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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, E. Farrell, C. M. O'Brien, 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 Carnw-Umarig 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 deputation 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, Kilquigan, 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 lighting 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, Killeole, Newcastle, Avoca, Carnw, Tinahely and Shillelagh in respect of calendar year 1945.
19. To consider communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated 23rd 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).

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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. Dubhghall, 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. Dubhghall, 10 Ascal Gartan, Glas Mochonog Nua, Atha Cliath, containing an offer of plots 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 Council's 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 Carnw-Umarig 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 necessities, 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 tenderer 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

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- 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 necessities, 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-five

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 23 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 Leitrim 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 1% under the Irish Banks Rate, rising and falling from time to time with a minimum of 24 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.

21st October, 1944
Dear Sir,
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 88 and 89 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.D., 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
Timahely ..	1	9
Carnew ..	1	9
Kilcoole ..	3	0
Roundwood ..	3	0
Rathnew ..	3	0
Stratford ..	3	0
Dunlavin ..	3	0
Baltinglass ..	3	0
Avoca ..	3	0
Newcastle ..	3	0

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.

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It would not appear necessary to vary the existing polling districts and places solely for the purposes of local elections, as the number of Dail Electors is usually less than the number of Local Government Electors, and the schemes setting out the polling districts arranged according to Dail Constituencies could readily be re-arranged according to electoral areas.

Polling districts for Dail Elections were prepared by fixing a polling place and forming a polling district from the surrounding 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.

Misc. le meas.

J. HURSON,

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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 16 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, Ballydonera.

30th November, 1944—James Nolan, Kilmahanagh 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 Redwood, 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, Ballinacolia, Glenealy:

Mary O'Leary, Ballydewling, Glenealy:

Boarded-out Child.

Christopher Doyle

Andrew Alexander.

Christina Brewer.

Brendan Doyle.

Anne Lawlor.

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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. Dubhghall, 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. Dubhghall, 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:—

11 DEC 1944

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. Genuine
Whiskey	15/7/44	2	Bray, Gda. Murphy	"
Vinegar	"	1	"	"
W. Milk	"	1	"	"
W. Milk	21/7/44	4	Bray, Gda. Murphy	3 Gen. 1 Not Gen. Genuine
W. Milk	26/7/44	1	Roundwood, Gda. Roberts	"
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. Genuine
W. Milk	12/9/44	1	Shillelagh, Gda. Behan	"
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. Genuine
Tea	"	1	"	"
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. Genuine
"	"	2	Co. Fever Hospital	"
"	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 80; 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.

*Yours J. Webb
Shannon
9/11/45*

8 JAN 1945

The Monthly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 8th January, 1945.

The following members were present:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;
Councillors Liam O Cleirigh, P. McCarthy, W. J. Doyle, J. Everett, T.D.; Joseph Jacob, Ed. Byrne, J. J. Hickey, M.B.; T. Fitzpatrick, H. J. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, J. J. Bourne, George Byrne, J. J. Metcalfe, B. Farrell, Patrick Doyle, Joseph Kavanagh, C. M. Byrne, and W. J. Clarke.
The County Manager, Mr. P. T. Healy, was in attendance.

BUSINESS.

RESERVED FUNCTIONS.

- To confirm and sign Minutes of previous Meeting.
- To pass usual Resolutions in connection with the Council's application for (a) Overdraft Accommodation in the month of February on the County Council's General Account, and (b) Overdraft Accommodation on the Turf Production Account for the same month.
- To determine by formal Resolution whether the Scheme of Scholarships from Primary Schools to Secondary Schools made in conformity with the Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) Act, 1944, as circulated to each member of Wicklow County Council, shall be carried into execution.
- 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."
- To consider the Provisional Road Works Scheme prepared by the County Surveyor for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1946.
- To approve of Resolution of the County Committee of Agriculture granting a Marriage Gratuity to Mrs. B. Doyle, former Instructor in Poultry-keeping and Butter-making.
- To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Ed. Byrne—
"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.'"

ASSISTANCE, HEALTH AND HOUSING.

- To consider new works under Public Health and Public Assistance to be carried out in the coming financial year, lists of which have been circulated to the members of the Council.
- 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.
- To consider the Order made by the County Manager on 20th December regarding offers of sites for Hospitals in Wicklow and Bray, and to appoint a small Committee to examine the sites offered.
- To recommend to the County Manager the course to be adopted by him regarding the old Workhouse Buildings at Baltinglass and Shillelagh.
- To authorise by Resolution the affixing of the Seal of the Council to certain documents.
- To receive a deputation from the Workers' Union of Ireland to discuss the matter of increased pay and improved conditions for Co. Council Roadmen.
- 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.
- 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.
- To consider Petition received from residents in Macreddin-Sheana District, Aughrim, asking that Bridge be erected over the river on the Co. Road at Sheanamore, Aughrim.
- To consider letter received from the Secretary, Irish Farmers' Federation (1) protesting against the appointment of additional engineers; (2) objecting to the neglect of roads and bridges in the County.
- To receive a deputation from the Irish Farmers' Federation relative to the Resolution regarding Separate Charges passed by the Council at the Council at the September Meeting.
- To consider a Resolution passed by the County Council's General Council regarding the unsuitability of roads for horse traffic.
- 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.
- To consider replies received from the Urban District Councils of Bray, Arklow and Wicklow, regarding the proposed Conference to discuss the desirability of imposing restrictions on Cinematograph Licences.
- To consider the following Resolution passed by the Aughrim Branch of the National Labour Party at the Annual Meeting held on 17th December, 1944. "We the Members of Aughrim Branch, the National Labour Party, wholeheartedly endorse the proposals on social security put forward by Most Rev. Dr. Dignan, and we call on the Government to implement these proposals with a minimum of delay. We furthermore call on Wicklow County Council to adopt a similar Resolution."

Councillor Patrick Doyle of Stratford, who had been co-opted to fill the vacancy on the Council caused by the death of Councillor D. J. Kehoe, Baltinglass, having made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, was introduced to the Council by the Chairman. The Council extended a welcome to Councillor Doyle.

The Secretary stated he had received a communication from Councillor P. Ledwidge, regretting his inability to attend the Meeting.

RESERVED FUNCTIONS.

- Item No. 1. Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle;
Seconded by Councillor J. Jacob:
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 Ed. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor H. J. 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 Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Co. Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the month of February, 1945, shall not exceed £12,000.
Passed.
- (b) Proposed by Councillor G. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor H. J. 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., 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 February, 1945, shall not exceed £22,000.
- Item No. 3. The following Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary School and Vocational Schools, copy of which had been circulated to each Member of the Council, was considered by the Council:—

SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, 1945.

NUMBER AND VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIPS.

1. (a) Wicklow County Council offers for competition amongst students from the entire County of Wicklow six (6) Scholarships of the Annual Value of Fifty Pounds (£50) for the first year, and of the Annual Value of Forty-five Pounds (£45) in the second and each subsequent year.
2. (b) Six Scholarships—three reserved for boys and three reserved for girls—shall be awarded to candidates who are not more than fourteen years of age on the 1st August, 1945, provided that in the event of an insufficient number of boys and girls qualifying at the examination the unawarded Scholarships may be allocated to the next highest qualifying candidates, irrespective of sex.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS.

2. The County Council shall pay, in two instalments annually, the amount of Tuition Fees, Maintenance Charges, Cost of Books, etc., of each holder of a Scholarship, on receipt of a detailed account from the Head of the School or College, provided that this amount does not exceed the value of the Scholarship. The unexpended balance, if any, of each Scholarship shall be paid annually to the parent or guardian of the Scholarship holder to meet the cost of railway travelling, etc.

RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATION.

3. The parents or guardians of intending candidates must have been bona fide resident in County Wicklow on the first day of October preceding the Examination.

MEANS OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS.

4. 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.

(III) £115 in the case of families of 5 children.

(IV) £120 in the case of families of 6 children or more.

(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.

(III) £340 in the case of families of 5 children.

(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 Council may award in special circumstances, subject to the approval of the Minister for Education, the whole or part of a Scholarship to a candidate whose parents or guardians do not comply with the foregoing means conditions.

TENURE OF SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Scholarships shall be tenable only at schools approved by the County Council and the Minister for Education for the purpose, and may be renewed for a period not exceeding five years.

The County Council desires that, in the selection of schools parents will give preference to schools in which Irish games and pastimes are adopted.

RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS.

6. The annual renewal of Scholarships for such period as the Council may deem fit, not exceeding five years, shall be subject to the receipt of reports as to the conduct and progress of the holder, which are accepted as satisfactory by the Wicklow County Council and the Minister for Education. A scholar who does not pass with Honours the Department's Intermediate Certificate Examination at or before the end of the third year shall not, as a rule, be eligible for a further renewal of the Scholarship.

All renewals of Scholarships shall be subject to the approval of the Minister for Education.

EXAMINATION CENTRE.

7. Subject to the approval of the County Council and the Minister for Education, Wicklow town has been selected as a centre for the 1945 Examination, which shall be partly oral and partly in writing, and will be conducted by Inspectors and Examiners appointed by the Minister. The Examination shall be held during the week immediately following Easter Sunday.

REFERENCES.

8. Every Candidate for a Scholarship shall, before being admitted for examination furnish a completed Application Form together with a Registrar's Birth Certificate, a satisfactory reference from the Teacher or School Manager of his or her School and a Medical Certificate as to fitness.

AGE LIMIT.

9. See Clause 1 (b).

MANNER OF MAKING APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION.

10. Completed Applications from intending candidates, accompanied by Birth Certificates, will be received by the Secretary of the County Council at his Office, Courthouse, Wicklow, up to 29th January, 1945, from whom a Form of Declaration can be obtained, which is to be verified by a parent or guardian of the applicant, and a Form of Certificate to be filled up by a Clergyman or Peace Commissioner. These documents, when properly completed, will be submitted to the Wicklow County Council and if the application is approved by them the Secretary will make the necessary arrangements for each approved candidate to sit for the Examination. Application Forms received after the 29th January, 1945, cannot be considered.

Each candidate must indicate on the application form his selection of optional subjects. Any alteration he desired to make in his selection, subsequent to forwarding the application form must be notified to the Secretary of the County Council on or

before the 1st March, 1945. On the day of examination no candidate will be allowed to take a paper in an optional subject unless he has given notice not later than the 1st March, 1945, of his intention to take such paper.

METHOD OF AWARD.

11. Subject to these Rules and Regulations, scholarships shall be awarded in order of merit as determined by the Examination. All awards are subject to the approval of the Minister for Education.

SYLLABUS OF EXAMINATION.

12. The Syllabus of Examination will be the Syllabus of the Sixth Standard Primary School Programme.

13. The following shall be the subjects of examination: (a) Irish; (b) English; (c) Arithmetic; (d) History and Geography; (e) Algebra; (f) Geometry; (g) Drawing; (h) Rural Science or Nature Study; (k) Needlework.

All candidates must present themselves in (a), (b), (c) and (d) above. In addition, candidates may present themselves in one or two, but not more than two, of the subjects (e), (f), (g), (h) and (k).

Irish and English versions of the question papers will be set in each of the following subjects: Arithmetic, History, Geography, Needlework, Algebra, Geometry, Drawing, Rural Science or Nature Study, but only one version, either Irish or English, will be supplied to candidates.

Candidates who answer the questions in any subject wholly in Irish from the Irish version of the question paper, will get a bonus of not more than 10 per cent. of the marks awarded, except in Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Needlework and Drawing, in which the bonus will be not more than 5 per cent. of the marks awarded. No bonus will be awarded to a candidate who answers in Irish from the English version of the paper.

Copies of the question papers set in 1944 for this examination may be obtained from Government Publications Sale Office, 3 and 4, College Street, Dublin, price one shilling and three-pence per copy.

CONDITIONS FOR PASSING THE EXAMINATION.

14. To be eligible for the award of a Scholarship a candidate must pass the examination.

In order to be regarded as having passed the examination, a candidate must secure not less than 30 per cent. in each of the obligatory subjects, viz.: (a) Irish, (b) English, (c) Arithmetic, (d) History and Geography, and not less than 50 per cent. of the aggregate marks assigned to those subjects. For the purpose of placing in order of merit those candidates who pass the examination, the total marks obtained by each candidate in the four obligatory subjects will be reckoned, and, in addition, the total marks obtained by him (or her) in any optional subject (not exceeding two in number) in which he (or she) obtained at least 20 per cent. of the maximum marks assigned to that subject.

15. Every question or dispute which shall arise in relation to the interpretation or construction of this Scheme shall be determined by the Minister for Education, whose decision thereon shall be final and conclusive.

NOTE.—It is the intention of the County Council when operating a University Scholarship Scheme to give preference 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.

SYLLABUS OF EXAMINATION.

In all subjects the programme of the Examination for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools is the programme prescribed for Standard VI pupils in the official programme for National Schools, subject to such alterations therein as are set out in the "Revised Programme of Primary Instruction" (issued in September, 1934), and to such further modifications as are mentioned below:—

SUBJECTS OF EXAMINATION.

I. OBLIGATORY SUBJECTS.

(a) Irish (300 marks)

Oral (150 marks)

(1) General conversation

(2) Reading with explanation

(3) Recitation with explanation of 100 lines of Poetry.

Written (150 marks)

(1) Composition and letter-writing

(2) Suitable exercises in grammar.

(b) English (200 marks)

Written (200 marks)

(1) Composition and letter-writing.

(2) Suitable exercises in grammar.

(c) Arithmetic (200 marks)

The question papers in Arithmetic will consist of two sections: Section (a) straightforward arithmetical calculations, six questions, all of which are to be worked (100 marks); Section (b), questions of the usual problem type, five questions, three of which are to be worked (100 marks).

(d) History and Geography (200 marks)

(History, 100 marks; Geography, 100 marks).

II. OPTIONAL SUBJECTS (any two, but not more than two may be taken by candidates).

(e) Algebra (100 marks)

(f) Geometry (100 marks)

(g) Drawing (100 marks)

(h) Rural Science or Nature Study (100 marks).

Primary Schools Programme, Syllabuses A and B Rural Science; or Syllabuses A and B, Nature Study; or Syllabuses C and D, Nature Study—according to type of school.

(k) Needlework (100 marks)

The programme for the examination is the revised programme in Needlework issued to National Schools in October, 1937.

All candidates must present themselves for examination in (a), (b), (c) and (d) above. In addition, candidates may present themselves in one or two, but not more than two, of the subjects (e) to (k) inclusive.

K. J. BRANGAN,
Wicklow County Secretary.

County Council Offices,
Court House, Wicklow.

Dated this 8th January, 1945.

Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Resolved—That we hereby determine that the Scheme of Scholarships from Primary Schools to Secondary Schools made in conformity with the Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) Act, 1944, and as approved by the Minister for Education, shall be carried into execution.

Passed.

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

Seconded by Councillor Liam O Cleirigh;

Resolved—That we hereby appeal to the Minister for Education to allow two candidates who were debarred from last year's Scheme, one on the grounds of being some weeks over age and the second on account of his father's I.R.A. Pension being calculated against him in the Means Test, to compete in this year's examination. These two cases caused undue hardship to the parents.

Passed.

Item No. 4. Proposed by Councillor Dr. Hickey;
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—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.

Passed.

Following a discussion on the Council's powers under the Bye Laws in relation to the control of erection of buildings in County Wicklow, Councillor Dr. Hickey stated his intention to submit a proposal, at a later date, with reference to the adoption in the County of Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934.

Item No. 5. The County Surveyor submitted Provisional Road Works Scheme for the service of the financial year 1945/1946. Having referred to the increase in the Estimate and submitted explanations for the figures, he strongly urged the Council to adopt the Estimate as submitted.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Seconded by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;

That we raise by means of Poor Rate, for expenditure on roads in the coming financial year, the sum of £50,000, and we hereby authorise and direct the County Surveyor to apportion this figure over the Roads in the Scheme.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Ed. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell;

That the sum of £56,923, made up as follows, be substituted for the figure of £50,000—

Part I—Repairs	£25,000	£27,620
Part II—Improvements	(a) £5,000	
	(b) £3,103	£8,103
Part III—Contingencies	£1,200	£1,200
		£56,923

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

For the Amendment: Councillors J. J. McCrea, Liam O Cleirigh, P. McCarthy, W. J. Doyle, B. Farrell, Ed. Byrne, George Byrne, James Everett, T.D.; Joseph Jacob (9).

Against the Amendment: Councillors Joseph Kavanagh, J. J. Bourne, J. J. Metcalfe, W. J. Clarke, Dr. J. J. Hickey, H. J. Byrne, Thos. Fitzpatrick, C. W. Hudson, C. M. Byrne, and P. Doyle (10).

The Chairman thereupon declared the Amendment to have been lost by ten votes to nine.

The following Amendment was

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

Seconded by Councillor Joseph Jacob;

That the sum of £55,000 be substituted for the figure £50,000 in the original proposal.

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

For the Amendment: Councillors James McCrea, Liam O Cleirigh, Patrick McCarthy, Wm. J. Doyle, B. Farrell, Ed. Byrne, George Byrne, Jas. Everett, T.D.; Joseph Jacob (9).

Against the Amendment: Councillors J. Kavanagh, J. J. Bourne, J. J. Metcalfe, W. J. Clarke, Dr. J. J. Hickey, H. J. Byrne, T. Fitzpatrick, C. W. Hudson, C. M. Byrne and Patrick Doyle (10).

The Chairman thereupon declared the Amendment to have been lost by ten votes to nine.

Councillor McCarthy referred to certain Works included in the Road Works Scheme, which he considered were vitally necessary and proposed the following amendment, which was seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:—

That the sum of £52,000 be substituted for the figure of £50,000 in the original proposal.

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

For the Amendment: Councillors J. J. McCrea, J. Kavanagh, Liam O Cleirigh, Patk. McCarthy, W. J. Doyle, W. J. Clarke, B. Farrell, Ed. Byrne, George Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, Jas. Jacob and Patk. Doyle (13).

Against the Amendment: Councillors J. J. Bourne, J. J. Metcalfe, Dr. J. J. Hickey, H. J. Byrne, T. Fitzpatrick, and C. W. Hudson (6).

The Chairman thereupon declared the Amendment carried by thirteen votes to six.

The original proposal, amended as follows, was then put to the Meeting:

That we raise by means of Poor Rate for expenditure on roads in the coming financial year the sum of £52,000, and we hereby authorise and direct the County Surveyor to apportion this figure over the Roads in the Scheme. The Resolution having been put to the Meeting, was declared carried by thirteen votes for to six against.

Councillor W. J. Clarke referred to the condition of the Silver Strand-Magherymore Road on which certain work had been done in previous years, but which had not been completed. The County Surveyor explained that the Department of Local Government and Public Health had allocated a Grant towards the completion of this portion of the road and also of the Ordinary end of the road, but as a result of the emergency the Grant had not yet been made available.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Clarke;

Seconded by Councillor Liam O Cleirigh;

Resolved—That the Department of Local Government be requested to provide a Grant for the completion of the Silver Strands-Magherymore Road towards which work the sum of £4,115 was raised in the Road Works Schemes of 1939-1940 and 1940-1941, and that a further Grant be made available for the completion of the Ordinary end of the road, towards which the sum of £690 was raised in the Road Works Schemes of 1940-1941.

Passed Unanimously.

Item No. 6. Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;

Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell;

Resolved—That we the County Council of the County of Wicklow hereby approve, confirm and adopt the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at their Meeting held on the 28th December, 1944:—

Resolved—That Mrs. B. Doyle be given a Marriage Gratuity in accordance with the Local Government Act, 1925, Section 44 (4). Passed.

Item No. 7. Proposed by Councillor Ed. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

Resolved—That approval be given to the borrowing by the Council of a sum of £28,855 for the purpose of the completion of a Scheme of 220 Cottages under the County Wicklow Labourers Order, 1939.
Passed: Councillor H. J. Byrne dissenting.

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Item No. 8. The Council considered list of proposals for new works, under Public Health and Public Assistance to be carried out in the coming financial year, copy of which had been circulated to each Member of the County Council:—

PROPOSALS FOR INCLUSION IN ESTIMATES FOR 1945/46.

Location.	Origin of Proposal.	Estimated Cost.
WATER SUPPLIES.		
Ballynaclash	Cottage Tenants	500 0 0
Ballybawn, Enniskerry	do.	110 0 0
Rosnastraw, Tinahely	do.	5 0 0
Ballymoreen, Avoca	Mr. Maurice Kenny	500 0 0
Ballynerrin Lr., Wicklow	Avoca Parish Council	200 0 0
Avoca	Local Residents	87 10 0
Bray Head	Co. Engineer (Improvement)	
Ballybeg, Rathnew	Co. M.O. of Health	
Crab Lane, Coolkenno	Mr. Barrett	50 0 0
Ballymorris, Aughrim	Clonmore Parish Council	200 0 0
Ardoyne, Tullow	M.O.H., Aughrim D.D.	200 0 0
Raheenakit, Shillelagh	Ballyconnell Labour Club	200 0 0
Blakestown, Blessington	Local Residents	39 12 0
Croneyhorn, Carnew	M.O.H., Blessington D.D.	20 0 0
Ballyellis, Carnew	Cr. McCrea	200 0 0
Carnew V.S.	do.	200 0 0
Ballingate, Carnew	do.	200 0 0
Ballymullagh, Shillelagh	do.	200 0 0
Dillonstown, Blessington	Charles Carr	200 0 0
Oldcourt, Blessington	M.O.H., Blessington D.D.	200 0 0
Coyne's Cross, Ashford	M.O.H., Blessington D.D.	300 0 0
Kylebeg, Blessington	Local Residents	200 0 0
Killmolin, Enniskerry	M.O.H., Blessington D.D.	200 0 0
Killincarrig, Greystones	Agent, Meath Estate	175 0 0
Croneykerry, Rathnew	Dr. Hickey, M.C.C.	10 0 0
Ballyboys, Blessington	Cottage Tenants	100 0 0
Kilmacanogue, South	Local Residents	6,000 0 0
Charlesland, Delgany	Engineer Dillon (add fountain)	45 0 0
	Dr. Hickey, M.C.C., and Local Residents	200 0 0
Blessington Water Supply	Additional Filters	130 0 0
Balknocken	do.	200 0 0
Ballinglass	Diversion of Main	200 0 0
10 Cottages, Windgates	Supplementary Supply	1,000 0 0
18 Cottages, Windgates	Water Supply and Sewerage	£532 10 0
10 Cottages, Rathdown	do.	245 10 0
10 Cottages, Coolagrad	do.	1,491 0 0
4 Cottages, (Old) Rathdown	do.	260 0 0
18 Cottages, Blacklion	do.	217 0 0
38 Cottages, Kindlestown	do.	951 0 0
18 Cottages, Killincarrig	do.	1,361 0 0
9 Cottages, (Old) Killincarrig	do.	531 0 0
14 Cottages, Killincarrig (Bog Field)	do.	243 0 0
4 Cottages, Killincarrig (3, Trout Bridge)	do.	645 10 0
	do.	233 0 0
Sewerages		
Killincarrig, Greystones	Rev. R. Bird (flushing existing drain)	50 0 0
Killincarrig	Rev. R. Bird (Sanitation)	1,312 0 0
Churchland, Tinahely	Tinahely Parish Council	7 0 0
Kilcoole	Cottage Tenants—Sanitation	850 0 0
Blacklion, Greystones	Cottage Tenants—Sanitation	
9 ex-Servicemen's Cottages	Cottages	1,400 0 0
Killincarrig	County Engineer	288 0 0
Public Sanitary Conveniences.		
Blessington	Engineer Foley	220 0 0
Greystones	Greystones' Ratepayers Association	480 0 0
Woodenbridge	Major Bayly	220 0 0
20-ton Weighbridge, Co. Home, Rathdrum		770 0 0

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Kavanagh;

Resolved: That we hereby adjourn Item No. 8 on the Agenda in order to afford us an opportunity of being furnished with sufficient data to allow of the importance and urgency of same being considered.

Following a prolonged discussion, the Council requested the County Manager to have the following information available for the Council at their next Meeting:—

- (1) Recommendation from the County Medical Officer of Health as to order of priority of the Works proposed;
- (2) Report from Chief Clerk in charge of Public Health and Public Assistance Section, County Council Offices, Rathdrum, as to works carried out in the previous year;
- (3) County Manager's recommendations as to relevant urgency of the Works.

Items No. 9 and 10.—The Council considered the following Order made by the County Manager on 20th ultimo regarding proposed Hospital sites in Wicklow and Bray, copy of which order had been circulated to all Members:—

"The selection of a suitable site is a matter on which over and over again the County Council has expressed a wish to be allowed to make a recommendation to the County Manager. Accordingly, I hereby direct that copies of all the relevant documents be circulated to each Member, and that an item regarding same be placed on the Agenda for the next Monthly Meeting of the County Council, so that the latter may appoint a small Committee to go over each site with the County Medical Officer of Health, the County Engineer, the County Secretary, the Chief Officer in Rathdrum, accompanied by the County Manager."

The documents referred to in the Manager's Order were as follows:

1. Mrs. S. Whelan,
Church Street,
Wicklow,
3/12/44.
"With reference to your advertisement for hospital site in Wicklow, I beg to offer about four acres of field adjoining St. Patrick's Road and road leading to new cottages, convenient to Light, Water, and Sewerage. Held from Land Commission. Rent for 12 acres is £7 8s. 10d. per year. I am prepared to sell this field at £150 per acre, that is, if you are only taking 2 acres, but £500 if 4 acres is suitable for building. No houses are opposite it. The National School is some distance from this site."
2. Michael Rooney,
Fitzwilliam Sq.,
Wicklow,
5/12/44.
"Application for Field for Hospital Site. Field situated at Ballygulle, Wicklow, adjoining Corporation Lands overlooking new building at Ballynerrin. Acreage, 6 statute acres; above site very convenient to Water and Sewerage System. Price £1,200."

3. Wm. Douglas, Ballynerrin, Wicklow. 6/12/44.
- "I have noticed your advertisement inviting applications from persons who believe that they have a suitable site for a hospital. I am prepared to sell or rent a very satisfactory site on my lands at Ballynerrin, at the top of Marlon Hill, south of the entrance to the Water Works, known as Ashtown Lane. I shall be glad to show any Engineer of the Council over the site at any time, date, or hour which may be fixed suitable to him and to me."
- Dorothy Wall, Summer Hill, Wicklow. 6/12/44.
- "In response to your advertisement in the 'Wicklow People' of the 25th Nov., 1944, inviting offers of land as sites for General and Fever Hospitals in Wicklow, I beg to give particulars of land in my possession, as follows:—
1. Acreage of land—6 acres 0 rds. 24 pers.
 2. Location—Corporation lands, Dunbur Road, Wicklow.
 3. Yearly Rent—£12 4s., payable to Wicklow U.D.C.
 4. Held under yearly tenancy.
 5. Price expected—£250 for my interest in the lands. Hoping this offer will receive your favourable consideration."
5. Wm. H. Browne, 38, Braemor Park, Rathgar, Dublin. 30/11/44.
- Sites.—Part of the Lands of Glencormick, County Wicklow or Wingfield—2 st. acres. Free of rent; Valuation, £4. Price, £100.
- Ashley House, Greystones—2 acres. Site adjoining. Rent, £10. Lease 900 years. Price open to offers.
- "Rockbrae," Vevay Road, Bray—Site, 6 acres. Pembroke Lease 150 years. Annuity on house and land, £88. E. Light.
- Large site, approximately 2 acres, on the main Bray Road, opposite Catholic Church, near Dean's Grange. Price open to offers.
- Bray Road, Crinkin—25 Irish acres. E.L. and Water available. To be let in quarter and half-acre plots, or would let 2 or 3 acres, or might consider selling. Lease 99 years.
- Seafront at Kilcoole—7 acres of land. Free of rent for ever. Price £100.
- Kilmacanogue, Bray—7 English acres. P.L.V., £6 15s.; Annuity, £2 17s. Price open to offers.
- "Herewith particulars of some Sites in Co. Wicklow. If you would like to inspect them, I shall be pleased to make the necessary arrangements for you to do so. Looking forward to hearing from you.—W. H. BROWNE."

The Council decided that the Councillors for the Bray and Wicklow Districts should accompany the County Manager on his inspection of the sites in their respective areas.

Item No. 11. The Council considered the following Order made by the County Manager on the 6th ultimo:—

"The County Council at their Monthly Meeting in January, 1945 to be asked to recommend to the County Manager the course they would like him to adopt regarding the old Workhouse Buildings at Baltinglass and Shillelagh."

Following representations from Councillors it was decided to adjourn the matter to the next Meeting.

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Item No. 12. Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D. Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell.

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the affixing of the Seal of Wicklow County Council to the Fidelity Guarantee Bond executed by Miss Joan M. Rafter, Shorthand-writer/Typist in our services.

Passed.

Item No. 13. In accordance with Resolution passed by the Council at the previous Meeting of that Body, Mr. Sean Dunne, Representative from Workers' Union of Ireland was received by the Council. Mr. Dunne addressed the Council on the subject of pay and conditions for County Council road men. He submitted figures regarding the percentage increase in wages as compared with the cost of living. He pointed out that industrial wages and farm workers wages had increased to much greater degree than the wages of road workers. He urged the Council to send a deputation to the Minister of Local Government and Public Health.

The Chairman and several Councillors replied to Mr. Dunne pointing out the actions taken by the Council on many previous occasions to increase Road Workers' Wages and stressed the fact that all Members of the Council had always given sympathetic consideration to the claims of Road Workers for improved conditions. Mr. Dunne's statements were challenged by many of the Councillors, and it was affirmed that the proper course for the Union to adopt was to have the matter raised in the Dail.

Item No. 14. The Council decided to adjourn to the next meeting consideration of the draft Regulations made under Section 29 of the Labourers Act, 1906 with respect to the letting of cottages and allotments.

Item No. 16. With regard to item No. 16 on the Agenda, as the erection of a Bridge over the River on the County Road at Sheenamore, Aughrim had been provided for in the Road Works Scheme, 1945/1946, no action was taken.

Item No. 18.—In accordance with Resolution passed at the previous Meeting, the Council received a deputation from the Irish Farmers' Federation, relative to Resolution regarding Separate Charges, passed by the Council at the September Meeting.

Miss E. F. Bobbett, Secretary to the Federation, addressed the Council, and urged the rescinding of the Resolution referred to. Having expressed the views of the Federation on the matter, she requested the Council to receive a Notice of Motion to suspend Standing Orders at the next Meeting of the Council for the purpose of considering the Motion to rescind the Resolution regarding Separate Charges.

The Council agreed to accept the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

"That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of considering the following Motion:—That the Resolution '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 the 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 Sewerage and Drainage Systems.
Provision of Public Dumping Grounds and Public Scavenging.
Provision and maintenance of Public Lighting System.
Provision and maintenance of Water Supplies, including Pumps and Wells.

passed at the Meeting of Wicklow County Council on the 11th September, 1944, be rescinded."

The Council adjourned consideration of the remaining Items—i.e., Items 15, 17, 19, 20, 21 and 22, on the Agenda, to the next Meeting of the County Council.

The Monthly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 12th February, 1945.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

Councillors Liam O Cleirigh, Patrick Doyle, Patrick McCarthy, J. Everett, T.D.; W. J. Doyle, Joseph Jacob, B. Farrell, Peter Ledwidge, Joseph Kavanagh, J. J. Hickey, M.B.; T. Fitzpatrick, H. J. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, J. J. Bourne, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, and C. M. O Broin.

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 March, on the County Council's General Account, and (b) overdraft accommodation on the Turf Production Account for the same month.
3. To receive and decide upon list of applicants who have applied for permission to compete at the forthcoming Examination under Wicklow County Council's Secondary School Scholarship Scheme.
4. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor C. W. Hudson:—
"That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of considering the following Motion:—That the Resolution '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 rates of the County Health District as constituted immediately before the 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 Sewerage and Drainage Systems;
Provision of Public Dumping Grounds and Public Scavenging;
Provision and maintenance of Public Lighting System; and
Provision and maintenance of Water Supplies, including Pumps and Wells."
5. To approve Draft Order proposed to be issued by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under which the following Separate Charges will become County Health and District Charges:—
(1) Provision and maintenance of Sewerage and Drainage Systems;
(2) Provision of Public Dumping Grounds and Public Scavenging;
(3) Provision and maintenance of Public Lighting System; and
(4) Provision and maintenance of Water Supplies, including Pumps and Wells.
6. To fill the vacancy on the Rathdrum No. 2 Old Age Pensions Subcommittee created by the death of Mr. John Dunne.
7. To pass the Resolution contemplated by Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940, consenting to the expenditure of monies or incurring of liability in excess of the expenditure for any particular purpose specified in the Estimate approved and adopted for the services of the financial year ending 31st March, 1945.
8. To fix the date of Meeting for consideration of the Estimate of Expenses for the service of the financial year 1945/1946.

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9. To consider new works under Public Health and Public Assistance to be carried out in the coming financial year, lists of which have been circulated to the Members of the Council.
10. 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.
11. To recommend to the County Manager the course to be adopted by him regarding the old Workhouse Buildings at Baltinglass and Shillelagh.
12. To receive and consider replies from the three Urban District Councils in the County consequent upon the Council's Resolution, dated 11th December, 1944, concerning the advisability of setting up Committees under Section 11 of the Public Assistance Act, 1939, in the towns of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow, in connection with the administration of Home Assistance in these areas.
13. 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.
14. To approve of amended Regulations in respect of Paying Patients in District Hospital, Baltinglass, and County Hospital, Wicklow.
15. To receive report from County Manager on sites inspected by him and the Committees appointed by the Council, for proposed new Hospitals.

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16. To authorise by Resolution the affixing of the Seal of the Council to certain documents.
17. To consider communication from Aughrim Branch of the National Labour Party, dated 1/11/44 (1) requesting the County Council to erect Sanitary Convenience at Aughrim; (2) asking that the steam-rolling of Rednagh Road be continued, and (3) asking that the banks of earth on roadside near G.A.A. Grounds be removed.
18. To consider letter received from the Secretary, Irish Farmers' Federation (1) protesting against the appointment of additional engineers; (2) objecting to the neglect of roads and bridges in the county.
19. To consider a Resolution passed by the County Council's General Council regarding the unsuitability of roads for horse traffic.
20. 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.
21. To consider replies received from the Urban District Councils of Bray, Arklow and Wicklow, regarding the proposed Conference to discuss the desirability of imposing restrictions on Cinematograph Licences.
22. To consider the following Resolution passed by the Aughrim Branch of the National Labour Party at the Annual Meeting held on 17th December, 1944:—"We, the members of Aughrim Branch, the National Labour Party, wholeheartedly endorse the proposals on social security put forward by Most Rev. Dr. Dignan, and we call on the Government to implement these proposals with a minimum of delay. We, furthermore, call on Wicklow County Council to adopt a similar Resolution."
23. To consider whether or not the County Manager shall give permission for the erection of a cottage at Hillview, Coolagad, near Delgany, in accordance with the plans already submitted and approved of by the County Surveyor.
24. To consider County Analyst's Report.

