we consider that films are being shown which are injurious to the morals of children and that we request that the Minister arrange that no films be passed for exhibition to children which might endanger their morals. That any Councillor knowing of any such film be requested to communicate with the County Secretary such name within seven days hereof.

Passed.



The County Surveyor having on the 15th August, 1944, reported that the Cinema at Roundwood had been inspected, when it was found that his recommendations in connection with the Building had been carried out, he now advised the issue of a Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Resolved: That we hereby authorise the issue of a Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, applied for by Mr. Edward Curley, Roundwood, the said Licence not to be issued unless and until favourable reports have been received from the County Surveyor and the Gardai authorities—the first, on the condition of the premises, and the latter on the suitability of the applicant.

Passed.

The Secretary informed the Council that he was still awaiting reports from the County Surveyor that he had satisfied himself, after personal inspection, that the following premises were in every respect suitable and complied with the Regulations, and that Licences in regard thereto might now be issued under the Cinematograph Act, 1909:—

Imaal Hall, Dunlavin—Applicant: John Cunningham, Dunlavin.

Courthouse, Rathdrum—Applicant: R. & M. Haughton, Rathdrum.

Portable Cinema Booth, Baltinglass—Applicant: Ed. Bradley, Baltinglass.

No Licences, therefore, had been issued yet in respect of any of the above premises.

The County Manager read, in connection with Item No. 10 on the Agenda, the following communications and Order he had made in that connection on the 22nd August, 1944:—

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,**

Courthouse, Wicklow.

17th August, 1944.

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

At the Monthly Meeting of Wicklow County Council, held on the 14th instant, I resigned my position as County Secretary, and this resignation was, in due course, accepted after every member present had paid graceful tribute to my years in that capacity in the manner in which I had discharged my duties, etc., etc.

At the same meeting, I submitted to the Council a communication dated 27th July ultimo, Ref. No. L.A.13/18/43, from the Local Appointments Commission, recommending Mr. Kevin J. Brangan, B.A., B.Comm., Chartered Accountant, of 20 Crannagh Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin, for appointment as Secretary to the County Council. A protracted discussion took place on this letter, and finally a resolution was passed, copy of which I beg to submit herewith.

I have received a communication, dated 31st ultimo, from Mr. Brangan in which he intimated that, whilst he is anxious to take up duty as soon as possible, it is unlikely that he will be able to do so until 1st October next.

I have only to add that I am in complete disagreement with the outlook of Wicklow County Council in this regard, and, of course, I shall see that Mr. Brangan is regularly and properly appointed to the position of County Secretary long before the date he has indicated as the one on which he hopes to take up duty. This I have already stated publicly at the Meeting of the County Council.

It will be noted that the County Council is most anxious that this letter and the accompanying resolution shall be submitted to, and personally considered by, the Minister.

Is mise, le meas,

(Signed): P. T. HEALY,

Wicklow County Manager.

(N.B.—For the resolution referred to in the foregoing letter, see Minutes of Wicklow County Council Meeting held on 14th August, 1944).

**DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,**

Custom House, Dublin.

19th August, 1944.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that it appears from a statement in the public Press that the appointment of the person recommended by the Local Appointments Commission for the office of Secretary to the Wicklow was at a meeting of the County Council adjourned. You are aware that the making of such an appointment is mandatory on the Local Authority and, as County Manager, you should have proceeded to deal with the matter.

Unless the appointment of the person recommended for the office of Secretary to the County Council is made by you and notification thereof notified to the Department forthwith, mandamus proceedings will be instituted against the local authority and you will be liable for costs.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed): J. HURSON,

Runai.

The County Manager,  
Wicklow.

[COPY]

**ORDER OF THE COUNTY MANAGER,  
MADE ON THE 22nd AUGUST, 1944.**

Having considered the question of filling the position of Secretary to Wicklow County Council, rendered vacant by the acceptance by Wicklow County Council, at the Monthly Meeting of that Body held on the 14th August, 1944, of the resignation of Mr. Patrick T. Healy submitted at that day's Meeting, I. P. T. Healy, by virtue of the powers conferred upon me by the County Management Act, 1940, and acting on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commission in their letter dated 27th July, 1944, Ref. No. L.A. 13.18.43, hereby appoint, as from the 2nd October, 1944, Mr. Kevin J. Brangan, B.A., B.Comm., Chartered Accountant, of 20, Crannagh Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin, as Secretary to Wicklow County Council at a commencing salary of £600 per annum, rising by annual increments of £20 to £700 per annum, such increments to become payable only if the County Manager is satisfied that the duties of his position have been discharged satisfactorily during the previous year.

Further, I hereby order and direct that the obligations and duties of the County Secretary shall be as follows:—

He shall perform all the duties and exercise all the functions which have been or may be expressly imposed by statute or statutory rule, order, or regulation on the Secretary of the County Council, and such other duties as are assigned to him by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, or by Wicklow County Manager.

He shall act as Secretary of any Committee or sub-Committee of the County Council if required to do so by the County Manager.

He shall attend all meetings of the County Council, and all meetings of Committees and sub-Committees of which he is required to act as Secretary, keep the minutes of proceedings, and communicate decisions to all persons concerned.

He shall keep the Register of the County Manager's Orders, and shall communicate such Orders without delay to all persons concerned.

He shall supervise the keeping of accounts, the preparation of returns, the collection of all revenues of the County Council, the collection of motor licence duties, and work incidental thereto, the preparation of the franchise and jurors' lists, and all accounting and clerical work of the County Council.

Subject to the general control of the County Manager, he shall exercise executive supervision over the work of the accounting and clerical staff during official hours of duty, and keep a service record for each officer of the County Council other than officers of district and auxiliary mental hospitals.



I hereby order and direct that Mr. Brangan shall obtain and submit an approved Guarantee Fidelity Bond for such sum as the Minister may direct to cover the faithful discharge by him of the duties of his position, and I also order and direct that Mr. Brangan shall enter into an agreement with the County Council undertaking to re-locate promptly to credit of this Council all sums and fees, etc., as may become payable to him under existing statutes or regulations or that may become payable to him in any future enactments or regulations. In other words, it is the intention of this Order that the above-mentioned progressive salary of £600 per annum shall be inclusive, and shall remunerate him for all and every duty that he may be called upon to discharge whilst he holds the position of Secretary to Wicklow County Council.

Made and signed by me this 22nd August, 1944.

(Signed): P. T. HEALY,

Wicklow County Manager.

The Acting Secretary read the following application, dated 27th July, from the County Surveyor:—

27th July, 1944.

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

Re: **SPECIAL ROAD SURVEYS.**

Dear Sir,

I have received notification from Mr. Desmond O'Brien, B.E. (copy of which, I understand, has already been furnished to you) indicating that he is leaving the employment of the Wicklow County Council as from 29th instant to take up a similar post with the Kildare County Council. He states as a reason for this that he will be receiving £6 6s. 0d. per week in Kildare as compared with £5 5s. 0d. per week in County Wicklow.

I write to ask whether it would be possible for you to extend an increased remuneration here to him and give him £6 6s. 0d. per week so as to retain his services. He has been trained here on certain important work in connection with Road Surveys which are being carried out in this County at the request of the Department of Local Government, in accordance with new Road Standard Regulations: it involved a considerable time in the initial stages of his appointment in instructing him on the necessary methods and to lose him at this stage would be unfortunate, and if his place were taken by some other engineer and same procedure of training would have to be gone through. In any event, he is far more useful now after his 18 months' experience here than he was at the beginning and is surely worthy of an increase.

Should Mr. O'Brien leave it will, of course, be necessary to immediately fill his position so as to carry on the work and make certain that the County Wicklow is in the forefront in the availability of Schemes of Road Work for post-war purposes. I also wish to direct your attention to the fact that the Department itself recommended that two engineers should be employed on such work, but since Mr. Hardiman left the County, Mr. Howard who had been engaged with Mr. O'Brien on Road Surveys has had to occupy the position of temporary Assistant County Surveyor in the Southern portion of the County.

I confidently ask, therefore, that you will approve and make the necessary arrangements to provide me with two engineers for the carrying out of these Road Surveys.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

Resolved: That we strongly recommend the County Manager to appoint two temporary Engineers at £6 6s. per week each with refund of actual vouched travelling expenses at 1½d. per mile for push bike (to replace the two that have left our service) for the purpose of completing the survey and planning of certain roads as requested by the Department of Local Government and Public Health—these appointments to be for a period of six months only from the date they take up office.

As an Amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

That no one knows better than the County Manager whether further Engineers be required temporarily or otherwise, and that he take entire responsibility accordingly in the matter. A vote having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

FOR THE AMENDMENT: Councillors Joseph Kavanagh, J. J. Metcalfe, T. Fitzpatrick, and Wm. J. Clarke—4.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT: Councillors J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. J. Doyle, B. Farrell, Ed. Byrne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, George Byrne, P. Ledwidge, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, and Joseph Jacob—11.

The Chairman thereupon declared the Amendment to have been lost—only four Councillors having voted for it and eleven Councillors having voted against it.

The original Motion was then put to the Meeting, and a vote having been called for thereon, it was found that there voted

FOR THE ORIGINAL MOTION: Councillors J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. J. Doyle, B. Farrell, Ed. Byrne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Geo. Byrne, Peter Ledwidge, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, Joseph Jacob—11.

AGAINST THE ORIGINAL MOTION: Councillor W. J. Clarke—1.  
Councillors J. Kavanagh, J. J. Metcalfe and T. Fitzpatrick not voting.  
The Chairman thereupon declared the original Motion to have been passed by eleven votes to one.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor W. J. Clarke, and accepted by the Chairman:

**NOTICE OF MOTION.**

That I, or someone for me, shall move at the next Meeting of the County Council that this Council requests that the County Manager shall take steps to confine the County Surveyor's duties to that of the County Surveyor and the work of the Wicklow County Council, and that he will take steps to ensure that the County Surveyor ceases to devote his time to the work of the Wicklow Urban District Council.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Clarke;

Seconded by Councillor George Byrne;

Resolved: That this Council requests the County Manager to get into communication with the Department of Defence to have the "Road Block" at Glenview, Kilmacanogue, removed, if they consider that there is no further use for it, as this Council consider it a danger to traffic.

Passed.

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

Seconded by Councillor Wm. Clarke;

Resolved: That we hereby authorize the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to provide and erect a Telephone Kiosk in Wicklow Town on the footpath at the apex of the triangle at Fitzwilliam Square, opposite Abbey Street, as proposed in the Minister's letter No. Tpc.11907/44, of 7adh Mean Fhomain, 1944.

Passed.

The following letter regarding Item No. 12 on the Agenda was read by the Acting Secretary:

ROINN COSANTA, BRAINNSE UM REAMHCHURAIM

IN AGHAIDE AER RUTHAR,

13/14, Ardán Puir an Iarla,

6adh Meitheamh, 1944,

Ref. No. ARP/3395.

**A.R.P. OFFICERS—COUNTY A.R.P. SCHEMES.**

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for the Co-ordination or Defensive Measures to state that with a view to securing more effective arrangements for the organisation and operation of A.R.P. services in County areas he considers that the duties of A.R.P. Officer should be specifically allotted to a member of the staff of the County Council.

The A.R.P. Officer would be concerned with the general organisation of the local authority's scheme including the recruiting and training of personnel required. His duties would be carried out under the immediate



control of the Secretary to the County Council and in association with the officers responsible for the various aspects of the scheme such as fire-fighting, casualty, rescue, etc. The A.R.P. Officer should be conversant with all features of the county A.R.P. organisation and act as co-ordinating officer for all A.R.P. units in the county.

I am to ask that you will nominate a suitable officer for the position of A.R.P. officer for your County. If, however, your county is one in which the appointment of a County Council Secretary is awaited you may, if you so desire, defer definitive appointment of an A.R.P. Officer until the Secretary is appointed.

When the A.R.P. Officers are appointed it is proposed to hold a special course of instruction for them. You will be informed at a later date of the time and place of this course.

Mise, le meas,

D. J. BLUNDEN,  
a.s. Runal.

County Manager for each County.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor B. J. Farrell;

Resolved: That our new Secretary Mr. Kevin J. Brangan, B.A.B.Comm., Chartered Accountant, be hereby formally appointed as Chief Air Raid Precautions Officer for the County of Wicklow, exclusive of Bray Urban District, and that he be responsible for the discharge of all duties in connection with securing effective arrangements for the organisation and operation of A.R.P. Services in the above-mentioned area.

Passed.

The following two reports were submitted:

**REPORT OF A.R.P. CONFERENCE HELD BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE AND WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL ON THURSDAY, THE 18th MAY, 1944, AT THE RECORD COURT, WICKLOW.**

The following were present:—

Department of Defence—Colonel Lawlor and Mr. T. Collins, Wicklow County Council—P. T. Healy, County Manager and Chief Air Raid Precautions Officer; Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health; J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., County Surveyor; A. N. Dillon, B.E., Assistant County Surveyor; J. P. Caffrey, B.E., Assistant County Surveyor; E. J. H. Hopkins, Casualty Officer, Irish Red Cross Society; L. Wolahan, Chief Clerk and Accountant, and R. A. Laven, of the County Council Clerical Staff.

In opening the Conference Colonel Lawlor said he proposed to take the Services in the Town of Wicklow, and to deal particularly with the Personnel and the progress of Training. He thought that by such discussion they might, as in other places, be able to overcome some of the difficulties which confronted the A.R.P. Authority in regard to these two matters.

**WICKLOW FIRE-FIGHTING SERVICE.**

The County Surveyor, in reply to Colonel Lawlor as to the number of active personnel, said that there were eight members and that the degree of efficiency was very creditable. As in the case of the other Services in Wicklow, excepting the Casualty Service, the personnel was entirely composed of L.S.F. Volunteers without whose co-operation they would have been unable to man the A.R.P. Services in the town. Colonel Lawlor stated that it was the Department's intention that the full personnel of this Service in Wicklow should consist of one first line squad and two reserve squads, and he was very anxious that everything possible should be done by the Local Authority to achieve this aim. He asked what were the possibilities of recruiting additional volunteers. After some discussion, and having due regard to the local difficulties in this connection, it was agreed that an opportunity be given to the members on the panel of the Urban Council Peace-time Fire Brigade to join the A.R.P. Fire-Fighting Service on the condition that they would be under the leadership of the L.S.F. Squad Leader at present in charge of the existing A.R.P. Fire-Fighting Service. It was to be clearly understood that these two Squads when formed be treated as Reserve Squads, and it was highly desirable from all points of view that the members should become volunteers of the L.S.F.

Some time previous to this Conference the Town Clerk requested the County Manager to give permission to the Wicklow U.D.C. for the use of the Trailer Pump for training purposes, and when a fire actually occurs. The County Manager has already made an order setting out the conditions under which the Trailer Pump will be made available for peace-time fires, in accordance with the Departmental Regulations.

The position, therefore, is that should a fire occur in the Wicklow Urban District, the Wicklow U.D.C. as the responsible Local Authority under the Fire Brigades Act, 1940, must take initial action to call out its own Fire Brigade Personnel and equipment; if it is found that the A.R.P. Equipment is necessary, in addition, then, by permission of the County Manager, the A.F.S. No. 1 team with Trailer Pump and Equipment may turn out in accordance with the regulations.

The question of the payment of rent for the storage of Trailer Pump and equipment was discussed with Colonel Lawlor and he agreed that only if the U.D.C. could prove a monetary loss by reason of the handing over the store at the Town Hall, could any such payment or rent be authorised. It was suggested that a case of monetary loss might be made by reason of the fact that the Urban Council have found it necessary to acquire extra storage facilities for turf distribution in connection with the free and paying fuel schemes in the Town.

Regarding the question of the Fire-Fighting Depot it was felt that the position was not completely satisfactory, inasmuch as the storage was inadequate, and in the opinion of Mr. Dillon did not lend itself to easy access to the pump and accessories in case of urgency. At this stage the County Surveyor said he would prefer Colonel Lawlor and Mr. Collins to accompany him later on to inspect this Depot and a possible alternative accommodation in the old Jail premises.

**RESCUE AND DECONTAMINATION SERVICES.**

The position of the Rescue Squad was taken in conjunction with that of the Decontamination Squad on the recommendation of Mr. Dillon, who had been acting Instructor for both these Squads for some time past. The personnel was given as—Rescue, 10; Decontamination, 7. Here again lack of members was a factor militating against the successful training and a very big obstacle was the lack of either a Rescue or Decontamination Depot. Colonel Lawlor referred to the necessity of having both these Depots available and said that the Department was open to consider proposals in this connection, and if necessary alterations or adaptations of buildings had to be carried out reasonable expenditure would be allowed to rank for Grant. He also pointed out that both these Services should have Reserve Squads if at all possible.

**CASUALTY SERVICE.**

Dr. Beckett gave the Personnel figures for Wicklow and Arklow as 26 and 47 respectively. In the latter case the Volunteers were all lady members, while in Wicklow the membership was divided equally between male and female. He pointed out that he was relying entirely on the co-operation of the Irish Red Cross Society for the staffing of this Service, and the position was that he was in doubt as to the extent of his control over these members. He then read a letter from the County Divisional Director of the Irish Red Cross Society in which exception was taken to the Department's criticism on a report submitted through the Local Authority on the training of the Casualty Service.

Mr. Hopkins on behalf of the Wicklow Branch of the Red Cross Society also took exception to the Department's Criticism which he considered to be most unfair and unwarranted, inasmuch as the particulars which were required in the report could not be supplied, because such minute records were not being kept by the Red Cross Society, nor was it necessary under the rules of that Society for such records to be kept, and further that the criticism about stretcher drill and ambulance loading was not merited, due to the fact that no Ambulances were available to their Society for such training in the Town of Wicklow.

Mr. Healy, County Manager, at this stage intervened and said he thought he could make arrangements whereby one Ambulance at least would



be available in Wicklow for any training required by this Service, provided the Ambulance was not at the particular time required for its ordinary use.

It was agreed that arrangements be made to have this aspect of the Casualty Service Training proceeded with at an early date and Dr. Beckett undertook to make the necessary arrangements with Mr. Hopkins.

Colonel Lawlor, in reply, said he wished to make it unmistakably clear that the Department were very appreciative of the manner in which voluntary organisations, such as the Red Cross Society, had offered their services in A.R.P. work, but that it was very hard, situate as they were in Dublin, to have a clear view of how training was progressing unless they had, from time to time, reports from the Local Authorities, setting out, as far as possible, the ground covered, and the time occupied in training, with particular reference to the Department's Memorandum on this Service.

Colonel Lawlor pointed out that in regard to the question of control raised by Dr. Beckett in his opening remarks, as it was clearly the Local Authority's statutory duty to provide A.R.P. Services it followed that the control of the personnel was their responsibility. Consequently Dr. Beckett is in control of the Personnel of the Casualty Service. This brought him to the question of the staff personnel at the First Aid Posts in both Wicklow and Arklow, which, he said, should consist of an Officer in Charge of each Post, a Deputy and two Leaders of Stretcher Parties. These appointments should be formally made by the Local Authority on the recommendation, in this case, of Dr. Beckett.

Matters in relation to the position of the Fire-fighting, Rescue and Decontamination Squads in Arklow were raised and discussed. It appeared that in this town also the biggest difficulty was lack of suitable personnel, but it was hoped that in view of the intensive course of training shortly to be commenced in preparation for the National Competitions to be held in September increased membership and a more lively interest would result. It was highly desirable that all members in Wicklow and Arklow should have their membership cards completed forthwith. Apart from these general references the position in Arklow was not discussed in detail, excepting in regard to the Casualty Service. The question of Insurance was considered and it was reported to the Conference that instructions had been given to the Council's Insurance Broker in March last to effect comprehensive cover in regard to all liabilities of the County Council arising from the use of lorries and other vehicles for A.R.P. purposes. Other liabilities are already covered either by the Department's Compensation for Personal Injury Scheme, or by insurances already effected by the County Council.

Since the Conference was held the County Surveyor has stated that in regard to the inspection of the depot and alternative accommodation by Colonel Lawlor, Mr. Collins and himself, he was advised by Colonel Lawlor to leave the Fire-fighting Equipment in the Depot in the Town Hall at present being used, particularly if further room at the back of the building can be obtained. It was suggested that the Rescue Equipment should be stored in the Old Jail Premises where training exercises could be carried out. In regard to the Decontamination Equipment at present in the Garda Barrack, Colonel Lawlor suggested that alternative accommodation be sought, preferably at the rear of the existing A.F.S. Depot, Town Hall, or if not, inside the Old Jail premises.

(Signed)—P. T. HEALY,  
Wicklow County Manager.

County Council Offices,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.  
12th June, 1944.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

### AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS. REPORT FOLLOWING CONFERENCE HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, ON THE 14th AUGUST, 1944.

Present: Representatives of the Department of Defence—Capt. Powell, A.M.S., and Capt. Crawford.

County Officers—Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County M.O.H.; Messrs. E. J. H. Hopkins, Post Officer, Wicklow; J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., County Surveyor; J. P. Caffrey, B.E., Assistant Co. Surveyor; A. N. Dillon, B.E., do.; L. Wolohan, Deputy A.R.P. Officer; R. A. Laven, Clerk in charge of A.R.P. Records.

(While this Conference was being held, the Co. Manager was engaged at a County Council Meeting).

**CASUALTY SERVICE**—Capt. Powell conferred with Dr. Beckett and Mr. Hopkins in a separate apartment. A note of the proceedings is appended to this Report.

**AUXILIARY FIRE SERVICE, RESCUE AND DECONTAMINATION.**—Capt. Crawford conferred with the County Surveyor and other officers.

#### WICKLOW:

**FIRE FIGHTING.**—In reply to queries, Mr. O'Byrne stated he was in charge of all three Services at Wicklow, assisted by Mr. Dillon, B.E., in the Fire-Fighting Service, and that under his direction, Mr. Dillon had practically complete charge of the Decontamination Service. Mr. Kavanagh, Clerk of Works to Wicklow County Council, was in charge of the Rescue Service. He also assisted at the Auxiliary Fire Service's Practices. The Sub-Officer in the Fire-Fighting Service is Mr. Leo Murphy. The Squad consists of the Sub-Officer and four men, together with one man as reserve. The attendance, at practices, which take place weekly, average five for each practice. The Squad is well trained, and efficient; extra training is now being done in view of the Competitions to be held in September. The County Surveyor further stated that there is some difficulty in regard to the use of a lorry, and at present his own car is being used for hauling the trailer pump.

**RESCUE SERVICE.**—The County Surveyor gave an outline of the training and general efficiency of the members of this Service. He said Mr. Kavanagh is Instructor, with Mr. Thomas Kelly as Squad Leader. The Service consists of the Squad Leader, six men and one reserve. The attendances average about six at the weekly practices. At the present time they are doing extra practice work in view of the Competitions. The men take a good interest in the work, and are becoming very efficient.

**DECONTAMINATION SERVICE.**—Mr. Dillon gave particulars of the work being done in this Service. At present, about 3½ hours per week were devoted to practices. The Depot is at the Garda Station. The Squad Leader is Mr. Andrew Finlayson. The personnel consists of the Squad Leader and six men. Mr. Canavan's lorry is available for the Squad.

The County Surveyor said this squad is also, as are the rest, very keen on the work, and under Mr. Dillon's able guidance, is improving week by week.

#### ARKLOW:

**FIRE FIGHTING.**—Mr. Caffrey stated he could give all information regarding the Services in Arklow, but he regretted to say that the only Service in active training, and in a good state of efficiency, was the Fire Fighting Service. The Sub-Officer of this Service is Mr. M. Redmond, and there are eleven other members. All twelve, however, are members of the Local Security force. These men are also members of the Local Urban Council Fire Brigade, and are paid for such practices as are carried out in this latter capacity. Training takes place once monthly. The attendance is good; all the members are fully trained.

**RESCUE SERVICE.**—No Squad is in training at present. It might be possible to get three men. Mr. Caffrey said he is in negotiation with the Local Security Force to recruit a Squad. Some equipment is still required. No lorry is available, owing to a difficulty about drivers.

**DECONTAMINATION SERVICE.**—Mr. Caffrey stated that this Service is in about the same position as the Rescue Service. It was hoped also here to get the L.S.F. to supply personnel.



**GENERAL:**

After some further discussion on matters of equipment, rent of A.F.S. Depot at Wicklow, provision of a depot in the old Gaol for the Rescue Service, and other matters of detail, Captain Crawford said he would inspect the Depot and equipment at the Garda Station and the Town Hall, and that he would also like to go to Arklow to carry out an inspection there. Mr. Caffrey said he would accompany Captain Crawford to Arklow.

**CASUALTY SERVICE.**—Conference referred to above with representative of the Department of Defence (Captain Powell, A.M.C.); Dr. Beckett, and Mr. E. J. H. Hopkins, Casualty Officer, Wicklow Post.

Dr. Beckett submitted the following report:—

"The Conference with Capt. Powell was of a routine nature. He asked questions about the strength of the post, etc., and inspected the Post. He expressed himself as satisfied with its condition.

"The withdrawal of the Wicklow team from the forthcoming Competitions was also discussed.

(Signed)—L. WOLOHAN,  
Deputy A.R.P. Officer.

19th August, 1944.

Order—Both Reports were approved and adopted.

The Council noted the contents of a communication, dated 7th July, 1944, from the Air Raid Precautions Branch of the Department of Defence referring to Emergency Powers (No. 325) Order, which gives adequate powers to local authorities to secure the return of items of A.R.P. equipment lent to members who have subsequently severed their connection with the Service.

The following letter, and report from the County Manager, were submitted, in which the latter set forth particulars and decisions made by him in relation to applications for Supplementary Allowances in each of the Home Assistance Districts in the County from (a) Old Age Pensioners; (b) Blind Pensioners, and (c) persons in receipt of Disablement Benefit.

To Each Member of Wicklow County Council.  
A Chara,

I beg to attach sheets setting out the names of cases in which applications for Supplementary Allowances in each Assistance District were

- (a) granted by Wicklow County Manager, and  
(b) refused.

This list is additional to that already circularised to each Member of the Council.

Mise, le meas.

JOHN SHEEHAN,  
ar son Bainisteora an Chonndae.