James J. W. Bred
12-2-45

RESERVED FUNCTIONS.

Item No. 1.—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.

Item No. 2 (a) Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;
Seconded by Councillor L. Cleary:

Resolved: That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to the County 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, 1945, shall not exceed £10,000.
Passed.

(b) Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle:

Resolved: That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to the County 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 March, 1945, shall not exceed £22,000.
Passed.

In reply to questions raised by several Councillors regarding the financing of the County Council's Turf Schemes, the Secretary stated that the Schemes had been financed by overdraft, and that the losses on the Schemes would be recouped at the end of the Emergency. It was not anticipated that the Council's funds would be called on to bear any portion of the losses.

Item No. 3.—The Secretary submitted the following list of candidates under the Council's Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1945:—

SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, 1945.

Name	School Address	Home Address	Date of Birth	Observation of Co. Secretary
Byrne, Alice	Rathcoyle N.S.	Tourboy	8/10/31	
Cashman, Ellen Teresa	Dominican Convent N.S. Wicklow	Summerhill	26/10/32	
Conway Margaret Mary	do.	Main St., Wicklow	16/9/32	
Doran, Mary Philomena	do.	Wavecrest, Wicklow	2/10/31	
Dornin, Annie Esther	St. Patrick's N.S., Loreto Convent, Bray	31, Main St., Bray	27/3/32	
Haughton, Mary Paschal	Dominican Convent N.S. Wicklow	River View, Rathnew	26/6/32	
Hickey, Kathleen Mary	St. Patrick's N.S. Loreto Convent, Bray	Ballywaltrim, Bray	29/10/32	No Birth Certificate
Humphries, Mary Isabel	St. Philomena's, Ravenswell Convent, Bray	9, Maitland St., Bray	21/4/32	
Kennedy, Mary Josephine	St. Mary's College Convent of Mercy Arklow	6, Beresford Tce., Arklow	20/4/32	
Lannon, Sarah Rose	St. Patrick's N.S., Loreto Convent, Bray	3, Meath Villas, Bray	2/12/31	
Lynam Mary Teresa	St. Mary's College Convent of Mercy Arklow	Redcross	27/4/32	
McCann, Ann Rose	St. Patrick's N.S. Loreto Convent, Bray	5, Brennan's Tce., Bray	10/12/31	
McCarthy, Carmel	St. Philomena's Ravenswell Convent, Bray	10, St. Patrick's Sq., Sunnybank, Bray	25/10/31	
Mooney, Mary Antonia	St. Patrick's N.S. Loreto Convent, Bray	29, Wolfe Tone Sq. West, Bray	20/4/32	
Mordaunt Lucy	Annacurra N.S.	Killacoran, Aughrim	18/11/31	
Murphy Mary	Aughrim Girls N.S.	Aughrim	7/11/32	
Murphy, Sheila Mary	St. Patrick's N.S. Loreto Convent, Bray	Roanacruagh, Killarney Rd., Bray	1/7/32	
O'Brien, Honoria Anne	St. Bridgid's N.S., Greystones	K.C.R. Stores, Delgany	16/9/32	
O'Neill, Margaret Daphne	St. Mary's College Convent of Mercy, Arklow	Ennereilly, Ballymoyle, Arklow	31/1/32	
O'Neill, Maura	St. Patrick's N.S. Loreto Convent, Bray	6, Fontenoy Tce., Bray	12/11/31	No Birth Certificate
Reale, Margaret Dolores	St. Patrick's N.S. Loreto Convent, Bray	7, St. Aidan's Tce., Duncalm Ave., Bray	26/1/32	No Birth Certificate
Russell, Eileen Mary P.	St. Patrick's N.S. Loreto Convent, Bray	1, Mount Norris Villas, Bray	6/9/31	
Tobin, Elizabeth Mary	St. Patrick's N.S. Loreto Convent, Bray	33 Wolfe Tone Sq. South, Bray	19/11/31	
Barlow, Patrick Paschal	Boys' N.S., Wicklow	6, St. Laurence's Rd., Wicklow	20/7/32	
Cullen, Patrick Joseph	Rathcoyle N. S.	Killamoat, Rathdangan	31/1/32	
Desmond, John Noel	St. Patrick's Secondary School, Arklow	3, Park Terrace, Ferrybank, Arklow	17/12/31	
Dougan, John Valentine	Syngé Street, C.B.S.	37, O'Byrne Rd., Bray	14/2/32	
Duggan, James	Boys' N.S., Wicklow	6, The Mall, Wicklow	30/4/33	
Fleeni, George Joseph	Boys' N.S., Arklow	33, Connolly St., Arklow	14/10/31	
Furlong, George G.	Boys' N.S., Arklow	6, Mellowes Ave., Arklow	16/10/32	
Furlong, Raymond	Boys' N.S., Arklow	Emoclew Cottage, Arklow	1/6/32	No Birth Certificate
Hendley, James Aquineas	Boys' N.S., Wicklow	4, Dumbur Tce., Wicklow	13/1/33	
Hayden, William J. R.	C.B.S., Blacklion, Greystones	Novara, Blacklion, Greystones	28/3/33	

Jordan, Henry William	Boys' N.S., Wicklow	No 8, The Mall, Wicklow	6/5/33	
Kenny, Aidan Laurence	Boys' N.S., Arklow	5, Martin's Lane, Arklow	10/8/31	
McCrudden, James Joseph	Boys' N.S., Arklow	52, Mellowes Ave., Arklow	28/10/32	No Birth Certificate, only statement of age
McGrath, Michael Francis	St. Patrick's Secondary School, Arklow	33, Griffith Ave., Arklow	21/4/32	
Marah, Denis	St. Joseph's College, Wicklow	Merrymetting, Rathnew	12/1/32	
Mills, Joseph	Boys' N.S., Arklow	3, Collins St., Arklow	18/9/32	No Birth Certificate
Murphy, William Laurence	Boys' N.S., Wicklow	High St., Wicklow	28/8/31	
O'Hara, James E.	C.B.S., Blacklion, Greystones	6, Marine Tce., Greystones	20/7/32	
O'Rourke, Vincent	C.B.S., Blacklion, Greystones	3, Marine Tce., Greystones	5/4/32	
Reid, Patrick Francis	Boys' N.S., Wicklow	The Mall, Wicklow	13/2/32	
Spurling, Osborne	Greystones No. 2 N.S., Boys' N.S., Arklow	Laburnum, Greystones	29/9/32	
Storey, Seán Francis	Boys' N.S., Arklow	48, Mellowes Ave., Arklow	4/10/31	
Tumulty, Ross Thomas J.	Boys' N.S., Wicklow	Summerhill, Wicklow	8/7/32	
Whiston, John James	C.B.S., Blacklion, Greystones	Grove Cottages, Redford, Greystones	2/1/32	
Dolan, Eugene Patrick	Ballyrahan N.S.	Ballyrahan, Tinahely	28/2/31	Over Age
O'Loughlin, Joseph Oliver	Cistercian College, Rostreea	Carnew	31/3/31	Over Age
Herr, Denis Joseph P.	St. Patrick's Boys' Secondary School, Arklow	Aughrim	3/11/31	Over Income
Kavanagh, William Francis	Boys' N.S., Arklow	6, Upper Main St., Arklow	11/1/32	Over Income

Of the total of 51 applicants, two candidates, Eugene P. Dolan, Ballyrahan, Tinahely, and Joseph O. O'Loughlin, Carnew, were over age, and two other candidates, Denis J. P. Herr, Aughrim, and William Francis Kavanagh, 6, Upper Main St., Arklow, did not come within the limits of Income specified in Section 4 of the Scheme.

Proposed by Councillor Liam O. Cleirigh;
Seconded by Councillor Joseph Jacob:

Resolved: That the Council, subject to the approval of the Minister for Education, allow Denis J. P. Herr to compete for a Scholarship.
Passed by 10 votes for to 6 against.

The Council unanimously granted permission, subject to the sanction of the Minister, to William F. Kavanagh to compete for a Scholarship.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;
Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell:

Resolved: That the remaining forty-seven candidates be approved.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4.—The suspension of Standing Orders was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor J. Kavanagh, for the purpose of considering the following Resolution:—

"That the Resolution '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 Sewerage and Drainage Systems;
Provision of Public Dumping Ground and Public Scavenging;
Provision and maintenance of Public Lighting System;
Provision and maintenance of Water Supplies, including Pumps and Wells.

passed at the Meeting of the Wicklow County Council on the 11th Sept., 1944, be hereby rescinded."

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

FOR THE MOTION: Councillors J. Kavanagh, Patk. McCarthy, P. P. O'Reilly, J. J. Metcalfe, Patrick Doyle, H. J. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, T. Fitzpatrick, J. Everett, T.D.; C. W. Hudson and J. Jacob—11.

AGAINST THE MOTION: Councillors J. J. McCrea, Liam O. Cleirigh, W. J. Doyle, J. J. Bourne, B. Farrell and Dr. J. J. Hickey—8.

The vote having resulted in 11 votes for and 8 against, the Chairman declared the Motion lost, as the requisite three-fourths majority of members present had not been obtained.

Item No. 5.—In connection with draft Order proposed to be issued by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under which certain Separate Charges would become County Health District Charges, the Secretary pointed out that the provision and maintenance of Public Conveniences had been included in the Draft received from the Department, but that this item had not been included in the Council's Resolution.

Following a long discussion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Liam O. Cleirigh;
Seconded by Councillor Dr. Hickey:

That we hereby approve of the draft Order proposed to be issued by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under which the following Separate Charges will become County Health District Charges:—
Provision and maintenance of Sewerage and Drainage Systems; Provision and maintenance of Public Dumping Grounds and Public Scavenging; Provision and maintenance of Public Lighting Systems; Provision and maintenance of Water Supplies, including Pumps and Wells.

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

FOR THE MOTION: Councillors J. J. McCrea, Liam O. Cleirigh, P. McCarthy, W. J. Doyle, J. J. Bourne, P. O'Reilly, B. Farrell, Dr. J. J. Hickey, James Everett, T.D., and Joseph Jacob—10.

AGAINST THE MOTION: Councillors Joseph Kavanagh, J. J. Metcalfe, P. Doyle, H. J. Byrne, Peter Ledwidge, T. Fitzpatrick and C. W. Hudson—7.
The Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution passed by ten votes for to seven against.

Item No. 6.—Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick:

Resolved: That we hereby nominate the Rev. Murtagh Phelan, C.C., Enniskerry, to fill the vacancy on the Rathdown No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, caused by the death of Mr. John Dunne.
Passed.

Item No. 7.—Proposed by Councillor Liam O. Cleirigh;
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy:

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 any particular purpose specified in the Estimates (approximately £12,413) approved and adopted for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1945, as follows:—

Public Health	£2,213
Public Assistance	£10,200

In the course of a discussion on this Motion, Councillor Fitzpatrick protested against the submission of this proposal in the month of February, and said that the Council should have been notified if there was a likelihood of the Estimate for any particular service being over-expanded.

The Motion was put to the Council and passed unanimously.

Item No. 8.—The Council fixed Tuesday, 27th February, 1945, as the date of the Meeting at which shall be considered the Estimate of Expenses and Determination of the Rate in the £. as required by Section 22 of the County Management Act, 1940, the Meeting to commence at 10.30 a.m.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, HEALTH AND HOUSING.

Item No. 9.—The following report was submitted by Mr. Thomas Byrne, Chief Officer, Public Health Section:—

To: EACH COUNTY COUNCILLOR. RATHDRUM, 6th February, 1945.
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As directed by the County Council at their Meeting held on January 8th, 1945, I re-submit list of new Public Health Works proposed to be carried out in the coming financial year, and the cost of which must be raised in the Rates levied in respect thereof. The Works have been, as requested by the Council, placed in their order of priority for each Rural District by the County Medical Officer of Health, after consultation with the County Engineer. The County Manager, after having given due consideration to the views of the County Medical Officer of Health and the County Engineer, recommends the carrying out of the following Works in each Rural District in the order set out, viz:—

BALTINGLASS RURAL DISTRICT.

1. Ballyknockan Water Supply—diversion of Water Main	£200
2. Dillonstown Water Supply—Pump	200
3. Blakestown Water Supply—Fencing Well	20
4. Oldcourt Water Supply—Pump	200
5. Kylebeg Water Supply—Pump	200

In the case of Baltinglass Water Works—augmentation of present supply—the cost of which is estimated at £1,000, the County Manager is of opinion that the Work should be carried out as a Major Scheme, the cost of which would be defrayed by means of a Loan, to be borrowed from the Commissioners for Public Works on the usual terms and repayable over a period of 25 years.

RATHDOWN RURAL DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply for 10 Cottages at Charlesland	£200
2. Additional Fountain at Killincarrig Cottages	10
3. Fountain for 5 Cottages at Killincarrig	45
4. Relaying Water Main at Kilmolin	175
5. Water Supply for Ballybawn Cottages	110
6. Water Supply and Sewerage for 18 Cottages at Blacklion	951

The cost of the following works, which are of a Major type, should, in the opinion of the County Manager, be defrayed from Loan, viz:—

Water and Sewerage—18 Cottages at Rathdown	£1,491
do. 18 Cottages at Blacklion	£1,400
do. 38 Cottages at Kindiestown	£1,361

RATHDRUM RURAL DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply to 11 Cottages at Ballinaclesh	£500
2. Water Supply and Sewerage, 38 old Cottages, Kilcoole	400
3. Public Sanitary Convenience at Roundwood	200
4. Pump for 5 Cottages at Ballynerrin, Wicklow	500
5. Water Supply for 5 Cottages at Ballymoneen, Avoca	87
6. Augmentation of Avoca Water Supply	100
7. Pump for Cottages at Cronakeery, Rathnew	200
8. Water Supply to Cottages at Ballymorris, Aughrim (Pump)	200
9. Water Supply to Cottages at Coyne's Cross Area, Ashford	200

Water Supply for Arklow Rock area and Water Supply and Sewerage System for Aughrim, estimated to cost £14,500 in the aggregate, are required and, if the County Council approve of their being carried out, a Loan for the purpose must be borrowed.

SHILLELAGH RURAL DISTRICT.

1. Extension of Tinahely Sewerage System to Cottages at Churchlands	£650
2. Water Supply for 6 Houses at Croneyhorn Carnew	300
3. Water Supply for Ballyellis, Carnew	200
4. Water Supply, Ballingate, Carnew	200
5. Water Supply, Crab Lane, Coolkenno	200
6. Water Supply, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh—6 Cottages	200
7. Water Supply to 8 New Cottages at Carnew (Village Scheme)	200

Scheme to improve the existing Sewerage and Water Supply Systems at Carnew are also required and the cost of these works, estimated by the Engineer at £2,300, must be borrowed, should the Council direct that they be carried out.

SUMMARY.

A summary of the foregoing proposals for new Works gives an estimated expenditure of £7,322, equivalent to a rate of seven pence in the Pound, i.e.:	
Baltinglass Rural District	£820
Rathdown do.	£1,491
Rathdrum do.	£3,067
Shillelagh do.	£1,950

TOTAL £7,322

The cost of Works as set out, which it is proposed should be defrayed from Loans to be borrowed from the Commissioners for Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years amounts to £22,052, and the sum required to pay the instalments of such Loan due in the first year would be £1,820 or the equivalent of approximately 1½d. in the pound.

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THOMAS BYRNE,

Chief Officer.

PROPOSALS FOR INCLUSION IN ESTIMATES FOR 1945/46.

Location.	Origin of Proposal.	Cost of each proposal as estimated by Co. Engineer.
WATER SUPPLIES.		
Ballinaclesh	Letter from Cottage Tenants pointing out that no Water Supply had been provided to serve the needs of the inhabitants of a group of Cottages recently erected.	500 0 0
Ballybawn, Enniskerry, Rosnastraw, Tinahely.	Do.	110 0 0
Ballymoneen, Avoca.	Letter from Moe, Kenny requesting that a Pump be provided to supply water for domestic use to the inhabitants of 3 cottages, access to whose existing water supply had been cut off by the owner	200 0 0
	Letter from Avoca Parish Council drawing attention to the fact that there was no Water Supply available within ½ mile of 5 cottages at Ballymoneen	500 0 0
Ballynerrin Upr., Wicklow.	Letter from 5 tenants of cottages at Ballynerrin Upper, requesting that a Water Supply be provided for their use, and pointing out that they had been forbidden to obtain water from the lands of neighbouring farmers	200 0 0
Avoca	Letter from Co. Engineer stating that it would be necessary to augment Avoca Water Supply and also to prevent trespass by stock at the source	87 10 0

Bray Head	Report from Co. M.O.H., forwarding memorial from the local residents pointing out the necessity for the provision of a Water Supply. The statements in the memorial, Dr. Beckett added, were correct. (County Engineer considers that the provision of a Water Supply in this case is not feasible)		
Ballybeg, Rathnew.	Letter from Mr. E. Barrett, Ballybeg, complaining of trespass on to his lands by tenants drawing water from a well situated thereon and intimating that this practice must cease	50	0 0
Crab Lane, Coolkenno.	Letter from Clonmore Parish Council drawing attention to the necessity for the provision of a Water Supply for the use of residents of Crab Lane, and suggesting that a Public Pump be provided	200	0 0
Ballymorris, Aughrim.	Report from M.O.H., Aughrim D.D., drawing attention to the necessity for the provision cottages at Ballymorris had to obtain water for their use from a bog stream situated ½ mile distant, and which ordinarily was not fit for human consumption	200	0 0
Ardoyne, Tullow.	Letter from Ballyconnell Labour Club drawing attention to the necessity for the provision of a Public Pump to serve the needs of 3 Labourers' Cottages at Ardoyne	200	0 0
Blakestown, Blessington.	Report from the M.O.H., Blessington D.D., stating that the well from which the residents of 5 cottages obtained water for domestic use was subject to contamination by cattle. He recommended the immediate erection of a Pump in lieu thereof	20	0 0
Croneyhorn, Carnew.	Letter from Councillor McCrea stating that he had received serious complaints regarding inadequacy of the Water Supply for 8 families residing at Croneyhorn. He pointed out that the persons concerned had been threatened with prosecution for trespass in search of water	200	0 0
Ballyellis, Carnew.	Letter from Councillor McCrea drawing attention to the urgent necessity for the provision of a Water Supply to serve the inhabitants of the area	200	0 0
Ballingate, Carnew.	Do.	200	0 0
Ballynultagh, Shillelagh.	Letter from Councillor McCrea drawing attention to the necessity for providing a Water Supply for the inhabitants of cottages erected under the Village Scheme	200	0 0
Dillonstown, Blessington.	Letter from Mr. Charles Carr pointing out the necessity for providing an improved Water Supply for the inhabitants of 6 houses in the area	200	0 0
Oldcourt, Blessington.	Report from the M.O.H., Blessington D.D., recommending that an adequate supply of drinking water be provided immediately to serve the needs of the inhabitants of 5 houses. NOTE.—Engineer suggests that portion of the cost should be borne by Kildare Co. Council	200	0 0
Coyne's Cross, Ashford.	Report from M.O.H., Blessington D.D., stating that 9 families at Oldcourt were without a sufficient Water Supply, and recommending that a Pump be installed at an early date	300	0 0
Kylebeg, Blessington.	Memorial from 11 residents of Coyne's Cross district drawing attention to the lack of Water Supply available to serve their needs	200	0 0
Kilmolin, Enniskerry.	Letter from M.O.H., Blessington D.D., drawing attention to the fact that the inhabitants of three houses at Kylebeg had an insufficient supply of water, and recommending that a Pump be provided for their use	200	0 0
Charlesland, Delgany.	Letter from the Agent, Meath Estate, pointing out that the water main, supplying the Council Cottages, which had been laid many years ago by the late Lord Powerscourt, had become defective and required replacement. He suggested that this be done and that a water rate be charged by the County Council to users of the water therefrom	175	0 0
Killincarrig, Greystones.	Letter from Councillor Dr. Hickey forwarding memorial signed by 10 cottagers calling attention to their unsatisfactory water supply. Dr. Hickey strongly supported the petition, both as a medical man and a County Councillor. The source of supply, he could verify, was constantly being polluted.	200	0 0
Croneykerry, Rathnew.	Report from Councillor Dr. Hickey drawing attention to the necessity for an additional water fountain at Killincarrig, to serve the needs of Co. Council Cottages, the inhabitants of which had at present to walk a distance of 150 yards for the purpose of obtaining water from the nearest fountain	10	0 0
Ballyboys, Blessington.	Memorial received from cottage tenants drawing attention to the necessity for providing a Pump to serve their needs owing to the inadequacy of the existing water supply	100	0 0
Kilmacanogue South.	Memorial received from 25 residents (per Mr. D. J. McEvoy) drawing attention to the urgent necessity for the provision of an adequate water supply for their use	6,000	0 0
Blessington Water Supply, Ballyknocken Water Supply.	Report from Engineer Dillon suggesting the advisability of providing a water fountain to serve the needs of a group of 5 cottages on main Bray-Wicklow Road.	45	0 0
	Report from Engineer Foley recommending the provision of additional filters.	130	0 0
Baltinglass, Water Supply.	Report from Engineer Foley calling attention to the necessity for the diversion of the water main which at present was located under quarry rubbish dumps and consequently could not be repaired.	200	0 0
	Report from Engineer Foley drawing attention to the necessity for the augmentation of the existing water supply to the town	1,000	0 0
WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGES.			
10 Cottages at Windgates	Report from the Co. Engineer recommend	532	10 0
18 Cottages at Rathdown	ing that Water and	1,491	0 0
4 Cottages at Windgates	Sewerage facilities be	245	10 0
10 Cottages at Coolagad	provided to serve the	260	0 0
4 Cottages (Old) Rathdown	needs of the Cottages	217	0 0
18 Cottages at Blacklion	set out	951	0 0
38 Cottages at Kindiestown		1,361	0 0
18 Cottages at Killincarrig		531	0 0
9 Cottages (Old) Killincarrig		243	0 0
14 Cottages at Killincarrig (Bog Field)		645	10 0
4 Cottages at Killincarrig (Three Trout Bridge)		233	0 0

SEWERAGES.		
Killincarrig, Greystones.	Letter from Rev. R. Bird, Delgany, drawing attention to the fact that no water was available to flush a drain situated at the back of 6 cottages at Killincarrig, the condition of which he considered in no small measure responsible for the death of one of the cottage tenant's children recently	50 0 0
Killincarrig.	Letter from Rev. R. Bird, Delgany, drawing attention to the necessity for providing adequate sanitation to serve the needs of all cottagers in the area	1,312 0 0
Churchlands, Tinahely.	Letter from Killaveney Parish Council drawing attention to the necessity for providing a Sewerage System to serve the needs of cottages erected at Churchlands	620 0 0
Kilcoole.	Memorial received from 38 tenants of cottages at Kilcoole requesting that an adequate sewage system be provided to serve their houses and flush lavatories, etc., installed therein	880 0 0
Blacklion, Greystones.	Memorial received from 18 tenants of cottages at Blacklion, drawing attention to the necessity for providing adequate sewage disposal arrangements and the installation of lavatories, etc., in their cottages. (They were willing to pay an additional rent if necessary).	1,400 0 0
9 Ex-Service-men's Cottages, Killincarrig.	Report from County Engineer recommending that these cottages be connected to the Sewerage System	288 0 0
PUBLIC SANITARY CONVENIENCES.		
Blessington.	Memorial received from local residents pointing out the necessity for and desirability of providing a Public Sanitary Convenience in the town	220 0 0
Greystones.	Letter from Greystones Ratepayers' Association drawing attention to the necessity for providing an additional sanitary convenience there.	480 0 0
Woodenbridge.	Letter from Major Bayly, Woodenbridge Hotel, drawing attention to the urgent necessity for the provision of a Public Lavatory Convenience. He stated that his premises were on many occasions used as a Convenience by the public, which practice must cease.	220 0 0
Roundwood.	Memorial received from local residents, drawing attention to the necessity for providing a Public Sanitary Convenience in the town.	400 0 0
County Home, Rathdrum.	Chief Officer, Public Assistance Section, drawing attention to the fact that the existing weighbridge at the County Home had been condemned. In view of the fact that a large quantity of fuel was delivered each year to the Institution, he stressed the urgent necessity for the provision of a new weighbridge in order that a proper check on the quantities supplied may be made.	770 0 0
LABOURERS ACTS.		
Rathdrum.	Rev. W. Byrne, C.C., Rathdrum, suggesting to the County Manager the necessity for providing an additional room or rooms to the cottage of Edward Murphy, Knockadosan, Rathdrum, in which he could verify that 15 persons resided.	92 0 0

Having considered the Report in detail, and several Councillors having stressed the urgency of some of the works included in the Report, the Council ordered that the total cost of the new Works as estimated at £7,328 be included in the Estimates for Public Health Services in the year 1945-46, and that a final decision on the amount to be spent on these works would be arrived at when considering the total Estimate for this service at the Estimates Meeting.

Item No. 10.—Deputy Everett raised the matter of the circulation of the County Manager's Orders and stated that all Orders had not been made available to the members. It was pointed out that the Manager's Order Book was available at each Council Meeting for inspection by the Members, and that all important Orders made at the Rathdrum Office were circulated prior to the Meeting.

Item No. 11.—The Secretary read the following Report received from the County Engineer, with reference to Baltinglass Workhouse:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.
Baltinglass Workhouse. Courthouse, Wicklow.
9th February, 1945.

Dear Sir,
With reference to Item No. 11 on the Agenda for the meeting of the County Council to be held on Monday next, 12th instant, and also in regard to item No. 11, page 11, of the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8th January, 1945, regarding workhouse buildings in Baltinglass and Shillelagh, I beg to report as follows:—

I propose only to deal with the building in Baltinglass for the present. I recommend demolition, except such accommodation as may be required for the storage of timber, Ambulances, and other equipment needed for the District Hospital, Baltinglass. An estimate has been submitted by the Assistant Surveyor, Mr. Foley, giving the value of the material usable for cottage building at £925 (slates, timber, etc.) The estimate for taking down and stocking materials, £300.

Stones from the buildings could be used for road materials over a period as required and paid for out of Wicklow County Council Road Maintenance Funds.

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

P. T. HEALY, Esq.,
County Manager, Wicklow.
The Council approved of the recommendations made in the Report regarding Baltinglass Workhouse, and noted that no action was proposed to be taken at present in connection with Shillelagh Workhouse.

Item No. 12.—Replies received from the three Urban District Councils consequent upon the Council's Resolution dated 11th December, 1944, concerning the advisability of setting up Committees under Section 11 of the Public Assistance Act, 1939, in the towns of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow, were submitted to the Council. All three Urban District Councils expressed their approval of the setting up of a Committee in each town, and, following a discussion on the constitution of the Committees, the County Manager suggested that each Urban District Council should be appointed as Public Assistance Committee in its own area. The Council approved of the Manager's proposal. Councillor Fitzpatrick suggested that three women be asked to act on the Committee in each District, and Councillor Patrick Doyle expressed the desirability of setting up similar Committees in the Rural area.

Item No. 13.—The Council approved of the following Regulations in respect of the letting of Cottages and allotments under the Labourers' Act:—
Regulations made by the County Council of Wicklow with respect to the letting of Cottages and Allotments under the Labourers Acts.

1. Each cottage and plot shall be let only to an agricultural labourer within the meaning of the Labourers' Acts, whose tenancy thereof shall be weekly, and the weekly rent shall be as set forth in the Schedule hereto, which said rent has been fixed so as to secure a reasonable return, having regard to the circumstances of the locality affected, on the expenditure of the Council under the Labourers' Acts, and the cost of the Scheme under which the Cottage or Allotment was provided.

Provided that this Regulation shall not in any way affect the rent charged to existing tenants under their letting agreements.

2. (a) On the first letting of any cottage or allotments comprised in a scheme preference shall be given to agricultural labourers who have signed on their own behalf the representation on which the scheme was founded, or on whose behalf representation was made, unless the applicant has in the meantime ceased to be an agricultural labourer.

(b) Where the houses have been provided under the Labourers' Acts, 1883 to 1931, otherwise than in pursuance of a scheme founded on representations made under these Acts, a first preference to such of the applicants for the houses as are members of the special class; a second preference to such of the said applicants as are persons (not being members of the special class) with families who are living in houses which have been condemned as being unfit for human habitation; and then a third preference to such of the said applicants as are persons with families whose existing accommodation is insufficient; provided always that in determining the relative order of preference amongst a class of applicants to whom a preference in the letting of the houses is hereinbefore required to be given, the local authority shall consider and have regard to a report to be obtained from the Medical Officer of Health as to the existing housing accommodation of each such applicant and as to the degree of urgency of his need for alternative accommodation.

Where the houses have been provided under the Labourers' Acts, 1883 to 1931, in pursuance of a scheme founded on representations made under those Acts, if the houses are not let to persons who signed on their own behalf such representation or on whose behalf such representations were made, the like preferences and in the like manner as are hereinbefore required to be given in the case of houses not so provided under the said Acts.

For the purpose of the foregoing provisions of this sub-paragraph the expression "special class" shall mean persons with families living in one-roomed dwellings where either—

- One or more members of the family is or are suffering from tuberculosis; or
- one or more members of the family exclusive of the parents, has or have attained the age of sixteen years; or
- the dwelling has been condemned as being unfit for human habitation.

3. The tenant shall pay the rent to the Collector, or other person authorised by the Council.

4. The tenant shall not assign or sub-let, or sub-divide or part with the possession of the premises, or any part thereof, or make any letting thereof in conacre, or allow any part of such premises to be occupied by a lodger.

5. The tenant shall not commit any wilful dilapidation of the premises, or any part thereof, and shall not erect on the premises any shed, out-office or building whatever, without permission in writing from the Council.

6. The tenant shall comply with the following conditions:—

- He shall keep the premises and every part thereof in a cleanly and sanitary state, and shall not allow any refuse, nuisance, or offensive matter to accumulate in any portion thereof.
- He shall till at least one-half of the plot every year and shall keep the plot free from weeds and well-manured, and otherwise maintain it in a proper state of cultivation.
- He shall not plant any trees or shrubs so as to be injurious to any adjacent allotment, nor cut down any trees without the permission of the Council.
- He shall keep every hedge forming part of the allotment properly cut and trimmed.
- He shall not cause any nuisance or annoyance to the tenant of the adjacent allotment or of the adjoining land.

7. The tenant shall on the determination of the tenancy peaceably and quietly deliver up possession of the whole of the premises to the Council.

8. The Council shall keep and maintain the dwelling house (subject as hereinafter provided) in tenantable condition and repair during the tenancy.

9. In case of any breach by the tenant of the terms or conditions of the tenancy the Council may by their collector or any other person or persons authorised, in their behalf re-enter upon the premises or any part thereof in the name of the whole, and the same have again, repossess, and enjoy as of their former estate therein, and it is hereby declared that upon the happening of any such breach the term or interest of the tenant in the tenancy shall be deemed (without prejudice, however, to the Council's claim for rent until they obtain actual possession) to have thereupon ended within the meaning and for the purpose of section 86 of the Landlord and Tenant Law Amendment Act (Ireland), 1860.

10. Notice to Quit may be served by the Council on the tenant of any cottage either personally or by leaving the same with some person being in occupation of such cottage, or by leaving the same at such cottage.

11. The tenant shall pay poor rate, in addition to the rent and outgoings in respect of the premises during the tenancy, and shall keep the windows of the cottage and the fences of the garden or plot in repair.

12. Every tenancy is created in pursuance of and subject to the provisions of the Labourers' Acts, 1883 to 1931, and Regulations made thereunder, and the enactments incorporated therewith, and amending the same.

SCHEDULE.

(1) Particulars of Premises.	(2) Rent exclusive of Rates		(3) Districts to which Rents set out in Col. 2 apply.
	Not less than.	Not more than.	
Cottage without land or land not exceeding half an acre, provided prior to 1931	1/-	1/6	Entire County Health District of Wicklow.
Cottage with land in excess of half an acre, provided prior to 1931	1/6	2/-	Same.
Cottages provided under County Wicklow Labourers Order (Completion Shillelagh and Rathdrum Rural Dist. Schemes) 1933	2/-	2/6	Former Rathdrum and Shillelagh Rural Dist. Entire County Health District of Wicklow.
Cottages provided under County Wicklow Labourers Order, 1933	2/-	3/6	Same.
Cottages Provided under Towns and Villages No. 1 Schemes	2/6	5/-	Towns and Villages of Aghrim, Baltinglass, Blessington, Carnew, Kilcoole, Killinacarrick, Newtown-Mt. Kennedy, Tinahely and Dunlavin.
Cottages provided under County Wicklow Labourers Order 1934	2/-	3/6	Townlands of Ballybeg (Wicklow Rural Electoral Division) and Townland of Ballygannon (Rathdrum Electoral Division).
Cottages provided under County Wicklow Labourers Order 1936	2/6	5/-	Entire County Health District.
Cottages provided under Towns and Villages No. 2 Scheme	2/6	5/-	Townland of Rathdrum and Ballygannon (Rathdrum Electoral Division) and Townlands of Ballybeg and Merrymeeting (Wicklow Electoral Division)

County Wicklow Labourers Order 1939	2/6	5/-	Entire County Health District.
Cottages provided in all future Schemes	2/6	5/-	Same.

We, the Wicklow County Council, hereby adopt the foregoing Regulations which are insubstitution of Regulations previously made.

Sealed by the Council in the presence of

Chairman,
County Manager.

SEAL (of the County Council)

The foregoing Regulations are hereby approved by me the Minister for Local Government and Public Health this day of 1945.

SEAL (of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health)

Minister for Local Government and Public Health.
Item No. 14.—The following amended Regulations in respect of paying patients in the District Hospital, Baltinglass, and County Hospital, Wicklow, were submitted for the approval of the Council. The County Manager explained the necessity for these Regulations, and the Council approved of their adoption:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL. Wicklow Public Assistance District.

The Wicklow County Hospitals (Admission of Paying Patients) Regulations, 1945.

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 - "Surgeon," "Physician" and "Matron" mean respectively the Surgeon, the Physician, and the Matron of the Hospital.
- Subject to the provisions of these regulations, the public assistance authority hereby authorises the admission to the Hospital of persons not eligible for public assistance for treatment, maintenance and accommodation therein.
- No person shall be admitted to the Hospital under these regulations unless there is available for such person in the Hospital at the time of his admission thereto, accommodation not required for persons eligible for public assistance and admissible to the Hospital.
- Persons admitted to the Hospital under these regulations shall be accommodated in such special wards of the Hospital as the Manager shall, with the approval of the Minister, allocate for the purpose or in the public wards of the Hospital.
- (1) A person not eligible for public assistance seeking admission to the Hospital under these regulations shall, if a suitable bed is available, be admitted to the Hospital by the Matron upon presentation to her of a certificate of a registered medical practitioner that such person requires treatment in hospital.
(2) The Matron may, in case of urgency, if a suitable bed is available, without requiring a medical certificate as aforesaid, admit such person to the Hospital on the direction of any medical officer of the Hospital or in his absence without such direction.
- The Matron shall report forthwith to the Surgeon or Physician, as the case may require, any admission by her to the Hospital of a person under these regulations, and shall, if the Surgeon or Physician as the case may require, is of opinion that the person cannot suitably be treated in the Hospital, discharge such person from the Hospital as and when so directed by the Surgeon or Physician, as the case may be.
- Save as otherwise provided herein, every person admitted as a person not eligible for public assistance to the Hospital under these regulations, shall, as a condition of such admission, be required to pay to the public assistance authority the appropriate charge, as set forth in the Schedule hereto, for each day or portion of a day during which such person shall remain in the Hospital, together with such appropriate additional charges as the public assistance authority may determine, for any special nursing or other expenses incurred in connection with his or her treatment therein.
Provided always that notwithstanding anything contained in this regulation—
 - (1) the appropriate charge and the amount of any appropriate additional charges as aforesaid payable in respect of a person not eligible for public assistance admitted to the hospital under these regulations in accordance with the agreement with the public assistance authority made by the sanitary authority under section 155 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, or under a school medical treatment scheme approved of by the Minister under the Public Health (Medical Treatment of Children) (Ireland) Act, 1919, or a maternity and child welfare scheme approved of by the Minister, under the Notification of Births Acts, 1907 and 1915, as amended by the Maternity and Child Welfare Act, 1918, or under an agreement approved of by the Minister for the purposes of the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Acts, 1908 and 1913, shall be payable on behalf of such person, if so agreed or specified in such scheme, by the relevant sanitary or local authority and shall be of such amount as shall, with the approval of the Minister, be agreed upon between the public assistance authority and the relevant sanitary or local authority or where the public assistance authority is also the relevant sanitary or local authority as shall be determined by it with the approval of the Minister.
 - (2) The appropriate charge and the amount of any additional charges as aforesaid payable in respect of a person admitted to the hospital under these regulations in accordance with an agreement with any local authority other than a local authority named in the next preceding proviso, shall be of such amount as shall, with the approval of the Minister, be agreed upon between the public assistance authority and the relevant local authority, or in default of agreement such amount as may be determined by the Minister.
 - (3) The appropriate charge and the amount of any appropriate additional charges as aforesaid payable in respect of a person not eligible for public assistance admitted to the Hospital under these regulations as an insured member of Cumann an Arachais Naisiunta ar Slainte in accordance with any scheme for additional benefit made by the said Society with the sanction of the Minister under section 4 of the National Health Insurance Act, 1942, shall, if such scheme is accepted by the public assistance authority, be payable on behalf of such person by the said Society and shall be of such amount as shall be authorised by such scheme.
 - (4) The appropriate charge and the amount of any additional charges as aforesaid payable by the Minister for Defence in respect of a member or a dependent of a member of the Defence Forces admitted to the Hospital under these Regulations shall be in accordance with any agreement for the time being in force between the said Minister and the public assistance authority and shall be of such amount as shall be authorised by such agreement.
 - (5) The charge in respect of children under the age of 14 years shall be half the appropriate rate of charge.
- The Matron shall, before admitting any person to the hospital under these regulations, bring under the notice of such person or the person claiming admission on his or her behalf the provisions of these regulations.
- The Surgeon or Physician, as the case may be, shall, at the request of a person admitted to the Hospital under these regulations or a person acting on his or her behalf, permit any desired registered medical practitioner to have access to the person admitted and shall, as far as possible, act in the treatment of the person in consultation with such medical practitioner.

- Where the Public Assistance Authority is of opinion in respect of a particular person admitted to a public ward in the Hospital under these regulations that while such person is not eligible for Medical Assistance having regard to his general circumstances the payment by such person of the appropriate charge would cause hardship to such person, the appropriate charge in relation to such person may be reduced by such amount as may be considered proper.
- The Matron shall, as directed by the Surgeon or Physician, as the case may require, discharge from the Hospital any person admitted thereto under these regulations when such person has recovered or is no longer susceptible of treatment therein.
- The Matron shall keep a register, to be known as the Paying Patients Register, in such form as the Manager may require and shall enter therein the particulars required in respect of each person admitted to the Hospital under these regulations as a person not eligible for public assistance, and shall furnish an abstract therefrom at the end of each month to, and in such form, as may be required by the Manager.
- The Matron shall be authorised to demand and receive on behalf of the public assistance authority payment of any sums that may be due to the public assistance authority under these regulations from or in respect of any person admitted to the Hospital, and shall so far as possible obtain payment of any such sums before the person is discharged from the Hospital; and shall pay over all sums so received to the treasurer of the public assistance authority and take his receipt for the same, and account for all such sums so received to the public assistance authority in such form as may be required by the Manager.
- If any person fails or neglects to pay any charges incurred by him under these regulations the Matron shall immediately report such failure or neglect to the Manager who shall take such steps or proceedings as may be necessary to obtain or recover payment thereof.

SCHEDULE.

Payments per day or portion of a day to be made by persons admitted to the Hospital under these regulations, and accommodated:—

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- in a special four-bed ward—10s. 6d.
- in a special ward with more than four beds—8s.
- in a public ward—6s.

Sealed by the Common Seal of the Wicklow County Council, this day of 1945, in the presence of:

Chairman,
County Manager.

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Sealed with the Common Seal of the Wicklow County Council, this day of 194....., in the presence of:—

Chairman,
County Manager,
regarding Hospital Sites at Bray and Wicklow, inspected by him in the company of the Committee appointed by the Council.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING SECTIONS.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
County Home, Rathdrum,
7th February, 1945.

Hospital Sites.

A Chara.
For the purpose of inspecting the Sites offered, in response to published advertisement, for the erection of the proposed New Hospital at Bray, I met the Committee appointed by the Council to accompany me, at Bray Town Hall on Monday last, 5th instant. Those present were: Councillors H. Byrne, T. Fitzpatrick, Ed. Byrne, George Byrne, and Dr. Hickey, together with Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, County Engineer, and Mr. Thomas Byrne, Chief Officer, Public Assistance Section, Rathdrum.

The sites offered were as follows:—
2 Acres at Glencormack, Bray.
2 Acres including Ashley House, Greystones.
6 Acres at Rockbrae, Vevay Road, Bray.
2 Acres opposite R.C. Church near Deans Grange.
25 Acres at Cricklin, on Dublin Road.
7 Acres at Seaford, Killoole.
7 Acres at Kilmacanogue.

These sites, together with others not offered, were discussed by the Committee with me. The possibility of acquiring and utilising the Drummond Institute was also discussed.

After due consideration the majority of the members of the Committee present expressed the view that before taking further steps or inspecting any sites, the Dublin County Council should be communicated with for the purpose of ascertaining whether they would be prepared to provide in St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown, for the exclusive use of County Wicklow patients from the Bray area, a total of fifteen beds, six of which would be reserved for maternity cases, it being understood by the Committee that St. Columcille's Hospital was about to be extended and improved.

The Committee propose, when the foregoing information becomes available to have a further discussion in the matter.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed)—P. T. HEALY,

Wicklow County Manager.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING SECTIONS.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
County Home, Rathdrum,
7th February, 1945.

A Chara,
As requested by the County Council at their Meeting held on January 8th, 1945, I have inspected the Sites offered, in response to advertisements, for the purpose of the proposed erection of County and Fever Hospitals at Wicklow. I was accompanied by Councillors Hudson and Everett, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, County Engineer, and Mr. Thomas Byrne, Chief Officer, Public Assistance Section, Rathdrum.

The following sites were offered, viz:—
6 Acres at Ballyguile, Wicklow.
6 Acres at Dunbur Road, Wicklow—Price expected £250.
Marion Hill, Ballynerrin—Field.
4 Acres at St. Patrick's Road—Field.
None of the sites offered were considered to be suitable for one person or another, such as Aspect, Road Approach, difficulty of Drainage or Development, etc., etc.

A site on the western side of the town, however, seems to be suitable from all the above points of view, but whether the owner, Mrs. Doyle, would be willing to sell the field has not yet been ascertained. The Co. Engineer will submit a special report from the architectural point of view, on each site offered.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed)—P. T. HEALY,

Wicklow County Manager.

The following report was submitted by County Engineer regarding inspection of sites for proposed Hospital in Wicklow town:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Courthouse, Wicklow,

9th February, 1945.

Inspection of Sites for proposed Hospital in Wicklow Town.

Dear Sir,

With reference to Item No. 15 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Wicklow County Council to be held on Monday next, the 12th inst., regarding proposed Hospital Sites in Wicklow, I beg to report as follows:—

An inspection of the sites offered to the Council as the result of an advertisement was carried out on Tuesday, the 6th February, 1945, by the County Manager, who was accompanied by the County Surveyor, Mr. Thos. Byrne, Chief Officer, Rathdrum, Mr. C. W. Hudson and Mr. Jas. Everett, T.D. The sites referred to on Page 10 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8th January, 1945, items 9 and 10, were inspected and I make the following observation on each:—

1. This site is a good ground, but slopes heavily towards the north. It is fairly convenient to sewer and the town water supply is immediately adjoining. The Committee felt that owing to the slope and the aspect the site would hardly be suitable.

2. This site slopes towards the north-east and at a sharp grade and is very uneven. It would be convenient to the town water and sewer mains but was not approved owing to the above features.

3. This site is situated on the Arklow Road about 1 mile from Wicklow town. Almost the whole field is heavily sloped, but the aspect is almost southerly. Part of the field could be utilised for building, but it would be necessary to construct a special sewerage system and even though the town water main is close by, the existing pressure from that source would be inadequate. The field was left for further consideration and to be inspected if the Local Government Department institute any further investigation.

4. This site is situated on the Dunbur-Silver Strand Road. The field is uneven and sloping towards the east. The town water supply is convenient and drainage fairly accessible. Approval not given owing to uneven site.

5. The County Surveyor called attention to a site adjoining the main road situated between Stephen's Garage and the Rectory on the main road. All the members of the Committee considered, after inspection, that this field was eminently suitable in all respects: water and sewerage are immediately available and running right through the centre of the field. It was suggested, however, that there appears to be some difficulty as regards its availability for building, owing to restrictions which are said to exist in leases of certain adjoining property. The owner of this field is Mrs. Katherine Doyle, New Street, Wicklow.

Yours faithfully,

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

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

County Manager, Wicklow.

Having considered these Reports, and having noted that as regards the Hospital Site at Bray the Committee had expressed the view that Dublin County Council be communicated with regarding the possibility of providing beds in St. Columcille's Hospital, for exclusive use of patients in the Bray Area, and the fact that none of the sites inspected in Wicklow were considered suitable, the Council deferred consideration of the matter to a later date.

Councillor Hudson referred to a new site at Ballynerrin offered by Mr. B. Connell, Church Hill, Wicklow.

The County Surveyor was instructed to examine this site and report to the Council thereon.

GENERAL.

Item No. 16.—Proposed by Councillor B. Farrell;

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

Resolved—That we hereby renew the Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, applied for by Mr. Edward Bradley of Edward St., Baltinglass, 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.

Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

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

Resolved—That we hereby renew the Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, applied for by Mr. John Hipple, of the Picture House, Greystones—favourable reports having been received from the County Surveyor and the Gardai Authorities, the first on the condition of the premises, and the second on the suitability of the applicant.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Bourne:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Wicklow County Council to the Fidelity Guarantee Bond executed by Mr. Matthew G. King, part-time Weighmaster and employee detailed to take charge of County Council Stores at the Murrugh, Wicklow.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor B. Farrell;

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

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

- 29th January, 1945—Michael Livingston, Brewery, Rathdrum.
- 26th January, 1945—William Green, Bawnogue, Baltinglass.
- 19th January, 1945—Jeremiah O'Loughlin, Parkmore, Baltinglass.
- 6th January, 1945—Miss Anne Twiss, Merrymount, Rathnew.
- 3rd January, 1945—Edward O'Keeffe, Parkmore, Baltinglass.
- 1st January, 1945—Patrick Weybrant, Kilcarney, Baltinglass.
- 21st December, 1944—Peter Farrell, Parkmore, Baltinglass.
- 21st December, 1944—Edward Gethings, Parkmore, Baltinglass.
- 16th December, 1944—Patrick Francy, Merrymount, Rathnew.
- 16th December, 1944—Mrs. Bridget Cavanagh, Milltown, Rathnew.
- 9th December, 1944—John Byrne, Lackan, Blessington.
- 9th December, 1944—Mrs. Lucy Newsome, Ballybeg, Rathnew.
- 2nd December, 1944—John Browne, Ballykilavane, Glenealy.
- 4th November, 1944—Mrs. Jane Redmond, Ballybeg, Rathnew.
- 28th October, 1944—John Tipper, Lackan, Blessington.
- 14th October, 1944—John Hollingsworth, Merrymount, Rathnew.
- 7th October, 1944—John Cassidy, Threecastles, Blessington.
- 7th October, 1944—James Dunne, Stratford-on-Slaney.
- 8th July, 1944—James Moore, Coolenarrig, Stratford-on-Slaney.
- 29th April, 1944—Thomas Thackaberry, Merrymount, Rathnew.
- 18th December, 1943—Edward Carroll, Crosscoolharbour.
- 18th December, 1943—Michael Kershaw, Threecastles.
- 4th December, 1943—Mary McLoughlin, Threecastles.
- 4th December, 1943—William Feeney, Threecastles.
- 20th November, 1943—Christopher Joyce, Barronstown, Grangecon.
- 20th November, 1943—Daniel Clifford, Barronstown, Grangecon.
- 13th November, 1943—Charles Reid, Crosscoolharbour.
- 7th October, 1943—James Doyle, Parkmore.
- 2nd October, 1943—Charles Geoghan, Lockstown.
- 1st October, 1943—Bridget Doyle, Shrughaun, Baltinglass.
- 21st August, 1937—Christopher Burnett, Ballybeg, Rathnew.

Passed.

Item No. 17.—The Council considered a communication from Aughrim Branch of the National Labour Party dated 1st November, 1944, requesting the County Council to erect a Sanitary Convenience at Aughrim; asking that steam-rolling of Rednagh Road, Aughrim, be continued; and that the banks of earth on the roadside near the G.A.A. Grounds be removed. The Council directed that the County Engineer submit an Estimate of the cost of erecting Sanitary Convenience at Aughrim for consideration in the Estimates for the year 1945/46.

The County Engineer reported that no funds were available for continuing the steam-rolling of Rednagh Road.

Councillor Kavanagh stated that the G.A.A. Authorities were prepared to remove the banks of earth referred to in the Resolution. The County Surveyor stated he would be prepared to grant permission to the G.A.A. Authorities to carry out this work. The suggestion was put forward that an advertisement be inserted in the Press to the effect that farmers might remove the clay banks on the side of the road, subject to permission of the County Surveyor being first obtained.

Item No. 18.—The following points, raised in letter received from the Secretary, Irish Farmers' Federation, were considered by the Council:—

- (1) protest against the appointment of additional engineers;
- (2) alleged neglect of roads and bridges in the county.

In the course of a discussion on the points referred to, it was stated by the County Manager that the appointment of additional Engineers had been directed by the Department for the purpose of preparing plans for Post-Emergency Works.

The County Surveyor stated he would arrange to have certain repairs carried out to the bridge over the river at Cole's, Kilboy, which had been mentioned in the letter.

Councillor Metcalfe referred to the dangerous condition of Whites-town Bridge. The County Surveyor promised to have that Bridge examined, and to submit a report.

The County Surveyor was further directed to submit a list of the more dangerous bridges in the County.

Item No. 19.—The Secretary read communication from the Co. Council's General Council regarding Resolution from the Blood Stock Breeders and Horse Owners' Association, which had been adopted unanimously by the General Council.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Resolved—That we hereby adopt the following Resolution passed by the Blood Stock Breeders and Horse Owners' Association, and approved of by the County Councils General Council: "That the Roads in many instances in Ireland are unsuitable for horse-drawn traffic or for riding, and the Association respectfully urges the County Councils to endeavour to have both sides or one side of the roads sanded, or put in such condition that horses may travel on same with safety, and that the hills and particularly the bottom of hills be sanded as far as possible."

Passed.
Councillor Metcalfe referred to a section of the Main Road between Baltinglass and Hollywood, which he stated was particularly dangerous for horse traffic, and requested that this portion of the road be sanded.

Item No. 20.—The Secretary, Tinahely Branch of the National Labour Party, wrote to state that a great number of men were unemployed in that District, and asked that his letter be brought to the notice of the County Council. Several Councillors from the area having stated that they were not aware of any extensive unemployment in the District, the Council decided to take no action in the matter.

Item No. 21.—The Secretary read replies received from the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow regarding proposed Conference to discuss the desirability of imposing restrictions on Cinematograph Licences. The Town Clerk of Arklow stated that the Council had unanimously decided to take no action in the matter.

The Town Clerk of Wicklow stated it was his Council's considered opinion that the suggested Conference was unnecessary.

The Town Clerk of Bray forwarded the names of the Councillors selected by his Council to attend the proposed Conference.

Having regard to the replies received the Council decided to take no further action in the matter.

Item No. 22.—The Council considered the following Resolution passed by Aughrim Branch of the National Labour Party at its Annual Meeting held on 17th December, 1944: "We the members of Aughrim Branch, the National Labour Party, wholeheartedly endorse the proposals on social security put forward by Most Rev. Dr. Dignan, and we call on the Government to implement these proposals with a minimum of delay. We further more call on Wicklow County Council to adopt a similar Resolution."

Following a prolonged discussion, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea;
Resolved—That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby endorse the proposals on Social Security put forward by the Most Rev. Dr. Dignan, and we call on the Government to implement these proposals with a minimum of delay.

Passed.
Item No. 23.—The County Manager submitted, for the views of the Council, the application received from Mr. Trayton Payne, 42, Mary Street, Dublin, for permission to build a cottage at Hillview, Coolagad, near Delgany. The County Manager stated that the plans had been submitted to and approved of by the County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Resolved: That the Council approve of the Manager granting permission for the erection of a cottage at Hillview, Coolagad, near Delgany, by Mr. Trayton Payne, in accordance with plans submitted to, and approved by, the County Surveyor.

Passed.
Item No. 24.—The following Report of the Public Analyst for the Quarter ended 31st December 1944 was submitted to the Council.

QUARTERLY REPORT.

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

Articles submitted for Analysis	Date Received	Number	From	Result of Analysis
Sago	3/10/44	1	Baltinglass, Gd. Conway	Genuine
Bextartar	"	1	"	Genuine
Cornflour	"	1	"	Genuine
W. Milk	9/10/44	2	Rathdrum, Gd. Sweeney	Genuine
Cornflour	"	1	"	Genuine
Groats	"	1	"	Genuine
W. Milk	11/10/44	4	Wicklow, Gd. Bergin	Genuine
W. Milk	17/10/44	1	Aughrim, Sgt. Lee	Genuine
Coffee	"	1	"	Genuine
Olive Oil	"	1	"	Genuine
Oatmeal	"	1	"	Not Gen.
B. Powder	"	1	"	Genuine
Flour	18/10/44	1	Roundwood, Gd. Roberts	Genuine
Sausages	"	1	"	Genuine
Stout	"	1	"	Genuine
Porter	"	1	"	Genuine
Butter	21/10/44	1	Bray, Gd. Murphy	Genuine
Cheese	"	1	"	Genuine
Sherry	"	1	"	Genuine
Gin	"	1	"	Genuine
W. Milk	19/10/44	4	N-T-Mt.-Kennedy, Gd. Ward	Genuine
Milk	31/10/44	1	Baltinglass Dist. Hospital	Genuine
W. Milk	7/11/44	3	Dunlavin, Gd. Laverty	Genuine
Cheese	"	1	"	Genuine
Tea	10/11/44	1	Shillelagh, Gd. Behan	Genuine
Cheese	"	1	"	Genuine
Marmalade	"	1	"	Genuine
W. Milk	"	1	"	Genuine
W. Milk	13/11/44	5	Baltinglass, Gd. Conway	Genuine
Cornflour	20/11/44	2	Bray, Gd. Murphy	Genuine
Tr. Digitalis	"	1	"	Genuine
Whiskey	"	1	"	Genuine

Cornflour	28/11/44	1	Wicklow, Gd. Bergin	Not Gen.
Custard P.	"	1	"	Genuine
W. Milk	29/11/44	4	Arklow, Gd. McCabe	Genuine
W. Milk	1/12/44	1	N-T-Mt.-Kennedy, Gd. Ward	Genuine
Vinegar	"	1	"	Genuine
Cornflour	4/12/44	1	Greystones, Gd. O'Dwyer	Not Gen.
Baby Food	"	1	"	Genuine
Coffee	"	1	"	Genuine
Whiskey	"	1	"	Genuine
C. L. Oil	"	1	Baltinglass, Gd. Conway	Genuine
B. Soda	"	2	"	Genuine
Bex Tartar	"	1	"	Genuine
Cornflour	"	1	"	Not Gen.
Flour	"	1	"	Genuine
Flake Meal	"	1	"	Genuine
Custard P.	"	1	"	Genuine
W. Milk	6/12/44	1	Rathdrum, Gd. Sweeney	Genuine
Cheese	"	1	"	Genuine
N. Food	"	1	"	Genuine
Jam	"	1	Aughrim, Sgt. Lee	Not Gen.
Appertor	"	1	"	Genuine
Tr. Iodine	8/12/44	1	Bray, Gd. Murphy	Genuine
Custard P.	"	1	"	Genuine
Sherry	"	1	"	Genuine
W. Milk	"	1	"	Genuine
Custard P.	9/12/44	1	Blessington, Gd. Brennan	Genuine
Flour	"	1	"	Genuine
W. Milk	"	1	"	Genuine
W. Milk	"	1	Carnew, Gd. Doyle	Genuine
Porter	"	1	"	Genuine
Tea	"	1	"	Genuine
Cornflour	13/12/44	1	Shillelagh, Gd. Behan	Not Gen.
P. Barley	"	1	"	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	1 Genuine
W. Milk	"	2	"	1 not Gen.
Milk	14/12/44	4	Roundwood, Gd. Roberts	Genuine
W. Milk	18/12/44	2	Wicklow, Gd. Bergin	Genuine
Cheese	"	1	"	Genuine
Custard	"	1	"	Genuine
W. Milk	21/12/44	4	Greystones, Gd. O'Dwyer	Genuine
Milk	"	1	"	Genuine
Pudding	"	1	"	Genuine
Semolina	"	1	"	Genuine
Drugs	12/10/44	1	St. Kevin's Sanatorium	Genuine
Drugs	19/10/44	2	Co. Home, Rathdrum	Genuine
Drugs	"	2	Aughrim Dispensary	Genuine
Drugs	1/11/44	2	Blessington Dispensary	Genuine
Drugs	"	2	Co. Hospital Dispensary	Genuine
Drugs	9/11/44	2	Rathdrum Dispensary	Genuine
Drugs	30/11/44	2	Tinahely Dispensary	Genuine
Drugs	6/12/44	2	Rathdrum Dispensary	Genuine
Drugs	8/12/44	2	Baltinglass Dispensary	Genuine
Drugs	13/12/44	1	Baltinglass Hospital	Genuine
Water	2/11/44	1	Co. M.O.H. (Quarry well, R'new)	Condemned
Water	4/12/44	1	Co. M.O.H. (Fountain, Redford)	Condemned

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter:—Foods, 101;
Drugs, 19; Waters, 2. Total—122.
Number Adulterated:—1 Oatmeal, 3 Cornflours, 1 Jam, 1 Pear Barley,
1 Milk, 2 Waters condemned.
Dated 16th January, 1945.

Signed—

PHYLLIS RYAN,

Public Analyst.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor J. J. McCrea:

Notice of Motion.

"That I, or some member for me, will move that the cost of the provision and maintenance of Sanitary Conveniences in the County Health District be charged on the County Health District as from 1st April, 1945."

James J. Hickey
12/3/45

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 27th February, 1945.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

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

The County Manager, Mr. P. T. Healy, was in attendance.

BUSINESS:

1. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea:—
"That I, or some Member for me, will move that the cost of the provision and maintenance of Sanitary Conveniences in the County Health District be charged on the County Health District as from the 1st April, 1945."

2. To consider the Estimates of Expenses in respect of the financial year ending 31st March, 1946, and to adopt and determine the Rate in the £ to be levied by means of Poor Rate, and, further, to determine the amount to be demanded from each of the Urban District Councils in respect of that financial year.

3. To pass the usual Resolution in connection with the Council's application for overdraft accommodation in the Month of April, 1945, on the County Council's Turf Production Account.

Item No. 1.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Resolved—That the cost of the provision and maintenance of Sanitary Conveniences in the County Health District be charged on the County Health District as from 1st April, 1945.

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

For the Motion—Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. J. Doyle, J. J. Bourne, P. P. O'Reilly, Patrick Doyle, Benjamin Farrell, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Peter Ledwidge, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne—(11).

Against the Motion—Councillors J. J. Metcalfe, H. J. Byrne, George Byrne, Thomas Fitzpatrick, and C. W. Hudson—(5).

The Chairman thereupon declared the Motion carried by eleven votes for to five against.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Resolved—That we hereby consent to the Order proposed to be issued by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under which the following Separate Charges will become County Health District Charges:—
Provision and maintenance of Sewerage and Drainage System.
Provision and maintenance of Public Dumping Ground and Public Scavenging.

Provision and maintenance of Public Lighting Systems.

Provision and maintenance of Water Supplies, including Pumps and Wells.

Provision and maintenance of Sanitary Conveniences.

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

For the Motion—Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. J. Doyle, J. J. Bourne, P. P. O'Reilly, Patrick Doyle, B. Farrell, Dr. J. J. Hickey, P. Ledwidge, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne—(11).

Against the Motion—Councillors J. J. Metcalfe, H. J. Byrne, George Byrne, Thomas Fitzpatrick, and C. W. Hudson—(5).

The Chairman thereupon declared the Motion carried by eleven votes for to five against.

Item No. 2.

The County Manager submitted the following Report on the Estimates in respect of the Financial Year 1945/1946, copy of which Report had been circulated to each Member:

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

County Manager's Report on the Estimates for the Service of the Financial Year, 1945/1946.

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

In accordance with Section 22 of the County Management Act, 1940, I submit for your consideration at the Estimates Meeting to be held on 27th February, 1945, at 10.30 a.m., the amounts which, in my opinion, will be necessary to meet the expenses and provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council during the coming financial year.

It will be noted that the amounts estimated for the maintenance of the Council's Services, apart from Mental Hospitals, show a considerable increase over the Estimate for 1944/45. The net estimated expenditure on each Service in the current year 1944/45 and in the forthcoming year 1945/46 are shown hereunder:—

	1944/45	1945/46	Increase or Decrease
1. Public Assistance Charges	63,290	67,390	+4,100
2. Mental Hospital Charges	28,357	25,285	-3,072
3. Health Charges	12,431	30,449	+18,018
4. Housing Charges	18,764	19,649	+885
5. Road Charges	48,014	49,655	+1,641
6. General Purposes Charges	9,985	30,081	+20,096

Public Assistance: The Estimate for this service for the year 1944/45 included provision for an estimated debit balance of £4,662, so that the amount actually provided for the service of that year was £58,628. The increased provision for the year 1945/46 is accordingly £2,762.

The principal items of increase are as follows:—

District Institutions and Home Assistance: Net increase £5,314, due principally to (1) increase in salaries and wages of Medical Officers, Nurses, and other staff £2,818, a new scale of salaries for Nurses having been introduced by the Department of Local Government and Public Health during the year 1944/45, and increased Emergency Bonuses being now payable; (2) increased provision for repayment of Loans £426; (3) Council's contribution to additional allowances to Old Age Pensioners, etc., under Government Scheme introduced in 1944/45 £1,390; (4) Estate Duty Grant included in estimated receipts for 1944/45 £1,700. There is a reduction of £813 in the amount estimated for Food, Drink and Tobacco, and of £340 under the head of Medicines and Medical Appliances.

Medical Assistance: Net increase £782 (Medical Supplies £200, Repairs, Fuel Allowances, etc., £800, less reduction in estimate for superannuation allowances £177).

Assistance in Extern Institutions: Increase £1,000. The cost of this Service has risen steadily since 1925, in which year it cost £600. In the year 1935 the cost had risen to £3,656, and it is estimated that the cost in the current year will be £7,500. The amount provided for 1945/46 is £6,500, as it is hoped that the operation of the National Insurance Hospital Benefit Scheme will occasion a reduction in the charge under this head. It must, of course, be borne in mind that all Dublin Hospitals have increased their charges by amounts ranging from 25 to 40 per cent.

Other Expenses: Increase £1,666 (Ambulance Service and other Transport £350, Burials £150, Salaries and Wages £246, Printing and Stationery £400).

Mental Hospitals: The amount demanded by the Joint Committee of Management of Grangegorm Mental Hospital at £27,985, shows a reduction of £2,372 on the amount raised in the current year.

Health Charges: The increase of £18,018 in Health Charges is made up as follows:—

Maintenance of Water Supplies and Sewerage, formerly raised as Separate Charges	£8,264
Proposals for new works of Water Supplies and Sewerage Systems as submitted to Council on 12/2/45	£7,323
Net increase of Health Charges (General)	£1,269
Net increase of Joint District Charges	£1,167

£18,018

Fire Brigades Act: Increase £750. To cover cost (£300) of a Trailer Pump to be stationed at Greystones, the offer of which was made, as a concession, through the good offices of the Local Government Department, and £450 to provide for payment of retaining fees to members of Fire-Fighting and Rescue Squads established in the various towns and villages, to which the necessary equipment has already been supplied.

Burial Grounds: Increase £750—For this additional sum it is proposed during the coming year, to fence properly and clean all old Burial Grounds in the County—63 in number.

Tuberculosis Acts: I have increased the provision in this case from £6,600 in respect of the current year to £8,014 for the coming year. I think it may be safely anticipated that a very much wider provision must be made for the treatment of Tubercular Cases in the coming financial year, particularly with regard to patients awaiting admission to Sanatoria, and those convalescing after institutional treatment. Provision must also be made for the issue of Supplemental Supplies of such foods as Eggs, Milk, Bread, etc., and Clothing, Beds, and Bedding, to certain classes of patients undergoing domiciliary treatment. The financial provision proposed, may, however, prove inadequate.

Schools Medical Service: This item is increased by £375 for the coming year. Due to the issue of increased petrol allowances to the Schools Medical Officer and Dentist, employed under the Scheme, it is hoped that much more work under this head will be performed in the future than has been done since the advent of the existing Emergency.

Provision has also been made of £500 for clearance of Derelict Sites, and of £400 for the purchase of a Steam Disinfecter.

Housing Charges: This service also shows an increase over last year's estimate, the amount of increase being £385, which is principally accounted for the provision of an additional £337 for Cottage Repairs.

Roads: The Road Works Scheme for the year 1945/46 was approved by the Council at the Meeting held on 8th January, 1945. The remaining items to be considered comprise the salaries of the Engineering Staff, Insurance Premiums, and other administrative expenses. Taking into account an estimated reduction in receipts of £817, these items show a net reduction of £360 on the previous year's estimate.

General Purposes: The increase of £20,106 in General Purposes Charges is composed of the following items:—

Arrears of Agricultural Grant credited to General Purposes in Estimate for 1944/45	£13,423
Other credits allowed in Estimate for 1944/45	£1,969
Courthouse Repairs—increased provision	£1,183
Election Expenses (no charge in 1944/45)	£1,315
Machinery Expenses Account Balance	£1,000
Repayment of Loan on new Offices	£616
Interest on Overdraft—increased provision	£600

£20,106

At the Meeting held on the 12th February, the Council authorised expenditure in excess of the estimate to the extent of £10,200 on Public Assistance and £2,213 on Public Health. These figures are reflected in the balances, the additional amounts being in respect of debit balances carried forward from previous years. The net effect of the balance on the accounts is to provide a credit of approximately £15,000 in the current year's rates. The introduction of this credit taken in conjunction with the credits already

given in the current year's rate will necessitate the Council's working on overdraft for a considerable part of the year. Increased provision has, accordingly, been made in the Estimates for this purpose to an amount of £600.

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 rate assessed under each heading in the current year 1944/45.

	Amount of Rate assessed in current year.	Proposed Rate in £ for 1945/46
	s. d.	s. d.
Roads Charges	3 8	3 3
Public Assistance Charges	4 2	4 10
Mental Hospital Charges	1 10	1 8
Health Charges	11	2 11
Housing Charges	1 6	1 3
General Purposes Charges	8	6
	12 10	15 6

1d. in £ on County Health District Produces £1,008 17s. 3d.

1d. in £ on County at Large Produces £1,285 15s. 8d.

Yours faithfully,

P. T. HEALY,

Wicklow County Manager.

County Council Offices,

Wicklow, 16th February, 1945.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENSES.

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1946.