Applications for Supplementary Allowances were not granted in the following cases:—

**RATHDOWN.**

William Coogan, Kilmolin, Enniskerry.  
Mrs. Elizabeth Byrne, 4 Windgates, Greystones.  
Catherine Murphy, 10, Kindlestown, Delgany.  
John Dunne, Summerhill, Enniskerry.  
Maria Doran, Killincarrick.  
John Daly, 4, Arch Villas, Greystones.  
Robert Curling, Oldcourt Park, Bray.  
Elizabeth Gahan, Kilmolin, Enniskerry.  
Mrs. Mary Keddy, Grove Cottage, Greystones.  
Eugene McCarthy, 6, Monastery Cottages, Enniskerry.  
John Kinsella, 34, Blacklion, Greystones.  
Mary Seery, Kilgarron, Enniskerry.

Applications were granted in the following cases:—

Name and Address.	Conditions.	Amount Allowed
		s. d.
Mary Kavanagh, Oldboleigh	O.A.P.	2 6
Esther Green, Blacklion Cottage	O.A.P.	2 6
Edward Darcy, Bellevue, Delgany	B.P.	2 6

Name and Address.	Conditions.	Amount Allowed
		s. d.
Mary Anne Darcy, Bellevue, Delgany	D.B.	2 6
John Darcy, Bellevue, Delgany	D.B.	2 6
Mary Anne Davidson, Countybrook, Enniskerry	O.A.P.	2 6
Patrick Lynch, 2, Strand Cottage, Greystones	O.A.P.	2 6
John Burke, 2, Soldier's Cottage, Killincarrig	O.A.P.	2 6
Sarah Killeen, Hollyfield Lodge, Delgany	D.B.	2 6
Margaret McAneny, Ballycross, Enniskerry	O.A.P.	2 6
Garrett Corrigan, Upr. Killough, Enniskerry	O.A.P.	2 6
Margaret Fitzpatrick, 47, Upr. Kindlestown	O.A.P.	2 6
John Fitzpatrick, 47, Upr. Kindlestown	O.A.P.	2 6
Anne Murphy, 33, Blacklion, Greystones	O.A.P.	2 6
William Bushe, Glencormac, Bray	D.B.	2 6
Annie Mooney, Killincarrig, Delgany	D.B.	2 6
Elizabeth Gorman, 33, Mill Road, Killincarrig	O.A.P.	2 6
Mary Darcy, 31, Mill Cottages, Killincarrig	O.A.P.	2 6
Michael Dowd, 13, Mill Road, Killincarrig	O.A.P.	2 6
Rose Murray, 13, Oldcourt Park, Boghall	D.B.	2 6
Anne Carr, River Side, Enniskerry	O.A.P.	2 6
Anne Byrne, Annacrevy, Enniskerry	O.A.P.	2 6
Ellen Leary, 17, Boghall Road, Bray	O.A.P.	2 6
Laurence Byrne, Blacklion, Greystones	O.A.P.	2 6
Ellen Byrne, Blacklion, Greystones	O.A.P.	2 6
Catherine Kavanagh, Kilmolin, Enniskerry	O.A.P.	2 6
Anne Murphy, Ballycoyle, Glencree	O.A.P.	2 6
Mary Managan, Oldcourt Park, Bray	D.B.	2 6
Annie Hill, Ballinagee, Kilmacanogue	D.B.	2 6

Applications for Supplementary Allowances were not granted in the following cases:—

**SHILLELAGH.**

Elizabeth Breslin, No Address.  
Margaret Whelan, Knockanocra, Ballinglen.  
Mary Shortall, Killinure, Tullow.  
Martin Byrne, Farbreaga, Aughrim.  
Tobias Halpin, Ballynulta, Shillelagh.  
Frederick Coe, No Address.  
Mrs. Timothy Farrell, No Address.  
Timothy Farrell, No Address.  
Peter Hunt, Crablane, Coolkenno, Tullow.

Applications were granted in the following cases:—

Patrick Kealy, Coolafancy, Tinahely	O.A.P.	2 6
Robert Wilson, Muskeagh, Tinahely	D.B.	2 6
James Breslin, Boley, Shillelagh	D.B.	2 6
Margaret Shortall, Killinure, Tullow	B.P.	2 6
Anne Halpin, Ballinamanogue, Tinahely	O.A.P.	2 6
Margaret Byrne, Fearbreaga, Aughrim	O.A.P.	2 6
Denis Heffernan, Ballycurra, Aughrim	O.A.P.	2 6
James Lawlor, Knocknaboley	D.B.	2 6
William Murray, Croneyhorn	D.B.	2 6
Kate Brien, Ballynultagh	B.P.	2 6
Timothy Ryan, Muclagh	O.A.P.	2 6

Applications for Supplementary Allowances were not granted in the following cases:—

**BALTINGLASS.**

Patrick Kearney, Millamoare, Rathdangan.  
Mary Foley, Bawnogue, Rathdangan.  
William Grace, Grangecon.  
Thomas Mahon, Annacorney, Valleymount.  
Anne Elizabeth Murphy, Knockaderry, Knockenarrigan.



Laurence Hastings, Lugnagun, Blessington.  
 Patrick White, Blessington.  
 George Perry, Tulfarris, Blessington.  
 Edward Collins, No Address.  
 Alice Kerrigan, Athdown, Manor Kilbride, Dublin.  
 Annie Keogh, Athdown Manor Kilbride, Dublin.  
 Michael Nolan, Davidstown, Donard.  
 Mary Healy, No Address.  
 Mrs. Ellen Kavanagh, Manger, Stratford-on-Slaney.  
 Brigid Barrett, Baltinglass.  
 Applications were granted in the following cases:—

Name and Address.	Conditions.	Amount Allowed	
		s.	d.
Annie Doyle, Rustyduff, Knockanarrigan	D.B.	2	6
William Bolland, Whistletown, Stratford-on-Slaney	B.P.	2	6
Margaret Doyle, Killalesh, Kiltegan	O.A.P.	2	6
William Doyle, Rathdangan	O.A.P.	2	6
Patrick Carroll, Valleymount	O.A.P.	2	6
Honora Carroll, Valleymount	O.A.P.	2	6
Thomas Cullen, Ballyhook, Grangecon	O.A.P.	2	6
Anne Doran, Dunlavin	B.P.	2	6
Mary Nolan, Tuckmill, Baltinglass	O.A.P.	2	6
Thomas Nolan, Tuckmill, Baltinglass	O.A.P.	2	6
Martha Murphy, The Mill, Stratford	O.A.P.	2	6
Mary Murphy, Irongrange, Baltinglass	O.A.P.	2	6
Michael Butler, Stratford-on-Slaney	O.A.P.	2	6
James Coleman, Stratford-on-Slaney	O.A.P.	2	6
Nicholas Donegan, Monatore, Tinoran.	O.A.P.	2	6
Joseph Byrne, Stratford-on-Slaney.	O.A.P.	2	6
James Hopkins, Barronstown, Blessington	O.A.P.	2	6
Patrick Dunne, Lisheen Brittas.	O.A.P.	2	6
Elizabeth Joyce, Grangecon	O.A.P.	2	6
Joseph Joyce, Grangecon	O.A.P.	2	6
John Balfe, Klyebeg, Blessington	O.A.P.	2	6
Catherine Halpin, Granamore, Valleymount.	O.A.P.	2	6
Patrick Morrin, Raheen, Baltinglass	O.A.P.	2	6
Edward Humphers, Stratford	O.A.P.	2	6
William Duff, Raheen, Baltinglass	O.A.P.	2	6
Elizabeth Wheatley, Manger, Stratford	O.A.P.	2	6
Mary Anne Lee, Manger, Stratford	O.A.P.	2	6
Elizabeth Butler, Manger, Stratford	O.A.P.	2	6
William Thornton, Clough, Baltinglass	O.A.P.	2	6
Nancy Doyle, Shrughaun, Baltinglass	D.B.	2	6
Elizabeth Burke, Stratford-on-Slaney	O.A.P.	2	6
Ellen Nolan, Whitestown, Stratford-on-Slaney	O.A.P.	2	6
Patrick Doyle, High Park, Kiltegan	D.B.	2	6
Elizabeth Nolan, Rathdangan	O.A.P.	2	6
Mary Burke, Stratford-on-Slaney	O.A.P.	2	6
Mary McGee, Baltinglass	O.A.P.	2	6
Peter Keogh, Graigue, Kiltegan	O.A.P.	2	6
Michael Nolan, Manger, Stratford	O.A.P.	2	6
Eliza Shortt, Annacorney, Valleymount	O.A.P.	2	6
Mary Harney, Merginstown, Dunlavin	O.A.P.	2	6
Alice Rochford, Dunlavin	O.A.P.	2	6
Peter Rooney, Cornaan, Rathdangan	O.A.P.	2	6
James Byrne, Rathgorragh, Rathdangan	O.A.P.	2	6
Catherine Keating, Rathdangan	O.A.P.	2	6
Kate O'Toole, Bawnogue, Rathangan	O.A.P.	2	6
Anne Mahon, Donard	D.B.	2	6
Michael Moore, Ballynure, Grangecon	O.A.P.	2	6
Alice Butterfield, 23, Butterfield, Dunlavin	O.A.P.	2	6
Mary Corrigan, Dunlavin, Lr.	O.A.P.	2	6

Name and Address.	Conditions.	Amount Allowed	
		s.	d.
James Barrett, Ballinatone, Stratford	O.A.P.	2	6
Mary Rourke, Boherboy, Dunlavin	O.A.P.	2	6
Isaac Hamilton, Blessington	D.B.	2	6
Catherine Kenny, Rustyduff	O.A.P.	2	6
Joseph Whelan, Clone Shannon	O.A.P.	2	6
Mary Codd, Ballykilmurray	O.A.P.	2	6
William Codd, Ballykilmurray	O.A.P.	2	6
William Murphy, Old Kiltegan	O.A.P.	2	6
Patrick Crimmin, Barraderry	O.A.P.	2	6
Matthew Neill, Ballykilmurray	O.A.P.	2	6
Laurence Ryan, Ballintruer, Stratford	O.A.P.	2	6
Annie Ryan, Ballintruer, Stratford	O.A.P.	2	6
Julia Byrne, Loghina, Dunlavin	O.A.P.	2	6
Thomas Doody, New Street, Baltinglass	O.A.P.	2	6
Thomas McDonnell, Ballyknocken	O.A.P.	2	6
Elizabeth McDonnell, Ballyknocken	O.A.P.	2	6
Thomas Furlong, Woodfield, Baltinglass	D.B.	7	0
Dora Timmins, Kilsha, Baltinglass	O.A.P.	2	6
William Wall, Parkmore	B.P.	2	6
Brigid Wall, Parkmore	O.A.P.	2	6
Mary Humphry, Bawnogue	O.A.P.	2	6
Catherine Clancy, Chapel Hill	O.A.P.	2	6
James Byrne, Ballinguile, Rathdangan	O.A.P.	2	6
Patrick Phillips, Merginstown, Dunlavin	O.A.P.	2	6

Applications for Supplementary Allowances were not granted in the following cases:—

#### RATHDRUM NO. 3.

John Byrne, 5, Merrymeeting, Rathnew.  
 Mary Brennan, Ballycurry, Ashford.  
 Anne Brien, c/o Post Office, Kilbride, Wicklow.  
 Thomas O'Brien, Coolakilly, Glenealy.  
 Esther Anne Douglas, No Address.  
 John Gaffney, No Address.  
 James Meehan, Clonmannon, Rathnew.  
 Annie O'Rourke, Oughill, Redcross, Wicklow.  
 James Arthur, Springfarm, Redcross.  
 Applications were granted in the following cases:—

James Arthur, Springfarm, Redcross	O.A.P.	2	6
Edward Byrne, Ballinapark, Redcross	O.A.P.	2	6
Gregory O'Brien, Ballymerrigan, Rathnew	O.A.P.	2	6
Margaret McCabe, Ballinalea, Ashford	O.A.P.	2	6
James Killeen, Bonagrew, Kilbride	O.A.P.	2	6
Edward Jameson, Rathnew	O.A.P.	2	6
Edward O'Neill, Dunganstown, Kilbride	O.A.P.	2	6
Ellen Redmond, Ballyduff Lr., Ashford	O.A.P.	2	6
Thomas Doyle, Brittas, Wicklow	D.B.	2	6
Emily Byrne, Redcross	D.B.	2	6
Michael Boyce, Ballyduff, Ashford	D.B.	2	6
Kathleen James, Aghowle	D.B.	2	6
Mary Byrne, Redcross	O.A.P.	2	6
Catherine Byrne, Kilnahanagh, Glenealy	O.A.P.	2	6
Anne Bolton, Kilcandra	O.A.P.	2	6
Brigid O'Brien, Coolnakilly, Glenealy	O.A.P.	2	6
John Carlton, Clonmannon, Rathnew	O.A.P.	2	6
Mary Conroy, Carrignamuck, Ashford	O.A.P.	2	6
Margaret Connor, Ballymoney, Kilbride	O.A.P.	2	6
Mary A. Darcy, Dunganstown, Wicklow	O.A.P.	2	6
Catherine Devitt, Ballinalea, Ashford	O.A.P.	2	6
Margaret Gaffney	O.A.P.	2	6
Thomas Hughes, Crone, Redcross	O.A.P.	2	6



Name and Address.	Conditions.	Amount Allowed
		s. d.
Margaret Hudson, Redcross	O.A.P.	2 6
Catherine Neill, Killiskey	O.A.P.	2 6
Mary Anne Noctor, Ballycurry	O.A.P.	2 6
William Steadman, Rathnew	O.A.P.	2 6
Julia Thompson, Rathnew	B.P.	2 6
Mary Anne Williams, Glenealy	O.A.P.	2 6

Applications for Supplementary Allowances were not granted in the following cases:—

**RATHDRUM NO. 2.**

Marcella Plunkett, Ashtown, Roundwood.
John Brady, Shramore, Roundwood.
Patrick Storey, Moneystown, Roundwood.
Anne Byrne, Knockafrompa, Moneystown, Roundwood.
Annie E. Heatly, Baltinamina, Roundwood.
Patrick Maher, Knockafrompa, Moneystown.
Ellen Maher, Knockafrompa, Moneystown.
Mary Jane Byrne, Roundwood.
James Byrne, Parkmore, Ashford.
Elizabeth Fanning, Ballisland, Roundwood.
John Windsor, Trooperstown, Rathdrum.
John Doyle, Glenmacanass, Glendalough.
Mrs. Brigid Mernagh, Parkmore, Ashford.
Cecelia Murtagh, Moneystown, Roundwood.
Annie Merrigan, Laragh West, Rathdrum.
Christina Cullen, Trooperstown, Rathdrum.
Myles Byrne, Glendalough.
Patrick Doyle, Laragh East, Rathdrum.
William Richard Miley, Ballyhad, Rathdrum.
Agnes Byrne, Glasnarget, Rathdrum.
Ellen Toomey, Carriglineen, Rathdrum.
John Hayden, No Address.
Isabella O'Connor, Ballyhorsey.

Applications were granted in the following cases:—

James Driver, Mount Lusk, Rathdrum	D.B.	2 6
Elizabeth Kavanagh, Trudder, Newtown	D.B.	2 6
William Timmins, Raheen, Roundwood	O.A.P.	2 6
Michael Brennan, Drumeen, Annamoe	O.A.P.	2 6
Elizabeth Harding, Newcastle	D.B.	2 6
Margaret Farrell, Ballinahinch	D.B.	2 6
Patrick Doyle, Ballinahinch	D.B.	2 6
Elizabeth Coffey, Drumdangan	O.A.P.	2 6
Christopher Hogan, Woodstock	O.A.P.	2 6
Elizabeth Hogan, Woodstock	O.A.P.	2 6
Thomas Kavanagh, Knockfodda	O.A.P.	2 6
Ellen Timmons, Knockaphrumpa	O.A.P.	2 6
Elizabeth Pierce, Bolinass	O.A.P.	2 6
Harriett E. Buckley, Deerpark, Kilpedder	O.A.P.	2 6
Robert Buckley, Deerpark, Kilpedder	O.A.P.	2 6
Esther Murphy, Kilpedder	O.A.P.	2 6
Patrick Kavanagh, Killadreenan	O.A.P.	2 6
James Walshe, Teiglin	O.A.P.	2 6
James Dobson, The Downs	O.A.P.	2 6
Catherine Dobson, The Downs	O.A.P.	2 6
Rosanna Byrne, Priestnewtown	O.A.P.	2 6
Anne Ashford, Drumdangan	O.A.P.	2 6
Frances Brady, Sleemane	O.A.P.	2 6
Andrew Murphy, Moneystown	O.A.P.	2 6
Johanna Doyle, Newcastle	O.A.P.	2 6
Walter Byrne, Brockagh	O.A.P.	2 6
Andrew McClean, Glennabere	O.A.P.	10 0
Stephen Davis, Ballyronan	O.A.P.	7 6
	D.B.	2 6

Name and Address.	Conditions.	Amount Allowed
		s. d.
Mary Lambert, Rathdrum	O.A.P.	10 0
Bridget Toole, Slieverow, Rathdrum	O.A.P.	10 0
Thomas Whittle, Newcastle	D.B.	7 6
Ellen Kelly, Ballinacarrig	O.A.P.	10 0
Ellen Kenna, Kilcoole	O.A.P.	10 0
James White, Kilcoole	O.A.P.	10 0
Margaret White, Kilcoole	O.A.P.	10 0
William Kelly, Ballycullen	O.A.P.	10 0
Joseph McCabe, Keelogue	D.B.	7 6
James Byrne, Ballece	D.B.	7 6
Maura Watson, Rathdrum	D.B.	7 6
Mary Sweeney, Ballinacarrig, Rathdrum	D.B.	7 6
Anne Maria Darcy, Drumdangan	O.A.P.	2 6
Annie Brien, Ballygannon, Rathdrum	O.A.P.	2 6
Ellen Fleming, Kilmullen, Newtown	D.B.	2 6
Charles Fleming, Kilmullen, Newtown	D.B.	2 6
Mary Moody, Newtown-Mt. Kennedy	D.B.	2 6
Charles Farrelly, Newcastle	D.B.	2 6
Owen Byrne, Trooperstown	B.P.	2 6
William Hall, Ballece, Rathdrum	O.A.P.	2 6
Annie Doyle, Priestnewtown	O.A.P.	2 6
John Doyle, Sea Road, Kilcoole	O.A.P.	2 6
Patrick Creane, Timore, Newcastle	O.A.P.	2 6
Sarah Ferguson, Knockraheen, Roundwood	O.A.P.	2 6
Sarah Smyth, O'Neill Park, Newtown	O.A.P.	2 6
Hargaret Townsend, Kilpedder.	O.A.P.	2 6
Elizabeth Dobson, Ballydonerea, Kilcoole	O.A.P.	2 6
Maria Cullen, 8, Sunny Terrace, Rathdrum	O.A.P.	2 6

Applications for Supplementary Allowances were granted as follows:—

**RATHDRUM NO. 1.**

James Walshe, Ballymoneen, Avoca	O.A.P.	2 6
Francis Corrigan, Greenane, Rathdrum	O.A.P.	2 6
William Byrne, Springfield, Arklow	O.A.P.	2 6
Margaret Holden, Tigronee, Avoca	O.A.P.	2 6
Ellen Kearns, Knockenree, Avoca	O.A.P.	2 6
Annie Kearns, Thomastown, Arklow	O.A.P.	2 6
Jane Byrne, Ballymorris, Aughrim	O.A.P.	2 6
George Muson, Whaley Abbey, Clash	O.A.P.	2 6
Patrick Eustace, Johnstown, Arklow	D.B.	2 6
James O'Brien, Killacloran	O.A.P.	2 6
Eliza Graham, Tinakilly	O.A.P.	2 6
Michael Lacey, Ballycoogue	O.A.P.	2 6
Richard Tracey, Rock Big, Arklow	O.A.P.	2 6
James Stapleton, Sheana	O.A.P.	2 6
Andrew Byrne, Mucklagh	O.A.P.	2 6
Laurence Arthur, Kilmacoo	O.A.P.	2 6
Margaret Gregory, Ballykillageer	O.A.P.	2 6
Susan Kinsella, Ballinamona	O.A.P.	2 6
Anne McIvor, Raheenavina	O.A.P.	2 6
William Death, Kilcarra	O.A.P.	2 6
Mary Byrne, Redcross	O.A.P.	2 6
Elizabeth Kennedy, Aughrim	O.A.P.	2 6
Thomas Kennedy, Aughrim	O.A.P.	2 6

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow do hereby approve and adopt the following Resolution passed by Waterford City Council at the meeting of that Body held on the 9th February, 1944:—



Minutes of Meeting, 11th September, 1944.  
 "That, whereas the Capitation Grant of 4s. per week per patient admitted to Mental Hospitals at the time it was fixed, represented approximately 50 per cent. of the weekly cost of maintenance, and having regard to the fact that present cost of maintenance is approximately £62 per annum, this Council considers that the Capitation Grant should be increased to accord with the present day maintenance costs."  
 Passed.

The Council spent a considerable time considering matters raised for discussion in connection with the administration of Assistance Health and Housing Services in the County. The County Manager noted the points submitted and undertook that they would be investigated and dealt with.  
 Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick.  
 Seconded by Councillor Peter Ledwidge.  
 Resolved—That the Department of Local Government be requested immediately to now facilitate the earliest possible installation of the seriously needed water supply to the cottages at Monastery, Enniskerry.  
 Passed.

## QUARTERLY REPORT.

Report of the Public Analyst for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by her during the Quarter ending the 30th June, 1944.

Articles submitted for Analysis.	Date Received.	Number.	From	Result of Analysis.
W. Milk	5/4/44	2	Rathdrum, Gd. Sweeney	Genuine.
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine.
Cornflour	14/4/44	3	Baltinglass, Gd. Conway	Genuine.
Whiskey	17/4/44	1	Bray, Gd. Murphy	Genuine.
Gin	"	1	"	Genuine.
P. Barley	"	2	"	Genuine.
Barley	25/4/44	2	Wicklow, Gd. Bergin	Genuine.
Cornflour	"	1	"	Genuine.
W. Milk	1/5/44	4	Arklow, Gd. McCabe	Genuine.
P. Barley	5/5/44	2	"	Genuine.
Rice	"	1	"	Genuine.
Flour	"	1	"	Genuine.
W. Milk	9/5/44	3	Dunlavin, Gd. Laverty	Genuine.
B. Soda	"	1	"	Genuine.
Flour	"	1	"	Genuine.
Sauce	"	1	"	Genuine.
W. Milk	"	1	Aughrim, Sergt. Lee	Genuine.
B. Powder	"	1	"	Genuine.
Neave's Food	"	1	"	Genuine.
Vinegar	"	1	"	Genuine.
P. Barley	"	1	"	Genuine.
Sauce	"	1	"	Genuine.
W. Milk	12/5/44	4	Bray, Gd. Murphy	Genuine.
W. Milk	17/5/44	1	Blessington, Gd. Brennan	Genuine.
Flour	"	1	"	Genuine.
Rice	"	1	"	Genuine.
Cornflour	"	1	"	Genuine.
Cornflour	19/5/44	4	Arklow, Gd. McCabe	Genuine.
Rice	23/5/44	1	Roundwood, Gd. Roberts	Genuine.
Flour	"	1	"	Genuine.
F. Meal	"	1	"	Genuine.
Barley	"	1	"	Genuine.
W. Milk	27/5/44	4	Arklow, Gd. McCabe	Genuine.
Custard	2/6/44	1	Blessington, Gd. Brennan	Genuine.
Cornflour	"	1	"	Genuine.
Rice	"	1	"	Genuine.
Cornflour	"	2	Rathdrum, Gd. Sweeney	Genuine.
Rice	"	1	"	Genuine.
Custard	"	1	"	Genuine.
B. Powder	5/6/44	1	Dunlavin, Gd. Laverty	Not Genuine.
Custard	"	1	"	Genuine.
P. Barley	"	1	"	Genuine.
Cornflour	"	1	"	Genuine.
W. Milk	6/6/44	2	Shillelagh, Gd. Behan	Genuine.
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine.
W. Milk	14/6/44	1	Carnew, Gd. Doyle	Genuine.
Cornflour	"	1	"	Genuine.
P. Barley	"	1	"	Genuine.
Butter	"	1	"	Genuine.
W. Milk	16/6/44	4	Wicklow, Gd. Bergin	Genuine.
Barley	17/6/44	1	Roundwood, Gd. Roberts	Genuine.
Cornflour	"	1	"	Genuine.
Wheatmeal	"	1	"	Genuine.
Flour	"	1	"	Genuine.
Custard	23/6/44	1	Bray, Gd. Murphy	Genuine.
Rice	"	1	"	Genuine.
Oatfood	"	1	"	Genuine.
Pancake Flour	"	1	"	Not Genuine.
W. Milk	27/6/44	4	Baltinglass, Gd. Conway	Genuine.
Custard	30/6/44	1	Greystones, Gd. Dwyer	Genuine.
B. Powder	"	1	"	Genuine.
Barley	"	1	"	Genuine.
Coffee	"	1	"	Genuine.
Salad Oil	"	1	"	Genuine.
Drugs	25/4/44	2	Blessington Dispensary	Genuine.
Drugs	28/4/44	2	District Hospital, Baltinglass	Genuine.
Drugs	12/5/44	2	Aughrim Dispensary	Genuine.
Drugs	23/5/44	2	Bray, No. 1 Dispensary	Genuine.
Drugs	24/5/44	2	Co. Home, Rathdrum	Genuine.
Drugs	2/6/44	2	Dunlavin Dispensary	Genuine.
Drugs	9/6/44	2	Tinahely Dispensary	Genuine.
Drugs	20/6/44	2	Kiltegan Dispensary	Genuine.
Drugs	21/6/44	2	Dunganstown Dispensary	Genuine.
Drugs	"	1	Co. Fever Hospital	Genuine.
Water (Arklow)	12/5/44	1	Arklow Urban Council	Passed.
Water (Enniskerry)	6/6/44	1	Wicklow Co. Council	Passed.