Nature of Expenditure.	To which Urban Districts contribute.	Estimated by Co. Manager	Adopted by Council.
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CHARGES.			
INSTITUTIONS:—			
Salaries, Wages, Etc.		£7,618	£7,618
Superannuation		£179	£179
Food, Drink and Tobacco		£8,067	£8,067
Farm Expenses		£90	£90
Furniture and Hardware		£275	£275
Washing and Cleaning		£140	£140
Medicines		£235	£235
Medical and Surgical Appliances		£460	£460
Heating and Lighting		£430	£430
Clothing and Bedding		£600	£600
Repairs and Upkeep		£825	£825
Loan Charges		£976	£976
Miscellaneous Institutional Expenses		£570	£570
Total for District Institutions		£25,085	£24,235
HOME ASSISTANCE:—			
Assistance in Cash to Aged, Infirm, etc.		£17,000	£17,000
Provisional Assistance to Unemployed, etc.		£3,000	£3,000
Special Food Scheme (Govt. Grant)		£4,225	£4,225
Supplementary Allowances (Govt. Grant)		£5,550	£5,550
Boarded Out Children		£2,823	£2,823
Salaries of Assistance Officers		£1,180	£1,180
Fuel Schemes and Other Expenses		£500	£500
Total for Home Assistance		£34,293	£34,293

Nature of Expenditure	To which Urban Districts contribute. Estimated by Co. Manager	Adopted by Council.
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE:—		
Salaries of Dispensary Medical Officers, Midwives, and other Staff	£7,000	£7,000
Superannuation Allowances	£670	£670
Medical Supplies	£1,500	£1,500
Loan Charges	£122	£122
Repairs, Fuel Allowances, Rents, etc.	£1,200	£1,200
Total for Medical Assistance	£11,092	£11,092
Assistance in Extern Institutions	£6,500	£6,500
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:—		
Salaries and Wages Office Staff, etc. Children's Act Inspectors and Workhouse Caretakers	£1,400	£1,400
do. Engineering, Legal and Analyst	£321	£321
Superannuation	£89	£89
Printing, Stationery and Advertising, etc.	£750	£750
Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurance	£220	£220
Postage and Telephones	£270	£270
Total for General Administration	£3,050	£3,050
OTHER EXPENSES:—		
Ambulance Services	£1,250	£1,100
Other Transport of Patients, Rath, Bus, etc.	£500	£500
Coffins and Burials of Poor Persons	£650	£650
Registration Births, Deaths and Marriages	£350	£350
Fees for Certification of Lunatics	£30	£30
Other Miscellaneous Expenditure	£350	£350
Total for Other Expenses	£3,130	£6,030
Gross Total of Expenditure	£33,150	£32,150

RECEIPTS.		
Nature of Receipt	In which Urban Districts participate. Estimated by Co. Manager	Adopted by Council.
REFUNDS OF ASSISTANCE:—		
Cost of Maintenance in Institutions and Refunds of Home Assistance	£5,700	£5,700
GOVERNMENT GRANTS:—		
Special Food Scheme	£4,200	£4,200
Additional Allowances to Old Age Pen- sioners, Blind Pensioners and Recipients of Disablement Benefit	£4,160	£4,160
Medical and Educational Recoupment	£1,500	£1,500
Other Miscellaneous Receipts	£200	£200
Total Estimated Receipts	£15,760	£15,760

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL. PUBLIC HEALTH SECTION.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND RECEIPTS.
FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1946.

HEALTH DISTRICT CHARGES (GENERAL)		From which Urban Districts are exempt. Estimated by Co. Manager.		Adopted by Council.
Salaries and Wages, Office Staff, Public Health Nurse, Medical Officers of Health, Sanitary Sub-Officers, etc.	£2,357	£2,357	£2,357	
Superannuation	126	126	126	
Burial Grounds: Remuneration of Caretakers	£551			
Repairs and Maintenance	£1,000			
Loan Charges	£894	£2,445	£2,445	
Fire Brigades Act—General	£1,000			
Loan Charges	£919	£1,919	£1,919	
Vaccination Acts		200	100	
Maternity and Child Welfare		40	40	
Free Milk Scheme: Cost of Milk	£1,200			
Administration	60	£1,260	£1,260	
Office Expenses, Books, Print- ing, Advertising, etc.		500	500	
Shops Act (Inspector's Re- muneration)		69	69	
Insurance Premiums		937	937	
Disinfection and Disinfectants	300	300		
Replacement of Clothing and Bedding	350	350	250	
Purchase of Steam Disinfectors		400	400	
Diphtheria Immunisation		100	100	
Analyst's Fees		44	44	
Notification of Infectious Dis- eases		25	25	
Derelict Sites Act (Clearing 54 Sites)		500		
Miscellaneous Expenses		270	270	
Maintenance of Water Supplies and Sewerage Systems (form- erly Separate Charges)		£8,822	£8,822	
New Works (Water and Sewer- age) as per details attached (vide Resolution of Council at Meeting held on 12th Feb- ruary, 1945)				
		£7,328		
		£27,992		£19,064

RECEIPTS.		
Burial Fees	£200	£200
Maternity and Child Welfare Grant	20	20
Free Milk Grant	1,200	1,200
Recoupment of Sanitary Sal- aries (Grant)	602	602
Miscellaneous	50	50
Water, Rates and Rents	553	553
	£2,630	£2,630

JOINT DISTRICT CHARGES.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE.		
Tuberculosis Acts	£8,014	£8,014
Prevention and Treatment of Disease	373	373
Midwives Act	50	50
Schools Medical Service	£1,475	£1,475
Blind Persons Act	190	190
Other Expenditure	230	230
	£10,337	£10,337

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.		
Tuberculosis Acts: National Tuberculosis Grant	£3,500	
Tuberculosis Block Grant	700	
Other T.B. Scheme Receipts	25	£4,225
Prevention and Treatment of Diseases Grant		283
School Medical Service: Government Grant	737	
Recoupment for Spectacles, etc.	5	742
	£5,250	£5,250

LIST OF PROPOSALS FOR NEW WORKS OF WATER SUPPLIES AND SEWERAGE TO BE FINANCED FROM REVENUE AS SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL AT THE MEETING HELD ON 12TH FEB., 1945.

BALTINGLASS DISTRICT.		
Water Supply at Ballyknockan, Diversion of Water Main	..	£200
Public Pump, Dillonstown, Blessington	..	£200
Fencing of Well at Blakesdown, Blessington	..	£20
Public Pump, Oldcourt, Blessington	..	£200
Public Pump, Kylebeg, Blessington	..	£200
RATHDOWN DISTRICT.		
Water Supply for Charlesland Cottages	..	£200
Additional Fountain, Killincarrig Cottages	..	£10
Fountain—5 Cottages, Killincarrig	..	£45
Relaying Water Main at Kilmolin	..	£175
Water Supply for Ballybawn Cottages	..	£110
Water Supply and Sewers, 12 Cottages, Blacklion	..	£951
RATHDRUM DISTRICT.		
Water Supply, 11 Cottages Ballinaclesh	..	£500
Water Supply and Sewerage, 38 Old Cottages at Kilcool	..	£880
Sanitary Convenience, Roundwood	..	£400
Public Pump, 5 Cottages at Ballynerrin	..	£200
Water Supply, 5 Cottages at Ballymoreen, Avoca	..	£500
Augmentation of Avoca Water Supply	..	£87
Pump for Cottages at Cronakeery	..	£100
Public Pump for Cottages, Ballymorris	..	£200
Public Pump for Cottages, Coyne Cross, Ashford	..	£200
SHILLELAGH DISTRICT.		
Extension of Tinahely Sewerage System to Cottages at Church- lands	..	£650
Water Supply to 6 Cottages at Cronyehorn	..	£300
Water Supply, Ballyellis, Carnew	..	£200
do. Ballingate, Carnew	..	£200
do. Crab Lane, Coolkenno	..	£200
do. Ballynultagh, Shillelagh	..	£200
do. Carnew Village Scheme Houses	..	£200
		£7,328

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1946.

HOUSING SECTION.

NATURE OF EXPENDITURE.		From which Urban Districts are exempt.	
HOUSING CHARGES:—		Estimated by Co. Manager.	Adopted by Council.
Remuneration (Portion) of Engineers	of	£957	£957
Remuneration (Portion) of Law Agent	..	112	112
Rent Collectors' Foundage	..	1,620	1,620
COTTAGE REPAIRS:			
Direct Labour Wages	}	2,537	2,537
do. Materials			
Cottage Repairs Contract			
LOAN CHARGES:			
Old Cottages	..	5,390	5,390
1913/15 Completion Scheme,	..		
68 Houses	..	1,230	1,230
1933 Scheme, 454 do.	..	8,587	8,587
1934 Scheme, 98 do.	..	1,983	1,983
1936 Scheme, 707 do.	..	15,168	15,168
Village Scheme,			
No. 1 188 do.	..	4,222	4,222
Village Scheme,			
No. 2 84 do.	..	1,906	1,906
1939 Scheme, 220 do.	..	4,917	4,917
Insurances	..	267	267
Rates on Cottages	..	3,350	3,350
Other Labourers Acts Expenses	..	150	150
TOTAL FOR HOUSING			
CHARGES	..	£53,199	£52,399

RECEIPTS.		
Rents of Labourers' Cottages	£16,200	
Housing Subsidy	17,350	
TOTAL FOR HOUSING		
RECEIPTS	£33,550	

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ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON 31st MARCH, 1946.

EXPENDITURE.	To which Urban Districts contribute		From which Urban Districts are exempt.	
	Estimated by Co. Manager.	Adopted by Council.	Estimated by Co. Manager.	Adopted by Council.
ROAD CHARGES.				
NATURE OF EXPENDITURE.				
Salary and travelling expenses of County Surveyor and permanent Assistant Surveyors—£3,800 (one-half charged to Roads)			£1,900	£1,900
Retiring Allowance—ex-County Surveyor (Proportion of this item chargeable to Arklow and Wicklow Urban Districts)			507	507
Salaries and travelling expenses of temporary Engineers			840	840
Salaries—Clerical Staff, County Surveyor's (including Emergency Bonus)			708	708
COST OF ROAD WORKS SCHEME.				
MAIN ROADS.	£26,004	£24,317		
Part I. (Repairs)				
Part II. (Improvements):				
(a) Proposals submitted by County Surveyor and by County Councillors	5,050	1,750		
(b) Loan Repayments	1,599	1,599		
Part III. (Contingencies)	600	350		
COUNTY ROADS.			£21,616	£20,000
Part I. (Repairs)				
Part II. (Improvements):				
(a) Proposals submitted by County Surveyor and by County Councillors			10,665	2,230
(b) Loan Repayments			1,504	1,504
Part III. (Contingencies)			600	250
OTHER EXPENDITURE.				
Printing and Stationery	6	6	225	225
Advertising	6	6	51	51
Rents and Rates, etc.—Quarries	37	37	6	6
Insurance Premiums	1,857	1,857	1,431	1,431
Stamp Duty—Paying Orders	95	95	60	60
Postage and Telephones			156	156
Miscellaneous	30	30	18	18
	£35,284	£30,047	£40,287	£29,886
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	192	192	£103	£103
Refund, Insurance Premiums	12	12	41	41
Contributions towards cost of Public Works	65	65	48	48
Insurance Brokers' Commission				
Sale of Tar Drums	29	29	2	2
Opening of roads and other refunds	10	10	10	10
Miscellaneous Receipts	20	20	20	20
To be demanded from Arklow and Wicklow Urban Councils—proportion of County Surveyor's Salary				
	£10,054	10,054	£224	£224
EXPENDITURE.				
GENERAL PURPOSES CHARGES.				
NATURE OF EXPENDITURE.				
Public Works.				
Repairs to Courthouse and Offices	933	533		
Additional Offices for County Registrar	550	450		
Salaries:—				
County Manager (including expenses)	1,400	1,400		
County Secretary	610	610		
Clerical Staff—including Accountant and Assistant Accountant (plus Emergency Bonus)			£2,060	£2,060
Rate Inspector (including travelling expenses)			310	310
County Solicitor (one-half salary)			300	300
Veterinary Inspectors under Diseases of Animals Acts (including Bovine Tuberculosis Order)	280	280		
County Analyst (one-half fees)	80	80		
Coroners' Salaries and Expenses of Inquests	192	192		
Temporary Clerks (Apportioning Rates, writing Demand Notes, Receipts, etc.)			450	450
Courthouse and Office Attendant	88	88	160	160
Retiring Allowances—County Officers			307	307
Cost of Rate Collection—Poundage, Group Books, etc.			4,090	4,090
Irrecoverable Rates, Discounts and remissions under Housing Acts, 1945/46 Collection			2,685	2,685
Lists of Electors and Jurors	1,507	1,507		
Estimated Loss on Turf Scheme				
Valuation Expenses	175	175		
Election Expenses	1,315	1,315		
Legal Expenses—Solicitor's outlay, etc.			123	123
Printing and Stationery	38	38	251	251
Advertising Pleasure Resorts	320	200		
Other Advertisements	10	10	52	52
Damage to Property under Neutrality Act	74	74	1,002	1,002
Tramway Employees' Pensions—Co. Wicklow proportion				
Prosecutor's and Witnesses' Expenses	92	92		
Conveyance of Prisoners	111	111		
Weights and Measures	300	300		
Food and Drugs	44	44		
Rent and Expenses of Courthouses and Offices	264	264	56	56
Reformatories and Industrial Schools	1,782	1,782		
Expenses of Air Raid Precautions Act, 1939—Chargeable to the Functional Area			462	462
Audit Expenses			60	60
County Circulating Library Scheme (including £140 for libraries at Greystones, Enniskerry, Kilmacanogue and Curlewstown)			802	802
To Provide for Increase in Librarian's Salary			50	50

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To which Urban Districts contribute	Estimated by Co. Manager.	Adopted by Council.	From which Urban Districts are exempt.	Estimated by Co. Manager.	Adopted by Council.
Compensation to be Paid under Bovine Tuberculosis Order	70	70			
General Cattle Diseases Fund	320	320			
Expenses of Sheep Dipping Scheme	952	952			
Expenses of Wable Fly Order, 1936					
Insurance Premiums	51	51	109	109	
Combined Purchasing Act	215	215			
Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act	136	136	284	284	
Postage and Telephones	23	23	800	800	
Interest on Overdraft					
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts—Preliminary Expenses	296	296			
County Councillors' Travelling Expenses	1,171	1,171			
Pensions—late R.D. Councils' Officers			168	168	
Pensions—late R.D. Councils' Officers	25	25			
Expenses of Seeds Scheme, 1945					
Agricultural Scholarships—vide County Council's Resolution of 9th October, 1944					
University Scholarships					
Secondary School Scholarships, in accordance with Schemes approved	1,175	1,175			
Expenses of Evacuation Scheme	250	250			
To provide for Repayment of Loan No. 17 (New Offices)			616	616	
Expenses of exploring for Lime—vide Resolution of County Council, 13th December, 1943			20	20	
Other Expenditure—Miscellaneous Items	24	24	400	400	
Money Supplied to:—					
County Committee of Agriculture			2,774	2,774	
Same—Special item for extension of Scheme, 4d in the £			700	700	
Machinery Expense Account (Balance)			1,000	1,000	
TOTAL: GENERAL PURPOSES	£14,873	14,233	£20,185	£18,985	
Money Supplied to:—					
Grangeogorman Mental Hospital	£27,985	£27,985			
RECEIPTS.					
GENERAL PURPOSES CHARGES.					
NATURE OF RECEIPT.					
Bounty in lieu of Rates on State Property					
Any other Grants:—					
(1)					
(2)					
Recoupment of Expenses under Diseases of Animals Acts	£198	£198			
Recoupment from Paymaster-General for expenses of Prosecutors and Witnesses	92	92			
Recoupment of Compensation Paid under the Bovine T.B. Order	70	70			
Fines under Food and Drugs Acts	20	20			
Fees formerly paid to County Secretary and now refunded by him:—					
(1) Franchise and Jurors	358	358			
(2) Motor Registration	154	154			
(3) Valuation Certificates	4	4			
(4) Poisons Licences	4	4			
Air Raid Precautions Grant (6% of expenditure)			275	275	
Recoupment—Evacuation Expenses	250	250			
Recoupment Pensions—late Union Officers (Carlow £45 Kildare £23)	68	68			
Cinema Licences			5	5	
Recoupment—Sheep Dipping Expenses	476	476			
Refund Registration Officer's Expenses	360	360			
Other Receipts—Miscellaneous	33	33	100	100	
To be demanded from Arklow Urban District Council under Libraries Acts—proceeds of 11d. in £, for transfer to County Library Committee					
To be demanded from Wicklow Urban District Council under Libraries Acts—proceeds of 0.1d. in £ for transfer to County Library Committee					
To be demanded from Wicklow and Arklow Urban District Councils—proportion of A.R.P. Expenditure					
Grants in aid of maintenance of Mental Patients	£2,700	£2,700	£2,880	£2,880	
TOTAL: GENERAL PURPOSES	£2,087	£2,087			
EXPENDITURE.					
COUNTY COUNCIL SEPARATE CHARGES.					
Rathdown and Wicklow Joint Burial Board			£65	£65	
Wicklow Harbour Loan	£2,667	£2,667			
Repayment of Loans raised by late Boards of Guardians	173	173	103	103	
Pensions—ex-Officers of County Council					
Compensation for Criminal Injuries to be levied over the former Rural District of Rathdown No. 2			35	35	
Vocational Education Committee:					
Demand	3,863	3,863			
Repayment of Loans	467	467			
Retiring Allowances—Nicholas Pender, £94 } Miss I. M. Tarrant, £52 }	146	146			
TOTAL: SEPARATE CHARGES	£7,316	£7,316	£203	£203	
RECEIPTS.					
Recoupment from Department of Education of one-half the Expenses of Loan for Vocational Education School Buildings (to be credited to Vocational Education area)	£234	£234			
Recoupment—Proportion Pensions—Department	83	83			
Leitrim	6	6			
Sligo	4	4			
TOTAL	£317	£317			

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Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:

Resolved: That we hereby strike a General Rate of 12s. 10d. plus a flat General Rate of 8d. in the £ to cover all services deemed to be essential in the financial year which will end on the 31st March, 1946, and inasmuch as we find that there has been no overdraft necessary during the current financial year 1944/45, we hereby decide that any essential service that must be retained in the Estimates and which will not be covered by the aforementioned rate of 13s. 6d. in the £, be operated by means of an overdraft sanctioned from month to month by this Council and by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager was authorised and instructed to make such reductions in the Estimates as he might deem appropriate so as to give effect to the Council's wishes as expressed in the foregoing Resolution.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:

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, 1946, as follows:—

Nature of Service.	Rate in the £.
(a) Road Charges	3 s. d.
(b) Public Assistance Charges	5 3 1
(c) Mental Hospital Charges	1 3 1
(d) Health Charges	2 0 1
(e) Housing Charges	1 1
(f) General Purposes Charges	2 1

SEPARATE CHARGES.

No. in Separate Charges Register.	Name, Particulars and Area of Separate Charge.	Rate in the £
VII.	Wicklow Harbour	d.
LXII.	Baltinglass Union Leans	3d.
LXVII.	Baltinglass No. 1 District Pensions	1d.
	Vocational Education	4d.

Passed.

The following Certificate required by 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 Wicklow County Council held this 27th day of February, 1945, 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, 1946.

Signed: J. J. McCREA, Chairman.

Countersigned: K. J. BRANGAN, Secretary.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:

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, 1946, as follows:—

	ARKLOW	BRAY	WICKLOW
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Roads	591 16 0	2022 12 0	468 3 0
Public Assistance	2837 12 0	11717 6 0	2439 0 0
Mental Hospital	812 6 0	3562 7 0	726 5 0
Health Charges	203 4 0	827 6 0	172 8 0
General Purposes Charges	390 16 1	1836 15 0	337 19 3
Separate Charges	347 5 0		1130 11 6
TOTAL	£5202 19 1	£19983 8 0	£5295 6 9

Passed.

Item No. 2.—Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. 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 Branch, 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 April, 1945, shall not exceed £23,000.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Seconded by Councillor J. Kavanagh:

Resolved: Under extreme pressure from this County Council, several times repeated, Mr. P. T. Healy discharged, to our complete satisfaction, all duties appertaining to the position of Acting Secretary for a period of two years, one month and one week, between the dates 25th August, 1942, and 5th October, 1944, although when we insisted upon his doing so in the first instance, we had every right to believe that the period would have been for three months only.

At our Meeting on the 9th October, 1944, we entered into an arrangement with Mr. Healy and passed a Resolution authorising payment to him of the sum of £500 as honorarium, which sum he consented to accept in full discharge of any claim he might have in respect to the above referred to extra duties.

We learn to-day, with keen disappointment, that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health has refused to allow this County Council to honour our part of that bargain. Accordingly, we now request the County Manager to obtain for us Senior Counsel's Opinion on this whole matter of honorarium or fees and emoluments, and we hereby authorise him to give immediate effect to such advice as Senior Counsel may give him in this connection.

Several Councillors having expressed their views on the motion proposed, the Chairman put the Motion to the Meeting and declared it passed. Councillors George Byrne, H. J. Byrne and T. Fitzpatrick dissented.

There being no further business, the Meeting concluded.

*Councillor T. Fitzpatrick
dissenting on the grounds
that the motion was not
in order.*

12 MAR 1945

The Monthly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 12th March, 1945.

The following members were present:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;
Councillors P. McCarthy, J. Everett, T.D.; W. J. Doyle, W. J. Clarke, George Byrne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, T. Fitzpatrick, C. W. Hudson, J. J. Bourne, Peter Ledwidge, B. Farrell, P. P. O'Reilly, J. J. Metcalfe and C. M. O'Brien.
The County Manager, Mr. P. T. Healy, was in attendance.

BUSINESS:

RESERVED FUNCTIONS.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of previous Meeting.
2. To appoint, under the provisions of the National Health Insurance and Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Act, 1936, the Council's three representatives on the Committee of Management of the National Health Insurance Society.

ASSISTANCE, HEALTH AND HOUSING.

3. 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.

GENERAL.

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

"That the County Secretary be requested to furnish for the information of the Council annually before the Estimates Meeting a financial statement setting out clearly and fully the manner in which the responsibility of the Council is discharged in respect of the Agricultural Grant and in respect of any arrears collected and the results thereof upon the rates, in accounting form."

5. To authorise by Resolution the affixing of the seal of the Council to certain documents.

6. To consider the following resolution passed by Carlow County Council:—

"Resolved—That having regard to the facts hereunder set out:
1. That the County Council during the past 20 years has mortgaged the arable land of the County to the extent of £5 per acre and that two native Governments have imposed a further mortgage of about £9 per arable acre making a total of £14 on each arable acre of land in the County representing a Mortgage of £700 on a fifty acre farm, and
2. That the Second Moiety of the Rates payable in respect of the current Financial Year must be met from the sale of Stock the price of which has dropped by almost 100 per cent, and in a number of cases is almost unsaleable at any price, thus increasing the amount payable in rates by 100 per cent. in terms of Stock on the people of the County, and
3. That proposals for post-war Emergency Schemes submitted to the Council by the former County Manager will impose an additional Mortgage of approximately £250,000 covering the employment of some 900 men for a period of six months, and
4. That the payment of salaries and wages is secured by the gradual destruction of private property in land by the imposition of increased Mortgages thereon, thus throttling at the very source the means by which unemployment and poverty can alone be abolished, the Council hereby demands:
1. That a Christian way of life should be made available for all men men from the fertile soil of their Country and that farmers and workers alike should raise from their knees and in God's name demand traditional heritage—Bread and work and money for all.
2. That copies of the Resolution set out above be circulated to each County Council and to the General Council of County Councils and that the latter body be requested to convene a Special Meeting in Dublin of delegates to be appointed by each County Council to consider matters adverted to in Resolution as approved."

7. To consider the following Resolution passed by Westmeath Co. Council:—

"That we call on all political parties to agree on a person to be nominated as President so as to avoid putting the Country to the expense of a presidential election; and that copies of this resolution be sent to all other Counties."

RESERVED FUNCTIONS:

Item No. 1:

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

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

Resolved—That the Minutes of Meeting held on the 12th February, 1945, as printed and circulated to each Member of Wicklow County Council, be hereby approved, adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2:

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

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

Resolved—That in accordance with the request of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under the National Health Insurance and Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Act, 1936, in letter dated 21st February, 1945, Ref. Z/1/45, we hereby nominate the following three persons to be the Council's representatives on the Insured Persons (Local Authorities Nominees) Members' Electorate for the three years commencing on the 1st May, 1945:—

John McDonald, Drumeen, Annamoe.
Mrs. Kathleen Kilcoyne, Kilmantim Hill, Wicklow.
B. Kavanagh, Town Hall, Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

GENERAL.

Item No. 4:

Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

Resolved—That the County Secretary be requested to furnish for the information of the Council annually before the Estimates Meeting a financial statement setting out clearly and fully the manner in which the responsibility of the Council is discharged in respect of the Agricultural Grant and in respect of any arrears collected and the results thereof upon the rates in accounting form.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5:

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Clarke;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That the Contracts made between the Council and the undermentioned Foster Parents be sealed and signed, viz.: Rose Murphy, Alice O'Shaughnessy, Mary O'Loughlin, Mary Swan, and Ellen Murray.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Clarke;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge:

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Resolved—That the Cottage Tenancy Agreements as set out on the subjoined list be sealed and signed:—
 27th December, 1944—Elizabeth Murray, Ballymurrin.
 8th January, 1945—Laurence Gahan, Askeagh.
 20th January, 1945—James Townsend, Killickabawn.
 20th January, 1945—Henrietta Sutton, Kilpedder West.
 16th December, 1944—Frederick Maher, Killickabawn.
 3rd February, 1945—James McLoughlin, Kilpedder.
 6th January, 1945—Joseph Molloy, Monaline.
 6th January, 1945—James Grendon, Mount Kennedy, Demesne.
 Passed.

Item No. 6:

The following Resolution which had been passed by Carlow County Council was considered by the Council:—

- "Resolved—That having regard to the facts hereunder set out—
1. That the County Council during the past 20 years has mortgaged the arable land of the County to the extent of £5 per acre and that two native Governments have imposed a further mortgage of about £3 per acre, making a total of £14 on each arable acre of land in the County representing a mortgage of £700 on a fifty acre farm, and
 2. That the Second Moiety of the Rates payable in respect of the current Financial Year must be met from the sale of Stock the price of which has dropped by almost 100 per cent. and in a number of cases is almost unsaleable at any price, thus increasing the amount payable in rates by 100 per cent. in terms of stock on the people of the County, and
 3. That proposals for post-war Emergency Schemes submitted to the Council by the former County Manager will impose an additional Mortgage of approximately £250,000 covering the employment of some 900 men for a period of six months, and
 4. That the payment of salaries and wages is secured by the gradual destruction of private property in land by the imposition of increased Mortgages thereon, thus throttling at the very source the means by which unemployment and poverty can alone be abolished, the Council hereby demands
 1. That a Christian way of life should be made available for all men from the fertile soil of their Country and that farmers and workers alike should rise from their knees and in God's name demand their traditional heritage—Bread and work and money for all.
 2. That copies of the Resolution set out above be circulated to each County Council and to the General Council of County Councils and that the latter body be requested to convene a Special Meeting in Dublin of delegates to be appointed by each County Council to consider matters adverted to in Resolution as approved."

Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;
 Seconded by Councillor George Byrne;
 That the Resolution be marked "Read."

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

For the Motion—Councillors J. J. McCrea, J. J. Hickey, M.B.; George Byrne, P. Ledwidge, T. Fitzpatrick, and C. M. Byrne—(6).
 Against the Motion—Councillors P. McCarthy, W. J. Doyle, J. J. Bourne, P. P. O'Reilly, J. J. Metcalfe, B. Farrell, J. Everett, T.D., and C. Hudson—(0).

The Chairman thereupon declared the Motion defeated by eight votes against to six votes for.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne;
 Seconded by Councillor G. W. Hudson;

Resolved: That the Council adopt the Resolution of Carlow County Council.

The Chairman declared the Motion carried by eight votes for to six against.

Item No. 7.—The Council considered the following Resolution passed by Westmeath County Council:—

"That we call on all political parties to agree on a person to be nominated as President, so as to avoid putting the Country to the expense of a presidential election; and that copies of this resolution be sent to all other Counties."

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;
 Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;
 Resolved: That the Resolution be marked "Read."
 Passed.

The following Notices of Motion were handed in and accepted by the Chairman:

No. 1.—By Councillor W. J. Clarke:
 "I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, shall move that we consider, and give effect to, the following Resolution which was passed unanimously by the Wicklow Harbour Board at a Meeting of that Body held on the 6th March, 1945: 'Resolved: That we, the Wicklow Harbour Board, make formal application to the Wicklow Co. Council to use the powers vested in that Council by the Emergency Powers (No. 352) Order, 1945, to make themselves responsible for the raising and repaying of a Loan of Thirteen Hundred Pounds over a period of 15 years, so as to enable the Wicklow Harbour Board to secure a free Government Grant of Seven Hundred Pounds, which will enable us to carry out many much needed and essential repairs to our Harbour, so as to ensure suitable provision of Trade not alone in the immediate future, but in anticipation of the Shipping Trade we have a right to anticipate in the post-war period, which will mean so much to the Town of Wicklow and surrounding Rural District.'"

No. 2.—By Councillor T. Fitzpatrick:
 "That the Secretary be requested to have the Standing Orders brought up to date in a form to meet with the approval of the Minister. That for the purposes of standardisation, the County Councils' General Council be consulted. That any Orders special to this Council may be added as special to this Council."

No. 3.—By Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:
 "That, in view of the present increased cost of living, we recommend the County Manager to increase the wages of Road Workers in the County Wicklow; also that all skilled workers employed be paid similar rate of wages as that sanctioned by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce to all employees engaged on building or repair work, and that unskilled workers be paid not less than 1/- per hour."

No. 4.—By Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:
 "That the County Manager increase the Bog Workers' wages."

No. 5.—By Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey:
 "That a Loan of £6,000 be raised for the purpose of providing Water and Sewerage for Cottages in the Greystones and Delgany Districts."

No. 6.—By Councillor P. McCarthy:
 "That we appeal to the Minister for Justice to have the railings at present surrounding the dock in the Criminal Court at Wicklow removed and substituted by some other type of barrier."

The following letter from the County Surveyor was read by the Secretary:—

12 MAR 1945

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,
 County Secretary,
 Court House,
 Wicklow.
 27th February, 1945.

Re: Hedge and Tree Cutting, 1944/45.

Dear Sir,

Fully 90 per cent. of the land-owners in this County have been served with the Statutory Hedge and Tree Cutting Notice during the present season, and about 50 per cent. of these have failed to comply.

I do not require very drastic work in this matter, but I do think that farmers and other land-owners might consider giving a little more co-operation, and I suggest that each County Councillor in his own district might be able to influence his neighbours to make a small effort in cutting and trimming hedges which, in many cases, have become a source of danger to the users of the public road, apart from the fact that the shading of the road surface thereby is making it more difficult to maintain.

Prosecution for default could be undertaken, but I am reluctant to advise this course until every effort will have failed otherwise.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

It was decided that advertisements be inserted in the local papers directing the attention of farmers and others to this matter.

The Council directed that the following Abstract of Correspondence be inserted in the Minutes:—

ABSTRACT OF CORRESPONDENCE.

From Department of Local Government and Public Health.

25th Oct., 1944. Sanctioning continuance of overdraft accommodation in connection with Turf Production for the sum of £5,000 for the period ending 30th November, 1944.
 T.A.100/33/3

28th Oct., 1944. Intimating that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health has made an Order on the 17th October, 1944, removing Mr. Wm. J. Ryan from the Office of Clerk to Arklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.
 A.10/45.

31st Oct., 1944. Memo in connection with Rate Collection in Eire.
 7th Nov., 1944. Sanctioning two temporary Engineers in connection with the planning of Emergency and Post-Emergency Schemes at the rate of £6 6s. per week each.
 R/RS/33.

14th Nov., 1944. Sanctioning the payment of superannuation allowance of £267 5s. to Mr. G. P. Byrne, who formerly held the office of Secretary to the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture.
 G.7513/4/44.

20th Nov., 1944. Approving of the County Manager's proposal to increase the remuneration of Miss Phyllis Ryan, Public Analyst.
 P.H.16563/44. Cill Maintain (Sd).

22nd Nov., 1944. Sanctioning the temporary appointment of Mr. John Murray, 38, Main St., Arklow, as Clerk of Arklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.
 10A/Arklow.

5th Dec., 1944. Sanctioning continuance of overdraft accommodation in connection with Turf Production for the sum of £20,000 for the period ending 31st December, 1944.
 T.A.100/33/3.

12th Dec., 1944. Sanctioning the continued payment of Emergency Bonus at the rates already approved to the 31st Dec., 1944.
 G.3479/11/44.

13th Dec., 1944. Enclosing Abstracts of Accounts relating to Graeagorman Mental Hospital, for the two years 1943 and 1944.

21st Dec., 1944. Enclosing Audited Accounts of County Wicklow Vocational Committee for the year ended 31/3/44.

1st Jan., 1945. Sanctioning the retention up to the 31st March, 1945, of Mr. P. Howard, B.E., as temporary Assistant Engineer.
 R/RS/33.

3rd Jan., 1945. Sanctioning the continuance of overdraft accommodation in connection with Turf Production for the sum of £20,000 for the period ending 31st January, 1945.
 T.A.100/33/3.

9th Jan., 1945. Sanctioning Emergency Bonus of 6s. 6d. per week as from 2nd October, 1944, to Mr. T. J. Scully, B.E., temporary Engineer.
 R/RS/33.

17th Jan., 1945. Concerning the regular and systematic inspection of Labourers' Cottages, and the proper maintenance thereof.
 No. H.6/1945.

18th Jan., 1945. Sanctioning the proposed Scheme for the concreting of Main Road at Leitrim Place.
 R/RB/3.

18th Jan., 1945. Sanctioning overdraft accommodation on the County Council's General Account for the sum of £5,000 for the period ending 31st January, 1945.
 G.823/45.

18th Jan., 1945. Sanctioning the continued employment of Mr. P. Maguire and Miss B. Finlay, as Clerical Assistant and Shorthand-Typist, respectively, for the period to the 31st March, 1945.
 G.3979/13/44.

19th Jan., 1945. Sanctioning payment of a further Emergency Bonus of 1s. 6d. per day to the two Carters employed by the County Council in the Bray Urban District, i.e., Mrs. Robers and James Doyle.
 R/RM/201/33W.

22nd Jan., 1945. Intimating that the total amount for the 1945/46 Agricultural Grant will be the same as in the current year.
 No. 13/45.

29th Jan., 1945. Sanctioning the continuation of the Charges at present in force in relation to the hire of Co. Council machinery.
 R/RM/33M.

30th Jan., 1945. Sanctioning the employment of Messrs. P. Howard, B.E., and F. J. Kerr, B.E., as temporary Engineers for a period of six months in connection with planning of Road Schemes, at remuneration of £6 6s. each per week, and vouched travelling expenses at 1½d. per mile for bicycle.
 R/RS/33.