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter:—Foods 92; Drugs 19; Waters 2. Total—113. Number Adulterated: 1 Baking Powder, 1 Pancake Flour.

Dated 12th July, 1944.

Signed: PHYLLIS RYAN,  
 Public Analyst.

The County Council had under consideration letters, dated 14th March, 11th May, and 29th June, 1944, from Ailbhe na hAiseirge, 13, Strad Pheanahair, 4th Clifton. The following letter contains the points which the Co-



20. Minutes of Meeting, 11th September, 1944.  
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The County Council had under consideration letters, dated 14th March, 11th May, and 29th June, 1944, from Ailtiri na hAiseirghe, 13, Sraid Fhearchair, Ath Chliath. The following letter contains the points which the Co. Council was asked to discuss:—

AILTIRI NA HAISEIRGHE.

13 Sraid Fhearchair,  
Ath Chliath.

An Runaidhe,  
Comhairle Conndae Chille Manntain.  
NATION-WIDE PARTITION PLEBISCITE.

A Chara,

At the March Meeting of Ard-Chomhairle Ailtire na h-Aiseirghe the question of Partition, and the recent statements of the Fine Gael Party on Irish membership of the British Imperial system were under review.

It was decided to desire all County Councils and other public bodies and National Organisations to request, and pledge their support to, a nation-wide 32-County Plebiscite that would afford our people an opportunity of once more affirming their acceptance of the Proclamation of the Provisional Government of the Republic of 1916, and the Da! Eireann Declaration of Independence of 1919, as statements of our imprescriptable national rights, demanding the immediate cessation of the persecution and victimisation of our fellow-country men and women in occupied North-East Ulster, and the recognition in practical form of the will of our people so emphatically expressed in the All-Ireland General Election of 1918.

The Anti-Partition and Independence Plebiscite to be organised on similar lines to the great Anti-Conscription pledge by a National Council representative of all National Organisations in 32-County Ireland.

2,000,000 signatures will be sought and thus the statesmen of the world will be confronted and challenged with the definitive expression of what is the Will of Our People to-day as yesterday.

The Plebiscite can be fixed for a date in the Autumn, which in addition can be established as a National Day of Mourning for the criminal dismemberment of our country.

I shall be glad if you will kindly arrange to have this matter placed on the Agenda for the next Meeting of your Council or Committee.

Go soirbhghidh Dia dhuit,  
G. O. CUINNEAGAIR, Ceannaire.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;  
Seconded by Councillor William Clarke:

Resolved—This County Council having at this day's Meeting considered the correspondence received from Ailtiri na hAiseirghe, 13 Sraid Fhearchair, Ath Chliath, strongly approve of the Anti-Partition and Independence Plebiscite it is suggested shall be taken in the Autumn on this subject which so occupies the mind and the heart of our people.

Passed.

Arklow Harbour Board, Arklow.  
14th July, 1944.

P. T. HEALY, Esq.,  
Wicklow Co. Council Manager,  
County Council Offices,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

A Chara,

This is to inform you that my Commissioners at their Monthly Meeting on last Saturday considered a letter received from Mr. Joseph Kavanagh, C.C., Kilpipe, Ballinglen, Co. Wicklow, tendering his resignation as Wicklow Co. Council representative on the Arklow Harbour Board.

Mise, le meas,  
TIM DESMOND, Secretary.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle;  
Seconded by Councillor William Clarke:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the re-appointment of Mr. Jos. Kavanagh, M.C.C., of Kilpipe, Ballinglen, as a representative from Wicklow County Council on the Arklow Harbour Board, to replace Mr. J. Kavanagh, M.C.C., Kilpipe, Ballinglen, who tendered his resignation to that Committee.

Passed.



The County Manager reported that in response to communication dated 16th May, 1944, written by the Chairman of recently set up Inter-Departmental Committee on Fire Fighting he had obtained, in response to Questionnaire, full details of the equipment, etc., provided under the Fire Brigades Act, 1940, throughout the County for coping with peace time fires. Subjoined are schedules showing the items for each of the Local Authorities in the County:—

**INTER DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE UPON FIRE FIGHTING:**

Wicklow County Council.

Answer.

777.

£41,394.

£248,811.

Yes (See attached list).

(a) Good.

(b) Fair.

(c) ball and screw-down.

0 Service Commenced

0 to function

2 in 1942.

4.

No.

Not known.

Not known.

See attached list.

See attached list.

See attached list.

Voluntary (L.S.F.)

Brigade is called out by the

Gardaí.

£46.

£1,360.

Ltd.

Good.

No.

Fair.

No.

None in County Health District.

Adequate service has already

been provided.

See reply to No. 22.

Yes.

None.

None.

**Question.**

- Name of Sanitary Authority
- Area served in square miles
- Population
- Valuation
- Is there a pressure water supply available?
- Is the water supply adequate for fire-fighting in regard to
  - quantity
  - pressure
  - type of hydrant installed
- Number of fires in each of the years
 

1939
1940
1941
1942
1943
- Were any lives lost at these fires?
- Valuation of property affected by fire in each of these years
- Approximate value of the fire loss in each of these years
- What fire-fighting appliances are in the area apart from A.R.P. equipment
- Where are they located?
- What are the Fire Brigade organisation and Personnel
- Is the personnel of the Fire Brigade voluntary, retained, or whole-time
- What is the system of fire alarm and turn out
- Annual cost of Fire Brigade
  - Personnel
  - Loan charges, maintenance and running costs of appliances
  - Rate necessary to defray these expenses
  - Adequacy of service
  - Any agreements with neighbouring sanitary authorities to render or receive services
  - Cost of or revenue from such agreements
  - What is the general fire hazard of the area (any specially dangerous trades, potentially dangerous buildings, factories, etc.)
  - What A.R.P. equipment is in the area?
  - How is this equipment manned
  - Is the financial capacity of the sanitary authority equal to providing an adequate service for the area
  - What is the maximum rate which could be made available for fire brigade purposes
  - Do you consider existing legislation adequate for its purpose
  - Any suggestions for its amendment
  - Any other matters upon which you wish to offer an opinion

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.**

**WICKLOW COUNTY.**

Fire Fighting equipment made available in non-urban towns and villages.

Location	Hose 100; and couplings.	Stand pipes	Hand Control Pipes.	(Branch) Breeching Pipe.	Nozzles	Stirrups Pumps
Avoca	3	1	1	Nil	1	4
Aughrim	4	1	1	Nil	1	2
Baltinglass	12	2	2	1	2	3
(see footnote)						
Blessington	6	2	2	Nil	2	4
Carnew	5	1	1	Nil	2	2
Donard	3	1	1	Nil	1	2
Dunlavin	6	2	1	Nil	2	3
Enniskerry	5	1	1	Nil	2	3
Greystones	3	2	2	1	4	5
Kilcool	3	1	1	Nil	2	3
Kilmacanogue	—	—	—	Nil	—	—
Newcastle	3	1	1	Nil	2	2
Newtown-Mt.-Kdy.	5	1	1	Nil	1	3
(see footnote)						
Rathdrum	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rathnew	4	2	1	Nil	2	3
Roundwood	3	1	1	Nil	1	2
Shillelagh	4	1	1	Nil	2	3
Stratford	4	1	1	Nil	1	2
(see footnote)						
Tinahely	—	—	—	—	—	—

**RATHDRUM**—1 Merryweather Fire Engine, 60 B.H.P. 275 g.p.m., complete with all accessories, First Aid outfit and Telescala Extension Ladder. Three-quarter miles of hose available. The engine is intended for use in East and South-East Wicklow, but is available for entire County.

**TINAHELY**—1 Light Trailer Pump complete with all accessories and 12 x 100 feet of hose. Intended for use in South-Western area of County.

**BALTINGLASS**—1 Large Trailer Pump complete with all accessories and 12 x 100 feet of hose. Intended for use in Western area of County.

N.B.—All the above towns are supplied with 1 x 45 feet push-up ladder.

P. T. HEALY,

Wicklow County Manager.

2/6/44.

**INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE UPON FIRE FIGHTING.**

Reply to Queries asked for in letter 16th May, 1944.

- Name of Sanitary Authority—Arklow Urban Council.
- Area served in square miles—2.7.
- Population—4,780.
- Valuation—£9,987.
- Pressure water supply available.
- Water supply is adequate for fire-fighting both as regards pressure and quantity.

(c) Type of hydrant is cast-iron ball-valve 3 in.

Note.—As regards (a) and (b): Water supply is non-gravity. It is pumped from Reservoir at Ballyduff to Service Tank at Lamberton, from which Tank it flows by gravitation to the town (one quarter mile). The capacity of the Service Tank is 250,000 gallons, and this supply is dependent upon the availability of fuel oil for pumping purposes. In consequence of the rationing of the latter, pumping has had to be reduced to seven hours per day instead of a normal ten hours. The consumption of fuel oil per hour is 1½ gallons and the water raised is 25,000 per hour. The public water supply has had to be cut off between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. in order to keep within the amount of fuel oil allowed by Department of Supplies. The precautions taken against fire occurring during the off period are: Service Tank at Lamberton is left filled to capacity, and upon fire alarm being



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raised the supply is turned on at Wexford Road. The raising pressure would be somewhat delayed, varying from ten to twenty minutes, depending on distance from control valve at Wexford Road. To maintain a normal water supply an additional 150 gals. fuel oil per month would be needed.

7, 9 and 10:—

	Number of Fires	Valuation of Property Affected (Buildings)	Value of Fire Loss
1939	2	£4	£9
1940	1	£2	£4
1941	2	£5	£10
1942	0	0	0
1943	6	£90	£300

8. Elderly lady suffocated in December, 1943, at fire in Manifold's Lane (old thatched house).
11. Fire-fighting appliances: 300 ft. hose (100 ft. of which is not fully serviceable); 2 stand pipes, 2 branch pipes, 24-45 ft. extension ladder, and hand-cart.
12. Location of equipment: A.R.P. Fire Station, Vale Road, Arklow.
13. Personnel: 12 firemen and 1 officer. Personnel is detained, and not whole-time. No system of alarm.
14. Annual cost of Brigade: (a) Personnel, £48, i.e., Fire Brigade Officer, £12 per annum, and 5s. payable to each fireman for attending one practice-drill per month. (b) No loan charges. Personnel is paid time-and-a-half for attendance at fires during the day and double time after midnight to 6 a.m.
15. 1½d. in Pound Rate is necessary for maintenance of Brigade and 2d. in Pound for purpose of dealing with fires arising from time to time.
16. Present service should be adequate in circumstances in which an uninterrupted public water supply service is available. In present circumstances, however, Service could not be considered adequate.
17. There are no agreements with neighbouring Sanitary Authorities to receive Services, but the Urban Council have entered into an Agreement to render Services in the Rathdrum Rural District. The following Scheme outlined by the Board of Health was approved by the Arklow Urban Council on 20th September, 1940:—  
"Portion of the Rathdrum Rural District, viz., Dispensary Districts of Dunganstown, Arklow, and Avoca to be served by the existing Service maintained by the Arklow U.D.C. This Service is to be further improved in the near future by the provision of Fire Engine from Government Funds. The Wicklow Board of Health is to recoup the Arklow U.D.C. 51 per cent. of the net loss in the maintenance of the Service, this being in the ratio of the population of the Arklow Urban District and the remainder of the District to be served."  
(Quotation from Agreement).
18. No contribution received so far.
19. No unusual fire hazard.
20. A.R.P. equipment: Trailer pump (large Apex. type); two 15ft. lengths of suction hose; ten 75ft. lengths of delivery hose; four branch pipes; two stand-pipes; two extension ladders (15-30 ft. and 7-12 ft. respectively); half-dozen firemen's axes; half-dozen oil suits; half-dozen steel helmets; half-dozen pairs rubber boots.
21. A.R.P. Brigade is manned by same personnel as ordinary Brigade.
22. Yes; financial capacity adequate.
23. Say, 4d. in Pound.
24. I consider that the 1940 Act gives ample powers in the matter of dealing with outbreaks of fire.
25. I have no suggestions to offer in the matter.
26. No.

(Signed)—P. T. HEALY,  
Wicklow County Manager.

2nd June, 1944.

## INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE UPON FIRE FIGHTING.

1. Name of Sanitary Authority Bray Urban District Council.
2. Area served in square miles Four square miles within Urban area and to occasional fires within a radius of fifteen miles.
3. Population 12,500 (approximately).
4. Valuation The rateable value of the township in 1942 was £43,331.
5. Is there a pressure water supply available (In the case of a county please set out the towns which have a water supply). Yes.  
Water from Vartry.
6. Is the water supply adequate for fire fighting in regard to (a) quantity; (b) pressure (See note in regard to 5); (c) type of hydrant installed (a) Yes.  
(b) Variable, but adjustable to satisfactory in all parts.  
(c) Ball hydrants, standard bayonet connection stand-pipes.
7. Number of fires in each of the years 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942 and 1943 1399 (Minor) 5; 1940 (Minor) 2; 1941 4 minor, 1 burned out; 1942, 8 minor, 1 burned out; 1943, 7 minor, and 1 school burned down.
8. Were any lives lost at these fires? No.
9. Valuation of property affected by fire in each of these years 1939/'43, P.L. Valuation, £723. Estimated gross valuation £18,610.
10. The approximate value of the fire loss in each of these years Could not say. Fire assessors would have to certify this. Three places burned out. Dance Hall Newtownmountkennedy. Thatched cottage in Vevay, Bray, and St. Andrew's School, Eglington Road, Bray.
11. What fire fighting appliances are in the area apart from A.R.P. equipment? Motor tender equipped with telescopic ladders, stand-pipes, axes, hose, keys, extinguishers, short ladders, ropes, slings, lamps, etc.
12. Where are they located? In Town Hall.
13. What are the Fire Brigade organisation and personnel. Is the personnel of the Brigade voluntary, retained or whole time? What is the system of fire alarm and turn out? The Fire Brigade consists of employees of the Urban District Council's permanent outdoor staff who live in the vicinity of the Town Hall and Purcell's Square. The alarm is by telephone in Town Hall in Caretaker's bedroom with connection to the Water Inspector's house. The Town Hall Caretaker is Driver of the Brigade and the Water Inspector is in charge of personnel. Average time at night between alarm and arrival at fire, five to seven minutes. Personnel paid one day's extra pay whether fire occurs during day or night.
14. Annual cost of Fire Brigade (a) Personnel. (b) Loan charges, maintenance and running cost of appliances, etc. (a) Only cost of monthly Fire Practice and other small repairs about £22 a year; (b) Nil. Members of Water Department and Council's working staff. Cost of men paid for attending fires at 9 above. '39, £15 7s.; 1940, £4 4s.; 1941, £22 12s. 1d.; 1942, £32 2s. 11d.; 1943, £24 6s.



15. Rate necessary to defray these expenses  
None especially raised by rate. Amount included in Bray Township Rate—about £50 a year. Loan charges, nil. Petrol, lubricating oil and repairs Motor Fire Tender, etc., about £25 per year. Service is very satisfactory and has coped with some large fires in the past. No cases have occurred where adjoining premises have been involved, in spite of very bad fire risk, in the structural conditions in the older parts of the township. No lives have been lost within memory. Rescues have been made from windows, roofs, etc.
16. Adequacy of service  
Conference was held re County Fire Services and tentative arrangements entered into. Owing to Emergency these not implemented. Nil. None made.
17. Any agreements with neighbouring sanitary authorities to render or receive services.  
Main Street, very bad risk, inter-built and inter-occupied premises which have been altered many times; built in woodwork; inaccessible yards and generally old buildings. Remainder of township—conditions good. No dangerous trades or factories. Two small trailer pumps, one large trailer pump and all other standard equipment for three squads.
18. Cost of or revenue from such agreements  
Manned by three squads—two in full working order, one skeleton. Yes.
19. What is the general fire hazard of the area (any specially dangerous trades, potentially dangerous buildings, factories, &c.)  
Provided for by Public Health Acts and Fire Brigades Act, 1940. Quite inadequate.
20. What A.R.P. equipment is in the area (see note at 5)  
The compulsory maintenance of a Fire Brigade of minimum equipment based on population in each Urban Area and an area around the Urban Area not exceeding ten miles radius if County not equipped. Examination of premises and Compulsory Powers to make Owners conform to a minimum standard of safety even in old buildings. The fixing of a standard charge for the use of Fire Brigade in lock-up shops, public houses, factories, privately and publicly owned halls, cinemas, licensed hotels and other public or semi-publicly used buildings, but not for occupied private dwellings or residential shops.
21. How is this equipment manned?
22. Is the financial capacity of the sanitary authorities equal to providing an adequate service for the area?
- 23.—What is the maximum rate which could be made available for fire brigade purposes?
24. Do you consider existing legislation adequate for its purpose?
25. Any suggestions for its amendment?

## INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON FIRE FIGHTING.

## Replies to Questions Requested in Letter Form.

L.G.D. (16/5/44)

1. Name of Sanitary Authority: Wicklow Urban District Council.
2. Area: 4 Square Miles.
3. Population: 3,086 (1943).
4. Valuation: £8,710 8s. 0d.
5. Pressure Water Supply: Yes.
6. Adequacy (a) Quantity (a) Yes.  
(b) Pressure (b) Not throughout.  
(c) Type of Hydrant (c) 2½" Ball Hydrants and spring do.
7. Number of fires: 1939, Nil; 1940, Nil; 1941 (2); 1943 (2). No.
8. Any lives lost: 1940/41, £302; 1942/43, £42.
9. Valuation of Property: 1940/41, £3,000; 1941/42, £35.
10. Value of Fire Loss: 1 No. Extension Ladder (35 ft.); escape ladder on wheels with canvas shute extending to 50 ft.; 800 lin. ft. fire hose; seven fire helmets and belts; double set stand pipes.
11. Available Fire Fighting Appliances: H.Q. Town Hall, Market Square. The first 8 arrivals at H.Q. from a specified retained panel of 20 practised men are engaged by recognised Fire Brigade Officer B. O'Toole (Sub. San. Officer). Fire Alarm by external chain-pull external bell on Town Hall. (a) Personnel £15; (b) Maintenance, etc., £7 10s. 3 pence.
12. Location of Equipment: Hitherto found sufficient, but for large fires (Institutions, etc.) would need assistance. Fire Alarm (portable) Siren and 4 axes recommended.
13. Fire Brigade Organisation: Agreement with Co. Council for service of Large D.P. Motor Fire Engine located in Rathdrum (12 miles) if required.
14. Cost of Brigade: £1 per working hour or any part thereof at the scene of the fire, with 10s. per member of the Brigade in daytime and 15s. in nighttime; 2s. per mile travelling expenses.
15. Rate in the £: Not great; Oatmeal Mill (D. H. Haskins & Son, Ltd.) has own Sprinkler apparatus; Dominican Convent; large buildings should have fire hose and fire escapes.
16. Adequacy of Service: Light Trailer Pump; 13 lengths 50ft. hose, stand-pipes, 5he'me's and axes, 35ft. extension ladder.
17. Agreement with other Authorities: Trained A.R.P. Squad—6 men.
18. Cost of such Agreements: Yes.
19. General Fire Hazard in Area: Authority:
20. A.R.P. Equipment: 1d. in the £.
21. How Equipment Manned: Yes.
22. Financial capacity of Sanitary Authority: Yes.
23. Possible Maximum Rate: Yes.
24. Adequacy of existing legislation: Yes.
25. Suggestions for amendment: None.



## 26 Any other matters:

It is suggested that when Fire Brigade is in action at full strength, the Gardai should be present and should be officially operated with the duty of protecting the Brigade at work, rendering them immune from interference, preventing crowds and unauthorised persons from approaching the premises or obstructing by suggestion or direct action the efficient carrying out of work for which special personnel have been trained. At least one Guard in each Station should be trained in the essentials of Fire Fighting and thus be in a position to advise, assist and co-operate with the Brigade Officer.

(Signed)—J. O'BYRNE,  
Town Surveyor.  
(Signed)—JOHN McGRATH,  
Town Clerk.

Dated: 3rd day of June, 1944.

The Council adjourned to their next Meeting consideration of Counsel's Opinion based on a Case submitted by the Council's Law Agent and the County Surveyor regarding the retaining wall at the premises of Mr. Rae, Oonagh, Enniskerry, which wall collapsed some months ago.

The Council also adjourned to their next Meeting consideration of correspondence from the County Council's General Council (already printed and circulated on the 19th August, 1944, to each member of Wicklow County Council) concerning the award of Scholarships in Agriculture.

The Council also adjourned to their next Meeting consideration of the question of putting into operation for the Scholastic Year 1945/1946 a Scheme of Scholarships from Primary Schools to Secondary Schools in conformity with the Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) Act, 1944.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne; Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell;

Resolved—That, in compliance with the provisions of Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940, we hereby consent to, and approve and confirm the expenditure of, money, or the incurring of liability in excess of the expenditure for the particular purposes specified in the Estimates approved and adopted for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1945, under the following headings, and we are satisfied that such increased expenditure, or the incurring of such liability is due to matters not within the control of the County Manager.

	Grant	Rates	Total Estimated Cost
1. Sallygap/Kilbride Road, Ref. R.U.33/6E	£3,700	£1,300	£5,000
2. Sallygap-Laragh Road	£3,296	£1,159	£4,455
3. Whitebridge/Avoca Road No. 154	£2,774	£1,326	£5,100
Total required to be raised	..	£3,785	

Passed.  
The following two letters were submitted by the County Surveyor in connection with Ashford Bridge:—

Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.  
28th August, 1944.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,  
County Manager, Wicklow.

## ASHFORD BRIDGE.

Dear Sir,

I think that the Bridge notices restricting the speed and weight of traffic over this bridge can be erected immediately by your Authority under Section 153 of the Road Traffic Act of 1933, and there is no necessity to refer the matter to the Minister.

Yours faithfully,  
(Signed)—J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Manager.

Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.  
29th August, 1944.

## RE ASHFORD BRIDGE.

Dear Sir,

If the County Council decides, according to my recommendation, to divert the heavier traffic on the alternative route via Hunter's Hotel and Newrath Bridge, it would be desirable to restrict the speed limit to a maximum of 15 m.p.h. between Hunter's Hotel and Ashford—Road No. 69. Such restrictions, of course, must receive the sanction of the Minister for Local Government after holding a local inquiry on the application of the Local Authority, in accordance with Section 48 of the Road Traffic Act, 1943.

Yours faithfully,  
(Signed)—J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Manager.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick and accepted by the Chairman:—

## NOTICE OF MOTION.

That the motion relating to Ashford Bridge be rescinded in so far as permission is given for the erection of a temporary bridge, and that we again consider the question and expense of such temporary erection.

The County Manager pointed out that it would be ultra vires to pass the Notice of Motion on the Agenda standing in the name of Councillor J. J. Metcalfe, because said Notice of Motion had not been moved at the next subsequent Meeting to that at which it was handed in. Accordingly the following new Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe and accepted by the Chairman:—

## NOTICE OF MOTION.

I hereby give Notice that I or some Councillor for me will move at the next Meeting of this Council to be held after the expiration of one month, that the approval of Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing of a sum of £3,700 for the purpose of providing new Burial Grounds at Rathdrum, Avoca, Kilquiggan, Donard, Davidstown, and at Knockananna.

Pending an opportunity to receive and consider Counsel's Opinion on the subject, the Council deferred consideration to their next Meeting of the Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor T. Fitzpatrick (Item No. 28) on the Agenda, in which it was contemplated to impose conditions restricting attendances of children at night performances in Cinemas.

The Acting Secretary drew the Council's attention to the fact that under Section 61 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, all applications for Departmental sanction to Loans which it was intended to devote to works under the Poor Law Acts or the Medical Charities Acts which exceeded in value the sum of £400, required to be supported by a Consent Certificate signed by the majority of the Members of the County Council.

Accordingly, he submitted, in connection with the Council's proposal to borrow the sum of £1,100 for the purpose of the provision and equipment of a Maternity Annexe to the County Home, Rathdrum, the subjoined Consent, which was duly signed.



WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Application for Sanction to Raising of Loan.  
(Section 61 Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, etc.)

We, the undersigned, being the majority of the members of the Wicklow County Council, hereby consent to the borrowing by the Council of a sum of £1,100 (One Thousand One Hundred Pounds) for the purposes of the provision and equipping of a Maternity Annex to the County Home, Rathdrum.

(Signed)—J. J. Metcalfe, T. Fitzpatrick, J. J. Hickey, E. Byrne, G. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, C. M. Byrne, E. Farrell, J. Jacob, J. Everett, W. J. Doyle, P. McCarthy, J. McCrea.

Dated this 11th day of September, 1944.

P. T. HEALY, County Manager.  
J. J. MCCREA, Chairman.

In connection with Item No. 29 on the Agenda the County Manager submitted the following report and statistical return which he had circulated to each member of Wicklow County Council on the 1st September, inst.:

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.  
(Public Health Section).

1st September, 1944.

To each Member of Wicklow County Council.

A Chara.

In connection with the Notice of Motion standing in the name of the Chairman, Councillor J. J. McCrea, I submit herewith for the Council's information, tabulated statements indicating the possible advantages which would accrue if all expenditure in respect of Public Health Works and Public Lighting were charged over the entire County Health District of Wicklow instead of on small local areas as at present.

It should be noted that most of the areas of charge in question were fixed before the passing of the Local Government Act, 1925, as a result of which, for the purpose of chargeability of expenditure in connection with Public Health and Housing, the County Health District was divided into four separate areas, corresponding to the old Rural District Council areas.

Reference to the fifth column of the statements herewith will show the effect of the changes on the rates of the specified Districts. In the areas of Delgany and Greystones the charges are particularly heavy. If the Council decide to make all these varied expenses a charge on the County exclusive of the Urban Districts of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow, the resultant flat rate, based on the estimated net average annual expenditure shown in the Statements, would work out at elevenpence farthing in the Pound.

The procedure proposed in the Notice of Motion has, I understand, been adopted in other Counties.

Mise. le meas.

P. T. HEALY,

Wicklow County Manager.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Public Health Section).

Particulars of Separate Charges charged on the various areas in the County Health District of Wicklow.