2nd Feb., 1945. Sanctioning the re-grading of Messrs. A. O'Connor and V. D. King.
 G.1804/3/45.

2nd Feb., 1945. Sanctioning the continuance of overdraft accommodation in connection with Turf Production for the sum of £17,500 for the period ending 28th Feb., 1945.
 T.A.100/33/3.

5th Feb., 1945. Sanctioning the continuance of overdraft accommodation in connection with the County Council's General Account, for the sum of £8,000 for the period ending 28th February, 1945.
 G.832/4/45. Cill Maintain.

6th Feb., 1945. Intimating that the Emergency Turf Production Scheme should continue in 1945, and that arrangements should accordingly be made for the production of such quantity of turf as will meet the requirements of the County Council's Institutions and Plant up to the 30th Sept., 1945.
 T.A.123G.

15th Feb., 1945. Sanctioning expenditure not exceeding £450 in respect of the employment of temporary clerical assistance in connection with the preparation of the Rate Books for the financial year 1945/46.
 G.3664/45.

21st Feb., 1945. Approving of the Scheme of Road Works proposed to be carried out with the aid of Grants under Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote 1944/45 Roads (Rural) Works No. U.490. Total expenditure, £480; Grant, £620; Local Contribution, £220.
 RU/211/33.

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- 2nd March, 1945.
RU/211/54. Approving of the Scheme of Road Works proposed to be carried out with the aid of Grants under Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1944/45 Roads (Rural) Works No. U.904. Total expenditure, £1,265—Grant, £1,115; Local Contribution, £150.
- 2nd March, 1945.
R/RS/33. Sanctioning the employment of Messrs. M. J. Foley, B.E., and B. A. Nolan, B.E., as temporary Engineers for the preparation of post-Emergency Schemes, at remuneration of £6 6s. per week each, and allowance of 1 1/2d. per mile for travelling by bicycle.
- 3rd March, 1945.
T.A.100/33/3. Sanctioning the continuation of overdraft accommodation in connection with Turf Production for the sum of £18,500 for the period ending 31st March, 1945.
- 3rd March, 1945.
Ref. G.20672/44. In reply to County Secretary's letter of 18th December, 1944, transmitting a copy of Regulations made under Section 28 of the County Management Act, 1940, in regard to the reception and examination of tenders. The Secretary was informed that the acceptance of a Tender was an executive function, and that the final responsibility therefor rested with the Co. Manager.
- 6th March, 1945.
L. Cill Mannin. Sanctioning the Council's proposal to obtain a Loan of £3,000 to defray the cost of concreting Leirrim Place, Wicklow.
- 29th Jan., 1945.
L.1451/44. From the Department of Agriculture. Sanctioning allowances to Veterinary Inspectors under the Sheep Dipping Scheme—Mr. S. Conway, £80; Mr. G. A. Morrin, £65; and Mr. W. J. Richardson, £30.
- 23rd Oct., 1944. From the Department of Education. Sanctioning the renewal, in respect of the scholastic year 1944/45, of the Scholarships awarded under Wicklow County Council's Secondary School Scholarship Scheme, 1944.
- 23rd Jan., 1945.
Oil (2) 66442. Intimating that since the Examination for the award of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools is competitive, candidates in whose cases the prescribed conditions relating to age, means, residence, etc., are not complied with, cannot be granted permission to attend at the Examination.
- 3rd March, 1945.
Oil (2) 66442. Acknowledging receipt of lists of 49 applications for permission to compete at Wicklow County Council's Secondary School Scholarship Scheme, 1945.
- 16th March, 1945.
Oil (2) 66442. Relative to (a) applicants under the Scholarship Scheme whose eligibility to compete at the Examination had not yet been decided; (b) refusing to grant permission to the candidates, Denis J. P. Herr and Wm. F. Kavanagh, to compete at the Examinations; and (c) intimating that the Council, if they so desire, may include a clause in their 1946 Scheme providing for the award of reduced Scholarships where the limit of means is exceeded by not more than a specified amount.
- 19th Oct., 1944.
2/76360. From the Department of Defence. Intimating that arrangements are now being made for the gradual removal of all Road Barriers from Public Roads.
- From County Council Offices, Rathdrum—Public Health and Assistance Section.
- 31st Oct., 1944. Enclosing abstract of the more important orders and decisions of Wicklow County Manager for the month of October, 1944.
- 1st Dec., 1944. Enclosing abstract of the more important orders and decisions of the Co. Manager for the month of November, 1944.
- 7th Feb., 1945. Enclosing abstract of the more important orders and decisions of Wicklow County Manager for the months of December, 1944, and January, 1945.
- From other Public Bodies.
- 27th Oct., 1944. From General Council of County Councils, Dublin, intimating the date of next Meeting of that Body.
- 9th Nov., 1944. From Kilkenny County Council, forwarding copy of Resolution passed by that Council re members' travelling expenses.
- 14th Nov., 1944. From Westmeath County Council, Mullingar, relative to school leaving age of children and years to be devoted by these children to the learning of the subjects Irish and English.
- 28th Nov., 1944. From Dr. W. G. Lyons, Parkmore, Baltinglass, expressing grateful appreciation to the County Manager, the members of Wicklow County Council, and the Secretarial staff for the resolution of sympathy on the death of his father.
- 28th Feb., 1945. From District Mental Hospital, Waterford, enclosing extract from Minutes of proceedings of the Committee of Management of that Hospital, relative to increases in the present superannuation of retired Mental Hospital officials.
- 3rd March, 1945. From Waterford County Council urging the Government to have the Local Appointments Commission reconstituted, so as to restore public confidence in the manner of filling public appointments.

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The Monthly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 9th April, 1945.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

Councillors P. McCarthy, J. Everett, T.D.; W. J. Doyle, W. J. Clarke, Dr. J. J. Hickey, T. Fitzpatrick, H. J. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, J. J. Bourne, P. P. O'Reilly, B. Farrell, C. M. O'Brien, Joseph Kavanagh and J. J. Metcalfe.

The County Manager, Mr. P. T. Healy, was in attendance.

BUSINESS:

RESERVED FUNCTIONS.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of previous Meeting.
2. To appoint, under the provisions of the National Health Insurance and Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Act, 1936, a representative on the Committee of Management of the National Health Insurance Society in place of Mrs. Kathleen Kilcoyne, who is ineligible for nomination.
3. To execute Mortgage required by the Council's Treasurer in connection with Loan for £3,000 obtained from the National Bank, Ltd., for the purpose of defraying the cost of concreting Leirrim Place, Wicklow, and to pass formal resolution required in that connection.
4. To pass usual Resolutions in connection with the Council's application for (a) Overdraft Accommodation in the month of May on the County Council's General Account, and (b) Overdraft Accommodation on the Turf Production Account for the same month.
5. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor W. J. Clarke:—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, shall move that we consider, and give effect to, the following Resolution which was passed unanimously by the Wicklow Harbour Board at a Meeting of that Body held on the 6th March, 1945: 'That we, Wicklow Harbour Board, make formal application to the Wicklow County Council to use the powers vested in that Council by the Emergency Powers (No. 352) Order, 1945, to make themselves responsible for the raising and repaying of a Loan of Thirteen Hundred Pounds over a period of fifteen years, so as to enable the Wicklow Harbour Board to secure a free Government Grant of Seven Hundred Pounds, which will enable us to carry out many much-needed and essential repairs to our Harbour, so as to ensure suitable provision for Trade not alone in the immediate future, but in anticipation of the Shipping Trade we have a right to anticipate in the post-war period which will mean so much to the Town of Wicklow and surrounding Rural District.'"

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

"That the Secretary be requested to have the Standing Orders brought up to date in a form to meet with the approval of the Minister. That for the purposes of standardisation the County Councils General Council be consulted. That any orders special to this Council may be added as special to this Council."

7. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey:—

"That a Loan of £6,000 be raised for the purpose of providing water and sewerage for Cottages in the Greystones and Delany Districts."

8. To appoint, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Mutual Assurance) Act, 1926, a nominee on the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance, Ltd., who shall have full power on behalf of Wicklow County Council to vote and exercise every other right and power incidental to such membership, at the Annual Meeting of that Company to be held on the year 1945.

ASSISTANCE, HEALTH AND HOUSING.

9. 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.

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10. To authorise by Resolution the affixing of the seal of the Council to certain documents.
11. To seal five Preliminary Orders made under the Unemployment (Relief Works) Act, 1940, in connection with the compulsory acquisition of land for the construction of a new diversion road by realigning of existing public road No. 23 (Rathclaren Turn, Bray).
12. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:—
"That in view of the present increased cost of living that we recommend the County Manager to increase the wages of road workers in the County Wicklow, also that all skilled workers employed be paid similar rate of wages as that sanctioned by Ministry of Industry and Commerce to all employees engaged on building or repair work, and that unskilled workers be paid not less than 1s. per hour."
13. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:—
"That the County Manager increase the bog workers' wages."
14. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy:—
"That we appeal to the Minister for Justice to have the railings, at present surrounding the dock in the Criminal Court at Wicklow, removed and substituted by some other type of barrier."

RESERVED FUNCTIONS.

Item No. 1 Proposed by Councillor W. J. Clarke;

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

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 27th February, 1945, as printed and circulated to each member of Wicklow County Council be hereby approved, adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Councillor Fitzpatrick referred to Item No. 3 in the Minutes, to which he had been described as dissenting, and expressed the wish that he be recorded as "dissenting on the grounds that the motion was not in order." The Minutes were approved subject to the introduction, after the words "Councillor Fitzpatrick dissenting," of the words "on the grounds that the motion was not in order" at the conclusion of item No. 3 in the Minutes.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, have heard with deep regret of the death of our esteemed colleague, Councillor Edward Byrne, and we hereby extend to the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

PASSED.

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Each member of the Council in turn expressed regret on learning of the death of Councillor Edward Byrne, and spoke of the services he had rendered to the Council over a great number of years. The County Manager and on behalf of the staff. The Council decided, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Councillor Byrne, that the Council should adjourn immediately after the conclusion of the essential business of the Meeting. At the suggestion of Councillor Fitzpatrick the County Secretary was directed to accept subscriptions from the Councillors, for a Mass for the repose of the Soul of the late Councillor.

Proposed by Councillor C.M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor Joseph Kavanagh;

Resolved—That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, have heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. Laurence Wolohan, Ballintemple, Woodenbridge, 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 extend our sincere sympathy to the relatives of the late Mr. Joseph Doyle, Talbotstown House, Baltinglass, a respected former official of this Council. He was a typical Irish Farmer and one of nature's own gentlemen. He has one of his sons a respected official of this Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell;

Resolved—That we extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. Luke McDonnell, a respected official of this Council on the death of his beloved wife.

Passed.

Item No. 2. The County Secretary referred to Item No. 2 on the Agenda for the Meeting held on 12th March, 1945, in which the Council nominated three persons as its representatives on the Insured Persons (Local Authorities Nominees) Members' Electorate for the three years commencing on 1st May, 1945, and stated that Mrs. Kathleen Kilcoyne had informed him that as she was no longer an Insured Person she was not eligible for appointment.

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

Resolved—That in accordance with the request of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under the National Health Insurance and Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Act, 1936, in letter dated 21st February, 1945, Ref. Z/1/45, we hereby nominate the following to be the Council's representative on the Insured Persons (Local Authorities Nominees) Members' Electorate for the three years commencing on the 1st May, 1945, in lieu of Mrs. Kilcoyne, who was found to be ineligible:—

Miss Maureen Meagher, Summerhill, Wicklow.

Passed.

Item No. 2. Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Clarke;

Resolved—That we hereby affix the seal of Wicklow County Council to the Deed of Mortgage required by the Council's Treasurer in connection with the Loan of £5,000 to be obtained from the National Bank, Ltd., for the purpose of defraying the cost of concreting Leitrin Place, Wicklow, the purpose of defraying the cost of concreting Leitrin Place, Wicklow.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Clarke;

Resolved—That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister dated 6th March, 1945, the sum of £5,000 be borrowed from the National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, to defray the cost of concreting Leitrin Place, Wicklow, said sum to be repaid within 10 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, the 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, Limited.

Passed.

Item No. 4. Proposed by Councillor Dr. Hickey;
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 May, 1945, shall not exceed £25,000.

Passed.

Item No. 5. Proposed by Councillor W. J. Clarke;
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we consider, and give effect to, the following Resolution which was passed unanimously by the Wicklow Harbour Board at a Meeting of that Body held on the 6th March, 1945:—

"That we, the Wicklow Harbour Board, make formal application to the Wicklow County Council to use the powers vested in that Council by the Emergency Powers (No. 352) Order, 1945, to make themselves responsible for the raising and repaying of a Loan of Thirteen Hundred Pounds over a period of fifteen years, so as to enable the Wicklow Harbour Board to secure a free Government Grant of Seven Hundred Pounds, which will enable us to carry out many much-needed and essential repairs to our Harbour, so as to ensure suitable provision for Trade not alone in the immediate future but in anticipation of the Shipping Trade we have a right to anticipate in the post-war period which will mean so much to the Town of Wicklow and surrounding Rural District."

Passed.

Item No. 6. Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That the Secretary be requested to have the Standing Orders brought up to date in a form to meet with the approval of the Minister. That for the purposes of standardisation the County Councils' General Council be consulted. That any orders special to this Council may be added as special to this Council.

Passed unanimously.

A committee, consisting of the following members, was appointed to examine the Standing Orders with a view to bringing them up to date in accordance with the Resolution: Councillors T. Fitzpatrick, J. Everett, T.D., C. M. Byrne, and W. Clarke. The Law Agent and County Secretary were also appointed to act on the Committee.

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Item No. 7. Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

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

Resolved—That a Loan of £8,000 be raised for the purpose of providing water and sewerage for Cottages in the Greystones and Delgany Districts.

In the course of a discussion, it was

Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

That the County Surveyor be requested to place before us his report to the Council as to the relative urgency of Sewerage Schemes in connection with Council houses in Greystones and Delgany areas and in comparison with other areas.

The County Surveyor, who was in attendance at the Meeting, pointed out that he had already reported in this connection to the Council, and that the County Medical Officer of Health had also submitted his report. After further discussion Councillor Fitzpatrick agreed to withdraw his amendment and the Motion was declared passed—Councillors Joseph Kavanagh and H. J. Byrne voting against it.

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Item No. 10. Proposed by Councillor B. Farrell;

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

Resolved—That we hereby affix the Seal of this Council to the Agreement between Wicklow County Council and Mr. Cormac Murray, of Priory Road, Naas, County Kildare, in connection with the latter's Contract for the supply of 3,000 tons of turf to Grangeorman Mental Hospital in conformity with the schedule of conditions applicable thereto.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor B. Farrell;

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

Resolved—That we hereby affix the Seal of this Council to the Agreement between Wicklow County Council and Mr. Edward O'Connor of Poulaphuca, Ballymore-Eustace, County Kildare, in connection with the latter's Contract for the supply of 1,000 tons of turf at Garryknock Bog to Grangeorman Mental Hospital in conformity with the schedule of conditions applicable thereto.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we now execute in duplicate the usual local contribution Agreement in connection with the Council's contribution to the Irish Tourist Association for the year 1945/46.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

children with foster-parents in the under-mentioned cases be sealed:—
Resolved—That Agreement in connection with the Boarding-out of

Child.	Foster-parent.
Bridie Nolan	with Lizzie Kinsella, Ballygannon, Rathdrum.
Patricia Delaney	with Rose Mary Delaney, Tinnakilly Lodge, Rathnew.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

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

24th February, 1945—James Duffy, Mounckennedy Demesne,
5th March, 1945—John O'Toole, Rosbane.
14th March, 1945—Michael Delaney, Blainroe.
16th March, 1945—Thomas Byrne, Rosbane.
17th March, 1945—Matthew Wheatley, Kilpedder.
18th March, 1945—Timothy McCarthy, Moneycarroll.
19th March, 1945—Terence Jameson, Ballybeg.
19th March, 1945—James Smyth, Kilpedder West.
19th March, 1945—Patrick Morrissey, Kilpedder West.
19th March, 1945—Frederick Byrne, Kilpedder.

Passed.

Item No. 11. Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

Seconded by Councillor W. Clarke;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the affixing of the seal of Wicklow County Council to the five Preliminary Orders made under the Unemployment (Relief Works) Act, 1940, in connection with the compulsory acquisition of land for the construction of a new diversion road by realigning of existing road No. 23 (Rathclaren Turn, Bray).

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

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

Resolved—That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to extend to 30th April, 1945, the period for closing the Warrants of Poor Rate Collectors in respect of the financial year 1944/45.

Passed.

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

NOTICE OF MOTION.

That this Council considers, that its deliberations can best be conducted on the merits of each case coming up for discussion or decision of the Council instead of on Party lines, and that the coming election of Councillors be conducted on that assumption.

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

NOTICE OF MOTION.

That I will move at the next Meeting of the Council, the question of raising a Loan of £1,000 to complete the reconstruction of the Coolattin-Tinahely Road.

At this stage the Council, according to the wish expressed earlier at the Meeting, adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Councillor Edward Byrne.

James J. Wickham
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14 MAY 1945

The Monthly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 14th May, 1945.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;
Councillors P. P. O'Reilly, P. McCarthy, B. Farrell, Joseph Jacob, W. J. Doyle, J. Everett, T.D.; Patrick Doyle, Peter Ledwidge, W. J. Clarke, Joseph Kavanagh, George Byrne; J. J. Hickey, M.B.; T. Fitzpatrick, C. W. Hudson, J. J. Bourne, and C. M. O'Brien.

Councillor Metcalfe wrote regretting his inability to be present, due to illness.

The County Manager, Mr. P. T. Healy, was in attendance.

BUSINESS:

RESERVED FUNCTIONS.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of previous Meetings.
2. To pass usual Resolutions in connection with the Council's application for Overdraft Accommodation on the Turf Production Account for the month of June.
3. To appoint, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Mutual Assurance) Act, 1926, a nominee on the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance, Ltd., who shall have full power on behalf of Wicklow County Council to vote and exercise every other right and power incidental to such membership, at the Annual Meeting of that Company to be held in the year 1945.
4. Presidential and Local Elections, 1945.
 - (a) To consider circular letters dated 27th April, 1945, received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, copies of which have been circulated to each member of the Council.
 - (b) To consider the following Notice of Motion:—
"I hereby give notice that I or some other Member of the Council at the next meeting of the Wicklow County Council will move the following Resolution:—
"That we the County Council of the County of Wicklow in exercise of the Powers vested in us by Section 9 of the Presidential Elections Act, 1937, hereby resolve to nominate Patrick McCarten of Mountjohn, Newtownmountkennedy, in the County of Wicklow, to be a Candidate at the Elections now pending of a person to the office of President of Ireland."
(Signed)—JOSEPH KAVANAGH, M.C.C.
Member of Council."
 - (c) To consider any other Notice of Motion for the nomination of a candidate for the Presidency, provided that three clear days' notice of the intention to propose such Motion has been given in writing to each Member of the Council.
 - (d) To fix a provisional date for the Local Elections in the County in compliance with the Local Elections Act, 1927.
5. To adopt a resolution making application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order declaring Part VI of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, to be in force in the County Health District of Wicklow.
6. To pass a resolution appointing our Chairman an ex-officio Director of the Irish Tourist Association in accordance with Article 20 of the Articles of Association of the Irish Tourist Association, 1925.
7. To declare a vacancy on Wicklow County Council created by the death of Councillor Edward Byrne.
8. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea:—
"That I will move at the next Meeting of the Council, the question of raising a Loan of £1,000 to complete the reconstruction of the Coolattin-Tinahely Road."

ASSISTANCE, HEALTH AND HOUSING.

9. 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.

GENERAL.

10. To authorise by Resolution the affixing of the Seal of the Council to certain documents.
11. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:—
"That in view of the present increased cost of living that we recommend the County Manager to increase the wages of road workers in the County Wicklow, also that all skilled workers employed be paid similar rate of wages as that sanctioned by Ministry of Industry and Commerce to all employees engaged on building or repair work, and that unskilled workers be paid not less than 1s. per hour."
12. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:—
"That the County Manager increase the bog workers' wages."
13. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy:—
"That we appeal to the Minister for Justice to have the railings, at present surrounding the dock in the Criminal Court at Wicklow, removed and substituted by some other type of barrier."
14. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor T. Fitzpatrick:—
"That this Council considers that its deliberations can best be conducted on the merits of each case coming up for discussion or decision of the Council instead of on Party lines, and that the coming election of Councillors be conducted on that assumption."

Item No. 1: Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell;

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Meetings held on 12th March, 1945, and 9th April, 1945, as printed and circulated to each Member of Wicklow County Council, be hereby approved, adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell;

Resolved—That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, have heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. John Storey, Moneytown, a former member of the County Council, and we hereby extend to his widow and to the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell;

Resolved—That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, have heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. Patrick Healy, B.E., Department of Fisheries, and we hereby extend to his widow and to the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed.

Item No. 2: Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

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, 1945, shall not exceed £30,000.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

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, 1945, shall not exceed £25,000.

Passed—Councillors Ledwidge and Fitzpatrick dissenting.

Item No. 3: Proposed by Councillor B. Farrell;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That in accordance with the Local Authorities (Mutual Assurance) Act, 1926, we hereby appoint the following member of this County Council as nominee on the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Assurance Company, who shall have full power on behalf of Wicklow County Council to vote and exercise every other right and power incidental to such membership at the Annual Meeting of the Company to be held in the year 1945:

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4: Proposed by Councillor Joseph Kavanagh;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we the County Council of the County of Wicklow in exercise of the Powers vested in us by Section 9 of the Presidential Elections Act, 1937, hereby resolve to nominate Patrick McCarten of Mountjohn, Newtownmountkennedy, in the County of Wicklow, to be a Candidate at the Elections now pending of a person to the office of President of Ireland.

Following a prolonged discussion in which all the Councillors took part, a vote was called for and it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

For the Motion—Councillors J. J. McCrea, Jos. Kavanagh, Patk. McCarthy, W. J. Doyle, P. P. O'Reilly, B. Farrell, J. Everett, T.D.; Jos. Jacob, and W. J. Clarke—(9).

Against the Motion—Councillors J. J. Bourne, P. Doyle, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Peter Ledwidge, T. Fitzpatrick, C. M. Byrne, George Byrne—(7). Councillor C. W. Hudson not voting.

The Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution carried by nine votes for to seven votes against.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we fix Wednesday, 27th June, 1945, as a provisional date for the holding of Local Government Elections for the current year.

Passed.

The Secretary stated that he had received communications from Ald. Alfred Byrne, Dublin, and Mr. J. P. Kavanagh, of Collon, Co. Louth, seeking the Council's nomination as candidates for the Presidency. As the necessary Notice of Motion had not been given in either case, the Council could take no action thereon.

Item No. 5: Proposed by Councillor Dr. Hickey;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That the Council petition the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to make an Order declaring Part VI of the Public Health Amendment Act, 1907, to be in force in the County Health District of Wicklow, for the purposes of providing and maintaining a Public Park at the Seafrost at Greystones.

Following a discussion a vote was called for, and it was found that the members voted as follows:—

For the Motion—Councillor J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. J. Doyle, P. P. O'Reilly, B. Farrell, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Peter Ledwidge, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Jacob, W. J. Clarke and G. Byrne—(11).

Against the Motion—Councillors Jos. Kavanagh, J. J. Bourne, P. Doyle, T. Fitzpatrick, C. W. Hudson, C. M. Byrne—(6).

The Chairman thereupon declared the Motion carried by eleven votes for to six against.

Item No. 6: Proposed by Councillor W. J. Clarke;

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Resolved—That our Chairman, Councillor J. McCrea, do represent this County Council of Wicklow as an ex-officio Director of Irish Tourist Association for the financial year 1945/46, in accordance with Article 20 of the Articles of Association of the Irish Tourist Association, 1925 (i.e., where a local authority contributes the sum of £100 or more for Tourist development).

Passed.

Item No. 7: The Council decided, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Councillor Edward Byrne, and in consequence of the forthcoming elections, not to declare any vacancy on the Council.

Item No. 8: Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

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

Resolved—That we approve of the raising of a Loan of £1,000 to complete the reconstruction of the Coolattin-Tinahely Road.

Passed.

ASSISTANCE, HEALTH AND HOUSING.

Item No. 9: Councillor Ledwidge referred to letters protesting against compulsory vaccination which had been sent to the "Wicklow People" and had not been published. Following a discussion on the subject of compulsory vaccination, it was

Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That this Council is of the opinion that the Vaccination Acts should be amended.

Passed.

GENERAL.

WICKLOW PUBLIC ASSISTANCE DISTRICT.

THE WICKLOW COUNTY HOSPITAL (Admission of Paying Patients) REGULATIONS, 1945.

1. These regulations may be cited as the Wicklow County Hospital (Admission of Paying Patients) Regulations, 1945.

2. In these regulations:—

- (a) "Minister" means the Minister for Local Government and Public Health;
- (b) "Public assistance authority" means the Wicklow County Council;
- (c) "Manager" means the Manager for the Public Assistance Authority;
- (d) "Hospital" means the district institution of the Public assistance authority known as the County Hospital, Wicklow;
- (e) "Surgeon," "Physician," and "Matron" mean respectively the Surgeon, the Physician, and the Matron of the Hospital.

3. Subject to the provisions of these regulations, the public assistance authority hereby authorises the admission to the Hospital of persons not eligible for public assistance for treatment, maintenance, and accommodation therein.

4. No person shall be admitted to the Hospital under these regulations unless there is available for such person in the Hospital at the time of his admission thereto, accommodation not required for persons eligible for public assistance and admissible to the Hospital.

5. Persons admitted to the Hospital under these regulations shall be accommodated in such special portions of the Hospital as the Manager shall, with the approval of the Minister, allocate for the purpose, or in the public wards of the Hospital.

6. (i) A person not eligible for public assistance seeking admission to the Hospital under these regulations shall, if suitable accommodation is available, be admitted to the Hospital by the Matron, upon presentation to her of a certificate of a registered medical practitioner that such person requires treatment in hospital.

(ii) The Matron may, in case of urgency, if suitable accommodation is available, without requiring a medical certificate as aforesaid, admit such person to the Hospital on the direction of any medical officer of the Hospital or in his absence without such direction.

7. The Matron shall report forthwith to the Surgeon or Physician, as the case may require, any admission by her to the Hospital of a person under these regulations, and shall, if the Surgeon or Physician as the case may require, is of opinion that the person cannot suitably be treated in the Hospital, discharge such person from the Hospital as and when so directed by the Surgeon or Physician, as the case may be.

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3. As otherwise provided herein, every person admitted as a person not eligible for public assistance to the Hospital under these regulations shall, as a condition of such admission be required to pay to the public assistance authority the appropriate charge, as set forth in the Schedule hereto, together with such additional charges as the public assistance authority may determine, for any special nursing or other expenses incurred in connection with his or her treatment therein.

Provided always that notwithstanding anything contained in this regulation:

- (a) the appropriate charge and the amount of any additional charges as aforesaid payable in respect of a person not eligible for public assistance, admitted to the hospital under these regulations in accordance with an agreement with the public assistance authority made by a sanitary authority under Section 155 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, or under a school medical treatment scheme approved of by the Minister under the Public Health (Medical Treatment of Children) (Ireland) Act, 1919, or a maternity and child welfare scheme approved of by the Minister, under the Notification of Births Acts, 1907 and 1915, as amended by the Maternity and Child Welfare Act, 1918, or under an agreement approved of by the Minister for the purposes of the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Acts, 1908 and 1913, shall be payable on behalf of such person, if so agreed or specified in such scheme, by the relevant sanitary or local authority and shall be of such amount as shall, with the approval of the Minister, be agreed upon between the public assistance authority and the relevant sanitary or local authority or where the public assistance authority is also the relevant sanitary or local authority as shall be determined by it with the approval of the Minister.
 - (b) The appropriate charge and the amount of any additional charges as aforesaid payable in respect of a person admitted to the hospital under these regulations in accordance with an agreement with any local authority other than a local authority named in the next preceding proviso, shall be of such amount as shall, with the approval of the Minister, be agreed upon between the public assistance authority and the relevant local authority, or in default of agreement such amount as may be determined by the Minister.
 - (c) The appropriate charge and the amount of any additional charges as aforesaid payable in respect of a person not eligible for public assistance admitted to the Hospital under these regulations as an insured member of Cumann an Arachais Naisiunta ar S'ainte in accordance with any scheme for additional benefit made by the said Society with the sanction of the Minister under Section 4 of the National Health Insurance Act, 1942, shall, if such scheme is accepted by the public assistance authority, be payable on behalf of such person by the said Society and shall be of such amount as shall be authorised by such scheme.
 - (d) The appropriate charge and the amount of any additional charges as aforesaid payable by the Minister for Defence in respect of a member or a dependant of a number of the Defence Forces admitted to the hospital under these Regulations shall be in accordance with any agreement for the time being in force between the said Minister and the public assistance authority and shall be of such amount as shall be authorised by such agreement.
 - (e) The charge in respect of children under the age of 14 years shall be half the appropriate rate of charge.
9. The Matron shall, before admitting any person to the hospital under these regulations, bring under the notice of such person or the person claiming admission on his or her behalf the provisions of these regulations.
 10. The Surgeon or Physician, as the case may be, shall, at the request of a person admitted to the Hospital under these regulations or a person acting on his or her behalf, permit any desired registered medical practitioner to have access to the person admitted and shall, as far as possible, act in the treatment of the person in consultation with such medical practitioner.
 11. Where the Public Assistance Authority is of opinion in respect of a particular person admitted to a public ward or for X-Ray examination only in the Hospital under these regulations that while such person is not eligible for Medical Assistance, having regard to his general circumstances the payment by such person of the appropriate charge would cause hardship to such person, the appropriate charge in relation to such person may be reduced by such amount as may be considered proper.
 12. The Matron shall, as directed by the Surgeon or Physician, as the case may require, discharge from the Hospital any person admitted thereto under these regulations when such person has recovered or is no longer susceptible of treatment therein.
 13. The Matron shall keep a register, to be known as the Paying Patients' Register, in such form as the Manager may require and shall enter therein the particulars required in respect of each person admitted to the Hospital under these regulations as a person not eligible for public assistance, and shall furnish an abstract therefrom at the end of each month to, and in such form, as may be required by the Manager.
 14. The Matron shall be authorised to demand and receive on behalf of the public assistance authority, payment of any sums that may be due to the public assistance authority under these regulations from or in respect of any person admitted to the Hospital, and shall so far as possible obtain payment of any such sums before the person is discharged from the Hospital, and shall pay over all sums so received to the treasurer of the public assistance authority and take his receipt for same, and account for all such sums so received to the public assistance authority in such form as may be required by the Manager.
 15. If any person fails or neglects to pay any charges incurred by him under these regulations the Matron shall immediately report such failure or neglect to the Manager who shall take such steps or proceedings as may be necessary to obtain or recover payment thereof.

SCHEDULE.

- A. Payments per day or portion of a day to be made by persons admitted to the Hospital under these regulations, and accommodated.
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B. Payments for X-Ray Examinations:

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Skull	
Spine	
(two views)	
1 region—2 views	1
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Pelvis and Hip Joints.	
One view	4
Shoulder, Knee or Elbow.	
One side—2 views	1 1/2
Both sides—2 views each	1 1/2
Long Bone or Bones.	
One part—2 views	2
Chest.	
One view	1 1/2
Two views	2
Teeth.	
Upper and Lower	2
Upper or Lower	1
One dental film	1/2

Sealed with the Common Seal of the Wicklow County Council, this

day of 1945, in the presence of:—

..... Chairman

..... County Manager,

WICKLOW PUBLIC ASSISTANCE DISTRICT. THE BALTINGLASS DISTRICT HOSPITAL (Admission of Paying Patients) REGULATIONS, 1945.

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5. Persons admitted to the Hospital under these regulations shall be accommodated in such special portions of the Hospital as the Manager shall, with the approval of the Minister, allocate for the purpose, or in the public wards of the Hospital.
6. (i) A person not eligible for public assistance seeking admission to the Hospital under these regulations shall, if suitable accommodation is available, be admitted to the Hospital by the Head Nurse upon presentation to her of a certificate of a registered medical practitioner that such person requires treatment in hospital.
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7. The Head Nurse shall report forthwith to the Medical Officer any admission by her to the Hospital of a person under these regulations, and shall, if the Medical Officer is of opinion that the person cannot suitably be treated in the Hospital, discharge such person from the Hospital as and when so directed by the Medical Officer.
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One side—2 views	1½
Both sides—2 views each	2
Long Bone or Bones.	
One part—2 views	1½
Chest.	
One view	1½
Two views	2
Teeth.	
Upper and Lower	2
Upper or Lower	1
One dental film.	½

Sealed with the Common Seal of the Wicklow County Council, this

.....day of1945, in the presence of:—

.....Chairman

.....County Manager.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;
 Seconded by Councillor J. J. Bourne;
 Resolved—That the Cottage Tenancy Agreements as set out hereunder be sealed and signed:—

21st April, 1945—Thomas Symes, Ballinamanoque.
 21st April, 1945—Thomas Kennedy, Ballybeg.
 14th April, 1945—Thomas Jameson, Merrymount.
 13th April, 1945—John Toole, Cronebane, Avoca.
 13th April, 1945—Charles Keogh, Cronebane.
 24th March, 1945—Mary Hamilton, Kilmacallagh.
 14th March, 1945—Edward Kenny, Knockanode, Avoca.
 3rd March, 1945—John Newsome, Ballybeg.
 6th February, 1945—Louis Vickers, Carnagowan, Woodenbridge.
 14th January, 1945—John Roche, Liscolman, Tullow.
 1st January, 1945—John O'Neill, Tomacork, Carnew.
 1st January, 1945—Joseph Kilbride, Tomacork.
 30th December, 1944—Matthew Doyle, Tiglin.
 16th December, 1944—Mary Ann Breen, Ballinacash.
 9th December, 1944—Denis Franey, Ballybeg.
 1st December, 1944—Sarah Byrne, Castlemacadam.
 1st December, 1944—Mary Kennedy, Fair Green, Rathdrum.
 4th November, 1944—John Byrne, Ballinvalley, Avoca.
 30th September, 1944—James Kenna, Kirikee, Rathdrum.
 27th July, 1944—Michael Byrne, Rednagh Road, Aughrim.
 24th June, 1944—John Moules, Aughrim.
 22nd January, 1944—Thomas Doyle, Kilmagig, Avoca.
 15th January, 1944—Michael Conyard, Ballycullen, Ashford.
 9th January, 1944—Hugh Gaffney, Chapel.
 1st January, 1944—Elizabeth Keogh, Killacoran.
 1st January, 1944—Francis Gahan, Ballygannon, Rathdrum.
 1st January, 1944—Sylvester Murphy, Coolmore, Ballymoyle.
 1st January, 1944—William Nolan, Glassnaget, Rathdrum.
 1st January, 1944—John Gregory, Glasnaget, Rathdrum.
 1st January, 1944—James Timmons, Diamond Hill, Roundwood.
 1st January, 1944—John Browne, Ballygannon, Rathdrum.
 1st January, 1944—Charles Delaney, Templelaine, Arklow.
 1st January, 1944—James J. Dunne, Knockenode, Rathdrum.
 30th December, 1943—Edward Byrne, Tigroney.
 29th December, 1943—Sarah Clancy, Springfield.
 9th December, 1943—James Kenry, Ballinacash.
 9th December, 1943—Alice Mernagh, Ballinacarrig.
 4th December, 1943—Mark Earles, Knockenree, Avoca.
 1st December, 1943—Sarah Hogan, Behana, Rathdrum.
 1st December, 1943—Terence Doyle, Castlemacadam.
 1st December, 1943—Owen Gaffney, Barncoyle, Arklow.
 1st December, 1943—Annie Byrne, Lower St., Rathdrum.
 13th November, 1943—Luke Browne, Kilmacoo, Avoca.
 1st April, 1943—Michael O'Hara, Drumgoff.
 2nd January, 1943—Christopher Keogh, Ballygannon.
 2nd January, 1943—Patrick Grimes, Ballygannon.
 3rd August, 1940—Stephen Cunniam, Ballymorris Upper.
 18th November, 1939—John Murray, Castlemacadam.
 18th November, 1939—Thomas McGrath, Ballinacash.
 28th October, 1937—John Nolan, Johnstown, Sea Road, Arklow.