BALTINGLASS RURAL DISTRICT:

No.	Area Charged.	Purpose.	Average Annual Expenditure Nett. £	Rate in £ if charged on area charged.	Rate in £ whole Co. Health District.
1.	Baltinglass Rural District	New water supply and sewerage systems constructed since 1931	3,195	1s.	3 pence
2.	Baltinglass Dispensary District	Stratford and Grange Con Sewers	10	1/8th d.	1/104th d.
3.	Blessington Dispensary District	Ballyknockan water (old)	15	1/4d.	1/68th d.
4.	Dunlavin Dispensary District.	Hollywood Sewers	5	1/20th d.	1/208th d.
5.	Kiltegan Dispensary District.	Kiltegan Sewers	2	1/27th d.	1/520th d.
23.	Blessington Electoral Division	Blessington Lighting	45	2 1/4d.	1/24th d.
25.	Donard Electoral Division.	Donard Lighting	15	2d.	1/67th d.
41.	Kiltegan Electoral Division	Kiltegan Lighting	15	2d.	1/69th d.
36.	Grange Con Electoral Division	Grange Con Lighting	12	3/4d.	1/86th d.
32.	Rathdangan Electoral Division	Rathdangan Lighting	15	1 1/2d.	1/69th d.
31.	Stratford Electoral Division	Stratford Lighting	12	2d.	1/86th d.
			£3,341		3 1/4d.

RATHDOWN RURAL DISTRICT:

6.	Rathdown Rural District	New water Supply and Sewerage systems constructed since 1931	1,620	11d.	1 1/2d.
8.	Parish of Delgany	Greystones Sewers	550	7 1/2d.	1/4d.
9.	Powerscourt Dispensary District	Enniskerry Sewers	35	1d.	1/29th d.
10.	Greystones Electoral Division	Greystones and Killincarriz Lighting	530	11d.	1/2
10.	Same	Greystones Sanitary Convenience	25	2d.	1/33rd d.
10.	Same	Greystones Dumping Ground	30		
21.	Cookstown, Kilgarron, Enniskerry, Knocksink, Monastery, Powerscourt and Parknasillogue	Enniskerry Lighting	80	4 1/4d.	1/26th d.
38.	Delgany Electoral Division	Delgany Lighting			2 3/4d.
			2,870		

RATHDRUM RURAL DISTRICT:

12.	Rathdrum Rural District	New water supply and sewerage systems constructed since 1931	3,860	8 3/4d.	3 1/2
13.	Arklow Dispensary District	Johnstown Water Supply	5	1/8th d.	1/208th d.
14.	Avoca Dispensary District	Tigroney Pumps	8	1/7th d.	1/130th d.
15.	Newcastle Dispensary District	Kilpeddar Sewers	10	1/10th d.	1/104th d.
15.	Newcastle Dispensary District	Newtown and Downs Water Supply	40	2/5th d.	1/27th d.
15.	Newcastle Dispensary District	Kilpeddar and Killadreenan water supplies	30	3/10th d.	1/33rd d.
15.	Newcastle Dispensary District	Kilcoole Sewers	5	1/20th d.	1/208th d.
16.	Wicklow Dispensary District	Ballinalea and Ashford Water Supplies	5	1/17th d.	1/208th d.
17.	Dunganstown Dispensary District	Kilbride and Kilcandra Pumps	5	1/16th d.	1/208th d.
22.	Avoca and Ballyarthur Electoral Divisions	Lighting Avoca	20	3/4d.	1/54th d.
26.	Glenealy Electoral Division	Lighting Glenealy	16	1/2d.	1/65th d.
27.	Newcastle Upr. Electoral division	Lighting Newtownmountkennedy	32	1-1/8th d.	1/32nd d.
28.	Rathdrum Electoral Division	Lighting Rathdrum	85	3d.	1/12th d.
30.	Wicklow Rural Electoral Division	Lighting Rathnew	40	1-1/8th d.	1/27th d.
39.	Kilcoole Electoral Division	Lighting Kilcoole	20	1/2d.	1/54th d.
40.	Glenealy Electoral Division	Lighting Ashford	18	1/2d.	1/58th d.
38.	Togher and Oldtown Electoral Divisions	Lighting Roundwood	40	2d.	1/29th d.
37.	Dunganstown E. and S. Electoral Divisions	Lighting Redcross	20	3/4d.	1/54th d.
			£4,259		4 1/8th d.

SHILLELAGH RURAL DISTRICT:

20.	Shillelagh Rural District	New Water Supplies and Sewers constructed since 1931	1,860	14 1/4d.	1 3/4d.
24.	Carnew Electoral Division	Carnew Lighting	40	2 1/4d.	1/27th d.
29.	Tinahely Electoral Division	Tinahely Lighting	35	2d.	1/29th d.
			£1,935		2d.



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In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was  
Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey:  
Resolved—That the expenses of all works or other matters incurred or to be incurred since 31st March, 1944, and which on that date were the subject of a separate charge on the rates of certain small local areas be, as and from 1st April, 1944, charged on the County Health District, as constituted immediately before 1st day of October, 1925, in which such works (particulars of which are set out below) are situate and, further, that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to issue the appropriate orders in the matter under seal:  
Provision and maintenance of Water Supplies, including Public Pumps and Wells.  
Provision and Maintenance of Sewerage and Drainage Systems.  
Provision of Public Dumping Grounds and Public Scavenging.  
Provision and maintenance of Public Lighting System.  
Passed by show of hands—ten Councillors voting for the Motion and four voting against.

The County Manager submitted report and coloured map showing the precise Districts in which each Cottage Rent Collector discharged his duties, and the number of cottages in each such District, which document he had already circulated to each member of Wicklow County Council on the 4th September instant, to assist in arriving at a decision when the County Council came to consider the Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor B. Farrell, Item No. 30 on the Agenda.  
In accordance with Notice the following Notice was  
Proposed by Councillor B. Farrell;  
Seconded by Councillor J. Jacob:  
That a Second Rent Collector be appointed for the No. 1 and 3 Collecting Districts in view of the unsatisfactory way it is being carried on at present, and that in my opinion the present Collector's area is much too large.  
After some discussion this Motion was withdrawn, with the consent of the Council.  
Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;  
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle:  
Resolved—That we hereby nominate the Rev. John Flood, C.C., as a member of Shillelagh Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, to replace the Rev. M. Brennan, C.C., who has been transferred from that Parish.  
Passed.  
At this stage the Council adjourned, leaving the remaining items on the Agenda to be considered at their next Monthly Meeting.

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Wicklow County Council



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Monthly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, the 9th October, 1944.

The following Members were present:

Councillor James J. McCrea, Chairman;

Councillors J. Everett, T.D.; P. McCarthy, W. J. Doyle, Peter Ledwidge, William J. Clarke, George Byrne, E. Byrne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, T. Fitzpatrick, C. W. Hudson, J. J. Bourne, H. J. Byrne, C. M. O Broin, B. Farrell and J. J. Metcalfe.

The County Manager, Mr. P. T. Healy, was in attendance.

The County Manager introduced Mr. Kevin J. Brangan, B.A., B.Comm., A.C.A., the new County Secretary. The Chairman on behalf of the Council extended a welcome to Mr. Brangan, who expressed his appreciation.

### BUSINESS :

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of previous Meetings.
2. To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
3. To execute such Cottage Tenancy Agreements as may be submitted.
4. To execute such Contracts as may be submitted under the Children's Acts in connection with the boarding out of Foster Children.
5. To Seal and Sign Vesting Orders (in duplicate) in respect of the sale of Cottages under the Labourers Acts, 1936, to the Tenants thereof.
6. To pass the usual Resolutions in connection with the Council's applications for (a) Overdraft Accommodation in the month of November on the County Council's General Account, and (b) Overdraft Accommodation on the Turf Production Account for the same month.
7. To receive and consider Senior Counsel's Opinion in connection with the Council's powers in relation to imposing certain conditions on Licences granted by them under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
8. To consider correspondence from the County Council's General Council concerning the restrictions on the admission of children to Cinematograph Performances.
9. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor T. Fitzpatrick:—

"I hereby give Notice that at the next Meeting of this Council I, or some Councillor acting for me, shall move that before granting further Cinema Licences this Council shall determine restrictive conditions as to the attendance of children."
10. To consider applications for Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
11. To receive a Joint Report from the Council's Law Agent and the County Surveyor regarding the retaining wall at the premises of Mr. Rae, Oonagh, Enniskerry, which wall collapsed some months ago.
12. To consider correspondence from the County Councils' General Council, as printed and circulated to each Member of Wicklow County Council, concerning the awarding of Scholarships in Agriculture.
13. To consider the putting into operation for the scholastic year, 1945/1946, a scheme of scholarships from Primary Schools to Secondary Schools in conformity with the Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) Act, 1944.
14. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor W. Clarke:—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the next Meeting of the County Council that this Council recommends the County Manager to take immediate steps for the selection and purchase of a site for a new County Hospital and to proceed with site development."
15. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy:—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some other member for me, shall move that the wages of Road Workers be increased by 10/- per week to meet increased cost of living."



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16. To receive and consider correspondence in connection with Plans approved by the County Surveyor regarding the erection of a Blacksmith's Forge near the North end of Church Road, Greystones.
  17. To consider a petition from the residents of Sugar Loaf, Rocky Valley and Glencap Commons protesting against the erection of huts and shacks in that district, and asking the County Council to refuse to allow these structures from a public health point of view.
  18. To consider a Report from the County Surveyor regarding the taking over of Mill Lane, Greystones, and other matters that have arisen in that area.
  19. To consider further correspondence received in connection with the Council's efforts in the direction of the Production of Lime in West Wicklow.
  20. To consider a communication from Killaveney Parish Committee regarding the use of Tinahilly Courthouse for public functions.
  21. To consider a communication from Aughrim Branch of the Labour Party, dated 7/8/44, asking (a) that works on roads in that area be commenced in order to absorb workers dismissed from Turf Work, and (b) concerning the tenancy of a Labourer's Cottage at Aughrim.
  22. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. McCrea:—  
"That I intend to move at the next Meeting of the County Council the raising of a Loan of £3,000 to repair and reconstruct the important County Road, Carnew-Umrigar to County Wexford Bounds Road 222."
  23. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor D. J. Kehoe:—  
"I hereby give notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the next Meeting of this Council that the approval of County Council be asked for raising of loan of £2,000 for purpose of erection of bridges or culverts at Kilcarney, Toorboy and Carricnamuck."
  24. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the Name of Councillor W. J. Clarke:—  
"That I, or someone for me, shall move at the next Meeting of the County Council that this Council requests that the County Manager shall take steps to confine the County Surveyor's duties to that of the County Surveyor, and the work of the Wicklow County Council, and that he will take steps to ensure that the County Surveyor ceases to devote his time to the work of the Wicklow Urban District Council."
  25. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor T. Fitzpatrick:—  
"That the Motion relating to Ashford Bridge be rescinded in so far as permission is given for the erection of a temporary bridge, and that we again consider the question and expense of such temporary erection."
  26. To consider and approve of draft Regulations governing the acceptance of tenders, made in accordance with Section 28 of the County Management Act, 1940.
  27. To consider and approve of draft instructions the County Manager proposes to issue to Rent Collectors.
  28. To consider and approve of draft Regulations made under Section 29 of the Labourers Acts, 1906, with respect to the letting of cottages and allotments.
  29. To consider such matters as may be raised for discussion in connection with the administration of Assistance, Health and Housing Services in the County, of which notice, as requested, has been given to the County Manager at his Rathdrum Office.
  30. To consider communication from the County Librarian pointing out the difficulty of securing quorum of members at Meetings of that Committee.
  31. To consider communication from Department of Local Government and Public Health, enclosing copy of letter from Mr. D. M. Doyle, 10, Gartan Avenue, Glasnevin, Dublin, in connection with the condition generally of burial grounds in the County Health District of Wicklow, and of Glenealy Burial Ground in particular.
  32. To consider communication from Mr. D. M. Doyle, 10, Gartan Avenue, Glasnevin, Dublin, containing an offer of pikes to the County Council on condition that they be suitably preserved and exhibited in the Council Chamber.

33. To consider a communication dated 9th September, 1944, from the General Secretary to the Workers' Union of Ireland, Dublin, repeating request of that Union that Wicklow County Council receive a deputation at their next Monthly Meeting.
34. To consider resolution from Aughrim Branch of the Labour Party applying to have allowance for boarded-out children substantially increased and varied in relation to, say, boy of 13 years, and boy of one year.
35. To pass Resolution appointing under Emergency Powers (No. 235) Order, 1944, an "Authorised Officer" or Officers, who shall accept responsibility for securing, at the proper time, the return of all A.R.P. equipment from members of the A.R.P. Services.
36. To consider the question of renewing for a fourth year the University Scholarships held by the three students under the 1941 University Scholarship Scheme.
37. To declare vacancy on the County Council in place of Councillor D. J. Kehoe, deceased.
38. To pass usual resolution authorising the raising of Loan of £3,000 to meet the cost of concreting Leitrim Place, Wicklow, as approved and adopted in the Road Work Scheme for the financial year 1944/'45.
39. To consider abstract of correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved: That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, have heard with deep regret of the death of our esteemed colleague, Councillor D. J. Kehoe, and we hereby extend to the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Ed. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

That inasmuch as Mr. P. T. Healy, at the request, twice repeated, of this Council, and free of all cost to the Rates or to the State, acted as its Secretary during the period from 27th August, 1942, to 4th October, 1944, with his usual efficiency and to our complete satisfaction, we hereby order and direct that he be paid for such services, by way of honorarium, one year's salary provided the Minister for Local Government and Public Health offers no objection thereto.

It is to be noted that if Mr. Healy had received his usual salary and emoluments in respect of the above-mentioned period, he would have been paid a total of £2,528 4s. 1d. Alternatively, if a new Secretary had been in office during the same period of two years, one month and one week, he would have been paid a total of £1,284 12s. 4d. or twice the amount now proposed to be paid to Mr. Healy.

As an Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

That a small committee be appointed to deal with the matter of a proposed gratuity to Mr. P. T. Healy, and that the amount suggested be modified, or take an alternative form including as to whether the staff should participate.

The Amendment was put to the Meeting, and a vote having been called for it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

FOR THE AMENDMENT: Councillors J. J. Bourne, B. Farrell, Dr. J. J. Hickey, H. J. Byrne, Peter Ledwidge, T. Fitzpatrick, C. W. Hudson and W. J. Clarke—8.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT: Councillors J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. J. Doyle, J. J. Metcalfe, Ed. Byrne, George Byrne, James Everett, T.D., and C. M. Byrne—8.

The Chairman declared the Amendment lost on his casting vote.

A further Amendment was

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Resolved: As an Amendment that the sum of £750 be substituted for the figure representing one year's salary in the original Motion: that £500 of this amount be paid as an honorarium to Mr. P. T. Healy for his services as Acting Secretary, and that the balance of £250 be distributed



among such members of the staff as had to shoulder additional work during the period; and that the following committee be appointed to allocate the sum of £250 among the members of the staff:—

Councillors J. J. McCrea, Chairman; C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman; C. M. Byrne, E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.

Passed unanimously.

Accordingly, this Amendment was substituted for the original Motion, which latter was withdrawn by Councillor E. Byrne with the consent of the Council.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

Seconded by Councillor W. Clarke;

Resolved: That the Minutes of previous Meeting, as printed and circulated to each Member of Wicklow County Council, be hereby approved and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Passed.

Arising out of the Minutes, Councillor Everett raised the question of the occupation of Wicklow Market Hall for A.R.P. purposes without any payment. The County Manager stated that the County Council was responsible and that the Town Clerk had undertaken to submit an itemised claim covering the losses suffered by the Urban District Council by reason of the taking over of the Market Hall for A.R.P. purposes.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell;

Resolved: That the Cottage Tenancy Agreements as set out on the subjoined list be sealed and signed:—

2nd March, 1940—George Gilbert, Killiskey, Arklow.

14th February, 1940—Martin Keogh, Ballinvalley, Woodenbridge.

20th January, 1940—William Murray, Kilcarra, Woodenbridge.

20th January, 1940—Thomas Thompson, Kilcarra, Woodenbridge.

24th February, 1940—Patrick Grace, Ballinaclea, Arklow.

21st March, 1940—James Redmond, Kilmacoo Lower.

10th January, 1940—William Killeen, Templeraíne.

21st January, 1940—Andrew Byrne, Ballintemple, Woodenbridge.

19th December, 1939—John Connolly, Kirikee.

24th November, 1939—Patrick Dunbar, Keelogue.

7th December, 1939—Patrick Byrne, Templeraíne, Arklow.

24th November, 1939—Laurence Murray, Ballinaheese.

14th December, 1939—Eugene Canavan, Kilmagig.

24th November, 1939—Mary O'Reilly, Templeraíne.

17th November, 1939—Michael Carton, Kilbride, Arklow.

29th November, 1939—Joseph Newsome, Macreddin, Aghrim.

24th November, 1939—John Grice, Kilbride.

6th December, 1939—Timothy Nagle, Kilbride.

16th November, 1939—John Byrne, Ballylug, Knockrath.

Passed.

At the request of Councillor P. McCarthy, the second portion of Item No. 21 on the Agenda, concerning the tenancy of labourer's cottage at Aghrim, was discussed and the Secretary was directed to communicate with Dr. O'Sullivan, Medical Officer of Health, requesting information concerning his recommendations regarding the tenancy of cottage referred to.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

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

Resolved: That Transfer, dated 2nd September, 1944, under the County Wicklow Labourers' Order, 1939, made between the County Council and Thomas Redhouse, for the exchange of Site 88 Ordnance Sheet, No. 21, acquired pursuant to the provisions of the above Order, be sealed.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

Resolved: That Contract Forms in connection with the boarding-out of children with Foster Parents be sealed and signed by the County Manager as follows:—

Name and Address of Foster-Parent.

Name of Child.

Mary Creane, Ballinahinch, Ashford —Pascall Mary McGuinness.

Elizabeth McCormack, Ballyroan, Newtown—Michael Killeen.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

Resolved: That the Vesting Order transferring from the County Council to Patrick Hickey the Cottage situate at Deerpark, under Section 17 of the Labourers Act, 1936, be sealed.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor G. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Wm. J. Clarke;

Resolved: That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the County Council's Turf Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the month of November, 1944, shall not exceed £30,000.

Passed.

Following a discussion on the position of the Turf Scheme and in particular the desirability of having such quantities of Turf as still remain on our bogs removed, Councillor Fitzpatrick asked that the Council support his proposal that every effort should be made to dispose by sale to any individuals or firms willing to purchase, so as to bring in as much cash as possible with a view to reducing our overdraft liabilities, and that the Departments of Local Government and Supplies be asked to concur and assist immediately.

The County Council agreed unanimously.

The Law Agent stated that he had received on the morning of the Meeting Senior Counsel's Opinion in connection with the County Council's powers in relation to the imposing of certain conditions on Licences granted by them under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, and had not yet had time to consider the matters dealt with therein.

It was decided to have Counsel's Opinion printed and circulated to each Member of the County Council before the next Meeting.

Items No. 8 and 9 on the Agenda were accordingly postponed for consideration at the November Meeting.

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

Following a report from the Council's Law Agent and the County Surveyor regarding the retaining wall at the premises of Dr. Rae, Oonagh, Enniskerry, the Council directed that the County Surveyor interview Dr. Rae, and submit a report for the Council's consideration at the next Meeting.

In connection with Item No. 12 on the Agenda, regarding the awarding of Scholarships in Agriculture, the Council decided to deal with this matter in the Estimates for the year 1945/46.

In connection with the putting into operation for the scholastic year 1945/46 a scheme of scholarships from Primary Schools to Secondary Schools in conformity with the Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) Act, 1944 (Item No. 13 on the Agenda), consideration of this matter was adjourned to the next Meeting, and the County Secretary was directed to submit an amended Scheme having particular regard to the following points:

- (1) Residential qualification: Three-year period, as embodied in 1944 Scheme to be retained in the Scheme for the coming year;
- (2) Means of parents or guardians: Proposals to be submitted incorporating a sliding Scale, limit of £300 to be extended according to the number of children in the family.
- (3) Notification to be given in the Scheme of the Council's intention to give preference, as far as may be found possible, in the allocation of one University Scholarship to a student who declares in writing that his studies are to be devoted to obtaining a degree in Agricultural Science.

The following Notice of Motion, standing in the name of Councillor W. J. Clarke was adjourned to the November Meeting, and the Secretary was directed to communicate with the Department of Local Government and Public Health with a view to receiving a deputation on the matter at the earliest possible moment:—



"That I, or someone for me, will move at the next Meeting of the County Council that this Council recommends the County Manager to take immediate steps for the selection and purchase of a Site for a new County Hospital, and to proceed with Site development."

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

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

Resolved: That the wages of Road Workers be increased by 10/- per week to meet increased cost of living.

As an Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;  
Secouded by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

That the General Council of County Councils be requested to obtain the views of all affiliated Councils regarding Road Workers' wages with a view to practical representations to the Government for amelioration of Agricultural and Road Wages in face of the increased cost of living.

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

FOR THE AMENDMENT: Councillors J. J. Bourne, H. J. Byrne, T. Fitzpatrick, C. W. Hudson, C. M. Byrne—5.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT: Councillors J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, Wm. J. Doyle, J. J. Metcalfe, B. Farrell, Ed. Byrne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, George Byrne, P. Ledwidge, J. Everett, T.D., W. J. Clarke—11.

The Chairman thereupon declared the Amendment to have been lost, five Councillors having voted for it and eleven Councillors having voted against it.

The original Motion was then put to the Meeting and the Chairman declared same to have been passed by eleven votes for to five against.

The County Secretary read the following correspondence in connection with Item No. 16 on the Agenda:

86, Merrion Square,  
Dublin.  
10th July, 1944.

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

#### LA TOUCHE ESTATE

Re: Proposed Blacksmith's Forge at North End of Church Road, Greystones—Owner, John Brady.

Dear Sir,

We are obliged for your letter of 6th inst., enclosing copy of letter from the County Surveyor and a copy of a letter from the Assistant Surveyor to the County Surveyor.

Apparently this matter has never been referred to the County Council, and permission to erect the forge has been granted by the Surveyor on the report of a Junior Official of the Council. We have read this report from which it is obvious that Mr. Dillon has not considered whether the proposed forge would interfere with the development of the La Touche Estate situate on the New Road.

Please let us know whether the matter can be brought before the County Council to review the decision of the County Surveyor. If this can be done, we would also like you to place our letters before the Council so that they may see that we object to what is proposed because we believe it will interfere with the development of the La Touche Estate.

Yours faithfully,

S. & R. WALKER & SON.

#### GREYSTONES & DISTRICT RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

Bushfield,  
Church Road,  
Greystones,  
Co. Wicklow.  
26th July, 1944.

Application to Erect Blacksmith's Forge near North End of Church Road, Greystones.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of 30th ult. This matter was submitted to our Committee, and they unanimously agreed that the site proposed is most unsuitable for a Forge. It is almost in the centre of a good class residential area, and would have a damaging effect on the neighbourhood. Not only would it do grievous injury to the value of the houses now situated in the proximity, but would also definitely hinder the development of the adjacent wide area, where there is every opportunity for the erection of a good type of house, and which in turn would yield a substantial return to the Council by way of rates.

The Committee wholeheartedly support the case put forward by the La Touche Estate Solicitors (Messrs. Walker) and respectfully urge that the application to erect a Forge on the proposed site be declined.

Perhaps you will kindly let me know your decision.

Yours faithfully,

ROCHFORD DOYLE,  
Vice-Chairman.

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

#### GREYSTONES AND DISTRICT RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

Bushfield,  
Church Rd., Greystones.  
13th September, 1944.

Dear Sir,

APPLICATION TO ERECT BLACKSMITH'S FORGE NEAR NORTH END OF CHURCH ROAD, GREYSTONES.

With reference to my letter of 26th July last.

We now understand, to our surprise, this Forge is in the course of erection.

Numerous objections have been lodged, as it is anticipated the location of a forge at this particular place will have an injurious effect on the district. Perhaps you will kindly let me know if the County Council has given its permission, and if not, what steps are being taken to prevent the unauthorised erection of this building.

Kindly reply early.

Yours faithfully,

ROCHFORD DOYLE, Vice-Chairman.

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

No written order.

In connection with Item No. 17 on the Agenda, the following Petition from the Residents of Sugar Loaf, Rocky Valley and Glencap Commons was read:—

To the Wicklow County Council:—

We the undersigned householders and ratepayers in the neighbourhood of the Sugarloaf, Rocky Valley and Glencap Commons ask the Wicklow County Council to preserve the beauty of one of the loveliest parts of the County, by refusing to sanction further erection of huts and shacks intended for use as dwelling houses, or for occasional habitation. We would also stress the danger to health, in view of possible contamination of the already inadequate water supply, and by reason of the absence of proper sanitation:—

N. J. Mayne, Clerk, Carrigoone, Kilmacanogue.  
A. J. Mayne, Carrigoone, Kilmacanogue.  
D. R. Chass, Carrigoone, Kilmacanogue.  
F. A. Kennedy, Knocknanny, Kilmacanogue.  
N. O. Burke, Una Cottage, Kilmacanogue.  
E. S. Cullinan, Derrybawn, Kilmacanogue.  
Irene A. Ball Acton, Glencapple, Kilmacanogue.



R. J. A. Jameson, Barr-na-Cullia, Kilmacanogue,  
 E. F. Jameson, Barr-na-Cullia, Kilmacanogue.  
 Mabel Young, Carrigoona Cottage, Kilmacanogue.  
 Paul Henry, R.H.A., Kilmacanogue.  
 Ida Warren, Dun Liam, Kilmacanogue.  
 Anne C. Flynn, Bushy Cote, Kilmacanogue.  
 F. C. Heatley, Seaview House, Glencormac, Bray.  
 A. C. Mabel Powell, Kilmurray Grove, Kilmacanogue.

A telegram, dated 14th August, 1944, was received from the Honourable Mr. Justice K. O'H. Haugh, St. Anne's, Kilmacanogue, in which he expressed his desire to have his name added to those on the foregoing Petition.

Following a discussion, it was decided to refer this item to the Law Agent for a direction as to the Council's powers.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey and accepted by the Chairman:—

**NOTICE OF MOTION.**

That the Bye-Laws relating to the erection of buildings in County Wicklow be reconsidered so as to include suitability as to the lay-out of locality.

In connection with Item No. 18 on the Agenda the following report was submitted by the County Surveyor:—

16th August, 1944.

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

**Re: Meeting re Mill Lane, Etc., at Greystones.**

Dear Sir,

Following your instructions to meet a deputation from the Greystones and District Ratepayers' Association, I made an appointment for the 10th instant in Greystones. Present at the meeting were R. Reade, Chairman; R. Doyle, Vice-Chairman; Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey, Assistant Surveyor Dillon and the County Surveyor.

**Mill Lane**

The Mill Lane was inspected throughout. The deputation made it clear that the only requirement at present is that openings at each end be made more easily accessible for pedestrians, cyclists and perambulators. The Mill Lane joins two Main Roads already maintained by the Wicklow County Council, viz., Road No. 26 and Road No. 24. The present width of carriage-way is only about 8ft., but the width between fences would be about 20ft. At the present time certain owners of carts hold a key for the gates at either end from the Burnaby Estate, the owners of this lane, with a right to pass through on the understanding that the gates are kept closed.

On the Greystones end there exists a small swing gate through which pedestrians can pass, but it is difficult for cyclists and perambulators. On the Kilcoole side the only means of access is to cross a low boundary wall adjoining the Main Road. The Committee ask that small permanent openings be left at either end. This would allow, of course, the entry of cattle and other livestock which would trespass over the lands of the Burnaby joining the Mill Lane if the lane were not fenced. It is a condition that if the Burnaby hand over the Mill Lane to the County Council for maintenance the said fencing must be erected, and at the present time this would cost about £120. Also, because of the narrow carriageway there would have to be constructed two or three passing places. Eventually, I believe, the idea is to open up the whole route for heavy traffic and therefore a substantial widening of the route would be necessary.

It is unlikely that any Grants from Employment Funds would be made available as there is no unemployment of any consequence in the District. The lane undoubtedly is a very desirable short cut from the Kilcoole District towards Greystones and would, in fact, relieve traffic at the very dangerous Cross Roads at Killincarrick through which it must pass at the moment.

**Public Library, Greystones.**

The deputation pointed out to me undoubtedly deplorable condition of the grounds surrounding the Library Buildings at Greystones which are over-grown with grass, weeds and briars. I was informed that representations were made in this regard to the County Manager so far back as January last

and that some undertaking had been given by the Librarian, but only a very small amount of clearing had been done. I told the deputation that this would not be the responsibility of the Roads Department of the County Council, but I promised to draw the attention of the County Manager to the complaint.

**Kimberley Road.**

The condition of this road was referred to by the deputation. It is undoubtedly unsatisfactory, but the deputation was satisfied when I said that owing to the present shortage of materials, tar, etc., it was impossible to surface it at present.

**Road to Metal Bridge.**

This road or lane has been the subject of considerable correspondence and as I pointed out to the deputation, because of the fact that it did not connect two existing roads maintained by the County Council our Auditor advised that we could not maintain it: this passage-way leads to an existing Metal Bridge over the Railway which is a right-of-way for pedestrians, and whilst the Railway Company maintain the bridge it does seem desirable that some solution should be found whereby the County Council would maintain the remainder of the lane leading to the beach as a very considerable amount of pedestrian traffic leading to and from the beach passes over it. I suggest that, if at all possible, our Law Agent might be asked for his opinion and find some way by which we could take over its maintenance.

**Ladies' Cloakroom.**

The deputation referred to this matter which has been the subject of so much negotiation and correspondence: the only obstacle in proceeding with the work would appear to be the necessary legal authority regarding site, acquisition, etc.

**Lodgement of Rainwater at Junction of new road with Delgany near Killincarrick.**

A pool of water after rain remains on the Main Road at a point where the new road from the cottages join it: owing to the shortage of tarring materials it has not been found possible to remedy this as the surface would have to be raised and regraded. The deputation appreciate this but asked that some temporary measure be taken, and this would be done.

**Water Supply to Cottages on Main Road near Killincarrick.**

The deputation pointed out that some of the cottagers had a considerable distance to go for water for household purposes and suggest an additional fountain. I think this is desirable and I ask your authority to have this work done at a cost not exceeding £24.

**Sea Front.**

The sea front was inspected and the deputation called attention to several dangerous places on the pathway due to sea erosion. The County Surveyor informed the deputation that the County Manager was at present considering the proposal to convert the whole sea front into a park provided that there were no legal obstacles in the way. When this will have been done the seats can be repaired and painted and such dangerous places as referred to will have to be protected. I estimate the cost at about £110.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Surveyor.

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

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey:

Resolved—That the road known as Mill Lane be taken over and maintained by Wicklow County Council and included in the Road Works Scheme, 1945/46, subject to an agreement with Burnaby Estate regarding the fencing. That Ennis' Lane be included in Road Works Scheme 1945/46.

Passed.



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

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Resolved—That copy of County Surveyor's report re works in Grey-stones be circulated for consideration.

Passed.

A file of correspondence was submitted in connection with the Council's efforts regarding the production of Lime in West Wicklow (Item No. 19 on Agenda).

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Seconded by Councillor B. J. Farrell;

Resolved—That the Law Agent be requested to pursue the possibility of acquiring the site and material from Mr. Darker, subject to the necessary facilities being provided by Messrs. Holmes & Sons; that pending the conclusion of these negotiations that arrangements be made with the owners of the stones to take away 4 tons from the site to the Kildare Kiln and that the County Surveyor is hereby directed to arrange with the Kildare authorities that the 4 ton be burned experimentally for us. That the County Surveyor be directed to ascertain independently from Kildare Co. Council if they are prepared to supply us with lime and on what terms and conditions.

Passed.

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

#### NOTICE OF MOTION.

I hereby give Notice that I, or some member for me, will at the first Meeting of the County Council to be held after the expiration of one month from the date of this Notice, move: That the Council approve of the borrowing of a sum of £3,250 (Three thousand two hundred and fifty pounds) for the purpose of providing a Water Supply at Monastery, Enniskerry.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe and accepted by the Chairman:—

#### NOTICE OF MOTION.

I hereby give Notice that I, or some member for me, will, at the first meeting of the County Council to be held after the expiration of one month from the date of this Notice, move: "That the approval of the Council be given to the borrowing by the Council of a sum of £3,250 (Three Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds) for the purpose of providing new Burial Grounds at Rathdrum, Avoca, Kilquiggan, Donard and Davidstown."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor C. W. Hudson and accepted by the Chairman:—

#### NOTICE OF MOTION.

I hereby give Notice that I, or some member on my behalf, will move at the next Meeting of the Wicklow County Council that the Resolution re provision and maintenance of Water Supplies, Sewerage and Drainage Systems, Dumping Grounds and Public Scavenging and Public Lighting Systems, passed at the Meeting of the Wicklow County Council on the 11th September, 1944, be rescinded.

At this stage the Council adjourned leaving consideration of the remaining Items on the Agenda to their next Monthly Meeting.



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Monthly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 13th November, 1944.

The following members were present:—

Councillor C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman, in the Chair.

Councillors P. McCarthy, W. J. Doyle, J. Everett, T.D., Joseph Jacob, P. Ledwidge, George Byrne, Edward Byrne, J. J. Bourne, T. Fitzpatrick, H. J. Byrne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, C. M. O Broin, J. Kavanagh, W. J. Clarke, B. Farrell and P. P. O'Reilly.

The County Manager, Mr. P. T. Healy was in attendance.

The Secretary read a letter from Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, regretting his inability to attend owing to illness.

### BUSINESS :

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of previous Meeting.
2. To sign applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
3. To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
4. To consider applications for Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
5. To consider applications for Licences under the Explosives Act, 1875.
6. 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.
7. To execute such Cottage Tenancy Agreements as may be submitted.
8. To execute such Contracts as may be submitted under the Children's Acts in connection with the boarding-out of Foster Children.
9. To Seal and Sign Vesting Orders (in duplicate) in respect of the sale of Cottages under the Labourers Acts, 1936, to the Tenants thereof.
10. To execute a Transfer of certain Cottages and Plots acquired by the Electricity Supply Board under the Liffey Reservoir Act, 1936.
11. To pass Resolution as requested by the Law Agent, empowering the County Secretary to make an Affidavit in connection with the application for Letters of Administration of the Estate of Patrick Byrne, formerly an inmate of the County Home Rathdrum.
12. To pass the usual Resolutions in connection with the Council's application for (a) Overdraft Accommodation in the month of December on the County Council's General Account, and (b) Overdraft Accommodation on the Turf Production Account for the same month.
13. To receive and consider Senior Counsel's Opinion in connection with the Council's powers in relation to imposing certain conditions on Licences granted under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
14. To consider correspondence from the County Councils' General Council concerning the restrictions on the admission of children to Cinematograph performances.
15. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor T. Fitzpatrick:—

"I hereby give Notice that at the next Meeting of this Council I, or some Councillor acting for me, shall move that before granting further Cinema Licences this Council shall determine restrictive conditions as to the attendance of children."
16. To again consider the putting into operation for the scholastic year, 1945/1946, a scheme of scholarships from Primary Schools to Secondary Schools in conformity with the Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) Act, 1944.
17. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor W. Clarke:—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the next Meeting of the County Council that this Council recommends the County Manager to take immediate steps for the selection and purchase of a site for a new County Hospital and to proceed with site development."



18. To receive a report in connection with the deputation who waited on the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health concerning the proposed Hospitalisation and Mental Hospital Schemes for County Wicklow.
19. To consider plans, estimate and specification prepared by P. J. Foley, B.E., for Maternity Wards, Sanitary accommodation, etc., at Baltinglass District Hospital.
20. To consider a communication from Killaveney Parish Committee regarding the use of Tinahely Courthouse for public functions.
21. To consider a communication from Aughrim Branch of the Labour Party, dated 7/8/44, asking that works on roads in that area be commenced in order to absorb workers dismissed from Turf Work.
22. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. McCrea:—  
"That I intend moving at the next Meeting of the County Council the raising of a Loan for £3,000 to repair and reconstruct the important County Road Carnew-Umrigar to Co. Wexford Bounds Road 222."
23. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor D. J. Kehoe:—  
"I hereby give notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the next Meeting of this Council that the approval of County Council be asked for raising of loan of £2,000 for purpose of erection of bridges or culverts at Kilcarney, Toorboy and Carricknamuck."
24. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor W. J. Clarke:—  
"That I, or someone for me, shall move at the next Meeting of the County Council that this Council requests that the County Manager shall take steps to confine the County Surveyor's duties to that of the County Surveyor and the work of the Wicklow County Council, and that he will take steps to ensure that the County Surveyor ceases to devote his time to the work of the Wicklow Urban District Council."
25. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor T. Fitzpatrick:—  
"That the Motion relating to Ashford Bridge be rescinded in so far as permission is given for the erection of a temporary bridge, and that we again consider the question and expense of such temporary erection."
26. To consider and approve of draft Regulations governing the acceptance of tenders, made in accordance with Section 28 of the County Management Act, 1940.
27. To consider and approve of draft instructions the County Manager proposes to issue to Rent Collectors.
28. To consider and approve of draft Regulations made under Section 29 of the Labourers Act, 1906, with respect to the letting of cottages and allotments.
29. To consider such matters as may be raised for discussion in connection with the administration of Assistance, Health and Housing Services in the County, of which notice, as requested, has been given to the County Manager at his Rathdrum Office.
30. To consider communication from the County Librarian pointing out the difficulty of securing quorum of members at Meetings of that Committee.
31. To consider communication from Department of Local Government and Public Health, enclosing copy of letter from Mr. D. M. Doyle, 10, Garton Avenue, Glasnevin, Dublin, in connection with the condition generally of burial grounds in the County Health District of Wicklow, and of Glenealy Burial Ground in particular.
32. To consider communication from Mr. D. M. Doyle, 10, Garton Ave., Glasnevin, Dublin, containing an offer of pikes to the County Council on condition that they be suitably preserved and exhibited in the Council Chamber.
33. To consider a communication, dated 9th September, 1944, from the General Secretary to the Workers' Union of Ireland, Dublin, repeating request of that Union that Wicklow County Council receive a deputation at their next Monthly Meeting.

34. To consider resolution from Aughrim Branch of the Labour Party applying to have allowance for boarded-out children substantially increased and varied in relation to, say, boy of 13 years and boy of one year.
35. To pass Resolution appointing under Emergency Powers (No. 325) Order, 1944, an "Authorised Officer" or Officers, who shall accept responsibility for securing, at the proper time, the return of all A.R.P. Equipment from members of A.R.P. Services.
36. To declare vacancy on the County Council in place of Councillor D. J. Kehoe, deceased.
37. To pass usual resolution authorising the raising of loan of £3,000 to meet the cost of concreting Leitrim Place, Wicklow, as approved and adopted in the Road Work Scheme for the financial year 1944/45.
38. To consider Abstract of Correspondence.
39. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne:—  
"I hereby give Notice that I, or some member for me, will at the first meeting of the County Council to be held after the expiration of one month from the date of this Notice, move: That the Council approve of the borrowing of a sum of £3,250 (Three Thousand two Hundred and Fifty Pounds) for the purpose of providing a Water Supply at Monastery, Enniskerry."
40. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:—  
"I hereby give Notice that I, or some member for me, will, at the first meeting of the County Council to be held after the expiration of one month from the date of this Notice, move: That the approval of the Council be given to the borrowing by the Council of a sum of £3,250 (Three Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds) for the purpose of providing new Burial Grounds at Rathdrum, Avoca, Kilquiggan, Donard and Davidstown."
41. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor C. W. Hudson:—  
"I hereby give Notice that I, or some member on my behalf, will move at the next Meeting of Wicklow County Council, that the Resolution re provision and maintenance of water supplies, sewerage and drainage systems, dumping grounds, public scavenging and public lighting system, passed at the Meeting of Wicklow County Council on 11th September, 1944, be rescinded."
42. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. J. Hickey, M.D.:—  
"That the Bye Laws relating to the erection of buildings in County Wicklow be reconsidered so as to include suitability as to lay-out of locality."
43. To fill a vacancy on the Baltinglass No. 1 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, caused by the death of Councillor D. J. Kehoe.
44. To consider County Analyst's Report for the Quarter ended 30th Sept., 1944.
45. To receive report from the Law Agent regarding the Council's powers in connection with the erection of huts and shacks in the Sugar Loaf, Rocky Valley and Glencap Commons area.
46. To consider a proposal to extend Newtownmountkenedy Sewerage Scheme to Newcastle Sanatorium Gate.
47. To consider a letter received from the Secretary to the Irish Farmers' Federation regarding (1) their desire to have rescinded the Resolution re Separate Charges, passed at the September Meeting of the County Council; (2) protesting against the appointment of additional engineers; and (3) objecting to the neglect of roads and bridges in the County.
48. To consider resolution passed by the County Councils' General Council regarding the unsuitability of roads for horse traffic.
49. To consider Report on the state of the Cottage Rent Collection in the County for half-year to 30th Sept., 1944.
50. To consider the advisability of setting up Committees under Section 11 of the Public Assistance Act, 1939, in towns of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow, in connection with the administration of Home Assistance in these areas.



51. To consider the question disclosed in the correspondence, circulated to each Member, as to altering the site of 15 cottages at Ballywaltrim.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne;  
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

Resolved—That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, have heard with deep regret of the death of the former Sub-Sheriff, Mr. William Toomey, B.L., and we hereby extend to the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;  
Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell:

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, tender our sincere sympathy with Surgeon W. G. Lyons, Balinglass Hospital, on the death of his beloved father, Dr. Edward Lyons, Dunlavin, who was not only a great practitioner but also was a great Christian gentleman.

He saw in his work a divine creation of rare dignity. His one purpose in life was to give the best to the service of the people with whom his lot was cast.

Passed.

Several members having remarked on the length of the Agenda for the Meeting, a discussion followed, and it was

Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;  
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That the form of the Agenda be revised and that Reserved Functions come first, Finance second, Health third, and formal matters be referred to a general form of approval where not contested.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That the Minutes of previous Meeting, as printed and circulated to each member of Wicklow County Council, be hereby approved, adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle:

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.

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

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;  
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise and direct the issue of Store Licences under the Explosives Act, 1875, in our County Surveyor's name for the County Council Magazines erected at Carrigmore Quarry, Tomacork Quarry, and Glen-of-the-Downs Quarry.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Jacob;  
Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey:

Resolved—That the Cottage Tenancy Agreements as set out on the subjoined list be sealed and signed:—

18th July, 1944—Patrick Lyons, Liscolman, Tullow.

21st July, 1944—Laurence Brennan, Ardoyne, Tullow.

9th Sept., 1944—Elizabeth Byrne, Rosbane.

9th Sept., 1944—Michael Kenny, Rosbane.

16th Sept., 1944—Patrick Brady, Ballyronan.

16th Sept., 1944—Mary O'Neill, Dunganstown.

16th Sept., 1944—Mary Kenna, Blainroe.

19th Sept., 1944—James Browne, Coolballintaggart.

23rd Sept., 1944—Bridget Rossiter, Ballingate.

30th Sept., 1944—Peter Swan, Ballymerrigan, Rathnew.

30th Sept., 1944—Peter Doherty, Ballybeg, Rathnew.

30th Sept., 1944—Mrs. Florence Newsome, Rathnew.  
12th Oct., 1944—John Redmond, Ballynulta, Shillelagh.  
28th Oct., 1944—William J. Weeks, Ardoyne.

Passed.

There were no Contract Forms for submission in connection with the boarding-out of children with Foster Parents.

The Secretary reported that there were no Vesting Orders for submission in respect of the sale of cottages under the Labourers' Acts to the tenants thereof.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey:

Resolved—That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby affix our Seal to the Deed of Transfer from the Electricity Supply Board to Wicklow County Council relating to certain cottages and plots, specified in the first and second Schedule herein, acquired by the Electricity Supply Board under the Liffey Reservoir Act, 1936.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor G. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby empower Mr. Kevin J. Brangan, County Secretary, to make Affidavit to lead to Citation addressed to the next-of-kin of Patrick Byrne, formerly of Barndarrig, Wicklow, and late of the County Home, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow, who died on the 24th day of January, 1944, and to apply for Letters of Administration, Intestate, of the personal estate of the said Patrick Byrne, deceased, as our nominee.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;  
Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the County Council's Turf Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the month of December, 1944, shall not exceed £20,000.

Passed.

The Secretary read correspondence from the County Councils' General Council concerning the admission of children to Cinematograph performances. The Council directed that copy of Counsel's Opinion should be forwarded to the General Council of County Councils.

Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;  
Seconded by Councillor George Byrne:

That all future Cinema Licences be subject to the following conditions:—

Children under the age of 14 years shall not be allowed to be present on the Cinema premises after 8 p.m., whether accompanied by parents or other adults or not.

Children under the age of 14 years shall not be allowed to be seated within 20 feet from the Screen, subject to confirmation of the Council's powers in that respect.

That no picture of any kind whatsoever shall be shown on Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday or Good Friday.

That ventilation shall be provided in accordance with new conditions to be decided on by the County Engineer.

That we ask the Urban Councils of the County to adopt similar conditions, and that for this purpose a Conference be arranged between the Urban Councils and the County Council, and that pending such conference the adoption of this Resolution be postponed.

Following a discussion, it was

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

Resolved—That the proposal be adjourned until a Conference is held between this Council and the three Urban District Councils in the County for the purpose of discussing the advisability and practicability of putting this Motion into effect.

Passed.



The following Councillors were nominated to attend the Conference with the Urban District Councils:—Councillors T. Fitzpatrick, C. M. Byrne, J. J. Bourne and C. W. Hudson.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Bourne:

Resolved—That the members of the Wicklow County Council ask the members of the General Council of County Councils to press the Government to amend the Cinematograph Act of 1909 so as to secure that children under 14 years of age shall not be admitted to Cinemas where any pictures of a gangster, sexual or morally objectionable type are shown.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Seconded by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick:

Resolved—That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby approve, confirm and adopt, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Education, the draft Scheme of Scholarships from Primary Schools to Secondary Schools as prepared by our Secretary, subject to the following alterations having been first embodied therein:—

Paragraph 3 to read as follows:—

**RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATION**—The parents or guardians of intending candidates must have resided in County Wicklow on the first day of October preceding the Examination.

Paragraph 4 to read as follows:—

**MEANS OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS**—Competition for these Scholarships shall be confined to children whose parents or guardians

(a) Occupy agricultural land the annual Poor Law Valuation of which does not exceed:—

(i) £100 in the case of families of 3 children or less.

(ii) £110 in the case of families of 4 children or less.

(iii) £115 in the case of families of 5 children or less.

(iv) £120 in the case of families of 6 children or more.

and/or (b) Derive an annual income from all sources not exceeding

(i) £300 in the case of families of 3 children or less.

(ii) £320 in the case of families of 4 children or less.

(iii) £340 in the case of families of 5 children or less.

(iv) £360 in the case of families of 6 children or more.

Children referred to in this clause must be under 18 years of age.

The following paragraph to be inserted:—

"It is the intention of the County Council, when operating a University Scholarship Scheme, to give preference in the allocation of one scholarship to a student who declares in writing that his studies are to be devoted to obtaining a degree in Agricultural Science."

Passed.

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

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:

Resolved—That we, the members of Wicklow County Council, request the Minister for Education to extend the age limit for Secondary School Scholarships from 14 years on 1st August preceding the examination to 15 years on 1st January preceding the examination.

The following report of the Deputation, appointed by the County Council, which waited on the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the 26th October, 1944, was considered by the Council.

THOMAS BYRNE, i/c, PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SECTION.

31st October, 1944.

"I have to report that the deputation appointed by the Co. Council to wait on the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in connection with the proposed Hospitalisation and Mental Hospital Schemes for the County was received by Dr. Ward at the Custom House on Thursday, 26th instant. The County Council was represented by Councillors J. J. McCrea (Chairman), P. McCarthy, C. M. Byrne and J. Everett, T.D., together with Mr. Brangan, County Secretary, and myself. Deputies T. Brennan and P. Cogan also attended.

Councillor Everett, T.D., stressed the need generally for the provision of increased Hospital accommodation in the County. He referred to the

difficulties frequently experienced during the past year by Dispensary Medical Officers in securing admission to Dublin Hospitals of cases, even though of an urgent nature, when accommodation for them was not available in our own County Institutions or where cases were of such a nature that they could not be dealt with at the County Hospital. Councillor Everett also expressed the view that the proposed new Fever Hospital should be proceeded with forthwith, as during the recent epidemic of diphtheria a large number of cases would have had to be dealt with in their own homes were it not for the fact that the County Manager resorted to the expedient of erecting a wooden hut as an annexe to the Fever Hospital, thereby almost doubling the accommodation of the Institution for patients, an arrangement, however, which could not be regarded as being entirely satisfactory, especially during the cold winter months.

Councillor C. M. Byrne also stressed the need for the immediate provision of increased Fever accommodation and instanced the difficulties experienced by the Medical Officer and staff of the County Fever Hospital, Wicklow, in dealing with the admission of patients on occasions when cases of other infectious diseases had to be treated in that three-ward Institution, while at the same time endeavouring to cope with the main problem, the diphtheria epidemic.

Councillor J. J. McCrea supported the points made by Deputy Everett and Councillor C. M. Byrne, and referred specially to the urgent need for proceeding with the provision of additional maternity wards and sanitary accommodation at Baltinglass District Hospital, the plans of which had been prepared some years ago. He also referred to the proposal contained in the Local Government Department's letter of 18th June, 1935, to discontinue the practice of performing major operations at the Hospital and to reduce the bed complement of the Institution to 25, and pointed out that the carrying out of the proposal would affect very seriously the residents of the large area served by the Institution. He stressed the fact that during the 12 or 13 years of its existence, the people concerned had come to place complete confidence in the Hospital and its Surgeon, Dr. W. G. Lyons, who is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland, and accordingly the proposed lowering of its status would be regarded by all with great disfavour.

Councillor McCarthy pressed the Parliamentary Secretary to consider the question of providing a small hospital at Arklow, similar to that proposed to serve the Bray area, on the grounds that the distance from Arklow to the Hospitals in Dublin and Baltinglass, particularly in cases of urgency, was excessive. The extent of the population of Arklow and its surrounding district, he contended, justified the provision of a Hospital there.

Deputies T. Brennan and P. Cogan supported, at length and in detail, the pleas put forward by the speakers aforementioned.

Dr. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health, detailed the difficulties created by reason of the lack of adequate accommodation at the Fever Hospital, Wicklow, and also dealt with the desirability of providing increased accommodation at the Tuberculosis Institution, Rathdrum, for cases awaiting admission to Extern Sanatoria, and also for cases convalescing after other institutional treatment.

Mr. K. J. Brangan, County Secretary, conveyed to the Parliamentary Secretary the views of the County Manager concerning the desirability of expediting as far as possible the erection of a new Fever Hospital. Notwithstanding the recent provision of the Hut annexe to the Institution proper, Mr. Brangan pointed out, the Manager had had many anxious moments during the past month, as, when endeavouring to obtain alternative accommodation for Fever patients, he had found Cork Street and St. Columille's Hospitals both full to capacity, and were it not for the fact that Naas Fever Hospital had taken some of our patients, quite a large number of cases of Diphtheria in Rathnew would have had to be treated in their own homes, a very undesirable condition of affairs.

Adverting to the question of the proposed Mental Hospital, Councillor McCrea and Deputies Everett and Brennan referred to the great saving to the Rates of the County which could be effected by the Council making



provision for the treatment of County Wicklow Mental patients within the County, even though certain patients requiring highly specialised treatment, such as Shock Therapy, etc., continued to be sent to Grangegorman Mental Hospital. Reference was made by the speakers to the ideal situation of the disused Workhouse at Shillelagh for the purpose, the land surrounding which was of a high quality and which at the moment was actually for sale. The utilisation of the existing buildings there would, according to the estimate of the County Engineer, effect a saving of £186,000 in comparison with the erection of a completely new building. Emphasis was laid on the great benefit which would accrue to farmers and workers in the area by the reason of the erection of a Mental Hospital in the district, by creating a market for their surplus produce. Reference was also made to the convenience of Shillelagh from the point of view of its accessibility to relatives who desired to visit patients.