Passed.
 Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;
 Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
 Resolved—That Agreements in connection with the boarding-out of the County Council with the undermentioned Foster Parents in accordance with the provisions of the Public Assistance Act, 1939, be sealed.

Foster Parent:	Child:
Mrs. John Clare, Killougher, Ashford.	Edward Steadman.
Mrs. Jane Diver,	Esther Healy
Passed.	

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;
 Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
 Resolved—That we hereby affix the seal of Wicklow County Council to the Deed of Mortgage required by the Irish Assurance Company, Ltd., in connection with the Supplementary Loan of £1,628 to be obtained from the Irish Assurance Company, Ltd., for the purpose of completing Village Scheme No. 2.

Passed.
 Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
 Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell;
 Resolved—Pursuant to powers vested in us by Article 9 of the Emergency Powers (No. 310) Order, 1944, we hereby execute the Agreement permitting Mr. John P. Anderson, Glenealy, to exercise right of turbary over the bogland situate at Sallygap, in accordance with the conditions set forth in the said Agreement.
 Passed.

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

Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell;

Resolved—Pursuant to powers vested in us by Article 9 of the Emergency Powers (No. 310) Order, 1944, we hereby execute the Agreement permitting Mr. P. H. Anderson, Glenealy, to exercise right of turbary over the bogland situate at Sallygap, in accordance with the conditions set forth in the said Agreement.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we hereby seal the Contract Agreement between Messrs. O'Connor Bros., Poulaphouca, Ballymore Eustace, Co. Wicklow, and Wicklow County Council, for the supply of 1,600 tons of saved turf from Roundhill Bog to be delivered to Grangegorman Mental Hospital in accordance with the conditions set forth in said Agreement.

Passed.

Item No. 11: Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That in view of the present increased cost of living that we recommend the County Manager to increase the wages of road workers in County Wicklow, also that all skilled workers employed be paid similar rate of wages as that sanctioned by Ministry of Industry and Commerce to all employees engaged on building or repair work and that unskilled workers be paid not less than 1s. per hour.

Passed.

Item No. 12: Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That the County Manager increase the bog workers wages.

Passed.

Item No. 13: Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

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

Resolved—That we appeal to the Minister for Justice to have the railings, at present surrounding the dock in the Criminal Court at Wicklow, removed and substituted by some other type of barrier.

Passed.

Item No. 14: Proposed by Councillor Thomas Fitzpatrick;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Resolved—That this Council considers that its deliberations can best be conducted on the merits of each case coming up for discussion or decision of the Council instead of on Party lines, and that the coming election of Councillors be conducted on that assumption.

Passed.

The Secretary referred to the following letter received from the Department of Education:—

Oifig an Oideachais Naistunta,
 Baile Aha Clah,
 10 Bealtaine, 1945.

Oil (2) 66442.
 Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1945.
 County Wicklow.

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

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With reference to your communication of 20th March last regarding the eligibility of candidates to compete for the award of a scholarship under the above-mentioned scheme, I am directed to request you to be so good as to state the decisions which have been reached by the Council regarding the eligibility of the following candidates to whom provisional permission to compete at the examination was granted:—

Kathleen Mary Hickey,
 Maura O'Neill,
 Raymond Furlong,
 James J. McCrudden.

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P. O. MUIRUARTAITH.

The Council decided that the Regulations already approved should be adhered to, and that Scholarships should not be awarded unless Birth Certificates have been produced.

Having regard to the likelihood of Presidential and Local Elections being held on 14th June, the Council decided to fix Monday, 4th June, as the date for next Monthly Meeting.

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The Monthly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 4th June, 1945.

The following Members were present:—
Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;
Councillors P. McCarthy, Joseph Jacob, James Everett, T.D.; W. J. Doyle, Peter Ledwidge, J. J. Hickey, M.B.; H. J. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, J. J. Bourne, T. Fitzpatrick, C. M. O'Brien, B. Farrell, Joseph Kavanagh.
The County Manager, Mr. P. T. Healy, was in attendance.

BUSINESS:

RESERVED FUNCTIONS.

- To confirm and sign Minutes of previous Meeting.
- To pass usual Resolutions in connection with the Council's application for (a) Overdraft Accommodation in the month of July on the County Council's General Account, and (b) Overdraft Accommodation on the Turf Production Account for the same month.
- To receive and consider Schedule showing full particulars regarding the financial position of the 1944/45 Poor Rate Collection as finally closed.
- To adopt rates for the service of the financial year ending on the 31st March, 1946, and to allow and make same as assessed in the Rate Books.
- To sign and seal Demands (Form E.8) on the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow for the financial year 1945/46.
- To sign and seal Warrants of the several Poor Rate Collectors.
- To consider the following Resolution passed by Donegal County Council:—
"The Donegal County Council are of opinion that the existing means test of £39 per annum as applied to applicants for Old Age Pensions works a grave hardship in a large majority of cases, and we recommend that the amount be altered to at least £52 per annum. The present standard only represents an increase of £7 10s. per annum on that fixed almost forty years ago; cost-of-living and other factors in the meantime leave £39 per annum totally inadequate to meet present needs and circumstances. We are impelled to this conclusion by knowing the hardships wrought by the application of existing rate in nearly all the cases now and for a long time past coming before us."

ASSISTANCE, HEALTH AND HOUSING.

- 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.

GENERAL.

- To authorize by Resolution the affixing of the Seal of the Council to certain documents.
- To consider communication from the Aghrim Branch of the National Labour Party in which information is asked for concerning (a) number of Meetings held by Wicklow County Council since Local Government Elections on the 19th August, 1942, and (b) the attendance of each member from Arklow County Electoral Area.
- To consider the County Analyst's Report for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1945.
Proposed by Councillors J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson:
Resolved—That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, have heard with deep regret of the death of Miss Winifred O'Byrne, Aunt of the County Surveyor, and we hereby extend to him and to the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.
Passed.
Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea:
Minutes of Meeting, 4th June, 1945.

Resolved—That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, have heard with deep regret of the death of Mrs. V. Branagan, niece of the County Manager, and we hereby extend to him, to her husband, and to the members of his family, the assurance of our sincere sympathy.
Passed.

RESERVED FUNCTIONS.

Item No. 1: The County Secretary stated that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th May had not yet been received from the Printer, and suggested that the confirming of these Minutes might be left over to the next Meeting.

On Councillor Fitzpatrick's proposal the County Secretary was directed to read the Minutes, and it was

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:
Resolved—That we hereby approve, confirm, and adopt the Minutes of previous Meeting, as read to us this day by our County Secretary.
Passed.

Item No. 2: Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne;
Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey.
Resolved—That we hereby authorize 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., 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 July, 1945, shall not exceed £20,000.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle;
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy:
Resolved—That we hereby authorize 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 July, 1945, shall not exceed £30,000.
Passed.

Councillor Fitzpatrick raised the question of recoupment of any losses which may arise on the Turf Production Schemes. In the absence of the County Surveyor, the County Secretary read a report submitted by the County Surveyor showing how the losses on the Schemes for 1941, 1942, and 1943 were being dealt with. The total amount of the losses was £4,851 11s. 6d., which was being recouped by charging to the various purchasers the difference between the original estimated price and the actual cost of production as now ascertained. Amounts to be charged were as follows:—

Department of Defence	£630 18 9
Grangegorm Mental Hospital	£1,496 1 10
County Councils Accounts	£1,536 15 1
Wicklow Urban District Council	£256 7 0
Arklow Urban District Council	£18 11 8
Bray Urban District Council	£6 12 11
Sundry Private Purchasers inside the County	£247 12 10
Department Local Government and Public Health	£378 11 5

£4,851 11 6

The County Manager stated that as far as he was aware no portion of the loss on production of turf would require to be met out of rates.

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The County Secretary submitted the following schedule showing full particulars regarding the financial position of the 1944/45 Poor Rate as finally closed—
FINAL STATEMENT SHOWING DETAILS OF 1944/45 RATE COLLECTION AS ON 31st MARCH, 1945.

Dist. No.	Collector	Warrant	Amount Lodged	Discount allowed	Over-lodged	Under-lodged	Irrecoverable	Forwarded to Warrant	Percent collected	Irrecoverable	Carried forward to 1945/46	Percent collected
1	L. McDermott	7,370 11 9	4,438 17 2	16 1 8	0 4 0	0 1 0	71 1 9	168 18 2	96.75	92 7 2	33 18 0	96.75
2	J. A. Doyle	4,634 10 3	4,438 17 2	11 11 9	0 0 1	0 0 0	13 4 8	370 15 11	92.06	19 3 2	166 1 10	92.06
3	Ed. Lyne	3,886 10 3	3,338 5 5	7 1 4	0 0 1	0 0 0	5 1 2	511 19 2	86.70	1 15 11	445 10 0	86.70
4/5	Patrick Burke	7,107 18 9	6,266 12 5	3 3 10	5 2 5	0 0 0	63 10 4	794 8 4	88.71	97 15 11	106 13 0	88.71
6	Mrs. M. Healy	17,905 15 4	17,553 8 3	16 5 2	0 0 0	0 0 0	106 17 1	1,888 3 9	72.69	594 9 5	1,592 17 3	72.69
7	M. J. Doyle	4,739 18 3	4,625 19 7	5 1 3	1 9 7	0 0 0	8 6 9	96 15 1	97.81	82 19 6	61 16 0	97.81
8	M. J. Healy	16,896 19 7	13,388 5 3	5 1 3	0 0 0	0 0 0	28 5 5	3,475 7 8	79.27	87 19 6	2,822 19 8	79.27
9	Wm. P. Murphy	6,125 1 4	5,082 7 9	4 17 5	0 7 10	0 0 3	16 7 2	300 8 7	82.21	272 18 2	200 8 11	82.21
10	Wm. C. Byrne	9,978 5 3	8,335 4 2	3 5 8	0 7 10	0 0 3	40 15 8	1,738 9 11	83.06	5 19 5	1,397 4 3	83.06
11	M. J. Healy	12,407 17 1	11,777 7 1	9 5 7	0 15 1	0 6 7	128 17 2	1,506 15 1	93.06	201 15 5	1,397 4 3	93.06
12	M. J. Healy	9,631 19 8	7,976 9 0	17 11 10	0 1 1	0 19 11	144 17 4	1,025 2 9	83.02	34 11 9	839 0 4	83.02
13/14/15	P. J. O'Byrne	6,751 1 4	5,573 19 7	19 19 8	0 1 1	0 0 1	14 9 11	278 15 0	94.22	21 0 9	121 2 2	94.22
16	D. J. Kinsella	6,511 2 0	6,197 18 6	3 5 8	0 1 1	0 0 1	5 4 6	260 9 7	94.22	49 14 7	90 6 8	94.22
17	Thos. Fleming	4,600 19 10	4,332 0 0	3 5 8	0 1 1	0 0 1	5 4 6	260 9 7	94.22	49 14 7	90 6 8	94.22
18	M. O'Neill	4,600 19 10	4,332 0 0	3 5 8	0 1 1	0 0 1	5 4 6	260 9 7	94.22	49 14 7	90 6 8	94.22
Total:		£134,140 10 3	£119,067 17 3	£142 10 1	£8 0 1	£1 7 10	£675 17 9	£14,260 17 5	88.77%	£1,945 17 6	£10,725 3 8	88.77%

1939/40 Warrant—Return of Collection of Rates on Holdings acquired wholly or in part by the Electricity Supply Board.

Items No. 4 and 5.—Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:
Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey:
Resolved—That we now adopt the Rates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1946, and allow and make same as assessed in the Rate Books, and direct that the Poor Rate Collectors' Warrants for the financial year ending 31st March, 1946, be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the Seal of the Council.
Passed.

Item No. 5.—Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:
Resolved—That the Demand (Form E.8) on the Urban District Council of Arklow for the sum of £5,202 19s. 1d. determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1946, be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the Seal of the Council.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:
Resolved—That the Demand (Form E.8) on the Urban District Council of Bray for the sum of £19,988 8s. 0d. determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1946, be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the Seal of the Council.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:
Resolved—That the Demand (Form E.8) on the Urban District Council of Wicklow for the sum of £5,285 6s. 9d. determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1946, be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the Seal of the Council.
Passed.

Item No. 7.—Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson:
Resolved—That we hereby adopt the following Resolution passed by Donegal County Council:—"That the existing means test of £39 per annum as applied to applicants for Old Age Pensions works a grave hardship in a large majority of cases, and we recommend that the amount be altered

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to at least £52 per annum. The present standard only represents an increase of £7 10s. per annum on that fixed almost forty years ago; cost-of-living and other factors in the meantime leave £39 per annum totally inadequate to meet present needs and circumstances. We are impelled to this conclusion by knowing the hardships wrought by the application of existing rate in nearly all the cases now and for a long time past coming before us."

Passed.
Following a discussion in the course of which many Councillors referred to the hardship of the existing conditions applying to the granting of Old Age Pensions; it was

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:
Resolved—That we the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby request the Department of Local Government and Public Health to codify, re-assess and bring up to date the scale of valuation for property, stock and Poor Law Valuation of applicants for Old Age Pensions as calculated by the Pensions Officer, when deciding the eligibility of candidates for pensions purposes.

Passed.

ASSISTANCE, HEALTH AND HOUSING.

Passed.
Councillor Farrell raised a query regarding an Arrears Notice which had been issued from the Rathdrum Office and stated that the Collector had not been fulfilling his duties as regards the visiting of houses in his area for the collection of rents. The matter was referred to the County Manager for full investigation.

Councillor Fitzpatrick protested against the type of Arrears Notice issued in this case. The County Secretary stated that the issue of such Notice was required by the Public Bodies Order, 1942, as a means of an additional check on Collectors, and that the form was in its essentials similar to that prescribed by the Order.

Several other matters raised by members in connection with the administration of Assistance, Health and Housing services were referred to the County Manager for investigation.

GENERAL.

Item No. 9.—Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell:
Greenane Burial Ground—P. J. O'Byrne and Another
to Wicklow County Council.

Resolved—That form of requisition to tax the Costs of Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor, Wicklow, in above connection be sealed with the Seal of the Wicklow County Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell:
Resolved—That we hereby affix the Seal of Wicklow County Council to the Memorandum of Agreement (Contract for Sale) between John Alexander Dann, The Beach, Greystones, Co. Wicklow, and Wicklow County Council in connection with the sale of land at Greystones, for the purpose of erecting Ladies' Cloakroom thereon.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell:
Resolved—That we hereby affix the Seal of Wicklow County Council to the Agreement and Bond executed by the Contractor, Mr. Charles Short, Baltinglass, Co. Wicklow, in connection with the construction of Ballinastoe (Shraghoe) Bridge, over the Liffey at Kippure East, Road No. 379.

Passed.

Item No. 10.—The County Secretary read a letter received from the Aughrim Branch of the National Labour Party, requesting details of the attendances by each Member of the Arklow County Electoral Area at the County Council Meetings since the Local Elections in 1942. The Council directed that the information requested be supplied.

QUARTERLY REPORT.

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by her during the Quarter ending the 31/3/45.

Articles submitted for Analysis	Date Received	No.	From	Results of Analysis
Porter	1/1/45	1	Newtown-Mt. Kennedy, G. Ward	Genuine
G. Wine	"	1	"	"
Y. Relish	"	1	"	"
Vinegar	"	1	"	"
W. Milk	11/1/45	2	Dunlavin, Garda Laverty	"
Jam	"	1	"	"
P. Barley	"	1	"	Not Gen.
B. Soda	"	1	"	Genuine
P. Barley	31/1/45	1	Bray, Garda Murphy	Not Gen.
Neaves' F.	"	1	"	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	"
Rice	"	1	"	"
Flakemeal	"	4	Arklow, Garda McCabe	3 Gen. 1 not Gen.
Cocoa	2/2/45	1	Greystones, Garda O'Dwyer	Genuine
Custard P.	"	2	"	"
Vinegar	"	1	"	"
W. Milk	"	1	Rathdrum, Garda Sweeney	"
Cheese	"	1	"	"
Cornflour	"	1	"	Not Genuine
Cheese	3/2/45	1	Roundwood, Garda Roberts	Genuine
Semolina	"	1	"	"
G. Rice	"	1	"	"
Sugar	"	1	"	"
W. Milk	9/2/45	2	Greystones, Garda O'Dwyer	"
W. Milk	15/2/45	1	Blessington, Garda Brennan	"
Custard P.	"	1	"	"
Cornflour	"	1	"	Not Genuine
W. Milk	16/2/45	1	Dist. Hosp., Baltinglass	Genuine
W. Milk	22/2/45	1	Aughrim, Sergt. Lee	"
Custard P.	"	1	"	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Neaves' F.	"	1	"	"
Gin	28/2/45	1	Bray, Garda Murphy	"
Sherry	"	1	"	"
Flakemeal	"	1	"	Not Genuine
S.R. Flour	"	1	"	Genuine
W. Milk	3/3/45	2	Rathdrum, Garda Sweeney	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
W. Milk	12/3/45	2	Carnew, Garda Doyle	"
Porter	"	1	"	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
W. Milk	21/3/45	3	Wicklow, Garda Bergin	2 Gen. 1 not Gen.
Coffee	22/3/45	1	Roundwood, Garda Roberts	Genuine
B. Soda	"	1	"	"
Drugs	3/1/45	2	Kiltegan	Genuine
"	6/1/45	2	Arklow	"
"	10/1/45	2	Blessington	"
"	17/1/45	2	Blessington	"
"	18/1/45	2	Avoca	"
"	26/1/45	2	Dunganstown	"
"	24/2/45	2	Aughrim	"
"	28/2/45	1	Bray No. 1	"
"	28/2/45	3	Newcastle	"
"	16/3/45	1	County M.O.H.	"

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter:—Foods 54;
Drugs 19. Total—73. Number adulterated:—W Milks 1; Flakemeal 2; Corn-
flours 2; P. Barley 2.
Dated 16/4/45. Signed: PHYLLIS RYAN.
Public Analyst.

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The Chairman having thanked the Councillors for their co-operation during his term of office, received the congratulations of the Council on the efficient manner in which he had discharged his duties.

All Councillors joined in expressing their regret on learning that Councillors J. J. Bourne and T. Fitzpatrick were not seeking re-election, and expressed their appreciation of the services rendered by Councillor Bourne during his twenty years of service on Public Bodies, and of the work done by Councillor Fitzpatrick during his period of office.

Proposed by Councillor T. Fitzpatrick;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Resolved—That the Council pass a vote of thanks to the Press for the efficient manner in which proceedings of Meetings had been reported.

Passed.

There being no further business, the Meeting concluded.

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The Annual Meeting of the newly-elected Council for the County of Wicklow was held, in accordance with Section 3 (1) of the Local Elections Act, 1927, in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock noon on Thursday, 28th June, 1945.

The following Councillors attended and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office:—

Councillors James J. McCrea, Carnew; Peter P. O'Reilly, Ballykneekan, Vallemount; P. McCarthy, 43 Rory O'Connor Place, Arklow; Edward Byrne, 3 Oldcourt Terrace, Bray; Patrick Doyle, Coolboy; James Everett, T.D., Summerhill, Wicklow; Joseph Jacob, Rathnew; Benjamin Farrell, Balinglass; Liam O Laoigleis, Oll Cull; John O'Reilly, Donard; Thomas Brennan, T.D., Carnew; C. M. O Broin, Ballykillavane, Glencaly; Peter Ledwidge, 29 Dargan St., Bray; Sean Dunne, 46 Wolfe Tone Square, North, Bray; J. J. Hickey, M.B., Clonsilla, Burnaby Road, Greystones; Euri Seaghan Ua Bhroin, St. Enda's, Putland Road, Bray; W. Hammond, Paulbeg, Shillelagh; C. W. Hudson, Church St., Wicklow; J. J. Metcalfe, Ballylion, Donard.

The County Manager, Mr. P. T. Healy, was in attendance. Mr. J. J. McCrea, outgoing Chairman, in the Chair.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors Liam O Cleirigh, and Wm. J. Clarke.

BUSINESS:

- 1.—Councillors present to sign their Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 2.—The Chair to be taken by the outgoing Chairman.
- 3.—To elect a Chairman for the ensuing year and until his successor shall have been appointed.
- 4.—To elect a Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year and until such time as his successor shall have been appointed.
- 5.—To appoint a County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture.
- 6.—To appoint a County Vocational Education Committee.
- 7.—To appoint a County Library Committee.
- 8.—To appoint Representatives on the Joint and Visiting Committee of Grangeerman Mental Hospital.
- 9.—To appoint Representatives on the County Council's General Council.
- 10.—To appoint Representatives on the Arklow Harbour Board.
- 11.—To appoint Representatives on the Wicklow Harbour Board.
- 12.—To appoint Representatives on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.
- 13.—To pass a Resolution constituting the Members of the County Council for the time being as the Old Age Pensions Committee for the County Wicklow.
- 14.—To appoint the nine Old Age Pensions Sub-Committees for the County Wicklow.
- 15.—To transact such other business as may arise out of the foregoing items.

Item No. 3: Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy:

Resolved—That Councillor J. J. McCrea be elected Chairman of Wicklow County Council for the ensuing year, and until such time as his successor has been appointed and takes up office.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor McCrea thanked the members of the Council for re-electing him to the office.

Item No. 4: Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond:

That Councillor C. W. Hudson be elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year and until such time as his successor shall have been appointed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Thomas Brennan, T.D.;

That Councillor J. J. Metcalfe be appointed Vice-Chairman.

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

For Councillor Hudson—Councillors McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, P. Doyle, B. Farrell, P. P. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Ed. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., and Joseph Jacob (11).

For Councillor Metcalfe—Councillors T. Brennan, T.D.; J. O'Reilly, P. Ledwidge, Wm. Lawless, and C. M. Byrne (5).

Councillor C. W. Hudson was declared elected Vice-Chairman by eleven votes for him as against five votes for Councillor Metcalfe.

Item No. 5: Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:

Resolved—That the following be appointed to form the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture: Councillors C. M. Byrne, Ballykillavane, Glencaly; W. Hammond, Paulbeg, Shillelagh; W. Clarke, Wentworth Place, Wicklow; Councillors P. Doyle, Coolboy, Tinahely; James Everett, T.D., Summerhill, Wicklow; Benjamin Farrell, Mill St., Balinglass; Wm. Lawless, Ballyrone, Delgany; C. W. Hudson, Church St., Wicklow; John O'Reilly, Intack, Donard; J. J. McCrea, Carnew; J. J. Metcalfe, Ballylion, Donard; P. P. O'Reilly, Ballyknocken, Blessington.

Non-Members of Wicklow County Council: John R. Hudson, Kilquade House, Newtownmountkennedy; E. J. Byrne, Coolbeg, Rathnew; J. J. Bourne, Forttown, Tinahely.

For the remaining position on the Committee the following names were put forward:—

Joseph Kavanagh, Kilpipe, Balinglass—Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne; Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle.

Thomas Fitzpatrick, Palermo, Bray—Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne; Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey.

Norman Walker, Annacreevy—Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge; Seconded by Councillor S. Dunne.

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

For Joseph Kavanagh—Councillors J. J. McCrea, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; P. Doyle, B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, J. O'Reilly, Wm. Lawless, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson and Joseph Jacob (12).

For Thomas Fitzpatrick—Councillors P. McCarthy, H. J. Byrne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Ed. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D. (5).

Nor Norman Walker—Councillors P. Ledwidge and S. Dunne (2).

Joseph Kavanagh was thereupon declared appointed to fill the remaining position on the County Committee of Agriculture by twelve votes as against five votes for Thomas Fitzpatrick and two votes for Norman Walker.

Item No. 6: Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

Resolved—That the following be appointed to represent the Wicklow County Council on the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee:—

Councillors C. W. Hudson, Church St., Wicklow; H. J. Byrne, Putland Road, Bray; J. McCrea, Carnew; C. M. Byrne, Ballykillavane, Glencaly; J. Everett, T.D., Summerhill, Wicklow; T. Brennan, T.D., Carnew; P. McCarthy, 43, Rory O'Connor Place, Arklow; B. Farrell, Mill St., Balinglass.

Non-Members of Wicklow County Council: Very Rev. M. Canon Behan, P.P., Parochial House, Arklow; Rev. Canon W. E. Vandeleur, M.A., The Rectory, Killiskey, Ashford; Rev. F. Sheridan, B.A., Avoca; George Flood, Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow; D. O'Driscoll, N.T., Rathnew; M. Timmons, Balinglass.

Item No. 7: Proposed by Councillor B. Farrell;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:

Resolved—That we select and appoint to form the County Wicklow Central Library Committee the following:—

Councillors Dr. J. J. Hickey, Clonsilla, Burnaby Road, Greystones; C. M. Byrne, Ballykillavane, Glencaly; W. Clarke, Wentworth Place, Wicklow; J. Everett, T.D., Summerhill, Wicklow; J. Jacob, Rathnew; C. W. Hudson, Church St., Wicklow; S. Dunne, 46 Wolfe Tone Square, North, Bray; W. Hammond, Paulbeg, Shillelagh; J. J. McCrea, Carnew.

Non-Members of Wicklow County Council: Very Rev. Canon W. E. G. Vandeleur, The Rectory, Killiskey, Ashford; Very Rev. D. Kehoe, P.P., Ashford; J. Olohan, The Mall, Wicklow; J. D. Houghton, Dunbar Road, Wicklow; G. Flood, Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow; Very Rev. P. J. O'Flynn, Adm., Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

The Council suggested that the County Library Committee Meetings be at 11 a.m. on the last Tuesday of each Month.

Item No. 8: Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

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

Resolved—That the following members be appointed to represent the Wicklow County Council on the Joint Committee of Grangeerman Mental Hospital:—

Councillors James Everett, T.D., Summerhill, Wicklow; Sean Dunne, 46 Wolfe Tone Square, North, Bray; P. P. O'Reilly, Ballykneekan, Blessington; C. M. Byrne, Ballykillavane, Glencaly.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9: Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey:

Resolved—That the following be appointed to represent the County Council on the County Council's General Council:—

Councillors C. M. Byrne, Ballykillavane, Glencaly; James Everett, T.D., Summerhill, Wicklow; J. J. McCrea, Carnew.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10: The following Councillors were proposed to fill the two vacancies on the Arklow Harbour Board:—

Patrick McCarthy—Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne, Seconded by Councillor Dr. Hickey.

J. J. McCrea—Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne; Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey.

Thomas Brennan, T.D.—Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne; Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle.

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

FOR COUNCILLOR MCCARTHY: Councillors J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, Patk. Doyle, B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., C. W. Hudson, and Joseph Jacob—14.

FOR COUNCILLOR J. J. MCCREA: Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, B. Farrell, J. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Ed. Byrne, Wm. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson and Jos. Jacob—12.

FOR COUNCILLOR T. BRENNAN, T.D.: Councillors P. Doyle, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, J. O'Reilly, P. Ledwidge, Wm. Lawless, and C. M. Byrne—7.

Accordingly, it was

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

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That this Council, in pursuance of the powers vested in it under Section 3 (1) and Section 5 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1925, do hereby appoint the following two representatives on the Arklow Harbour Board, to hold such office until their successors are appointed:—

Councillors P. McCarthy, 43, Rory O'Connor Place, Arklow; J. J. McCrea, Carnew.

Passed.

Item No. 11—Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

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

Resolved—That this Council, in pursuance of the power vested in it by Section 3 (1) and Section 5 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1925, do hereby appoint the following six representatives on Wicklow Harbour Board, to hold office until their successors are appointed:—

Councillors J. Everett, T.D., Summerhill, Wicklow; C. M. Byrne, Ballykillavane, Glencaly; Joseph Jacob, Rathnew; Edw. Byrne, 3, Oldcourt Tce., Bray; T. Brennan, T.D., Carnew; J. McCrea, Carnew.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12.—Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

Resolved—That this Council, in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Section 5 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1925, do hereby appoint the following eight representatives on Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.

Councillors J. Everett, T.D., Summerhill, Wicklow; C. M. Byrne, Ballykillavane, Glencaly; W. Lawless, Ballyrone, Delgany; J. Jacob, Rathnew; B. Farrell, Mill St., Balinglass; Edw. Byrne, 3, Oldcourt Tce., Bray; J. McCrea, Carnew; P. McCarthy, 43, Rory O'Connor Place, Arklow.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13.—Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:

Resolved—That all the Members of the County Council for the time being be appointed to constitute the County Old Age Pensions Committee.

Passed.

Consequent on the resignation of Mr. P. T. Healy from the position of Clerk to the County O.A.P. Committee, it was

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

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

Resolved—That we the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby appoint our Secretary, Mr. K. J. Brangan, as Clerk to the County Wicklow Old Age Pensions Committee.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14.—Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle:

Resolved—That the following be appointed to constitute the Arklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:—

T. E. Greene, 4, Main St., Arklow; T. J. Birthistle, 5, Main St., Arklow; T. P. Kavanagh, 61, Lr. Main St., Arklow; Peter O'Reilly, Avoca; Miss G. M. Hoynes, 20b, Upper Main St., Arklow; Very Rev. M. Canon Behan, P.P., Parochial House, Arklow; Liam O Cleirigh, 25, Upper Main St., Arklow; T. J. Wedick, 63, Lower Main St., Arklow; Patk. McCarthy, 43, Rory O'Connor Place, Arklow.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor B. Farrell;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

Resolved—That the following be appointed to constitute the Baiting-glass Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:—
Rev. Wm. S. Parker, Baitingglass; Rev. James W. McDonnell, C.C., Baitingglass; Rev. Chas. O'Connor, C.C., Kiltegan; Rev. A. H. V. Fraser, Donaghmore; Matthew Byrne, P.C., Chapel Hill, Baitingglass; Benjamin Farrell, M.C.C., Mill St., Baitingglass; John J. Metcalfe, M.C.C., Donard; Laurence K. O'Reilly, P.C., Donard; John O'Reilly, M.C.C., Intack, Donard.
Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne:
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson:
Resolved—That the following be appointed to constitute the Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:—
Very Rev. A. Moriarty, P.P., St. Cronan's, Bray; Rev. R. H. Gilmore, B.D., 3, New Brighton Tce., Bray; Rev. Canon E. H. P. Campbell, The Rectory, Bray; Miss M. Kelly, 3, Eglington Road, Broad; H. J. Byrne, St. Enda's, Putland Road, Bray; Sean Dunne, 46, Wolfe Tone Square North Bray; Edward Byrne, 3, Oacourt Terrace, Bray; Peter Ledwidge, 29, Dargan St., Bray; Wm. Lawless, Ballycrone, Delgany.
Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:
Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell:
Resolved—That the following be appointed to constitute the Naas No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:—
Peter P. O'Reilly, Ballyknocken, Valleymount; J. Healy, Blessington; Laurence Moore, Blessington; J. C. Miley, Blessington; Myles Balte, Blessington; John Byrne, Burgage, Blessington; Christopher Fitzsimons, Ballyhon, Blessington; Thomas Mullally, Blessington; Sean Craul, Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride.
Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Lawless:
Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey:
Resolved—That the following be appointed to constitute the Newcastle Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:—
Rev. A. Crinion, C.C., Newtownmountkennedy; Rev. J. J. Loughheed, do.; Mr. John Egan, do.; Mr. Daniel Dunne, do.; Mr. Joseph Doyle, do.; Mr. Edward Power, do.; Mr. Thomas Keelly, N.T., do.; Mr. M. J. Brennan, Roundwood; Mr. Joseph Keenan, do.
Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne:
Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey:
Resolved—That the following be appointed to constitute the Rathdown No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:—
Very Rev. Canon Kennedy, P.P., V.F., Enniskerry; Rev. James Brophy, C.C., Kilmacanogue, Bray; Rev. Murtagh Phelan, C.C., Enniskerry; Dr. J. J. Hickey, Clonsilla, Burnaby Road, Greystones; W. Douglas, 49, Main St., Bray; Rev. Mr. Byrne, The Rectory, Enniskerry; Thomas Fitzpatrick, Palermo, Bray; John Swan, Killincarrig, Delgany; Norman Walker, Annacreevy, Enniskerry.
Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea:
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy:
Resolved—That the following be appointed to constitute Rathdrum Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:—
Very Rev. P. Kennedy, P.P., Avon Park, Rathdrum; Rev. W. J. Byrne, C.C., The Presbytery, Rathdrum; Ven. Archdeacon W. P. Webb, The Rectory, Rathdrum; C. M. Byrne, M.C.C., Ballykillavane, Glenealy; D. O'Riordan, The Castle, Rathdrum; G. Doyle, N.T., Brewery Place, do.; J. Barry The Hotel, do.; A. Belton, Brewery Place, do.; M. Davis, Greenview, do.
Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea:
Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle:
Resolved—That the following be appointed to constitute the Shillelagh Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:—
Rev. James Murphy, C.C., Coolafancy; Rev. Henry Eyanson, Rectory, Shillelagh; Rev. John Flood, C.C., Ballyconnell, Tullow; J. J. Bourne, Partown, Tinehally; John Scantlan, Shillelagh; John Brennan, Liscolman, Tullow; W. Hammond, M.C.C., Paulbeg, Shillelagh; T. Brennan, T.D., Carnew; Robert Byrne, Kilquigan, Tullow.
Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne:
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:
Resolved—That the following be appointed to constitute the Wicklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:—
Rev. P. J. O'Flynn, Adm., The Presbytery, Wicklow; Rev. Canon W. E. Vandelaar, Killiskey Rectory, Ashford; James Everett, T.D., Summerhill, Wicklow; John Olohan, P.C., The Mall, Wicklow; Matthew Olohan, Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow; William O'Grady, Main St., Wicklow; C. M. Byrne, Ballykillavane, Glenealy; Charles W. Hunson, Church St., Wicklow; James D. Houghton, Dunbar Road, Wicklow.
Passed unanimously.