Dr. Ward, Parliamentary Secretary, replying to the Deputation, drew attention to existing building difficulties, with particular regard to the scarcity of timber. Before the present emergency arose, he stated, the Local Government Department had entered into heavy commitments on the assumption that Sweepstakes on the pre-war scale would continue, in other words, the future in that respect was mortgaged. Since the outbreak of War that source of income had, of course, largely dried up, and as a result he could not hold out any immediate prospect of the provision of a new Fever Hospital, unless the Council were prepared to proceed with its erection without aid from the Sweepstakes Fund. If the Council could not do that, he was afraid that the provision of the Hospital and also of the proposed County Hospital at Wicklow and District Hospital at Bray, would have to be postponed until after the Emergency. In the meantime, there was no objection to suitable sites being selected tentatively, nor to the preparation of plans for the Fever Hospital. Actually, such a course would ensure that no undue delay would occur in commencing work immediately the war was over and the necessary supplies of building materials were again available.

Dr. Ward referred to impending improvements at Loughlinstown Hospital which, he thought, might ease the position in County Wicklow as regards Fever patients. The proposal to lease a house adjacent to the County Hospital at Wicklow for the purpose of housing the nursing and domestic staff, thereby providing increased accommodation for patients in the Hospital proper, was not, to his mind, a good proposition, and he was of opinion that it might be deemed advisable for the County Manager to reconsider the matter in collaboration with the Members of the County Council.

**Baltinglass Hospital.**—No anxiety, Dr. Ward stated, need be felt regarding the status of Baltinglass Hospital, at least for many years to come. He was in agreement with what had been said by members of the deputation in relation to the capabilities and skill of the Surgeon of the Institution. He suggested that such less important matters as the provision of a Maternity Annexe, improved sanitary arrangements, etc., might now be attended to.

**Mental Hospital:** Dr. Ward pointed out that, while no final decision in the matter would be made on that day, in present circumstances the project must be placed on "the long finger." He referred to the great advances made recently in the treatment of Mental Diseases, the results of which were found to be highly satisfactory, and stated that such treatment might not always be available in County Wicklow. In his opinion, it would not be possible to reconstruct an old Workhouse into an efficient Mental Hospital, and, while the walls and building generally might be structurally sound, it would nevertheless be unsuitable from every point of view. The present high maintenance cost per head in Grangegorman, he added, was largely due to Emergency conditions, with particular regard to the increased price of fuel, which actually amounted to the equivalent of £21 per patient per annum. The County Council should, he concluded, take these matters into consideration when reconsidering the project, and if they then still were of opinion that it was advisable to secede from Grangegorman Joint District Hospital, an appropriate Scheme could be prepared, after the submission of which a Sworn Inquiry would be held into the proposals set forth therein.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor William J. Clarke;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

That this Council recommends the County Manager to take immediate steps for the selection and purchase of a site for a new County Hospital and to proceed with site development.

The following Amendment was

Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

That this Council recommends the County Manager to take immediate steps for the selection of sites for new Hospitals as required in the County and its Urban Districts, this selection to be in accordance with any already approved Scheme, but not including the use of the word "County" before the Wicklow Urban Hospital.

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

**FOR THE AMENDMENT:** Councillors W. J. Doyle, Ed. Byrne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, H. J. Byrne, George Byrne and T. Fitzpatrick—(6).

**AGAINST THE AMENDMENT:** Councillors J. Kavanagh, P. McCarthy, J. J. Bourne, P. P. O'Reilly, B. Farrell, P. Ledwidge, J. Everett, T.D., C. W. Hudson, C. M. Byrne, W. J. Clarke and Joseph Jacob—(11).

The Chairman thereupon declared the Amendment to have been lost, six Councillors having voted for it and eleven Councillors having voted against it.

A further Amendment was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Kavanagh;

That the County Manager take steps to select sites for the Hospitals proposed in the Local Government Department's letter of 18th June, 1935, No. P.88602/25.

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

**FOR THE AMENDMENT:** Councillors J. Kavanagh, W. J. Doyle, J. J. Bourne, Ed. Byrne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, H. J. Byrne, G. Byrne, T. Fitzpatrick, C. W. Hudson—(9).

**AGAINST THE AMENDMENT:** Councillors P. McCarthy, P. P. O'Reilly, B. Farrell, P. Ledwidge, J. Everett, T.D., C. M. Byrne, W. J. Clarke, J. Jacob—(8).

The Chairman thereupon declared the Amendment to have been passed, nine Councillors having voted for it and eight Councillors having voted against it.

The original Motion, amended as follows, was then put to the Meeting:

**Resolved**—That this Council recommends the County Manager to take steps to select sites for the Hospitals proposed in the Local Government Department's letter of 18th June, 1935, No. P.88602/25.

Passed by 9 votes to 8.

The County Secretary read the following letter received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated 9th instant:

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,  
Custom House.

Dublin.

9th November, 1944.

P.V.W.18398/44.

Gill Mhanntain.

A Chara,

I am directed by Dr. Ward, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, to refer to the deputation received by him on the 26th ultimo in connection with hospitalisation in County Wicklow, and to state that he will be prepared to consider proposals for the execution of necessary works at the District Hospital, Baltinglass.

In formulating proposals, the County Manager should bear in mind the following urgent requirements:—

1. Adequate accommodation for maternity cases;
2. Adequate sanitary accommodation;
3. Satisfactory domestic hot water supply;
4. External Fire-escape.

Secretary, Wicklow County Council,      Mise, le meas.  
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Proposed by Councillor B. Farrell;  
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to secure from Hospital Sweepstakes Fund a contribution of two-thirds of the cost of provision of additional wards, sanitation, and drainage at Baltinglass District Hospital, estimated to cost £4,000.

As the plans, estimate and specification prepared by Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., for the improvements at the District Hospital, Baltinglass, were not before the Council, consideration of this proposal was postponed.

The County Secretary read communication from Killavenny Parish Council, Tinahely, requesting certain alterations and repairs to the Courthouse, and stating that the District Court Clerk had refused to grant permission for any further functions until the necessary work had been completed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne;  
Seconded by Councillor Joseph Kavanagh:

Resolved—That the District Court Clerk in Arklow be informed that it is the express wish of Wicklow County Council that so soon as he has satisfied himself that the Gallery has been adequately supported, and that panic bolts allowing all doors to open outwards have been installed, he should rent the Tinahely Courthouse as and when required at reasonable rates.

Passed.

In connection with Item No. 21 on the Agenda, the County Surveyor stated that workers dismissed from turf work in the Aughrim Area had now been absorbed in work on roads in that area.

In the absence of Councillor J. J. McCrea, the Notice of Motion relating to the raising of a loan of £3,000 for the repair and reconstruction of County Road, Carnew-Umrigar, was deferred.

The Notice of Motion, standing in the name of Councillor D. J. Kehoe, lapsed as the result of the Councillor's death.

The County Surveyor stated he would note both the foregoing Items for inclusion in the Provisional Road Works Scheme.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Clarke;

Seconded by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick:

That this Council requests that the County Manager shall take steps to confine the County Surveyor's duties to that of the County Surveyor, and the work of the Wicklow County Council, and that he will take steps to ensure that the County Surveyor ceases to devote his time to the work of the Wicklow Urban District Council.

Following a short discussion, Councillor Clarke, in deference to the general wish of the Council, withdrew his Motion.

In connection with the following Notice of Motion, standing in the name of Councillor T. Fitzpatrick (Item No. 25 on the Agenda)—“That the Motion relating to Ashford Bridge be rescinded in so far as permission is given for the erection of a temporary bridge, and that we again consider the question and expense of such temporary erection,” the County Manager reported on the position relating to Ashford Bridge, and stated that as it was the intention to widen the existing Bridge, it would not be necessary to erect a temporary structure. It would be possible to erect one half of the new bridge without interfering with the existing Bridge, and to make use of that portion while demolishing the original Bridge.

Consideration and approval of draft Regulations governing the acceptance of Tenders, made in accordance with Section 28 of the County Management Act, 1940, was postponed to the next Meeting.

The Council also decided to postpone consideration and approval of the draft Instructions the County Manager proposes to issue to Rent Collectors.

In accordance with Item No. 36 on the Agenda, the Council made the following Declaration:—

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

We, the Members of the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby declare the Office of Councillor held by Councillor D. J. Kehoe to be vacant, in consequence of his death, and we direct that this vacancy

shall be notified by a Circular issued to each member of this Council.

A copy of said Circular to be posted adjacent to the outer door of the Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dated this 13th day of November, 1944.

Signed: C. W. HUDSON

J. J. BOURNE

H. J. BYRNE

T. FITZPATRICK

Signed: K. J. BRANGAN

Acting Chairman.

Three Members of

Wicklow County

Council.

Secretary to the said Council.

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

I hereby give Notice that I (or some Member for me) will, at the Meeting of Wicklow County Council to be held on 11th December, 1944, Move: “That approval be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow County Council of a sum of Five Thousand and Fifty Pounds (£5,050) for the purpose of the extension of the Newtownmountkennedy Sewerage System to Killadreenan.”

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

I hereby give Notice that I (or some Member for me) will, at the Meeting of Wicklow County Council to be held on 11th December, 1944, move: “That approval be given to the borrowing by Wicklow County Council of a sum of One Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty-eight Pounds (£1,628) as a Supplementary Loan for the purpose of completing a Scheme of Cottage Building in the Villages of Rathnew and Rathdrum (No. 2 Village Scheme).”

One of the Councillors present referred to Item No. 33 on the Agenda, namely, a communication from the General Secretary to the Workers' Union of Ireland, Dublin, dated the 9th September, 1944, repeating a request of that Union, that the Council receive a Deputation to discuss certain matters relating to their Members that had come under the notice of that Union.

Reference was made to an Order of a previous Meeting of the County Council which dealt with the procedure to be followed before any deputation was received or any item placed on the Agenda purporting to receive a deputation.

The Secretary was requested to present a copy of this Order to the Council at their next Meeting.

The Council directed that the following Abstract of Correspondence be inserted in the Minutes:—

At this stage the Council adjourned consideration of the remaining items on the Agenda to the next Meeting of the Council.



## Abstract of Correspondence

FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND  
PUBLIC HEALTH.

- 17th January, 1944.  
No. PH/80/44. Cill Mhanntain. Acknowledging receipt of Wicklow Co. Council's resolution regarding the Regulations issued in pursuance of the Cinematograph Act, 1935.
- 2nd March, 1944.  
No. T.A.161.g. Referring to the wages of workers employed on emergency turf production schemes at bog development works, and intimating that it has been decided that in any county in which the scale is at present low, the rate of wages may, if the County Manager so decides, be increased to 10<sup>d</sup>. per 48-hour working week, and in counties where the existing rates are already higher than 42/- for a 48-hour working week, an increase in the existing rates up to 2/- per week may be allowed. Hours worked above 48 per week may be paid at 1/1<sup>d</sup>. per hour.
- 6th March, 1944.  
R/IR/107/1. Suggesting the necessity to advertise the proposal to extend for one month the temporary closing of Road No. 377.
- 23rd March, 1944.  
G.3979/2/44. Sanctioning an emergency bonus of 8/- per week to Messrs. W. C. Byrne, A. O'Connor and P. McGuire, and at the rate of 6/6<sup>d</sup>. per week to Messrs. V. King, P. J. Swords, G. F. Nicholls, R. A. Lavan, J. P. McDonnell, Misses V. C. Byrne, H. M. Meagher, M. Gregan, B. Finlay, M. McCrea, and J. McDermott, together with an Emergency Bonus of 6/d. to the temporary staff employed on Rate Applotment.
- 23rd March, 1944.  
H.6172/44. Acknowledging receipt of Co. Manager's letter of 18th instant concerning the rate of subsidy on houses erected under the Labourers' Acts.
- 23rd March, 1944.  
T.A.100/33/2. Approving of the employment of temporary clerical assistance on Turf Production Schemes as set forth in the Co. Manager's Order of 11th instant.
- 25th March, 1944.  
L.6173/44. Cill Mhanntain. Referring to Wicklow Co. Council's resolution regarding fire-fighting arrangements in this county and pointing out that the purport of the resolution is not clear.
- 27th March, 1944.  
G.6018/44. Sanctioning expenditure not exceeding £450 for the employment of temporary clerical assistance for the applotment of Rates for the financial year 1944/45, and intimating that the Minister has given a covering sanction to the expenditure of £6 9s. 9d. in excess of amount sanctioned for rate applotment for the current year.
- 28th March, 1944. Acknowledging receipt of Wicklow County Council's resolution regarding works carried out in pursuance of the Liffey Reservoir Act, 1936.
- 29th March, 1944.  
TA.100/33/3. Sanctioning the continuance of overdraft accommodation in connection with Turf Production for the sum of £12,000 for the period ending 30th April, 1944.

- 5th April, 1944.  
TA.100/33/2. Approving of the transfer of Miss Flynn and Miss McDermott from Rate Applotment to clerical work on the Turf Production Scheme up to the 30th September, 1944.
- 13th April, 1944.  
TA.100/33/2. Sanctioning the employment of Misses E. M. Byrne and Mary Kavanagh up to the 30th Sept., 1944.
- 14th April, 1944.  
TA.161/33. Concurring with the terms of the County Manager's order regarding wages and piece rates payable to Turf Workers.
- 14th April, 1944. Referring to the resolution of Wicklow Co. Council concerning carters, and pointing out that 12/6<sup>d</sup>. is the maximum rate prevailing in other rural areas.
- 15th April, 1944.  
TA.100/33/2. Referring to the Co. Manager's letter of the 6th April, 1944, regarding travelling expenses of the Co. Surveyor and technical staff whilst engaged on Turf Production in 1944, and offering no objections to the allocation of travelling expenses at the rates indicated by the County Manager.
- 20th April, 1944.  
TA.122.G. Referring to the Fuel Situation and pointing out that the consumption of turf and coal for the 12 months from the 30th April, 1944, would not exceed 75 per cent. of that permitted for the preceding year.
- 24th April, 1944.  
G.463/4/44. Approving of the proposal of the County Council to extend the time to the 30th instant for the closing of Poor Rate Collectors' Warrants.
- 25th April, 1944.  
H.6172/1944. Co. Wicklow. Referring to the resolution of Wicklow Co. Council concerning an increase in the subsidy limit for cottages erected under the Labourers' Acts.
- 28th April, 1944. Approving of the retention up to the 30th June, 1944, of Messrs. M. Mc.D. Flemming, P. Howard and D. O'Brien, Temporary Engineers.
- 2nd May, 1944.  
RU/204. Indicating the Minister's decision to continue the scheme for the recruitment of rotational labour, and stating that remuneration at the rate of  $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. to County Surveyor and 1 per cent. to Assist. Co. Surveyors may be charged to the Schemes—the first to be calculated on actual expenditure and not deducted from total amount allowed for such Schemes.
- 3rd May, 1944.  
TA.100/33/3. Sanctioning the continuance of overdraft accommodation in connection with turf production for the sum of £13,000 for the period ending 31st May, 1944.
- 4th May, 1944.  
L.2276/2/44. Referring to the construction of additional office accommodation and enclosing a copy of the views of the Department of Justice in connection therewith.
- 6th May, 1944.  
R/RU/211/335. Indicating that a grant of £3,700, subject to a local contribution of £1,300 has been made available from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1944/45, for the reconstruction of the Sallygap-Kilbride (Brittas) Road.
- 11th May, 1944.  
RU/211/1. Setting forth the sums allocated by way of grant under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1944/45, to the three Urban Districts in County Wicklow.



- 12th May, 1944.  
G.3979/8/44. Sanctioning the continued employment of Miss M. Gregan as Shorthand-typist up to the 15th June, 1944, or until a permanent appointment is made, whichever first occurs.
- 12th May, 1944.  
G.3979/9/44. Sanctioning continued employment of Miss B. Finlay and Mr. P. McGuire to the 30th June next.
- 12th May, 1944.  
G.3979/7/44. Approving of the allowance of an emergency bonus of 6/6d. per week to Mr. Nicholas Byrne as from the 1st January, 1944.
- 15th May, 1944.  
60/44. Stating that under an Emergency Powers Order, a Rating Authority which had made a Rate insufficient to meet any expenses which, in the opinion of the Minister, should be incurred in the interests of public safety or the preservation of the State, can determine a new rate in the £ or make an additional rate for the purpose and make and collect such Rate.
- 18th May, 1944.  
TA.108.G. Setting forth certain scales of bonuses authorised by the Minister of Local Government and Public Health to County and Assist. Surveyors who participated in Turf Production in 1943.
- May, 1944.  
TA.100/33/3. Sanctioning the continuance of overdraft accommodation in connection with turf production for the sum of £18,000 for the period ending 30th June, 1944.
- 27th May, 1944.  
R/RS/33. Granting Emergency Bonus of 8/- per week to Messrs. A. N. Dillon, B.E., and P. Howard, B.E., and 6/6d. per week to Messrs. M. McD. Fleming, B.E., and D. O'Brien, B.E., as from 1st January, 1944.
- 1st June, 1944.  
IR/107/1/44. Enclosing copy of order of the Minister authorising the temporary closing of Road No. 377.
- 6th June, 1944.  
H/3894/3/1944. ILGH (A.R.D.). Referring to arrangements and the procedure to be adopted by Local Authorities in the event of damage to property by bombing whilst the State is not engaged in war, and enclosing a number of Emergency Powers Orders dealing with this question.
- 7th May, 1944.  
RGS/201. Authorising the payment of Road Fund Allowance to County and Assistant Surveyors at the rates set forth in circular letter No. RGS/201 of 13th January, 1943.
- 15th June, 1944.  
TA.141/33. Referring to certain changes in piece rates payable to turf workers in Sallygap and Balinagee Bogs.
- 19th June, 1944.  
TA.141/33. Stating that the sum of £180 by way of supplementary grant has been provisionally allocated to Wicklow County Council and Bog Development Works under the Turbary Development Schemes, 1944/45.
- 26th June, 1944.  
G.3979/6/44. Sanctioning the proposal to increase the salary of Mr. L. Wolohan to £450 per annum with effect as from 16th February, 1943.
- 27th June, 1944.  
R/RS/33. Approving of the retention up to the 30th September next of Messrs. M. McD. Fleming, P. Howard and D. O'Brien, Temporary Engineers.

- 29th June, 1944.  
TA.100/33/3. Sanctioning the continuance of overdraft accommodation in connection with turf production for the sum of £22,000 for the period ending 31st July, 1944.
- 12th July, 1944.  
G.3979/6/44. Sanctioning the continued employment of Mr. P. McGuire and Miss B. Finlay to the 30th Sept., 1944.
- 13th July, 1944.  
G.3979/6/44. Sanctioning an Emergency Bonus of 8/- per week to Mr. L. Wolohan with effect as from 1st Jan., 1944.
- 18th July, 1944.  
RU/211/2. Notifying that a grant of £855, subject to a local contribution of £300 has been provisionally allocated to County Wicklow under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1944/45.
- 21st June, 1944. Ighneitheac. 68/1944. Setting forth the regulations applicable to the appointment of nurses under the Midwives Act, 1944.
- 1st July, 1944. C.P.52/44. Referring in detail to the Clothes Rationing Order, 1942, and the steps to be taken by a Local Authority in connection therewith.
- 6th July, 1944. R/RM/201/33W. Sanctioning the payment of an additional emergency bonus of 4/- per week to Overseers in Balinglass, Shillelagh and Rathdrum areas, making a total of 6/6d. per week as from the 29th April, 1944, and intimating that in the case of overseers in the Rathdown area, the Minister could not agree to a greater increase than that granted to road labourers.
- 7th July, 1944. R/RM/201/3W. Stating that 12/6d. a day is the maximum rate prevailing in rural areas for County Council Carters.
- 15th July, 1944. T.A.181G. Emphasising that in view of the vital importance of food production, Co. Council workers put on roads and on bogs, should be made available as agricultural labourers during the coming harvest season.
- 18th July, 1944. T.A.100/33/2. Referring to previous correspondence regarding travelling expenses of County Surveyor and technical staff engaged on Turf Production Scheme, 1944, and sanctioning travelling expenses therefor.
- 19th July, 1944. Intimating the action to be taken by the County Manager under paragraph 12 of the County Management Act, 1940, in regard to transferred officers.
- 22nd July, 1944. R/RU/211/33E. Approving of the scheme submitted for the repair of Sallygap-Kilbride Road, No. 379.
- 26th July, 1944. RM/201/M. Pointing out the necessity for submitting a statement of Machinery Expenses Account.
- 28th July, 1944. Referring to previous correspondence concerning the dangerous condition of Ashford Bridge, and the limits of weights of vehicles passing over that bridge.
- 3rd August, 1944. C.P.62/44. Pointing out that the Department of Defence is in a position to offer to Local Authorities 5,000 L.D.F. overcoats of various sizes,



- 4th August, 1944. T.A.100/33/3. Sanctioning the continuance of over-draft accommodation in connection with Turf Production for the sum of £35,000 for the period ending 31st August.
- 11th August, 1944. RGM/201/44. Notifying that a grant of £8,000 has been provisionally fixed for main roads in County Wicklow for the financial year 1944/45.
- 15th August, 1944. 86/44. Giving a general sanction to Poor Rate Collectors being remunerated for their work in connection with the investigation of claims submitted for rebate of Rates on agricultural land.
- 18th August, 1944. Ref. No. G.3979/10/44. Sanctioning the payment of emergency bonuses to employees of Wicklow County Council at the rates already approved of up to 30th September, 1944.
- 19th August, 1944. Enclosing copy of (Irish Language) Regulations, 1944, and referring to Articles 3 and 5 thereof. 21/8/44.
- 21st August, 1944. R/RS/33, sanctioning the proposal to request the Local Appointments Commission to recommend a person for appointment as Assistant County Engineer to Wicklow County Council.
- 22nd August, 1944. Sanctioning the re-opening of Wicklow Co. Council's Weighbridge for turf weighings and for the general use of the public, and approving of the appointment of a part-time weighmaster at a remuneration not exceeding 10/- per week.
- 25th August, 1944. G2631/3/4, referring to the proposed increase in poundage fees of Rate Collectors, and stating that the Minister considers the matter could be more appropriately dealt with on a bonus basis as set forth in said letter.
- 30th August, 1944. T.A.100/33/3, sanctioning continuation of overdraft accommodation in connection with turf production for the sum of £29,000 for the period ending 30th September, 1944.
- 5th Sept., 1944. R/RM/201/33W., intimating that the Minister cannot agree to a higher rate for carters than 12/6d. per day, and approving of a special rate for the Rath-down No. 2 Area at 13/6d. per day. The latter rate is also applicable to carters employed by the County Council in the Bray Urban District.
- 7th Sept., 1944. G.15175/44, acknowledging receipt of the County Manager's letter applying for petrol allowance for Poor Rate Collectors.
- 11th Sept., 1944. G.2681/6/44, referring to Rate Collectors' poundage fees and setting forth method of calculating the poundages in this connection.
- 25th Sept., 1944. R/RS/33, sanctioning the retention, up to the 31st December, 1944, of Mr. P. Howard, B.E., as Temporary Assistant County Engineer.
- 26th Sept., 1944. R/RU/211/33E, referring to the reconstruction of the Sallygap-Laragh Road (No. 57) and intimating that a Grant of £3,620, subject to local contribution of £1,270, has been made available from Sub-head J of the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1944/45, to meet the cost of the proposed works and engineering supervision for this road, and the Sallygap-Kilbride (Brittas) Road.
- 27th Sept., 1944. T.A.100/33/3, sanctioning the continuation of over-draft accommodation in connection with turf production for the sum of £30,000 for the period ending 31st October, 1944.

- 5th October, 1944. G.3979/44, sanctioning the continuation of employment of Mr. P. Maguire and Miss B. Finlay as temporary Clerk and Shorthand-typist, respectively, to the 31st December, 1944.
- 12th October, 1944. R/RS/33, sanctioning the employment of Mr. T. J. Sculley, B.E., as Engineer in charge of the Schemes to be carried out on the Sallygap-Laragh and Sallygap-Kilbride Roads, at a remuneration of £5 5s. per week and usual travelling expenses.
- 12th October, 1944. T.A.100/33/2, sanctioning expenditure not exceeding £270 in respect of clerical assistance, which may be charged to the cost of 1944 Turf Production Scheme.

## FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

- 27th March, 1944. LM.1/10/43. Stating that the Minister for Agriculture has made arrangements whereby a limited number of reapers and binders will be imported this year for use in the coming harvest: that a committee will be set up in each county consisting of the County Manager, the Chairman of the County Committee of Agriculture and the Chief Agricultural Officer: and asking for the co-operation of the Co. Manager in distributing the limited supply of such machines at his disposal.
- 28th April, 1944. LM.1/10/43. Noting with pleasure that the County Manager is prepared to act on the Special Committee set up under the Emergency Powers (Acquisition and Disposal of Agricultural Machinery) Order, 1943.
- L.1541/44. Approving of the draft regulations under the Sheep Dipping Scheme, 1944, and sanctioning the re-appointment of the Sheep Dipping Inspectors for the Sheep Dipping period, 1944.
- 13th June, 1944. No. E1810/44. Enclosing copy of Press Notice issued under Noxious Weeds Act, 1936.
- 24th August, 1944. L.451/44, referring to the County Manager's letter of the 17th inst. relative to the payment of remuneration of Sheep Dipping Inspectors and approving of instalments of £5 being paid to each Sheep Dipping Inspector at the end of August and September.
- 30th Sept., 1944. L.1045/44, relative to the question of reversion to the County Council of the administration of Sheep Dipping Scheme in County Wicklow, and intimating the Minister's agreement, in the circumstances mentioned, to the continuation of this work by the Co. Wicklow Committee of Agriculture for the remainder of the current Dipping Season, and noting that the County Manager proposes to take necessary action to effect the reversion to the County Council of the administration of the Scheme well in advance of the date on which the Scheme would come into operation next year.
- 30th Sept., 1944. L.1974/44, noting that Mr. S. Conway, V.S., will be absent on leave from the 2nd to 15th October, 1944, and consenting to the appointment of Mr. W. J. Richardson, M.R.C.V.S., as locum tenens.
- 17th October, 1944. E.2950/44, enclosing two copies of circular letter addressed to the Secretary of each County Committee of Agriculture in connection with the participation under the provisions of Section 3 of the Agricultural (Amendment) Act, 1944, of members of Committees and of County Councils in the Schemes operated by the Committees.