The following Contracts for the transport of turf from Bogs in Co. Wicklow to Grangeormman and Portrane Mental Hospitals were sealed with the Seal of the Council:—

- (1) Contract with Michael Maher of Knocknatubrid, Tullow;
- (2) Contract with Messrs. Anthony Dowling & Sons, Ltd., 47, Dawson St., Dublin.

The Chairman referred to communication he had received from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the work of the Council during the coming year, and directed that a copy of the letter be circulated to all the members of the Council, and that consideration of the letter be an item on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Council.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne:
Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:
Resolved—That we the members of the newly-elected Council for the County of Wicklow avail of the opportunity afforded us at our first Meeting to offer our congratulations to Mr. Sean T. O'Kelly on his election as President of Eire.
Passed.

The following Notices of Motion were handed in and accepted by the Chairman:—

By Councillor Sean Dunne:—

"We, the members of Wicklow County Council are of the opinion that the present rates of wages paid to Road Workers and Carters are totally inadequate. We now resolve to form a deputation of four to wait upon the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for the purpose of impressing upon him the urgent need of increasing the present pay of these men."

By Councillor H. J. Byrne:

"That we the members of the Wicklow County Council request the Minister for Local Government to amend the County Management Act."

The Council decided to hold the next Meeting on Monday, 23rd July, 1945, at 11.30 a.m., and to hold no Meeting during the month of August.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned.

The Monthly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 23rd July, 1945.
The following Members were present:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

Councillors Patrick Doyle, P. McCarthy, J. Everett, T.D.; B. Farrell, John O'Reilly, Thomas Brennan, T.D.; C. M. O. Broin, Sean Dunne, W. Clarke, W. Hammond, C. W. Hudson, J. J. Metcalfe, and Liam O Laoighleis.
The County Manager, Mr. P. T. Healy, was in attendance.
Councillor W. J. Clarke signed the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

BUSINESS:

RESERVED FUNCTIONS.

- 1.—To confirm and sign Minutes of previous Meetings.
- 2.—To pass usual Resolution in connection with the Council's application for (a) Overdraft Accommodation in the months of August and September on the County Council's General Account, and (b) Overdraft Accommodation on the Turf Production Account for the same months.
- 3.—To renew for a further year the Scholarships awarded to the twelve successful candidates under Wicklow County Council's Secondary School Scholarship Scheme, 1943; and also to renew for a further year the Scholarships awarded to the six successful candidates under Wicklow County Council's Secondary School Scholarship Scheme, 1944.
- 4.—To fill vacancy on the Shillelagh Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee caused by the non-acceptance of office by Mr. Robert Byrne, Killabeg, Coolkenno, Tullow.
- 5.—To pass the usual Resolution authorising the raising of Loan of £3,000 to defray the cost of reconstructing Carnew-Umrigar Road.

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- 6.—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.

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- 7.—To authorise by Resolution the affixing of the Seal of the Council to certain documents.
- 8.—To receive a communication from Wicklow County Manager intimating that owing to the terms of a Sealed Order made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the 21st July, 1942, and to the provisions of Section 23 of the Local Government Act, 1941, he will cease legally to be County Manager on the 22nd September, 1945, as on that date he will have reached the age limit prescribed for that office by the Minister.
- 9.—To consider communication dated 22nd June, 1945, addressed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the Chairman of Wicklow County Council, copy of which has been circulated to each Member.
- 10.—To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Sean Dunne:—
"We, the Members of Wicklow County Council are of the opinion that the present rates of wages paid to Road Workers and Carters are totally inadequate. We now resolve to form a deputation of four to wait upon the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for the purpose of impressing upon him the urgent need of increasing the present pay of these men."
- 11.—To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor H. J. Byrne:—
"That we the Members of the Wicklow County Council request the Minister for Local Government to amend the County Management Act."
- 12.—To consider a communication dated 6th July, 1945, relative to Partition, received from Ailtirí na hAiséirigh, 3 Sraid Fearcair, Átha Cliath.

Item No. 1: Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle:

Resolved—That the Minutes of previous Meetings, 4th June and 28th June, 1945, as printed and circulated to each Member of Wicklow County Council, be hereby approved, adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Item No. 2: Proposed by Councillor B. Farrell;

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

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 amounts for the months of August and September shall not exceed £20,000 and £18,000 respectively.
Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor B. Farrell;

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

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 amounts for the months of August and September shall not exceed £30,000 respectively.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3: Proposed by Councillor B. Farrell;

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the renewal for a further twelve months of the Scholarships awarded to the following twelve successful candidates under Wicklow County Council's Secondary School Scholarship Scheme, 1943, provided satisfactory reports as to conduct and progress of these pupils have been first obtained from the Superiors of their Schools:—

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.
Anne M. Hanley, Loreto Abbey, 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 unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the renewal for a further twelve months of the Scholarships awarded to the following six successful candidates under Wicklow County Council's Secondary School Scholarship Scheme, 1944, provided satisfactory reports as to conduct and progress of these pupils have been first obtained from the Superiors of their Schools:—
Michael Joseph Reynolds, C.B.S., North Richmond St., Dublin.
Anne P. Murray, Dominican Convent, Dunloughmore.
Patrick Joseph Tumulty, De La Salle College, Wicklow.
Terence Scadding, St. Kiernan's College, Kilkenny.
May Cullen, Dominican Convent, Eccles St., Dublin.
Phyllis Somers, Collegiate School, Celbridge.
Passed unanimously.

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Item No. 4: Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;
Resolved—That we hereby nominate Councillor J. J. McCrea to fill the vacancy created on the Shillelagh Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee by the non-acceptance of office by Mr. Robert Byrne, Killabeg, Coolkenno, Tullow.
Passed.

Item No. 5: Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea;
Resolved—That subject to letter of sanction from the Department of 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 reconstructing Carnew-Umrigar Road, which sum was approved and adopted in the Road Works Scheme for the financial year 1945-46; the said sum to be repaid within ten years with interest at the rate of half per cent. under Irish Bank's rate, rising and falling from time to time with a minimum of 24 per cent. per annum; the said Loan and all interest thereon to be secured by a mortgage over the rates.
Passed unanimously.

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Item No. 6:

Hospital Sites: Councillor Wm. Clarke inquired into the position regarding sites for Hospitals in the County. The County Manager gave the results of the inspection of sites which had been made by him in company with the Committees appointed by the Council for Wicklow and Bray, and informed the Council that reports on the sites had been submitted to the Department of Local Government and Public Health with a request that the sites be examined by an Inspector of the Department. The Secretary was directed to write to the Department of Local Government and Public Health with a view to ascertaining the present position.

Baltinglass Hospital: It was proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe; Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell;

Resolved—That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be asked to expedite the carrying out of the Scheme for improvements to Baltinglass Hospital.

Passed unanimously.

Hospital Sites Committees: The Council decided to appoint the Members elected for the District Electoral Area of Bray and the Members elected for the District Electoral Area of Wicklow to constitute Hospital Committee in their respective areas, and the Secretary was instructed to provide each member with all information available on the subject.

Shillelagh Workhouse: Councillor W. Hammond referred to the Co. Manager's Order concerning the sale of scrap to be obtained from the Shillelagh Workhouse, and stated that he considered the amount offered to be inadequate. The Chairman said that he understood that the Council decided some few months previously that the building should not be sold. The County Manager explained that his Order referred to an offer for purchase, which he had received, but that no sale could take place without the Council's approval. The Council re-affirmed their decision not to sell.

Rathnew Village Scheme: Councillor Deputy J. Everett referred to the delay in completing fencing in the Rathnew Village Scheme, and requested figures showing the comparative cost of the houses erected in Rathdrum and in Rathnew, together with rates of wages paid in each instance. Mr. T. Byrne, Chief Officer, was instructed to supply Deputy Everett with the information.

Blessington Site: Councillor Everett referred to letter sent by the Electricity Supply Board to the Secretary concerning the danger to the Housing Site adjoining the Lake at Blessington, by reason of erosion of the bank. The County Manager read the following report he had received from the County Surveyor in the matter, and stated that copy of the report had been submitted to the Department of Local Government and Public Health with a request that the site be examined by Departmental Inspector. The County Manager assured the Council that no further building would be carried out on the site until the position had been clarified.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Courthouse, Wicklow.

11th July, 1945.

1939 Scheme—Blessington.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 15th ult. in which you indicated that the Law Agent asked for a comprehensive report in connection with the site of 13 cottages at Blessington under the 1939 Scheme and with regard to the danger of erosion from the Liffey Reservoir Lake, I beg to reply as follows:—

This site was selected under the 1939 Scheme for cottages but building was not commenced on the site until about February, 1945, owing to difficulties regarding title, rights-of-way, etc., of which you are undoubtedly aware.

At the outset I would refer you to a letter of mine dated 10th June, 1943, in which I expressed anxiety regarding the proximity of the site to the Reservoir Lake, and the likelihood of erosion and cutting away of the banks adjoining this field.

After prolonged correspondence regarding the lay-out of the cottages, a suitable plan was devised and building commenced, but under date 20th March, 1945, Mr. Foley, Assistant Surveyor, reported to me that the banks adjoining the lake had slipped and fallen for a distance of about 45 yards.

He further stated in his letter that there did not appear to be any slip at the toe of the bank where it met the Lake and that the slipping occurred following heavy frost. Mr. Foley had given instructions that no further building was to be proceeded with on the site of the lay-out adjoining the lake, pending my further consideration and decision on the matter. Under date 23rd March, 1945, I wrote to the Secretary of the E.S.B. (copy attached), and I asked what measures the Board would contemplate taking immediately to protect this property and ensure that no further slipping occurred. In the meantime I discussed the matter with Mr. Foley and it was arranged that Mr. McDonald, Chief Engineer, E.S.B., should be asked to examine the place and submit his views.

Under date 27th March, 1945, I received a communication from the E.S.B. (copy attached) in reply to mine of the 23rd idem, informing me that it was not intended to take any measures at the moment to prevent erosion and slipping of the cliff face.

I instructed Mr. Foley verbally and under date, definitely in writing, on the 14th April, 1945, that no further foundations were to be dug on the Lakeside of the site, until I would have satisfaction from the E.S.B. regarding its responsibilities.

Mr. Foley and I agreed that if the presence of the Lake interfered with anyone's property, the E.S.B. should pay full compensation, or alternatively, provide an equal quantity of suitable land in a suitable place.

Alternatively, we agreed that it would appear to be reasonable to expect that if damage were anticipated that the E.S.B. should take steps to prevent it occurring.

Mr. Foley and I did not entirely agree as regards the actual causes of the slip or the likelihood of further slips: he seemed to think that the slip was simply due to frost, but that the toe of the bank adjoining the lake did not show any signs of collapse and therefore the lake water was not likely to cause further erosion.

However, the Chief Engineer, E.S.B., supplied me with a plan showing the cross section of the bank down to the Lakeside, and for a considerable

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distance under water, and I regret to say that I fear a further collapse; to the casual observer from the top of the bank, the toe adjoining the lake would appear to be fairly sound and level, but if the cross section of the bank is examined, it will be seen that the ground slopes away into the lake and that there is fairly deep water a short distance from the shore, in fact, almost 30 feet. Under these circumstances, and relying on my own experience of coastal erosion and saturation of banks, I am inclined to think that the new Lake will gradually seep into the soil under the bank for a considerable distance, and whilst it looks fairly sound now, the bank and field might collapse at a later date unexpectedly.

The formation of the soil is a light layer of grass, undergrowth and trees over a very unstable bank of excellent pure sand, the natural slope of which would be about 30 degrees. If the soil were not of this pure sandy nature, there might be a possibility of it assuming a natural slope by spreading out even into the lake and remaining stable, but the fact that it is of such a clean sandy texture means, in my opinion, that no limit to the extent of possible cutting erosion can be safely decided.

The Chief Engineer, E.S.B., attended at Blessington on the 16th May, 1945, and I met him there with Mr. Foley and the County Manager. Altogether there are 6 cottages adjoining the Lakeside on the lay-out plan: actually the E.S.B. referred to 4 cottages only in a letter which was addressed by the Secretary of the E.S.B. to the Secretary, Wicklow County Council, under date 11th May, 1945 (copy enclosed). In this letter the E.S.B. informed the County Council that "this site is unsafe by reason of the erosion of the banks which obtains at present and a further erosion which may reasonably be anticipated in the future."

Under these circumstances, and having regard to this letter particularly, I regret that I cannot advise the County Manager to proceed with the building of the 4 cottages in question. I wrote to the Secretary of the E.S.B. under date 17th May, 1945, and I suggested that the Board might see no objection to the erection of the remaining cottages on this field, particularly to a block of two cottages proposed to be erected on the Lakeside, and the only reply I received, however, was a communication dated 16th June, 1945 (copy enclosed) in which I was referred to the previous letter, above mentioned, dated 11th May, 1945, sent by the E.S.B. to the Wicklow County Secretary.

In the course of the investigations it was thought that, if the cottages on the Lakeside were moved inwards and away from the Lake, so that the minimum distance between the building and the top of the bank would be 100 feet, the risk would be greatly minimised, and perhaps the L.G.D. would approve of this alteration in the lay-out site plan already submitted, and sanctioned by that Department.

Regarding the suggestions to remedy the situation and prevent further possibility of erosion, I desire to say that this would be a very difficult and costly undertaking. The steepness of the banks at present existing would have to be altered somewhat, and I suggest that sally trees might be grown on the lower half of the bank. I am afraid that they could not be got to grow on the upper or sandy portion. At the same time, it would be necessary, in my opinion, to construct two or three rows of close sheeted wooden piling, first on the edge of the water line, and again at a distance back along the toe towards the steep embankment. A permanent solution would be found by cement pressure grouting on all sides of the embankment.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

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

Councillor Wm. Clarke asked the Council to receive James Duffy, Newtownmountkenedy, who had addressed a memorial to the County Manager asking to be employed as a carter in the Newtownmountkenedy District. The Council, having heard Mr. Duffy, referred the matter to the County Surveyor, with the Council's recommendation that Mr. Duffy be given work when available.

Councillor John O'Reilly referred to the use of lorries for carting materials for roads in the Western Area of the County. The Council recommended that no lorries should be employed where carters are available.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, inquired from the County Manager the reason for the delay in building two houses at Knockloe under the 1939 Scheme. Mr. Caffrey, Deputy Co. Surveyor, stated that great difficulty was being experienced in obtaining suitable timber.

A lengthy discussion followed concerning cottage building, in the course of which Mr. T. Byrne, Chief Officer, explained the procedure adopted from the date when application for cottages were invited until building commenced.

Councillor W. Lawless referred to the Order made by the County Manager regarding the appointment of Caretaker at Kilcoole Waterworks. Following a discussion, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Resolved—That the position of Caretaker of Kilcoole Waterworks be advertised. Passed.

Councillor McCarthy inquired as to the position of the proposed Water Supply to Arklow Rock. Mr. Caffrey, Deputy County Surveyor, explained that all suggested sources of water had been investigated, and it had been found that only 1,000 gallons per day could be provided from the source under consideration. The County Manager stated it was unlikely that the Department would sanction a Loan unless an adequate supply of water could be made available. Following a discussion, the Deputy County Surveyor was directed to submit a plan of the available supply for the sanction of the Department.

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Item No. 7—Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle;

Resolved—That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister, dated 24th day of October, 1944, the sum of £1,100 be borrowed from The National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, to defray expenditure on the erection of a Maternity Annex at the County Home, Rathdrum, said sum to be repaid within ten 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 24 per cent. per annum as in said letter of sanction provided, the 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, Limited.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle;

Resolved—That, in accordance with the terms of Section 8 of the Fire Brigades Act, 1940, the Seal of the Council be affixed to the appointments of the following officers authorised to exercise the powers conferred by this Section of the Act, viz.:

Joseph T. O'Byrne, Esq., B.E., Wicklow;
Patrick J. Foley, Esq., B.E., Blessington;
John P. Caffrey, Esq., B.E., Ferrybank, Arklow;
Albert N. Dillon, Esq., B.E., Wicklow;
Patrick J. Howard, Esq., B.E., Shillelagh.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle;

Resolved—That Contract Forms in connection with the boarding out of children with the following Foster-parents be sealed:—

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Name and Address of Foster Parent.	Name of Foster-Child.
Mrs. Alice O'Shaughnessy, Rathdrum.	Michael Breen.
Mrs. Ellen Neill, Tigroney, Avoca.	Julia Doyle.
Rose M. Delaney, Tinnakilly, Rathnew.	Sarah Delaney.
Rose Murphy, Ballinderry, Rathdrum.	Joseph Higgins.
Lizzie Kinsella, Ballygannon, Rathdrum.	Bridie Nolan.
Mrs. C. Cullen, Corballis, Rathdrum.	Nora Doyle.
Mrs. Elizabeth Crinnion.	Anne M. Tyrrell.
2, Boghall Road, Bray.	
Mrs. Christina Holt, Avoca.	Peter and Thomas Rossittier.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle;
Resolved—That the Cottage Tenancy Agreements as set out below be sealed:—

30th June, 1945—John Griffin, Kilmurray South.
25th June, 1945—John Waters, Mountkennedy Demesne.
20th June, 1945—James Browne, Shrugham.
18th June, 1945—John Fleming, Knockagully.
18th June, 1945—Stephen Leonard, Moneycarroll.
16th June, 1945—William Doyle, Ballinahinch.
2nd June, 1945—Daniel Morrissey, Parkmore.
31st May, 1945—Mary Loughlin, Randalstown.
22nd May, 1945—Margaret Kearney, Main St., Baltinglass.
12th May, 1945—Joseph Corrigan, Gorteen.
12th May, 1945—Charles O'Reilly, Mountkennedy Demesne.
12th May, 1945—Patrick Merrigan, Killaveney.
5th May, 1945—Patrick Jameson, Ballybeg, Rathnew.
5th May, 1945—Patrick Franey, Ballybeg, Rathnew.
2nd May, 1945—Thomas Furlong, Ballintim.
30th April, 1945—Patrick McGrath, Parkmore.
28th April, 1945—Patrick Gethings, Parkmore.
21st April, 1945—Richard Curran, Brittas.
9th April, 1945—Mrs. Lizzie Murphy, Loughmogue.
9th April, 1945—Thomas Doyle, Dunlavin.
27th Mar., 1945—Patrick Brophy, Toberbeg.
20th Mar., 1945—Mary Black, Bawnogue, Baltinglass.
20th Mar., 1945—William Wall, Parkmore.
20th Mar., 1945—John Dowling, Weavers Square.
17th Mar., 1945—Felix Byrne, Weavers Square, Baltinglass.
17th Mar., 1945—Philip Hughes, Parkmore.
10th Mar., 1945—Thomas Gavin, Weavers Square.
10th Mar., 1945—Felix Byrne, Weavers Square.
10th Mar., 1945—Peter Nolan do.
10th Mar., 1945—Edward Nolan do.
10th Mar., 1945—James Hanrahan do.
10th Mar., 1945—Michael Lalor, Main St., Baltinglass.
10th Mar., 1945—James Sutton, Parkmore.
10th Mar., 1945—Michael Byrne, Newtownsaunders.
10th Mar., 1945—Patrick Kinsella, Weavers Square, Baltinglass.
10th Mar., 1945—Mary Nolan, Parkmore.
10th Mar., 1945—Patrick Kinsella, Weavers Square, Baltinglass.
10th Mar., 1945—Patrick Rooney, Parkmore.
28th Nov., 1944—James Murtagh, Ballylea.
9th Oct., 1944—Brian Tivenan, Stratford.
26th Sept., 1944—Patrick Corrigan, Dunlavin.
4th Sept., 1944—Patrick Riordan, Rathtoole.
2nd Sept., 1944—Daniel Masterson, Tober.
10th Aug., 1944—Michael Keefe, Whitestown.
15th Aug., 1944—Denis Deegan, Blackmore.
22nd July, 1944—John Kenny, Rustyduff.
28th July, 1944—Patrick Condron, Castlesallagh.
24th July, 1944—Mrs. Julia Keogh, Grangecon Hill.
19th June, 1944—Thomas Coleman, Ballyhook.
19th June, 1944—Patrick Brady, Randalstown.
20th May, 1944—Edward Humphers, Stratford.
20th May, 1944—William Byrne, Wynetavern.
13th April, 1944—Mrs. Ellen Nolan, Whitestown.
11th April, 1944—Margaret Byrne, Spynans.
9th April, 1944—James Smyth, Mullans.
31st Mar., 1944—Michael Neill, Castleruddery.
12th Jan., 1944—Patrick Kavanagh, Griffinstown.
2nd Jan., 1944—Margaret Keogh, Stratford.
2nd Jan., 1944—Joseph Moore, Stratford.
2nd Jan., 1944—James Barrett, Stratford.
2nd Jan., 1944—Elizabeth Grace, Stratford.
2nd Jan., 1944—Patrick Burke, Stratford.
11th Sept., 1943—Mary Doyle, Studfield.
11th Sept., 1943—Mary A. Fay, Dunlavin.
11th Sept., 1943—Edward Dowling, Rathallagh.
3rd July, 1943—Patrick Doran, Crossogue.
31st Mar., 1943—Patrick Flood, Broomfields.
15th Mar., 1943—Thomas Moore, Ballyhook Hill.
13th Mar., 1943—Michael Casey, Dunlavin.
18th Feb., 1943—Richard Grant, Ballynure.
18th Feb., 1943—Patrick Gleeson, Colbinstown.
16th Feb., 1943—Sarah Humphreys, Whitestown.
1st Feb., 1943—Patrick Harte, Dunlavin.
11th Jan., 1943—John Corrigan, Dunlavin.
11th Jan., 1943—Matthew Courtney, Rathvilly.
2nd Jan., 1943—Patrick Ward, Dunlavin.
31st Dec., 1942—John Neill, Dunlavin.
31st Dec., 1942—James Brogan, Dunlavin.
31st Dec., 1942—James Flood, Dunlavin.
18th Dec., 1942—John Ryan, Mooretown.
21st Aug., 1942—Mrs. Margaret Doran, Ballynure.
10th Aug., 1942—John Moore, Dunlavin.
10th Aug., 1942—Thomas Kirwan, Dunlavin.
10th Aug., 1942—John Wright, Dunlavin.
10th Aug., 1942—Margaret Esmondé, Dunlavin.
10th Aug., 1942—Henry Byrne, Dunlavin.
10th Aug., 1942—Gregory Byrne, Beech Hill.
10th Aug., 1942—James Moore, Dunlavin.
10th Aug., 1942—Michael Corrigan, Crossogue.
4th May, 1942—Mrs. Julia Cahill, Dunlavin.
24th Mar., 1942—Bartholomew Dwyer, Newtown.
4th May, 1942—Patrick Christie, Dunlavin.
4th May, 1942—Matthew Todd, Dunlavin.
4th May, 1942—Julia Fay, Dunlavin.
4th May, 1942—William Moore, Dunlavin.
4th May, 1942—James Owens, Dunlavin.
4th May, 1942—Edward Roche, Dunlavin.
6th Jan., 1942—Joseph Burke, Milltown, Dunlavin.
6th Sept., 1941—Christopher Cullen, Rathbran.
6th Sept., 1941—William Cullen, Rathbran.
10th Sept., 1941—Mrs. William Flood, Whitehills.
30th Nov., 1940—John Leigh, Rathbran.
8th July, 1940—Michael Nolan, Lowtown.
22nd June, 1940—William Whelan, Blackmore.
31st May, 1940—William O'Neill, Eadestown.
30th May, 1940—Michael Mangan, Stratford-on-Slaney.
17th May, 1940—John Mitchell, Donard.
8th Nov., 1938—James Smyth, Boherboy.
Passed.

As there was no further business, the Council adjourned.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Courthouse,
Wicklow.
23rd July, 1945.

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

On the 21st July, 1942, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health issued a Sealed Order fixing the age limit for County Managers. Section 23 of the Local Government Act, 1941, brings that Order into operation on the 22nd September, 1945, in so far as I am concerned. Accordingly, on that date I automatically cease to occupy the position of Wicklow County Manager, having reached the age limit prescribed for that office by the Minister.

You will remember at your Meeting held on the 28th June ultimo, you decided that it would not be necessary to hold any Meeting of the County Council during the month of August. It is for that reason that I become my duty to bring the matter to your knowledge at to-day's meeting. I have seen fifteen County Councils come and fourteen County Councils go during my time in your offices, and it is with great regret I shall sever my connection with Local Government administration on the 22nd September, 1945, after having been practically forty-six years in the service of Wicklow County Council.

Yours sincerely,

P. T. HEALY,
Wicklow County Manager.

The Council accepted, with regret, the County Manager's resignation, to take effect on the 1st October, 1945. In the course of the discussion which followed, the Council expressed their regret at the loss of the services of the County Manager, and extended to him good wishes on his retirement. The County Secretary, Law Agent, Mr. T. Byrne, Chief Officer, and Mr. J. P. Caffrey, Deputy County Surveyor, on their own behalf and on behalf of their staffs associated themselves with the wishes expressed by the Council.

The Council decided to adjourn consideration of Item 9 on the Agenda until the following Meeting.

Item No. 10.—Proposed by Councillor Seán Dunne;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Resolved—That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, are of the opinion that the present rate of wages paid to Road Workers and Carters are totally inadequate. We now resolve to form a deputation of four to wait upon the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for the purpose of impressing upon him the urgent need of increasing the present pay of these men.

Passed unanimously.

The Council appointed the following members to form the deputation: Councillors Seán Dunne, J. J. McCrea, W. Lawless and C. M. Byrne. Councillors Thomas Brennan, T.D., and James Everett, T.D., agreed to accompany the deputation at the Council's request.

The Council agreed to accept the following proposals:—

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That we the Wicklow County Council strongly urge the Department of Supplies to make available a sufficient quantity of coal for steam threshers to meet their needs in this year's harvest.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Resolved—That we the members of the Wicklow County Council most earnestly request the Minister for Supplies to grant to owners of motors who have been elected to Public Boards, Permits and even a moderate allowance of petrol to facilitate them in the fulfilment of their Public Duties, pointing out the fact that many such are living in backward and inaccessible districts removed from all helpful road transport, and that copies of the Resolutions be sent to other County Councils in Eire.

Passed unanimously.

The following Notices of Motion were handed in and accepted by the Chairman:—

By Councillor B. Farrell: I hereby give Notice that I, or some member for me, will move at the next Meeting of the County Council that the Council borrow from their Treasurer, for a period of five years, a sum of £750 to defray the expenses of providing under the Fire Brigades Act, 1940, Trailer Pumps for Greystones and Blessington and such further equipment as the County Engineer considers necessary to complete the Scheme of protection from Fire, etc., in the County.

By Councillor J. J. Metcalfe: I hereby give Notice that I, or some member for me, will move at the next Meeting of the County Council that the Council borrow a supplementary Loan of £2,795 from their Treasurer, for a period of ten years at one-half per cent. under Irish Bank Rate, varying with a minimum of 4 per cent., for the purpose of enclosing by a wall the entire Burial Grounds now being provided at Rathdrum, Avoca, Donard, Davidstown and Kilquigan, in substitution for sod fences originally proposed.

By Councillor Patrick 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 sum of £3,000 be borrowed from the National Bank, Ltd., for the purpose of reconstructing the Coolattin-Tinahely Road.

The Council adjourned consideration of the remaining items on the Agenda to their next Meeting.

J. J. Metcalfe
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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, 10th September, 1945.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.
Councillors Patrick Doyle, Edward E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., P. McCarthy, Wm. Cleary, Liam O Laoighleis, Thomas Brennan, T.D., Peter Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, H. J. Byrne, W. Hammond, C. W. Hudson, B. Farrell, John O'Reilly, Joseph Jacob, C. M. O. Broin, W. J. Clarke and J. J. Metcalfe.

In the absence of the County Manager on Annual Leave, Mr. K. J. Brangan, County Secretary, acted as Deputy County Manager.
Councillor William Cleary signed the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

BUSINESS:

RESERVED FUNCTIONS.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of previous Meeting.
2. To pass the usual Resolution 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.
3. To receive and consider a communication from the Department of Education, Dublin, enclosing a Statement showing the results of the recent examination for Secondary School Scholarships in County Wicklow, and to formally award Scholarships to the successful candidates in accordance with the Council's Scheme.
4. To adopt a Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools for the scholastic year 1946/47.
5. To pass a resolution authorising and directing that full pension be granted to Mr. P. T. Healy on his retirement from the position of Wicklow County Manager.
6. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Patrick 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 sum of £3,000 be borrowed from the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for the purpose of reconstructing the Coolattin-Tinahely Road."
7. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Benjamin Farrell:
"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Member for me, will move at the next Meeting of the County Council that the Council borrow from their Treasurer for a period of five years a sum of £750 to defray the expenses of providing under the Fire Brigades Act, 1940, Trailer Pumps for Greystones and Blessington, and such further equipment as the County Engineer considers necessary to complete the Scheme of Protection from Fire, etc., in the County."
8. 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 move at the next Meeting of the County Council that the Council borrow a supplementary Loan of £2,795 from their Treasurer for a period of 10 years at one-half per cent. under Irish Bank Rate, varying with a minimum of 4 per cent., for the purpose of enclosing by a wall the entire Burial Grounds now being provided at Rathdrum, Avoca, Donard, Davidstown and Kilquiggan, in substitution for sod fences originally provided."
9. To take such action as the Council may deem advisable after consideration of the latest ascertainable facts connected with the raising and expending of a Loan of £5,050 for the extension of the Newtownmount-Kennedy Sewerage System to Killadreenan and the Sanatorium at Newcastle.
10. 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.
11. To make Water Rates for the towns of Aughrim, Blessington and Rathdrum.
12. To authorise by Resolution of the affixing of the Seal of the Council to certain documents.
13. To consider a communication, dated 22nd June, 1945, addressed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the Chairman of Wicklow County Council, copy of which has been circulated to each Member.
14. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor H. J. Byrne:
"That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, request the Minister for Local Government to amend the County Management Act."
15. To consider a communication, dated the 6th July, 1945, relative to Partition, received from Ailtire na hAiseirige, 3, Sraid Fearcair, Atha Cliath.
16. To consider the present position regarding the Council's proposal to secede from the Guaranteeing Area of Grangegorman Mental Hospital.
17. To consider the following Resolution received from Aughrim O.A.P. Protection Association:
"We, the Aughrim Old Age Pensioners' Protection Association, respectfully request the co-operation of all your members to help our endeavour in demanding an increase to all old age pensioners and a modification of the Means Test. We fully realise it is utterly impossible for any person to exist on the meagre sum of 10/- weekly. It must be admitted that thousands of Old Age Pensioners in our midst are suffering from starvation. Furthermore, we wish to point out to your Members that O.A.P. in New Zealand is paid at the rate of 32/6; in Australia 32/-, and in England 22/6 per week. When the present Cost of Living is considered, it is only reasonable that all public bodies should make a legitimate demand to have the O.A.P. allowance increased throughout Eire."
18. To consider a communication, addressed to the Chairman, from Lorcan O Tuathal, 183, Pearse Street, Dublin, concerning the alleged inadequate Bus Service in the area formerly served by the Shillelagh Branch Railway.
19. To receive an application from Seán Dunne, Esq., M.C.C., Workers' Union of Ireland, Dublin, requesting to be furnished with a list of names and addresses of road-workers in the employment of Wicklow County Council.

RESERVED FUNCTIONS.

Item No. 1. Proposed by Councillor P. 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.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle:
Resolved—That we have learned with deep regret of the death of Mr. Joseph Metcalfe, a former member of this Council, and we tender to the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.
Passed unanimously.

On the proposition of Councillor Ledwidge, the Council decided to adjourn the Meeting to Monday, 17th September, 1945, at 11.30 a.m., after dealing with urgent business, in order to permit members of the Council to attend the funeral of Mr. Metcalfe.

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Item No. 2. Proposed by Councillor P. Doyle.

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey:
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 October, 1945, shall not exceed £30,000.

Passed.
The County Secretary stated that no overdraft accommodation would be required for the month of October on the County Council's General Account.

Item No. 3. Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle:
Resolved—That in accordance with the Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) Act, 1944 (Sec. 6) we hereby approve of Scholarships being awarded to the following successful candidates under Wicklow County Council's Secondary School Scholarship Scheme, 1945:—

William Hayden, O.B.S., Blacklion, Greystones;
John V. Hayden, Synges St., O.B.S., Dublin;
John N. Desmond, St. Patrick's Secondary School, Arklow;
Carmel N. Charithaigh, St. Philomena's, Ravenswell, Bray;
Maire I. Nic Unraidh, St. Philomena's, Ravenswell, Bray;
Mary J. Kennedy, St. Mary's College, Arklow.

Passed unanimously.
Item No. 4. The Council having considered the adoption of a Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools for the scholastic year 1946/47, directed the County Secretary to circulate copy of the Scheme adopted in the year 1945/46 to each member of the Council, together with copy of the relevant Act, and adjourned the further consideration of the Scheme to Monday, 17th September, 1945.

Item No. 5. Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey:
Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, hereby authorise and direct that Mr. P. T. Healy be granted full pension on his retirement from the position of Wicklow County Manager.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6. Proposed by Councillor P. Doyle;

Seconded by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.:
Resolved—That the sum of £3,000 be borrowed from the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for the purpose of completing Road No. 216, Coolattin to Tinahely Station, with branch to Hillbrook Cross Roads, also branch part Road No. 214 to Raheenglass Cross Roads, on ten years Loan.