- 25th March, 1944. T.S.9892. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE: Acknowledging the receipt of Wicklow County Council's resolution of 13th inst., relative to road transport.
- 6th April, 1944. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLIES: Referring to the Co. Council's resolution regarding special prices for seasoned timber.
- 12th June, 1944. FROM THE SEANAD RETURNING OFFICER: Enclosing a list of Co. Councillors from the County of Wicklow presumably elected on the Seanad Electorate panel, and asking to have the names and addresses checked.
- 12th June, 1944. FROM DEPARTMENT OF AN TAOISEACH, DUBLIN: Pointing out the vital importance of increased turf production for the coming year, and appealing to the County Manager to take a personal interest during the forthcoming year.
- 14th July, 1944. R.2937. FROM THE VALUATION OFFICE: Acknowledging receipt of supplemental revision lists.
- 25th August, 1944. VALUATION DEPARTMENT: Informing the Council that Mr. J. M. McNicholl will commence the annual revision of valuation in County Wicklow on 1st proximo.
- 11th Sept., 1944. S.4189. FROM VALUATION DEPARTMENT: Regarding the exclusion of valuation of the Liffey Works in calculating valuation under the Diseases of Animals Acts, and stating that the matter is being taken up with the Department of Local Government and Public Health and the Department of Agriculture.
- 22nd July, 1944. Frg.2/602/72. FROM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: Enclosing copies of Memo dealing with the Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) Act, 1944.
- 26th Sept., 1944. 2/63/993. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: Conveying the Minister's approval to the award of six Scholarships under Wicklow Co. Council's Scholarship Scheme, 1944.
- 21st Sept., 1944. 93/7. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE: Acknowledging receipt of communication re Cinematograph Act, 1909.
- 22nd Sept., 1944. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE: Acknowledging receipt of Council's Resolution re the production of Irish Films and intimating that same had been transmitted to the Department of Industry and Commerce, Dublin, to which Department any further correspondence on the subject should be addressed.
- 6th Sept., 1944. R44/171. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLIES: Intimating that it is regretted that no permits for petrol allowances can be granted to Poor Rate Collectors.
- 22nd Sept., 1944. S.13555. FROM DEPARTMENT OF AN TAOISEACH, DUBLIN, acknowledging receipt of County Manager's letter of the 19th inst. on the subject of exhibition of films calculated to injure the morals of children.

- 23rd Sept., 1944. S.8230. FROM DEPARTMENT OF AN TAOISEACH, DUBLIN: Acknowledging receipt of Council's Resolution relating to the production of Films of a national and Christian character.
- FROM WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL: PUBLIC HEALTH SECTION.
- 6th March, 1944. Enclosing details of the more important Orders and decisions of the County Manager for the month of February, 1944.
- 16th March, 1944. Enclosing copy of County Engineer's report together with the Orders of the County Manager relating to the transfer of Mr. J. F. O'Farrell and also concerning the duties of Mr. P. Howard, B.E., and M. McD. Fleming, B.E.
- 5th April, 1944. Enclosing copy of the more important Orders and decisions of the County Manager for the month of March, 1944.
- 2nd May, 1944. Enclosing copies of more important Orders and decisions of the County Manager for the month of April, 1944.
- 31st May, 1944. Enclosing copy of the more important Orders and decisions of the County Manager for the month of May, 1944.
- 5th August, 1944. Enclosing copy of the more important Orders and decisions of Wicklow County Manager for the month of July, 1944.
- 4th September, 1944. Enclosing details of more important Orders and decisions of Wicklow County Manager for the month of August, 1944.
- 30th September, 1944. Enclosing details of more important Orders and decisions of Wicklow County Manager for the month of September, 1944.
- Annual Report of County Medical Officer of Health on Tuberculosis and Schools Medical Services Schemes for the year 1943.
- FROM OTHER PUBLIC BODIES.
- 15th March, 1944. Waterford Co. Council: enclosing a resolution of that body, strongly protesting against the neglect of providing help on farms for increased tillage, and demanding the Government to take immediate action.
- 20th March, 1944. Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin: referring to Wicklow Co. Council's decision to secede from Grangegorman and Portrane Mental Hospitals, and pointing out that a proposal of the Joint Committee of Grangegorman Mental Hospital, asking for additional accommodation for T.B. patients is at present before the Minister for Local Government.
- 22nd March, 1944. Irish Tourist Association, Dublin: Acknowledging local contribution agreement for the year 1944/45, and noting the appointment of Councillor Edward Byrne as representative on their Board of Directors.



- 1st April, 1944. Carlow County Council: dealing with the extent to which the farmers of that County are mortgaged, and will be mortgaged by post-emergency schemes, and calling upon the Government to take immediate control of the creation and issuance of credit.
- 4th April, 1944. Offaly Co. Council: Enclosing copy of resolution of that body, stating that the practise of working on Church Holidays was contrary to Christian principles, and calling on the Government to abrogate Bank holidays and declare all Church holidays national holidays.
- 25th April, 1944. Great Southern Railways, Dublin: Dealing with the Council's resolution concerning the closing-down of the Woodenbridge-Shillelagh branch line, and intimating that this area will be catered for by a combined road and rail service.
- 22nd May, 1944. Kilkenny Co. Council: Enclosing a copy of resolution of that body which views with apprehension the report of their County M.O.H. on various cases of malnutrition, and recommending the initiation of free meals scheme.
- 26th May, 1944. Laoighis Co. Council, Portlaoighise: Enclosing a copy of resolution calling upon the Government to increase by at least 50 per cent. all allowances payable under the Unemployment Acts, and allowances paid to Army dependents.
- 15th June, 1944. Bray Urban District Council, Bray: Referring to the reduction of electric light consumption to house holders and calling upon the E.S.B. to reduce the fixed charge in the same proportion.
- 23rd June, 1944. Co. Wicklow Committee of Agriculture: Enclosing a copy of a communication from the Department of Agriculture, Ref. No. E.2176/44, (1) approving of the creation of the post of Chief Agricultural Officer for Co. Wicklow, with effect as from the 28/4/44; (2) Approving of the proposed salary of £450 per annum, plus a cost of living bonus thereon. (3) Granting a maintenance allowance at the rate of £50 per annum payable under the provision of Part 3 of the Schedule to the Co. Committee of Agriculture (Officers' travelling expenses and maintenance allowance and expenses) Regulations, 1936. (4) Stressing the necessity for executing a Fidelity Bond for the sum of £400. (5) Approving of the creation of the post of permanent clerical assistant to the Chief Agricultural Officer.
- 12th September, 1944. From Co. Wicklow Committee of Agriculture: Stating that the County Manager's letter of the 23rd ult. concerning the reversion of the Sheep Dipping Scheme to the Co. Council Offices was read to the monthly meeting of that Committee on 20th ultimo. The Committee decided to adhere to their resolution passed on the 31st March 1944, and directed the Chief Agricultural Officer to carry out the Scheme for this year.
- 18th October, 1944. From Limerick District Mental Hospital, Limerick, enclosing extract from the Minutes of Meeting of Joint Committee of Management of that Hospital concerning the inadequacy of the Capitation Grant of 4s. per week per patient allowed to Mental Hospitals.

## FROM THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

- 4th April, 1944. Referring to road workers' wages—Bonus Order, and pointing out that the additional cost involved by reason of increases in road workers' wages for the year ending 31st March, 1945, will amount to approximately £3,200.
- 17th May, 1944. Reporting the Co. Surveyor's attendance at a Conference held in the Department of Supplies on the 12th May, 1944, at which arrangements were made for the supply of turf to Grangegorman and Portrane Mental Hospital during the 1944 season.
- 10th July, 1944. From County Surveyor: Notifying his intention to be absent on annual leave from Thursday, 13th July, to Tuesday, 25th July, 1944.
- 18th July, 1944. From County Surveyor: Enclosing copy of a letter from Mr. Desmond O'Brien, B.E., in which he resigns his position as temporary engineer to Wicklow County Council.
- 31st July, 1944. From County Surveyor: Enclosing copy of a letter in which he applies to the Board of Works for a grant under the Rural Improvement or Minor Relief Schemes for the reconstruction of the bridge crossing the river at Carrawaystick, Glenmalure.
- 1st August, 1944. From County Surveyor, in which he refers to point raised by Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., concerning the cutting of noxious weeds on roads in the possession of the Electricity Supply Board in West Wicklow.
- 12th September, 1944. From County Surveyor: Relative to the cutting of Noxious Weeds and stating that he had received reports from four Assistant Surveyors to the effect that Noxious Weeds had been cut on all roads maintained by Wicklow County Council.
- 17th October, 1944. From County Surveyor: Intimating the difficulty experienced in obtaining carters in Bray and Greystones Districts.

## FROM THE COUNCIL'S LAW AGENT.

- 24th March, 1944. Referring to an Advisory Tribunal of the Department of Industry and Commerce under Emergency Powers (No. 260) Order, 1943, established to investigate and report on applications made under Article 16 of the Order for Wages (Standard Rate) Order, and under Article 18 of the Order for Bonus Order. After due consideration of the entire file of correspondence in this connection, Mr. Brazil is of the opinion that it is not necessary for the County Council to be legally represented at the enquiry to be held on the 27th instant.
- 1st April, 1944. Referring to the law case of Wicklow Co. Council and Healy v. Simon Foster, Blessington Rate cases. Enclosing copy of letter from Mr. M. J. Ryan, K.C., in the same connection containing the decision of the Court, which Mr. Brazil thinks satisfactory.



- 4th April, 1944. Referring to the file of correspondence relating to the death of the child named Thomas Carroll, and intimating that he had already written Messrs. Shanley & Walsh repudiating liability.
- 6th April, 1944. Concerning the case of Hugo and others v. Wicklow Council, Malicious Injury Claim of £150, and stating that the matter is receiving his attention.
- 6th April, 1944. Asking that the Agreement for the supplying of 1,000 tons of turf to Grangegorman Mental Hospital and Contractor Edward O'Connor from Roundhill Bog, be forwarded in order that same may be stamped within 30 days from the date of execution thereof.
- 4th May, 1944. Enclosing copy of Judgement Draft in the High Court in the case of Wicklow County Council and Mary Healy v. Simon Foster.
- 10th May, 1944. Referring to the committal of a child named Anne Kennedy to St. Joseph's Industrial School, Clifden, until the 22nd November, 1951.
- 12th May, 1944. Acknowledging receipt of the claim for malicious injury submitted by John P. Traynor, Delgany.
- 23rd May, 1944. Referring to reports of Inspector Staunton, Bray, concerning a child named Patricia Ryan of 8, Middle Road, Killincarrick, and William Stephenson, Lower Kindestown, Greystones, and pointing out that the Child, William Stephenson, was committed to Saint Joseph's Industrial School, Clonmel, until he reaches the age of 16, and that Patricia Ryan was committed to St. Anne's, Kilmacud, Co. Dublin.
- 2nd June, 1944. Referring to the method of executing the Agreement Licence Form by Contractors under the Turf Production Scheme.
- 17th July, 1944. Council's Law Agent. Intimating that the claim for malicious injuries amounting to the sum of £90 made on behalf of James Woods, Redcross, for horse alleged to have been maliciously shot was dismissed at the Wicklow Circuit Court.
- 17th July, 1944. Council's Law Agent. Stating that the claims for malicious injury amounting to the sum of £28 8s. for the alleged malicious slashing of motor lorry tyres was allowed by the Circuit Court Judge at Wicklow, £6, being award in one case, and £13 in another, the area of charge to be Rathdown II Rural District.
- 2nd September, 1944. Referring to prosecution under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, Wicklow Co. Council versus Henry Sutcliffe and Julia White and intimating that Probation Act was applied on each of the Defendants paying £1 4s. 6d. costs and expenses.
- 12th October, 1944. Intimating the committal to Industrial School of child named John F. Fouhy, and stating that by Order of the Dublin District Court the maintenance of this child was to be charged against Dublin Co. Council.

## MISCELLAENOUS.

- January, 1944. From the Hospitals Library Council, Mount Street, Dublin: Enclosing the 7th Annual Report of that Council.
- 3rd March, 1944. From the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust: Enclosing 13th Annual Report.
- Report of the Tribunal of Enquiry into the fire at St. Joseph's Orphanagh, Main Street, Cavan.
- 13th March, 1944. Medical Certificate from Dr. A. A. O'Connor, certifying Mr. A. N. Dillon, B.E., unfit for duty for 7—10 days.
- 5th April, 1944. From the National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, stating that the Revenue Commissioners have consented to stamp without penalty the mortgage for the loan of £1,100 for the provision of a cemetery at Greystones.
- 5th April, 1944. From the Royal Life Saving Society, Dublin. Enclosing their 9th Annual Report.
- 26th April, 1944. From Irish Public Bodies' Mutual Insurance, Limited, Dublin, enclosing report of Directors of that body together with audited statements of accounts and balance sheet.
- 3rd May, 1944. From D. M. Doyle, Esq., 10 Gartan Avenue, Dublin, sincerely thanking the members of Wicklow County Council for their resolution of sympathy on the death of his wife.
- 14th June, 1944. From W. J. Doyle, Esq., M.C.C., Town View, Lugduff, Tinahely, returning grateful thanks to Wicklow County Council for their resolution of sympathy with him on the death of his sister.
- 13th July, 1944. From Desmond O'Brien, Esq., B.E., Court House, Wicklow. Officially resigning his position as temporary engineer, owing to his being appointed Temporary Engineer to Kildare County Council.
- 20th July, 1944. County Council's General Council. Intimating that the next meeting of the County Council's General Council will take place during the week commencing 25th September next.
- 20th July, 1944. Electricity Supply Board. Referring to Wicklow Co. Councillor's resolution concerning the alteration in the present system of charges for the use of electricity, and pointing out the reasons why the Manager of that Board is unable to rectify the matters complained of.
- 21st July, 1944. From Irish Farmers' Federation. Pointing out the alleged dangerous condition of roads used by horse traffic, and suggesting that margins be made available on these roads, suitable for horses.
- 4th August, 1944. Dr. Aubrey A. O'Connor. Certifying that Miss Joan Rafter is unfit for duty for 7—10 days.
- 30th September, 1944. From Grangegorman Mental Hospital concerning the Resolution of Waterford District Hospital in relation to the necessity for increasing Capitation Grants to Mental Hospitals,



- 26th September, 1944. From Echo Printing Co., Enniscorthy, referring to the County Manager's Order extending to the 30th September, 1945, the Printing Contract with that firm.
- 27th September, 1944. From J. J. Bourne, Esq., M.C.C., Forttown, Tinahely, conveying his grateful thanks to Wicklow Co. Council for their kind Resolution of sympathy in his bereavement.
- 28th Sept., 1944. From Ailtiri na hAiseirghe, Sraid Fhearchair, Baile Atha Cliath, thanking the County Council for their Resolution of the 11th Sept., 1944, and asking the Council to make use of the special Stamp provided for the furtherance of the aims of the Resolution.
- 29th September, 1944. From K. J. Brangan, 20, Crannagh Road, Rathfarnham, intimating his intention to take up duty as Co. Secretary on the 5th October, 1944.
- 13th October, 1944. From Kilkenny County Committee of Agriculture containing a Resolution of that Body that travelling allowance of 6d. per mile each way from the homes to the centres at which Meetings are held, an subsistence allowance at 10s. per day, be granted to all members of Public Bodies.
- 17th October, 1944. From Paul Kehoe, Esq., Weavers' Square, Baltinglass, conveying to the Co. Council and Co. Manager his thorough appreciation of their kind resolution of sympathy in his recent bereavement.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Monthly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 11th December, 1944.

The following members were present:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;  
 Councillors P. McCarthy, W. J. Doyle, Peter Ledwidge, W. J. Clarke, George Byrne, Ed. Byrne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, T. Fitzpatrick, C. W. Hudson, J. J. Bourne, J. J. Metcalfe, Joseph Kavanagh, B. Farrell, C. M. O Broin, and H. J. Byrne.

The County Manager, Mr. P. T. Healy, was in attendance.

### BUSINESS :

#### RESERVED FUNCTIONS.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of previous Meeting.
2. To pass usual Resolutions in connection with the Council's application for (a) Overdraft Accommodation in the month of January on the County Council's General Account, and (b) Overdraft Accommodation on the Turf Production Account for the same month.
3. To determine by formal Resolution whether the Scheme of Scholarships from Primary Schools to Secondary Schools, made in conformity with the Local Authorities (Education Scholarship) Act, 1944, submitted to the Minister for Education, shall be carried into execution.
4. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. McCrea:—  
 "That I intend moving at the next meeting of the County Council the raising of a Loan for £3,000 to repair and reconstruct the important County Road Carnew-Umrigar to County Wexford Bounds Road 222."
5. To consider and approve of draft Regulations governing the acceptance of tenders, made in accordance with Section 28 of the County Management Act, 1940.
6. To consider communication from the County Librarian pointing out the difficulty of securing quorum of members at Meetings of that Committee; and to fill such vacancies as may have arisen on this Committee.
7. To consider a communication dated 9th September, 1944, from the General Secretary to the Workers' Union of Ireland, Dublin, repeating request of that Union that Wicklow County Council receive a députation at their next Monthly Meeting.
8. To fill vacancy on the County Council caused by the death of Councillor D. J. Kehoe.
9. To pass usual resolution authorising the raising of loan of £3,000 to meet the cost of concreting Leitrim Place, Wicklow, as approved and adopted in the Road Work Scheme for the financial year 1944/45.
10. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne:—  
 "I hereby give Notice that I, or some member for me, will, at the first meeting of the County Council to be held after the expiration of one month from the date of this Notice, move: 'That the Council approve of the borrowing of a sum of £3,250 (Three Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds) for the purpose of providing a Water Supply at Monastery, Enniskerry.'"
11. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:—  
 "I hereby give Notice that I, or some member for me, will, at the first Meeting of the County Council to be held after the expiration of one month from the date of this Notice, move: 'That the approval of the Council be given to the borrowing by the Council of a sum of £3,250 (Three Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds) for the purpose of providing new burial grounds at Rathdrum, Avoca, Kilquiggan, Donard and Davidstown."
12. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor C. W. Hudson:—  
 "I hereby give Notice that I, or some member on my behalf, will move, at the next Meeting of Wicklow County Council, that the Resolution re provision and maintenance of water supplies, sewerage and drainage systems, dumping grounds, public scavenging and public light-



- ing systems, passed at the Meeting of Wicklow County Council on 11th September, 1944, be rescinded."
13. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. J. Hickey, M.D.:—  
"That the Bye Laws relating to the erection of buildings in County Wicklow be reconsidered so as to include suitability as to Lay-out or locality."
14. To receive report from the Law Agent regarding the Council's powers in connection with the erection of huts and shacks in the Sugar Loaf, Rocky Valley and Glencap Commons area.
15. To fill vacancy on the Baltinglass No. 1 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, caused by the death of Councillor D. J. Kehoe.
16. To consider a proposal to extend Newtownmountkennedy Sewerage Scheme to Newcastle Sanatorium Gate, and the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne:—  
"I hereby give Notice that I (or some member for me) will, at the Meeting of Wicklow County Council to be held on 11th December, 1944, move: 'That approval be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow County Council of a sum of Five Thousand and Fifty Pounds (£5,050) for the purpose of the extension of the Newtownmountkennedy Sewerage System to Killadreenan.'"
17. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne:—  
"I hereby give Notice that I (or some member for me) will at the Meeting of Wicklow County Council to be held on 11th December, 1944, move: 'That approval be given to the borrowing by Wicklow County Council of a sum of One Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Eight Pounds (£1,628) as a supplementary Loan for the purpose of completing a Scheme of Cottage Building in the Villages of Rathnew and Rathdrum (No. 2 Village Scheme).'"
18. To make Water Rate for the towns of Baltinglass, Dunlavin, Rathnew, Stratford, Roundwood, Kilcoole, Newcastle, Avoca, Carnew, Tinahely and Shillelagh in respect of calendar year 1945.
- 19.—To consider communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated 23th November, 1944, regarding the framing of Schemes of Polling Districts and Polling Places under the Local Elections Act, 1927.

#### FINANCE.

20. To consider Report on the state of the Cottage Rent Collection in the County for half year to 30th September, 1944.

#### ASSISTANCE, HEALTH AND HOUSING.

21. To consider such matters as may be raised for discussion in connection with the administration of Assistance, Health and Housing Services in the County, of which notice, as requested, has been given to the County Manager at his Rathdrum Office.
22. To consider Resolution from Aughrim Branch of the National Labour Party applying to have allowance for boarded-out children substantially increased and varied in relation to say a boy of 13 years and a boy of one year.
23. To consider the advisability of setting up Committees under Section 11 of the Public Assistance Act, 1939, in towns of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow, in connection with the administration of Home Assistance in these areas.
24. To consider the question disclosed in the correspondence, circulated to each member, as to altering the site of 15 cottages at Ballywaltrim.
25. To consider setting up of Committees under the Labourers' Acts to investigate representations for Labourers' Cottages by Agricultural Labourers under the Co. Wicklow Housing Survey Scheme (Approximately 600 names of applicants submitted to Councillors already).

#### GENERAL.

26. To authorise by Resolution the affixing of the Seal of the Council to certain documents.
27. To consider and approve of draft instructions the County Manager proposes to issue to Rent Collectors.

28. To consider and approve of draft Regulations made under Section 29 of the Labourers' Act, 1906, with respect to the letting of cottages and allotments.
29. To consider communication from Department of Local Government and Public Health enclosing copy of letter from D. M. O. Dubhghail 10 Ascal Gartan, Glas Mochonog Nua, Atha Cliath, in connection with the condition generally of burial grounds in the County Health District of Wicklow, and of Glenealy Burial Ground in particular.
30. To consider communication from D. M. O. Dubhghail, 10 Ascal Gartan, Glas Mochonog Nua, Atha Cliath, containing an offer of pikes to the County Council on condition that they be suitably preserved and exhibited in the Council Chamber.
31. To pass Resolution appointing under Emergency Powers (No. 325) Order, 1944, an "Authorised Officer" or Officers, who shall accept responsibility for securing, at the proper time, the return of all A.R.P. equipment from members of A.R.P. Services.
32. To consider County Analyst's Report for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1944.
33. To consider communication from Aughrim Branch of National Labour Party dated 1/11/44 (a) requesting the County Council to erect Sanitary Conveniences at Aughrim; (b) asking that the steam-rolling of Rednagh Road be continued, and (c) asking that the banks of earth on roadside near G.A.A. Grounds be removed.
34. To consider Petition received from residents in Macreddin-Sheana District, Aughrim, asking that Bridge be erected over the river on the County Road at Sheanamore, Aughrim.
35. To consider letter received from the Secretary, Irish Farmers' Federation, regarding (1) their desire to have rescinded the Resolution re Separate Charge, passed at the September Meeting of the County Council; (2) protesting against the appointment of additional engineers; and (3) objecting to the neglect of roads and bridges in the County.
36. To consider a Resolution passed by the County Councils' General Council regarding the unsuitability of roads for horse traffic.
37. To consider communication from the National Labour Party, Tinahely, asking that employment be made available for a large number of unemployed men in that District.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea:

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne:

Resolved—That we the members of Wicklow County Council have heard with deep regret of the death of a former Member of this County Council, Mr. John Dunne, Bray, and we hereby extend to the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed.

The County Manager stated that he had been requested by Councillor Liam Cleary, Arklow, to convey to the Council his regret for his absence from the Meeting, and his explanation that due to illness and to his being away at sea he had been unable to attend previous meetings. Several members having expressed their views on the matter, the Council decided to accept Councillor Cleary's explanation.

#### RESERVED FUNCTIONS.

Item No. 1. Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle:

Resolved—That the Minutes of previous Meeting, as printed and circulated to each member of Wicklow County Council, be hereby approved, adopted, and signed by the Chairman.

Passed.

Item No. 2. (a) Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor G. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the County Council's Turf Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the month of January, 1945, shall not exceed £20,000.

Passed.



(b) Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor George Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the County Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the month of January, 1945, shall not exceed £5,000.

Passed.

**Item No. 3.** As the sanction of the Department of Education to the approved Scheme of Scholarships from Primary Schools to Secondary Schools, adopted by the Council at their November Meeting, had not been received, this Item was deferred to the January Meeting.

**Item No. 4.** The Council directed that the proposal to raise a loan of £3,000 for the repair and reconstruction of the Carnew-Umrigar road be included in the Provisional Road Works Scheme for 1945-'46.

As promised at an earlier Meeting of the County Council, the County Manager submitted the following draft Regulations:—

#### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Resolutions made in pursuance of Sec. 28 of County Management Act, 1940, prescribing the procedure to be followed in regard to the reception and examination of Tenders for the supply of goods, the execution of works, or any other thing for which the Council may lawfully invite the submission of Tenders.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Wicklow County Council (Tenders) Regulations, 1944.
2. In these Regulations the expressions:
  - (a) "Minister" means the Minister for Local Government and Public Health;
  - (b) "Council" means the Wicklow County Council;
  - (c) "Manager" means the Wicklow County Manager.
3. Before any contract for the carrying out of work, other than minor works of an urgent nature due to sudden damage, or works on cottage repairs, or for the supply of provisions and necessaries, etc., for use in County Institutions, to the value or amount of £50 or upwards is entered into by the Council, at least ten days public notice by advertisement in one or more Newspapers circulating in County Wicklow shall be given, expressing the nature and purpose thereof, and inviting tenders for the execution of same; provided that no such advertisement shall be issued unless the plans and specifications of the Contract shall have been first approved by the Council.
4. Every Tender must be signed by the person or firm tendering and be enclosed in a sealed envelope. Every Tender must state:—
  - (a) the lowest sum for which the person tendering is prepared to contract for the carrying out of the work or the supply of Goods, etc.;
  - (b) the description and address of the person tendering;
  - (c) the names and descriptions of the guarantors for the performance of the contract.
5. The Council and Manager shall not be bound to accept the lowest or any tender.
6. The Council may not accept any tender unless the Council and Manager are satisfied:—
  - (a) that the tenderer is competent to carry out the work or supply the goods in a satisfactory manner;
  - (b) of the sufficiency of the guarantors, and their willingness to execute the guarantee; and
  - (c) that the tender has not been made for any unfair or fraudulent purpose and that all the conditions of the advertisement has been fulfilled.
7. Where the lowest tender submitted is not accepted, the reasons for such non-acceptance shall be set out in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Council. When the terms of the advertisement inviting tenders require the lodgment of a deposit with such tender, such deposit shall be in cash or cheque guaranteed by the Bank on which it is drawn. Tenders shall be opened by an authorised official of the Council in the presence

of the Chairman of the Council and the Manager, or, where expressly authorised by the Council, in the presence of the Manager and one member of the Council.

8. Where the approval of the Minister is required to the making of any Contract, Tenders shall only be accepted subject to the sanction of the Minister.
9. The amount of any tender submitted shall not be disclosed until a tender for the particular work tendered for shall have been accepted, and in any case in which the Minister's sanction is required, until such sanction has been received by the Council.
10. The Council and the Manager, together with an authorised official, may open and examine Bills of Quantities or any other documents (required to accompany tenders) in the case of non-accepted tenders, as well as in the case of accepted tenders, but the particulars or details of such documents in the case of non-accepted tenders shall not be made public.
11. Tenders for the supply of Machinery, Materials, or other commodities (excluding those required for Cottage building, Cottage repairs, minor works, or works of an urgent nature, or for the supply of provisions, etc., for use in County Institutions) shall be dealt with in like manner as in the case of tenders for works.
12. Tenders for the supply of materials for Cottage building, Cottage repairs, and for supply of provisions and necessaries, etc., for use in County Institutions, as well as tenders for the carrying out of minor works or works of an urgent nature, may be dealt with by the Manager directly, but particulars of such tenders so dealt with by him shall be laid before the Council subsequently.

Sealed with the Common Seal of the Wicklow County Council this ..... day of .....  
 One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-five, in the presence of  
 ..... Chairman  
 ..... County Manager.

The foregoing Regulations were approved by me the Minister for Local Government and Public Health this ..... day of .....  
 One thousand Nine Hundred and Forty.....

Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

**Item No. 5.** Proposed by Councillor B. Farrell;

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing draft Regulations governing the acceptance of Tenders made in accordance with Section 28 of the County Management Act, 1940, as modified at this day's Meeting.

Passed.

**Item No. 6.** The Secretary read correspondence received from the County Librarian regarding the difficulty of securing a quorum of members at Meetings of that Committee.

Following a discussion the Council recommended that the Meetings of the Library Committee should in future be held at 10.45 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. in alternate months in order to facilitate the attendance of those members residing in Greystones District, and of those who are also Members of the County Committee of Agriculture.

**Item No. 7.** Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor Joseph Kavanagh;

Resolved—That the Council receive a deputation from the Workers' Union of Ireland, at the next Meeting of the County Council, on the subject of increased pay and improved conditions for the County Council Road Employees.

Passed.

Councillor McCarthy referred to Resolution passed by the Council at the October Meeting, increasing the wages of road workers by 10s. per week, and asked the County Manager what action had been taken in the matter. The County Manager stated that the Resolution had been forwarded to the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and that he had received a reply referring the matter to himself. He stated that having regard to the fact that he had already increased road workers' wages on two occasions, and to the general policy that wages of road workers should



be somewhat less than wages of agricultural workers, whose rate of wage is controlled by the Department of Agriculture, he did not propose to take any action in the matter at present.

Councillor Ledwidge raised the question of wages to Carters in Bray area, and pointed out that as Bray Urban District Council had contracted recently for carting at the rate of 15s. per day, it was unreasonable that Carters working for the County Council should be paid at a lesser rate. The County Manager undertook to look into this matter.

**Item No. 8.** Proposed by Councillor B. Farrell;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Resolved—That we hereby co-opt Mr. Patrick Doyle, of Stratford, to fill the vacancy on Wicklow County Council caused by the death of Councillor D. J. Kehoe, Baltinglass.

Passed.

The name of Michael Timmins was proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne and seconded by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick, but following a discussion was withdrawn by consent of the Council.

The Council thereupon adopted the Resolution co-opting Mr. Patrick Doyle.

**Item No. 9.** Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Clarke;

Resolved—That subject to letter of sanction from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health being received, we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £3,000 (Three Thousand Pounds) from the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, to defray expenditure in connection with the cost of concreting Leirim Place, Wicklow, which sum was approved and adopted in the Road Works Scheme for the financial year 1944-'45; the said sum to be repaid within ten years with interest at the rate of  $\frac{1}{2}$ % under the Irish Banks Rate, rising and falling from time to time with a minimum of £4 per cent. per annum: the said Loan and all interest thereon to be secured by a mortgage over the rates.

Passed.

**Item No. 10.** Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;

Resolved—That the Council approve of the borrowing of a sum of £3,250 (Three Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds) for the purpose of providing a Water Supply at Monastery, Enniskerry.

Passed.

Councillor Fitzpatrick asked the County Manager whether it was possible to obtain Loans at a lesser rate than 4 per cent.. On the County Manager's replying that he did not consider Loans could be obtained at a lesser rate, Councillor Fitzpatrick suggested that the Loans be advertised. The County Manager undertook to consider the proposal.

**Item No. 11.** In connection with Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. J. Metcalfe, regarding the borrowing of a sum of £3,250 for the purpose of providing new Burial Grounds, the County Secretary informed the Council that the motion need not be proceeded with as a previous Resolution to the same effect had been passed at a Meeting of the County Council held on the 23rd March, 1942. The Notice of Motion had been handed in in order to comply with a direction from the Local Government Department to the effect that consequent upon the coming into operation of the County Management Act the matter would require to be dealt with anew. As a sanction to the Loan has now been received from the Department the necessity for re-introducing the Motion no longer exists.

The condition of Burial Grounds at Arklow and Dunlavin was raised by Members of the Council, and the matter was referred to the County Surveyor for examination and Report.

**Item No. 12.** The following Notice of Motion was put forward in the name of Councillor C. W. Hudson:—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some member on my behalf, will move, at the next Meeting of Wicklow County Council, that the Resolution re provision and maintenance of water supplies, sewerage and drainage systems, dumping grounds, public scavenging and public lighting systems, passed at the Meeting of Wicklow County Council on 11th September, 1944, be rescinded."

The Chairman gave a ruling that the Motion was out of order, having regard to Standing Order, No. 34, which states: "That no Notice of Motion be accepted from any Councillor by the Presiding Chairman at a Council Meeting, the subject of which Motion has been discussed and decided on at any Meeting which may have been held within the previous twelve months by the Council."

**Item No. 13.** In connection with Notice of Motion, standing in the name of Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey—"That the Bye Laws relating to the erection of buildings in County Wicklow be reconsidered so as to include suitability as to lay-out of locality"—the Council decided to adjourn consideration of this Motion to the next Meeting to enable the Councillors to examine the Bye Laws at present in operation in the County, copies of which had been circulated to all members present.

**Item No. 14.** The Secretary read the following Report from the Law Agent regarding the Council's powers in connection with the erection of huts and shacks in the Sugarloaf, Rocky Valley, and Glencap Commons area:  
4, Church Street, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

21st October, 1944

I received your letter re Petition from residents of Sugar Loaf, Rocky Valley and Glencap Commons, protesting against the erection of huts and shacks in that District.

On the 10th June, 1925, the former Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council made Bye Laws with respect to New Streets and Buildings and said Bye Laws were confirmed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the 20th June, 1925.

If there is any building in the District unfit for human habitation, on a certificate being obtained from the M.O.H. or Surveyor, the Council may direct a notice to be served requiring the owner of said building to furnish a statement in writing showing cause why the said building shall not be declared unfit for human habitation. Should the owner fail to show sufficient cause the Council may proceed to make an order that the building be closed until same is rendered fit for human habitation.

Articles 98 and 99 of the Bye Laws provide that every person who intends to lay out a street or construct a new building shall furnish plans to the Clerk of the Council or the Surveyor and shall also give notice of the date he intends to lay out or construct a new Street or Building.

Articles 103-105. These articles provide that notice be given to the Council of the completion of the works and that a person shall not let or occupy any new dwellinghouse until it has been examined by an Officer of the Council and certified by him to be fit for human habitation.

Article 106. Under this article any work done in contravention of the Bye Laws may be removed, altered or pulled down unless sufficient cause is shown by the owner after service of notice on him to attend before the Council.

Should the Council require any further information on the matter, on hearing from you it will have my immediate attention.

Yours faithfully,

J. BRAZIL.

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,  
County Secretary,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

No order.

**Item No. 15.** Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell;

Resolved—That we hereby nominate Rev. Charles O'Connor, C.C., Kiltegan, to the vacancy on the Baltinglass No. 1 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, created by the death of Councillor D. J. Kehoe.

Passed.

**Item No. 16.** Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved: That approval be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow County Council of a sum of Five Thousand and Fifty Pounds (£5,050) for the purpose of the extension of the Newtownmountkennedy Sewerage System to Killadreenan.



Councillor Edward Byrne, in proposing the Motion, asked if he would be in order in increasing the amount to be borrowed by £1,200, for the provision of a new Septic Tank at Newtownmountkennedy. It was stated by Councillor Byrne and several other members that a nuisance was caused by an offensive smell from the existing Septic Tank.

The Secretary read a letter received from Mr. D. Dunne, Newtownmountkennedy, protesting against the Scheme on the grounds of possible injury to health. A prolonged discussion followed, in the course of which Mr. Byrne, Chief Officer of the Public Health Section, read the report of the County Medical Officer of Health to the effect that the proposed extension of the Sewerage System could not have any ill-effects from a public health point of view.

As the Law Agent advised that a separate Notice of Motion would require to be handed in for the borrowing of the additional sum of £1,200 referred to by Councillor Byrne, the Council passed the Resolution on the understanding that the additional sum of money would later be provided for a new Septic Tank.

**Item No. 17.** Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved: That approval be given to the borrowing by Wicklow County Council of a sum of One Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty-eight Pounds (£1,628) as a supplementary Loan for the purpose of completing a Scheme of Cottage building in the Villages of Rathnew and Rathdrum (No. 2 Village Scheme).

Passed.

**Item No. 18.** Proposed by Councillor B. Farrell;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Resolved: That the Water Rate Book, as submitted by the Secretary, be signed, and Water Rates made in respect of the following Towns and Villages in the County Health District, in accordance with those adopted on consideration of the Secretary's Estimates, viz.:-

	s.	d.	
Shillelagh ..	1	9	in the Pound on the rateable valuation of premises.
Tinahely ..	1	9	connected with the Public Water Supply.
Carnew ..	1	9	do.
Kilcoole ..	3	0	do.
Roundwood ..	3	0	do.
Rathnew ..	3	0	do.
Stratford ..	3	0	do.
Dunlavin ..	3	0	do.
Baltinglass ..	3	0	do.
Avoca ..	3	0	do.
Newcastle ..	3	0	do.

That the Warrants authorising the collection of the said Rates be signed and that the Rate Books and Warrants be sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

**Item No. 19.** The Secretary read the following letter, received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health with reference to Schemes for Polling Districts and Polling Places in connection with Local Government Elections:

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,

Custom House,  
Dublin.

23rd November, 1944.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to previous correspondence with regard to the revision of schemes for polling districts and places for Dáil Elections so as to give full facilities to voters in voting, and to request that the Council will, if necessary, consider the question of framing schemes under the Local Elections Act, 1927, giving equivalent facilities for the next elections to local authorities

It would not appear necessary to vary the existing polling districts and places solely for the purposes of local elections, as the number of Dáil Electors is usually less than the number of Local Government Electors, and the schemes setting out the polling districts arranged according to Dáil Constituencies could readily be re-arranged according to electoral areas.

Polling districts for Dáil Elections were prepared by fixing a polling place and forming a polling district from the surround District Electoral Divisions or portions thereof convenient to the polling place. Where a District Electoral Division is so divided, each part of the Division is a separate registration unit and the register of electors is framed in separate parts for each registration unit.

At local elections there is a separate poll for each county electoral area. If a polling district comprises portions of two or more county electoral areas, it will be difficult to avoid confusion at the polling places, as separate ballot papers, ballot boxes and notices would be required. You are therefore requested to furnish separately details of any proposed polling district which will comprise portions of two or more county electoral areas, so that the question of adjusting the boundary of the County Electoral Area may be considered at an early date.

Mise, le meas,

J. HURSON,

Runaidhe.

To: The County Secretary.

As a Scheme had been prepared in great detail in the year 1943, the Council decided to take no action in the matter. The County Manager stated that any representations made to him on the subject by Councillors would receive his consideration.

FINANCE.

**Item No. 20.** The report upon the state of the cottage rent collection in the County, for the half-year to 30th September, 1944, which had been circulated to each member of the County Council, was noted.

ASSISTANCE, HEALTH AND HOUSING.

**Item No. 21.** In connection with Item No. 21 on the Agenda, Councillors Ledwidge, McCarthy and Hudson raised the question of Summonses served on defaulters under the Vaccination Act, and gave instances of individual cases of hardship in connection therewith.

The County Manager stated he was obliged to enforce the Act. He assured the Councillors that summonses were not proceeded with wherever a valid reason existed for the delay in complying with the Act. The Law Agent, confirming the County Manager's statement, gave further information on points raised by the Members.

Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

That the County Manager take the necessary steps to provide an additional Trailer Pump under the Fire Brigades Act, 1940, for use in the Greystones Area.

Following a discussion it was agreed to await a report from the County Manager regarding Fire Services in the County Area.

**Item No. 22.** The Council considered the Resolution from Aughrim Branch of the National Labour Party applying to have the allowance for boarded-out children substantially increased and varied in relation to, say, a boy of 13 years and a boy of one year.

The County Manager quoted figures which showed that the allowances made in respect of boarded-out children in County Wicklow exceeded the allowances made in neighbouring counties. The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

**Item No. 23.** The Council considered the advisability of setting up Committees under Section 11 of the Public Assistance Act, 1939, in towns of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow, in connection with the administration of Home Assistance in these areas. It was decided that the County Secretary should ascertain the views of the three Urban District Councils as to the proposal.



**Item No. 24.** Correspondence concerning the question of altering the site of 15 cottages at Ballywaltrim, which correspondence had been circulated to each member of the Council, was considered.

It was proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;  
Seconded by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;

That the matter of the acquisition of Mrs. Darley Miller's site be deferred for three months, pending further investigation as to a suitable site.

After a prolonged debate on the matter, an Amendment was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved: That the Council proceed with the Scheme.

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

**FOR THE AMENDMENT:** Councillors J. J. McCrea, J. Kavanagh, W. J. Doyle, J. J. Metcalfe, B. Farrell, Ed. Byrne, P. Ledwidge and C. M. Byrne—(8).

**AGAINST THE AMENDMENT:** Councillors J. J. Bourne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, H. J. Byrne, Thos. Fitzpatrick, C. W. Hudson—(5).

The Chairman thereupon declared the Amendment carried by eight votes for to five against, and the original Motion defeated.

**Item No. 25.** The Council considered the setting up of Committees under the Labourers' Acts to investigate representations for Labourers' Cottages by Agricultural Labourers under the County Wicklow Housing Survey Scheme.

The Council agreed to adopt the same procedure that had been followed on previous occasions by the late Board of Health and Public Assistance.

#### GENERAL.

**Item No. 26.** Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Resolved: That the Cottage Tenancy Agreements as set out on the subjoined list be sealed:—

21st October, 1944—Mary Cummins, Mount Kennedy Demesne.

18th November, 1944—Sarah Doyle, for Thos. Doyle, Ballydonerea.

30th November, 1944—James Nolan, Kilnahanagh Beg.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Resolved: That the transfer from the County Council to Denis Fitzpatrick of the premises comprised in Folio 90 S.D., of the premises in Carnew, which premises were charged with the repayment of £45 advanced by the former Rural District Council, and which said advance has been repaid, be sealed.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor B. Farrell;

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

Resolved: That the Agreement, dated the 25th October, 1944, between Joseph Keenan, and the County Council to provide public lighting of the village of Roundwood, be sealed.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Kavanagh;

Resolved: That Agreements in connection with the boarding-out by the Wicklow County Council of children with the undermentioned foster-parents in pursuance of the Public Assistance Act, 1939, be sealed:—

#### Foster Parent.

Mrs. Lydia Doyle, The Forge, Newcastle:

Norah Parle, Coolnakilly, Glenealy:

Kathleen Byrne, Drumdangan, Glenealy:

Dorothy O'Neill, Ballinacoola, Glenealy:

Mary O'Loughlin, Ballydowling, Glenealy:

#### Boarded-out Child.

Christopher Doyle

Andrew Alexander.

Christina Brewer.

Brendan Doyle.

Anne Lawlor.

**Item No. 27.** Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved: That we hereby approve of draft instructions the County Manager proposed to issue to Rent Collectors.

Councillor Fitzpatrick submitted certain minor amendments to the Instructions, which the County Manager accepted.

The following amended Scheme was passed by the Council:—

### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

#### DRAFT.

#### DUTIES OF COTTAGE RENT COLLECTOR.

1. In accordance with the terms of his Bond, the Rent Collector shall collect rents on such rents becoming due.
2. The Collector shall issue no receipt in respect of Cottage Rents or Rents of Allotments other than the Council's Official Receipt, which receipt shall be issued by him on receipt of the rent in all cases.
3. Each Receipt issued must show (1) The name and address of Cottage Tenant, (2) The number of the Cottage in the Cottage Rental, (3) The date of Receipt of Rent, (4) The period in weeks covered by the payment, and the date to which Rent is paid.
4. Rents must be lodged with the Council's Treasurers (Public Health Charges Account) promptly, and as required by the Public Bodies Order, 1942.
5. The Collector shall, on the last Saturday of each month, enter in his Rental the amount of Rent accrued on the Debit side and the amounts of rent collected on the Credit side, in respect of each Cottage Tenant in his district. He shall close and balance his Rental, and submit it to the Chief Officer, Housing Section, for checking not later than four days after the close of each month.
6. The Collector shall, at the time of submitting his Books for checking, also submit on the Form H.1. a list of all Cottage Tenants in his district whose arrears of rent exceeds four weeks' rental.
7. The Collector shall, on receiving the keys of a vacant cottage and notification from the Chief Officer, Housing Section, of the appointment of a new Tenant, immediately hand over such keys to such incoming Tenant, and at the same time have the necessary Tenancy Agreement completed. Such Agreements must be forwarded immediately to the Council for sealing.
8. The Collector must notify the Council on Form H.2. immediately a Cottage becomes vacant, or, if it is known beforehand, of a vacancy about to occur. Such notification should be accompanied by a report on the condition of the Cottage.
9. The Collector must submit a special Report monthly on Form H.3. on such Cottages as have been inspected by him during the month, showing any breaches of the Tenancy Agreement, particularly:—
  - (a) Keeping of Lodgers;
  - (b) Sub-letting of Cottage or any portion thereof;
  - (c) Cottages not kept in a clean condition internally or externally;
  - (d) Maintenance of Windows, Fences and use of paint supplied;
  - (e) Wilful damage to Cottages by Tenants;
  - (f) Cottage not fully and properly occupied;
  - (g) Uncultivated Plots;
  - (h) Cottages occupied by persons not qualified or continuing to be qualified to occupy subsidised cottages.
10. The Collector shall make a special Report monthly, on Form H.4., giving particulars of each Cottage requiring repairs and the nature of the repairs requested.
11. The Collector shall inspect and report to the Council on all cottages in his district at least once in every three months.
12. The Rent Collector shall serve all notices required by the Council on Tenants of Cottages when requested to do so, and shall in all other respects duly, fully, and faithfully observe, obey, perform, fulfil and keep all the Enactments and Provisions contained in the Labourers Acts and



all Orders, Rules and Regulations of the Local Government Department or the Council touching and concerning the Collection of Cottage Rents and inspection of Cottages and Allotments, and shall also carry out promptly all orders given to him by Wicklow County Manager.

By Order.

**P. T. HEALY,**  
Wicklow County Manager.  
**T. BYRNE,**  
Chief Officer, Housing Section.

September, 1944.

**Item No. 28.** Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey:

That we hereby approve of the draft Regulations made under Section 29 of the Labourers Act, 1906, with respect to the letting of cottages and allotments.

The Council decided to postpone consideration of the Motion until the next Meeting to enable the Councillors to give further examination to the Regulations which had been circulated to each member.

**Item No. 29.** The Council considered communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health enclosing copy of letter from D.M.O. Dubhghaill, Uas., 10, Ascal Gartan, Glas Mochonog Nua, Atha Cliath, re condition of Burial Grounds in the County Health District of Wicklow, and Glenealy Burial Ground in particular.

Several Councillors referred to the neglected condition of many of the Graveyards in the County.

As the County Manager had considered the Matter at the Council's Offices, in Rathdrum, and had made an order thereon, the Council decided to take no further action in the matter.

**Item No. 30.** In connection with Item No. 30 on the Agenda, the Council decided to accept, with thanks, the offer of D. M. O Dubhghaill, Uas., 10, Ascal Gartan, Glas Mochonog Nua, Atha Cliath, to present to the Council some genuine 1798 period Pikes to be suitably preserved and exhibited in the Council Chamber.

**Item No. 31.** Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea:

Resolved: That having considered communication dated 7th July, 1944, Ref. ARP/3377, from the Department of Defence, and the accompanying copy of Emergency Powers Order (No. 325), 1944, we hereby appoint Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health, as an "Authorised Officer for all the purposes of the above Emergency Powers Order in regard to the Casualty Service, and Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., County Surveyor/Engineer, as "Authorised Officer" for the Fire-fighting, Rescue and Decontamination Services.

Passed.

**Item No. 32.** The County Analyst's Report for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1944, was submitted to the Council and noted, as follows:—

### QUARTERLY REPORT.

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by her during the Quarter ending the 30/9/1944:—

Articles submitted for Analysis.	Date Received.	Number	From	Result of Analysis.
W. Milk	1/7/44	4	Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy, Gda. Ward	3 Gen. 1 Not Gen.
Whiskey	15/7/44	2	Bray, Gda. Murphy	Genuine
Vinegar	"	1	" "	"
W. Milk	"	1	" "	"
W. Milk	21/7/44	4	Bray, Gda. Murphy	3 Gen. 1 Not Gen.
W. Milk	26/7/44	1	Roundwood, Gda. Roberts	Genuine
Sugar	"	1	" "	"
Stout	"	1	" "	"
Porter	"	1	" "	"
W. Milk	"	3	Baltinglass, Gda. Conway	"
Butter	"	1	" "	"
W. Milk	27/7/44	4	Greystones, Gda. Dwyer	"
W. Milk	1/8/44	4	Arklow, Gda. McCabe	"
W. Milk	18/8/44	3	Rathdrum, Gda. Sweeney	"
W. Milk	25/8/44	1	Baltinglass Dist. Hospital	"
W. Milk	26/8/44	2	Bray, Gda. Murphy	"
Whiskey	"	2	" "	"
W. Milk	1/9/44	4	Arklow, Gda. McCabe	3 Gen. 1 Not Gen.
W. Milk	12/9/44	1	Shillelagh, Gda. Behan	Genuine
Port Wine	"	1	" "	"
Butter	"	1	" "	"
W. Milk	"	2	Dunlavin, Gda. Laverty	"
Butter	"	1	" "	"
W. Milk	13/9/44	2	Blessington, Gda. Brennan	"
W. Milk	18/9/44	2	Bray, Gda. Murphy	"
Gin	"	1	" "	"
Whiskey	"	1	" "	"
W. Milk	19/9/44	2	Carnew, Gda. Doyle	1 Gen. 1 Not Gen.
Tea	"	1	" "	Genuine
Butter	"	1	" "	"
Lemonade	23/9/44	1	Roundwood, Gda. Roberts	"
Orangeade	"	1	" "	"
Stout	"	1	" "	"
Cider	"	1	" "	"
Drugs	7/7/44	2	Arklow	"
"	15/7/44	2	St. Kevin's Sanatorium	1 Gen. 1 Not Gen.
"	"	2	Co. Fever Hospital	Genuine
"	1/8/44	1	Co. Fever Hospital	"
"	2/8/44	2	Delgany	"
"	4/8/44	2	Newcastle	"
"	28/8/44	2	Bray No. 1	"
Water: Webb's River, Arklow	15/8/44	1	U.D.C., Arklow	Condemned
Water: Brittas	12/9/44	1	County Council	"

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter: Foods 60; Drugs 13; Waters 2. Total—75.

Number adulterated: W. Milks 4; Drugs 1.

Dated 6/10/1944.

(Signed): PHYLLIS RYAN,  
Public Analyst.



**Item No. 35.** With the Chairman's consent, Councillor C. W. Hudson referred to letter received from the Secretary, Irish Farmers' Federation, regarding their desire to have rescinded the Resolution re Separate Charges passed at the September Meeting of the County Council.

The Secretary stated he had received a further letter from the Secretary, Irish Farmers' Federation, requesting the County Council to receive a deputation on this subject. The Council agreed that the deputation be received at their next Meeting.

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

#### NOTICE OF MOTION.

I hereby give Notice that at the first Meeting of the County Council, to be held after the expiration of one month from this date, I (or some Member for me) will move: "That approval be given to the borrowing by the Council of a sum of £28,855 for the purposes of the completion of a Scheme of 220 cottages under the County Wicklow Labourers Order, 1939."

At this stage the Council adjourned consideration of the remaining items on the Agenda to the next Meeting of the Council.

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