Passed—Councillors H. J. Byrne and W. Hammond dissenting.
In the course of the discussion on this Motion, reference was made to the necessity of additional roads being scheduled as Main Roads, and the County Engineer was directed to prepare a list of Roads which the Council might recommend to the Minister to be scheduled as Main Roads.

Item No. 7.—Councillor Farrell withdrew his Notice of Motion providing for the borrowing of £750 in respect of expenses under the Fire Brigades Act, 1940. The County Secretary explained that it was not considered necessary to raise a Loan for this purpose during the current year.

Item No. 8. Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea:
That the Council borrow a supplementary Loan of £2,795 from their Treasurer, for a period of 10 years at one-half per cent. under Irish Bank Rate, varying with a minimum of 4 per cent. for the purpose of enclosing by a wall the entire Burial Grounds now being provided at Rathdrum, Avoca, Donard, Davidstown and Kilquiggan, in substitution for sod fences originally provided.

The following Amendment was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson; seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

That the proposal to borrow £2,795 for the provision of stone walls to certain graveyards be referred to the Estimates Meeting.
A vote having been called for, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

FOR THE AMENDMENT: Councillors W. Hammond, H. J. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, C. W. Hudson—5.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT: Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D.; P. Doyle, W. Cleary, B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, Ed. Byrne, W. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, W. Clarke, and Joseph Jacob—13.
The Chairman thereupon declared the Amendment defeated by thirteen votes against to five votes for.

The original Motion was then put to the Meeting and a vote having been called for, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

FOR THE MOTION: Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D.; P. Doyle, Wm. Cleary, B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, J. O'Reilly, Ed. Byrne, W. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, W. Clarke and Joseph Jacob—14.

AGAINST THE MOTION: Councillors W. Hammond, H. J. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, C. W. Hudson—5.

The Chairman declared the Motion carried by fourteen votes for to five against.

Item No. 9. The Council deferred consideration of Item No. 9 to the Meeting to be held on Monday, 17th September, 1945.

ASSISTANCE, HEALTH AND HOUSING.

Item No. 11. Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Reilly:
Resolved—That the Water Rate Book as submitted by the Secretary be signed, and Water Rates made as follows:—

In the Town of Aughrim a Water Rate of 3s. 6d. in the Pound on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply;

In the Town of Blessington a Water Rate of 1s. 4d. in the Pound on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply;

In the Town of Rathdrum a Water Rate of 1s. 2d. in the Pound on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply;

That warrants authorising the collection of the said Rates be signed and the Rate Books and Warrants sealed with the Seal of the Council.
Passed.

GENERAL.

Item No. 12. Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle:
Resolved—That Agreement dated 10th September, 1945, between the Wicklow County Council and the Irish Assurance Company, Ltd., in connection with the raising by the former from the latter of a Loan of £28,855 for the purpose of completing a scheme of 220 cottages in pursuance of the County Wicklow Labourers' Order, 1939, be sealed with the Seal of the Council.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle:
Resolved—That Agreement made between the Wicklow County Council and foster-parents in connection with the boarding-out with the latter of children, be sealed, as follows:—

Jerome Kelly and James Delaney—with Mrs. Kathleen Wynne, Ballydonnell, Redcross;

Bernard Byrne—with Mrs. Mary Devlin, Ballymacsimon, Glenealy.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle:

Resolved—That the Cottage Tenancy Agreements as set out below be sealed:—

14th July, 1945—William Byrne, Ballybeg, Rathnew.
21st July, 1945—Richard Downey, Ballinalea, Ashford.

12th May, 1945—William Kehoe, Merrymount, Rathnew.
22nd February, 1941—Mary Gregory, Killinacraig, Delgany.
26th May, 1941—Robert Redmond, Greystones.
Passed.

At this stage the Council adjourned further business until Monday, 17th September, 1945, at 11.30 a.m.
The Adjourned Monthly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 17th September, 1945.

The following Members were present:—
Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;
Councillors Patrick Doyle, P. P. O'Reilly, P. McCarthy, J. Everett, T.D.; B. Farrell, T. Brennan, T.D.; Liam O'Loighneis, C. M. O'Brien, John O'Reilly, Dr. J. J. Hickey, W. Hammond and John J. Metcalfe.
Apologies were received from Councillors C. W. Hudson and H. J. Byrne for their inability to attend.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey:
Resolved—That we have learned with deep regret of the death of Mr. George Byrne, a former Member of this Council, and we tender to the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14. Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:
Resolved—In accordance with Section 2 of the Local Authorities (Education Scholarship) Act, 1944, we hereby adopt, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Education, a Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools for the scholastic year 1946/47 upon the same terms and conditions as applied in the schemes operated in 1945/46, subject to the following amendments:—

- (1) That Six Scholarships at £25 each be allotted for competition among students attending schools within urban areas;
- (2) That Six Scholarships at £50 each be allotted for competition among students attending schools in Rural Areas.

The Scheme as adopted reads as follows:—

SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, 1946.

1. Wicklow County Council offers the following Scholarships for competition:—
 - (a) Six (6) scholarships of the annual value of Fifty Pounds (£50) in the first year and of the annual value of Forty-five Pounds (£45) in the second and each subsequent year to be competed for only by students attending schools in a rural area.
 - (b) Six (6) scholarships of the annual value of Twenty-five (£25) in each year to be competed for only by students attending schools in an urban area.

Of the six scholarships to be awarded in each class, three will be reserved for boys and three for girls, provided that in the event of an insufficient number of boys or girls qualifying at the examination, the unawarded scholarships may be allocated to the next highest qualifying candidates, irrespective of sex.
PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS.
2. The County Council shall pay, in two instalments annually, the amount of Tuition Fees, Maintenance Charges, Cost of Books, etc., of each holder of a Scholarship, on receipt of a detailed account from the Head of the School or College, provided that this amount does not exceed the value of the Scholarship. The unexpended balance, if any, of each Scholarship shall be paid annually to the parent or guardian of the Scholarship holder to meet the cost of railway travelling, etc.
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RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATION.
3. The parents or guardians of intending candidates must have been bona fide resident in County Wicklow on the first day of October preceding the Examination.

MEANS OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS.
4. 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.
(III) £115 in the case of families of 5 children.
(IV) £120 in the case of families of 6 children or more.
(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.
(III) £340 in the case of families of 5 children.
(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 Council may award in special circumstances, subject to the approval of the Minister for Education, the whole or part of a Scholarship to a candidate whose parents or guardians do not comply with the foregoing means conditions.

TENURE OF SCHOLARSHIPS.
5. The Scholarships shall be tenable only at schools approved by the Co. Council and the Minister for Education for the purpose, and may be renewed for a period not exceeding five years.

The County Council desires that in the selection of schools, parents will give preference to such schools in which Irish games and pastimes are adopted.

RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS.

6. The annual renewal of Scholarships for such period as the Council may deem fit, not exceeding five years, shall be subject to the receipt of reports as to the conduct and progress of the holder, which are accepted as satisfactory by the Wicklow County Council and the Minister for Education. A scholar who does not pass with Honours the Department's Intermediate Certificate Examination at or before the end of the third year shall not, as a rule, be eligible for a further renewal of the Scholarship.
All renewals of Scholarships shall be subject to the approval of the Minister for Education.

EXAMINATION CENTRE.

7. Subject to the approval of the County Council and the Minister for Education, Wicklow town has been selected as a centre for the 1946 Examination, which shall be partly oral and partly in writing, and will be conducted by Inspectors and Examiners appointed by the Minister. The Examination shall be held during the week immediately following Easter Sunday.

REFERENCES.

8. Every Candidate for a Scholarship shall before being admitted for examination, furnish a completed Application Form together with a Registrar's Birth Certificate, a satisfactory reference from the Teacher or School Manager of his or her School, and a Medical Certificate as to fitness.

AGE LIMIT.
9. Candidates must not be more than 14 years of age on the 1st August, 1946.

MANNER OF MAKING APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION.

10. Completed Applications from intending Candidates accompanied by Birth Certificates, will be received by the Secretary of the County Council at his Office, Courthouse, Wicklow, up to 10th January, 1946, from whom a Form of Declaration can be obtained, which is to be verified by a parent or guardian of the applicant, and a Form of Certificate to be filled up by a Clergyman or Peace Commissioner. These documents, when properly com-

pleted, will be submitted to the Wicklow County Council and if the application is approved by them, the Secretary will make the necessary arrangements for each approved candidate to sit for the Examination. Application Forms received after the 10th January, 1946, cannot be considered.

Each candidate must indicate on the application form his selection of optional subjects. Any alteration he desired to make in his selection, subsequent to forwarding the application form must be notified to the Secretary of the County Council on or before the 1st March, 1946. On the day of examination, no candidate will be allowed to take a paper in an optional subject unless he has given notice not later than the 1st March, 1946, of his intention to take such paper.

METHOD OF AWARD.

11. Subject to these Rules and Regulations, scholarships shall be awarded in order of merit as determined by the Examination. All awards are subject to the approval of the Minister for Education.

SYLLABUS OF EXAMINATION.

12. The Syllabus of Examination will be the Syllabus of the Sixth Standard Primary School Programme.

13. The following shall be the subjects of examination: (a) Irish; (b) English; (c) Arithmetic; (d) History and Geography; (e) Algebra; (f) Geometry; (g) Drawing; (h) Rural Science or Nature Study; (i) Needlework.

All candidates must present themselves in (a), (b), (c) and (d) above. In addition, candidates may present themselves in one or two, but not more than two of the subjects (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i).

Irish and English versions of the question papers will be set in each of the following subjects: Arithmetic, History, Geography, Needlework, Algebra, Geometry, Drawing, Rural Science or Nature Study, but only one version, either Irish or English, will be supplied to candidates.

Candidates who answer the questions in any subject wholly in Irish from the Irish version of the question paper, will get a bonus of not more than 10 per cent. of the marks awarded, except in Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Needlework and Drawing, in which the bonus will be not more than 5 per cent. of the marks awarded. No bonus will be awarded to a candidate who answers in Irish from the English version of the paper.

Copies of the question papers set in 1945 for this examination may be obtained from Government Publications Sale Office, 3 and 4, College Street, Dublin, price one shilling and threepence per copy.

CONDITIONS FOR PASSING THE EXAMINATION.

14. To be eligible for the award of a Scholarship, a candidate must pass the examination.

In order to be regarded as having passed the examination, a candidate must secure not less than 20 per cent. in each of the obligatory subjects, viz.: (a) Irish, (b) English, (c) Arithmetic, (d) History and Geography, and not less than 50 per cent. of the aggregate marks assigned to those subjects. For the purpose of placing in order of merit those candidates who pass the examination, the total marks obtained by each candidate in the four obligatory subjects will be reckoned, and, in addition, the total marks obtained by him (or her) in any optional subject (not exceeding two in number) in which he (or she) obtained at least 20 per cent. of the maximum marks assigned to that subject.

15. Every question or dispute which shall arise in relation to the interpretation or construction of this Scheme shall be determined by the Minister for Education, whose decision thereon shall be final and conclusive.

NOTE.—It is the intention of the County Council when operating a University Scholarship Scheme to give preference 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.

SYLLABUS OF EXAMINATION.

In all subjects the programme of the Examination for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools is the programme prescribed for Standard VI pupils in the official programme for National Schools, subject to such alterations therein as are set out in the "Revised Programme of Primary Instruction" (issued in September, 1934), and to such further modifications as are mentioned below:—

SUBJECTS OF EXAMINATION.

I. OBLIGATORY SUBJECTS:

- (a) Irish (300 marks)
 - Oral (150 marks)
 - (1) General conversation
 - (2) Reading with explanation
 - (3) Recitation with explanation of 100 lines of Poetry
 - Written (150 marks)
 - (1) Composition and letter-writing.
 - (2) Suitable exercises in grammar.
- (b) English (200 marks)
 - Written (200 marks)
 - (1) Composition and letter-writing.
 - (2) Suitable exercises in grammar.
- (c) Arithmetic (200 marks).
- (d) History and Geography (200 marks).
(History, 100 marks; Geography, 100 marks).

II. OPTIONAL SUBJECTS (any two, but not more than two, may be taken by candidates).

- (e) Algebra (100 marks)
- (f) Geometry (100 marks)
- (g) Drawing (100 marks)
- (h) Rural Science or Nature Study (100 marks).

Primary Schools Programme—Syllabuses A and B, Rural Science; or Syllabuses A and B, Nature Study; or Syllabuses C and D, Nature Study—according to type of school.

(i) Needlework (100 marks).
The programme for the examination is the revised programme in Needlework issued to National Schools in October, 1937.

All candidates must present themselves for examination in (a), (b), (c) and (d) above. In addition, candidates may present themselves in one or two, but not more than two, of the subjects (e) to (i) inclusive.

K. J. BRANKAN,

County Council Offices,
Court House, Wicklow.
Dated this 17th September, 1945.

Item No. 9. In connection with Item No. 9 on the Agenda, the County Secretary read the following statement as to the position in regard to the extension of Newtownmountkennedy Sewerage System to Killadreenan:—

EXTENSION OF NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY SEWERAGE SYSTEM TO KILLADREENAN.

More than a year ago, representation was made by the authorities of the Royal National Hospital for Consumption for Ireland, to the County Manager, to have the existing Sewerage System at Newtownmountkennedy extended to a point on the Killadreenan Road, at which this Hospital could be connected thereto.

At the time it was represented to the County Manager that the Irish Red Cross Society contemplated providing an additional 100 beds in the Institution for tuberculous patients. On this understanding, a deputation consisting of the County Engineer, County Secretary, and Chief Officer, Public Health Section, waited on the Local Government Department on 13th October, 1944, when it was agreed, subject to the approval of the Co.

Council and Co. Manager, that the Sewerage System be extended to serve the Newcastle Sanatorium and the 43 Labourers' cottages at Killadreenan; the Government to contribute 40 per cent. of the cost from the Unemployment Vote Fund, and the balance of the money to be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 25 years, with interest at the rate of 4½ per cent. Plans, specifications and estimate of cost of the works were prepared by the County Engineer and lodged with the Local Government Department. The estimated cost was £8,420, £3,370 of which it is anticipated will be received by way of Grant, the Council to raise the balance, £5,050. The cost to the rates for first year in respect of this Loan would be approximately £415, or less than 1d. in the £ on rates of the County Health District.

Since the raising of this Loan was approved by the County Council, on 11th December, 1944, it has transpired that the Hospital will not get the 100 additional beds promised, due, presumably, to the fact that it is proposed to set up four Regional Hospitals for the treatment of Tuberculosis. However, a Nurses' Home, which it is understood is badly needed, is being provided, the cost, in whole or part, being contributed from Sweepstakes Funds. This work cannot, it appears, be carried out, unless the proposed Sewerage extension is proceeded with. The Local Government Department have not, so far, confirmed in writing the proposed Grant of 40 per cent. of the cost, but they urge that the work be advertised for Contract, apparently, so that a definite figure upon which the Grant could be based, may be ascertained.

Following a prolonged discussion on the subject, it was Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless; Seconded by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.: That the Council proceed with the extension of the Sewerage System to Killadreenan, subject to the receipt of a Grant of 40 per cent. from the Department of Local Government and Public Health towards the cost of the work.

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

FOR THE MOTION: Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; Dr. J. J. Hickey, W. Lawless, C. M. Byrne—6.

AGAINST THE MOTION: Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. Doyle, B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, J. Everett, T.D.—7.

The Motion was declared lost by seven votes against to six votes for.

ASSISTANCE, HEALTH AND HOUSING.
Item No. 10. 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 Deputy County Manager noted the points submitted and undertook that they would be investigated and dealt with.

GENERAL.
Items No. 13 and 14. In the absence of Councillor H. J. Byrne, the Council decided to defer consideration of Items No. 13 and 14 on the Agenda until the next Meeting.

Item No. 15. Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy; Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle:

That we adopt the following Resolution submitted by Ailtirí na h-Aiseiríge:—"Mindful that Dáil Éireann of 1919 inter alia was representative of 32-County Ireland, we request the Government in Aih Cliath as part of a democratic endeavour to bring Partition to an end—to invite the newly-elected representatives of the Six-County area to take their seats, presently as non-voting members, in Leinster House rather than attend at Stormont."

As an amendment it was Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne; Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle: That the Resolution be marked "Read and noted." A vote having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

FOR THE AMENDMENT: Councillors W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, J. O'Reilly, W. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D., and C. M. Byrne—8.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT: Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, P. Doyle, B. Farrell—4.

The Amendment was declared carried by eight votes for to four against, and was adopted as a substantive motion by the same voting.

Item No. 16. The Deputy County Manager brought to the notice of the Council the recent acquisition by the Department of Local Government and Public Health, for the purpose of a Regional Sanatorium, of the site at Santry Court, near Dublin, which had been purchased by the Joint Committee, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, with a view to the erection thereon of an Auxiliary Mental Hospital. The Deputy County Manager suggested that the County Council might consider whether a suitable site might be obtained in County Wicklow for an Auxiliary Mental Hospital to Grangegorman. The Council agreed that the Council's representatives on the Joint Committee should keep this matter in mind when the acquisition of a site for an Auxiliary Hospital was being considered by the Joint Committee.

Item No. 17. Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy; Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:

Resolved—That we hereby approved and adopt the following resolution passed by Aghrim O.A.P. Protection Association: "We the Aghrim Old Age Pensioners' Protection Association respectfully request the co-operation of all your members to help our endeavour in demanding an increase to all Old Age Pensioners and a modification of the Means Test. We fully realise it is utterly impossible for any person to exist on the meagre sum of 10/- weekly. It must be admitted that thousands of Old Age Pensioners in our midst are suffering from starvation. Furthermore, we wish to point out to your Members that an O.A.P. in New Zealand is paid at the rate of 32/6, in Australia 32/-, and in England 22/6 per week. When the cost of living is considered, it is only reasonable that all public bodies should make a legitimate demand to have the O.A.P. allowance increased throughout Eire."

Passed unanimously.
The County Secretary read two communications, addressed to the Chairman by Mr. Lorcan O Tuathail, 183, Pearse St., Dublin, concerning the inadequate bus service on the route formerly served by the Shillelagh Branch Railway. Following a discussion in which a number of the Councillors joined, it was decided to defer the matter to the next Meeting for consideration in connection with Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor B. Farrell.

Item No. 19. In the absence of Councillor Seán Dunne, Item No. 19 was deferred to the next Meeting.

The following Notices of Motion were handed in and accepted by the Chairman:—

NOTICE OF MOTION.

I hereby give Notice that I, or someone for me, shall move at the next Meeting that we consider and give effect to the following Resolution, which was passed unanimously by the Arklow Harbour Board at a Meeting of that Board held on the 8th September, 1945:—"Resolved—That we, the Arklow Harbour Board, make formal application to the Wicklow County Council to make themselves responsible for the raising and repaying of a Loan of Three Thousand Pounds over a period of 15 years, so as to enable the Arklow Board to secure a free Government Grant of Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Pounds, which will enable us to carry out a much needed and essential extension to Arklow Dock."

By Councillor B. Farrell:—

NOTICE OF MOTION.

In view of the closing of Public Transport of the Railway Line between Naas and Tullow, it is vitally necessary that alternative transport be provided.

At present the Railway Company is running a 'Bus Service' via Dunlavin, Road No. 315, Carrigower No. 319, 301 to Ballyglass, whilst the Districts between Dunlavin, Grangecon, and Knockarrig, formerly served by Train Services, have been abandoned.

It is understood that the C.I.E. is prepared to provide a Service on the Dunlavin-Grangecon Route if the Road is made suitable for such traffic by widening, strengthening and surfacing.

It is estimated that the cost of this work would be £8,700 approximately for a distance of 3.70 miles, and we, the Wicklow County Council, request the Department of Local Government that a Grant be made available for this important work. The Department is reminded that the C.I.E. is bound to provide adequate Road Services if an existing Railway is closed:—

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

13th March, 1945. G20905/44. Sanctioning the increase in the remuneration of Miss J. Byrne, Attendant at Arklow Branch Library, from £30 to £36 per annum.

22nd March, 1945. G.78/2/45. Intimating that Rate Collectors' Warrants must be closed on the 31st instant, and monies received by Collectors after that date should be dealt with in accordance with Article 74 of the Public Bodies Order; and refusing the payment of bonuses to Rate Collectors subsequent to that date.

22nd March, 1945. TA.100/33/2. Sanctioning expenditure not exceeding £200 in respect of clerical assistance on the 1945 Turf Production Scheme.

22nd March, 1945. Intimating that the sum of £1,487 19s. 7d. in respect of further instalment of Agricultural Grant for the year ended 31st March, 1938, had been forwarded to the Council's Treasurer.

22nd March, 1945. Intimating that Payable Order for £5 13s. 8d. in respect of Estate Duty Grant for the year ended 31st March, 1945, and years ended 31st March, 1934, 21st March, 1935, and 31st March, 1936, had been forwarded to the Council's Treasurer.

27th March, 1945. R/RS/33. Sanctioning the retention of Mr. P. Howard, B.E., as temporary Assistant Surveyor to the 30th June, 1945.

27th March, 1945. G.2879/45. Intimating that the Minister sees no objection to the increase of £52 per annum in the remuneration of the Caretaker of the County Council Offices at Wicklow.

28th March, 1945. Intimating that Payable Order for £22 11s. 4d. had been forwarded to the Council's Treasurer for expenditure upon salaries of Sanitary Officers for the year ended 30th September, 1944.

28th March, 1945. Intimating that Payable Order for £766 5s. 8d. had been forwarded to the Council's Treasurer for expenditure incurred upon salaries of Medical Officers, etc., during year ended 30th September, 1944.

28th March, 1945. Intimating that Payable Order for £1,377 2s. 3d. had been forwarded to the Council's Treasurer in respect of maintenance of Mental Hospital patients in 1943/44.

29th March, 1945. Intimating that Payable Order for £3 19s. 6d. had been forwarded to the Council's Treasurer in respect of supplementary payment of expenditure upon salaries of Medical Officers during the year ended 30th Sept., 1944.

29th March, 1945. TA.100/33/3. Sanctioning the continuance of overdraft accommodation in connection with Turf Production for the sum of £23,000 for the period ending 30th April, 1945.

31st March, 1945. Ref. 29/45. Drawing attention to the fact that Rate Collection should be closed on the 31st March, in each year, and that monies received after that date are to be dealt with in accordance with Article 74 of the Public Bodies Order.

7th April, 1945. G.3629/4/45. Sanctioning salary of £40 per annum for the office of Coroner for the District of West Wicklow.

10th April, 1945. RU/204. Continuing the arrangements for remunerating County and Assistant Surveyors at the rate of 1½% and 1%, respectively, in respect of Special Works entailed in the recruitment and rotation of labour in connection with Roads (Rural) Schemes for 1944/45.

11th April, 1945. G.3405/45. Awarding Marriage Gratuity of £32 7s. 3d. to Mrs. B. Doyle (née O'Carroll), former Instructress in Poultry-keeping and Butter-making.

23rd April, 1945. G.1804/4/45. Sanctioning the continued employment of Mr. P. Maguire and Miss B. Finlay up to the 30th June next.

23rd April, 1945. G.1804/4/45. Sanctioning Emergency Bonuses at the rates of 9/- and 7/6 per week to married and single members of the County Council's clerical staff.

25th April, 1945. Circ. No. 58/45. Intimating that the Seeds & Fertilisers Supply Act, 1945, validating the Seeds and Fertilisers Scheme for 1944/45, has now become law.

28th April, 1945. TA.100/33/3. Sanctioning the continuance of overdraft accommodation in connection with Turf Production for the sum of £25,000 for the period ending 31st May, 1945.

1st May, 1945. TA.143/33. Stating that the sum of £150 by way of Supplemental Grant has been provisionally allocated to Co. Wicklow for Bog Development Works in 1945/46.

4th May, 1945. R/RM/33M. Consenting to the Charges for hire of machinery for the half-year ended 30th Sept., 1945, as set forth in the Secretary's letter of 20th ultimo.

4th May, 1945. TA.100/33/2. Concurring with the County Manager's Order, dated 21st April, 1945, allowing £30 to Mr. P. J. Swords and £15 to Miss V. C. Byrne as bonuses in respect of additional work imposed upon them under the Turf Production Campaign.

10th May, 1945. R/RS/33. Sanctioning Emergency Bonus to Messrs. Dillon, Howard and Scully.

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- 30th May, 1945.
T.A.100/33/3
Sanctioning continuance of overdraft accommodation in connection with Turf Production for the sum of £30,000 for the period ending 30th June, 1945.
- 30th May, 1945.
P.H.5521/2/45
Cill Manntan (8d)
Transmitting copy of Order made by the Minister altering to the County Health District of Wicklow the areas of charge for certain expenses.
- 31st May, 1945.
G.11171/45
Sanctioning Emergency Bonus at the rate of 7/6 per week to Miss B. Redmond, County Librarian.
- 2nd June, 1945.
G.362/5/45
Stating that the Secretary of the County Council should act as Clerk to the County O.A.P. Committee.
- 5th June, 1945.
M.9055/45
Acknowledging the Resolution of Wicklow Co. Council concerning the proposed amendment of the Vaccination Acts.
- 8th June, 1945.
RU/212/1
Intimating that a Grant of £1,250, subject to local contribution of £440, has been provisionally allocated to County Wicklow under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1945/46.
- 14th June, 1945.
M.4846
Regarding the Resolution of Wicklow County Council concerning O.A. Pensions, and stating that the matter had been referred to the Minister for Finance.
- 22nd June, 1945.
G.12630/45
Refusing to sanction a bonus of £20 to Mr. W. C. Byrne, for additional work performed under the Seeds & Fertilisers Supply Scheme.
- 25th June, 1945.
G.823/6/45
Sanctioning overdraft accommodation on the County Council's General Account for the sum of £5,000 for the period ending 30th June, 1945.
- 27th June, 1945.
T.A.100/33/3
Sanctioning continuance of overdraft accommodation in connection with Turf Production for the sum of £30,000 for the period ending 31st July, 1945.
- 5th July, 1945.
Sanctioning the continued employment of Mr. P. Howard, B.E., temporary Assistant County Surveyor.
- 5th July, 1945.
G.823/6/45
Referring to the Council's Resolution requesting overdraft accommodation of £20,000 to the 31st inst., and pointing out that no overdraft was required for the month of July last year, and asking for observations thereon.
- 6th July, 1945.
No. 81/45
Referring to the practice of officers of local authorities making representations through public representatives concerning their remuneration, duties, and conditions of service. The Minister points out that this practice is undesirable; that definite intimation should be given to each officer that he or she is forbidden to make application directly or indirectly through channels outside the local authority; that any representations made by an officer in contravention to these instructions may render the officer liable to disciplinary action.
- 13th July, 1945.
G.823/45
Sanctioning overdraft accommodation on the County Council's General Account for the sum of £20,000 for the period ending 31st July, 1945.
- 23rd July, 1945.
G.1804/9/45
Sanctioning the proposal to increase the remuneration of Mr. P. Maguire, temporary clerk, from £2 per week to £2 12s. 6d. per week, plus emergency bonus at the appropriate rate, as from 1st April, 1945.
- 23rd July, 1945.
RGS/201
Authorising the payment of allowances to County and Assistant Surveyors in respect of road works carried out with the aid of Grants from the Road Fund.
- 23rd July, 1945.
G.13645/2/45
Stating the Minister is prepared to extend the age limit of Mr. P. T. Healy, Wicklow County Manager, by one month, and if the Manager desires to have salary calculated for pension purposes up to the 30th September, resignation should not take effect before 1st October, 1945.
- 23rd July, 1945.
G.1804/7/45
Sanctioning the continued employment of Miss B. Finlay and Mr. P. Maguire to the 30th Sept., 1945.
- 24th July, 1945.
No. 85/44
Giving general sanction to Poor Rate Collectors being paid for the current financial year in respect of investigation of Employment Allowances Claims, and other services connected with rate relief to occupiers of Agricultural Land.
- 26th July, 1945.
No. 87/45
Concerning claims for compensation for malicious injuries, and the supply of information to local authorities by members of the Garda Síochána.
- 1st Aug., 1945.
H.14927/2/45
Wicklow Co. Cl.
Sanctioning the increase from 10d. to 1/- per hour by way of emergency bonus to labourers employed on the erection or repair of cottages.
- 4th Aug., 1945.
T.A.100/33/3
Sanctioning the continuance of overdraft accommodation in connection with Turf Production for the sum of £30,000 for the period ending 31st August, 1945.
- 7th Aug., 1945.
G.823/9/45
Sanctioning the continuance of overdraft accommodation on the County Council's General Account for the sum of £20,000 for the period ending 31st August, 1945.
- 11th Aug., 1945.
P.H.12406/2/45
Cill Manntan (8d)
Approving of the temporary appointment of Miss Maire MacNeill, M.Sc., as Public Analyst, pending the filling of the post on a substantive basis.
- 28th Aug., 1945.
R/RS/33
Approving of the retention of Mr. M. J. Foley, B.E., for a further period of six months.
- 29th Aug., 1945.
R/RS/33
Approving of the appointment of Mr. J. J. Roughan as consulting engineer to prepare plans and contract documents for the construction of Ashford Bridge.
- 30th Aug., 1945.
R/RS/33
Sanctioning the replacement of Mr. T. J. Scully, B.E., by Mr. M. J. Kerrane, B.E., as Engineer in Charge of the Sallygap-Kilbride Road.
- 30th Aug., 1945.
G.16509/45
Sanctioning the proposed increase to a sum not exceeding £90 per annum in the amount to be recouped to the Rate Inspector in respect of actual and necessary expenses of locomotion and subsistence on official business.

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- 30th Aug., 1945.
T.A.100/33/3
Sanctioning continuance of overdraft accommodation in connection with Turf Production for the sum of £27,000 for the period ending 30th September, 1945.
- 7th Sept., 1945.
G.823/10/45
Sanctioning continuance of overdraft accommodation on the County Council's General Account for the sum of £18,000 for the period ending 30th September, 1945.
FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.
- 18th May, 1945.
No. 37/26
Enclosing copy of letter addressed to County Registrar concerning the removal of railings surrounding the dock in the Criminal Court in Wicklow.
- FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.
- 11th April, 1945.
L.1451/44
Approving of the proposal to pay Mr. E. McGauran, Chief Agricultural Officer, an inclusive sum of £20 in respect of clerical work carried out by him during the year ended 31st March last, in connection with Sheep Dipping in County Wicklow.
- 21st April, 1945.
L.1451/44
Conveying approval to the following payments:—(1) the sum of £129 10s. 6d. in respect of Sheep dipped at Private Swim Baths; (2) the sum of £32 in respect of Maintenance of Subsidy Baths; and (3) sum of £7 12s. 8d. in respect of postage expenses incurred by Sheep Dipping Inspectors, and stating that subject to the concurrence of the County Manager, no objection would be raised to additional remuneration of £7 10s. to each of the 20 Sheep Dipping Inspectors in the 1944 season.
- 8th May, 1945.
E.3264/44
Enclosing copy of Press Notice regarding the requirements of the Noxious Weeds Act, 1936.
- 17th July, 1945.
L.1349/43
Approving of the payment of a subsidy of £20 to Mr. John Devoy, Lugganagh, Blessington, for the erection of Sheep Dipping Bath on his land.
- 25th July, 1945.
L.1456/45
Noting the absence on Annual Leave from 16th to 30th inst. of Mr. S. Conway, V.S., and the temporary employment of Mr. W. J. Richardson, V.S., in his area.
- 4th Aug., 1945.
L.1002/45
Sanctioning the appointment of 20 Sheep Dipping Inspectors for the 1945 Sheep Dipping Period.
- 9th Aug., 1945.
L.1451/44
Approving of the expenditure of £30 for wire fencing for temporary pens on the following lands:—Reps., D. J. Coogan, Laragh; Joseph Keenan, Roundwood; Michl. Mitten, Sleemane; Ed. O'Toole, Aughavannagh.
- 16th Aug., 1945.
L.1022/45
Approving of the appointment of Mr. Thomas Kavanagh, Glendarragh, Newtownmountkennedy, as Sheep Dipping Inspector for 1945 Dipping Period, to replace Mr. M. J. Butler, who resigned.
- FROM THE LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION.
- 17th April, 1945.
L.A.15.10.42
Recommending Mr. James G. O'Connor, Slaney Hotel, Tullow, Co. Carlow, for appointment as Veterinary Inspector in the Baltinglass and Shillelagh District.
- 15th May, 1945.
L.A.18.7.44
Recommending Mr. Raymond L. Farrell, B.E., "Knock-aun," Somerville Ave., Waterford, for appointment as Assistant County Engineer.
- FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE.
- 26th April, 1945.
Referring to the cowing and central control of street lights, and intimating that conditions now permit the removal of cows therefrom.
- 10th Aug., 1945.
Withdrawing Emergency Powers (No. 208) Order in regard to the compulsory billeting of persons rendered homeless through air attack.
- FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE.
- 10th Aug., 1945.
D.31/1502/Vol. 11.
Referring to Wicklow County Council's Resolution regarding coal for threshing, and intimating that coal for locomotion for threshing sets is being granted for 1945/46 Season on precisely the same basis as 1944/45 allowances.
- 16th Aug., 1945.
P.44/171
Referring to the Council's Resolution regarding petrol supplies for owners of cars who are members of Public Boards, and stating that petrol supply is not satisfactory and that the facilities sought cannot be made available.
- FROM ARUS AN UACHTARAIN.
- 10th July, 1945.
Intimating that the President and Mrs. O. Ceallaigh desire to thank the members of Wicklow Co. Council for their kind resolution of congratulations.
- FROM COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICES, RATHDRUM.
- 20th March, 1945.
Enclosing abstract of the more important Orders and decisions of Wicklow County Manager for the month of February, 1945.
- 16th April, 1945.
Enclosing abstract of the more important Orders and decisions of Wicklow County Manager for the month of March, 1945.
- 7th May, 1945.
Enclosing abstract of the more important Orders and decisions of Wicklow County Manager for the month of April, 1945.
- 19th July, 1945.
Enclosing abstract of the more important Orders and decisions of Wicklow County Manager for the month of May and June, 1945.
- 18th Aug., 1945.
Enclosing abstract of the more important Orders and decisions of Wicklow County Manager for the month of July, 1945.
- FROM OTHER PUBLIC BODIES.
- 14th March, 1945.
From Buncrana Urban District Council enclosing copy of Resolution concerning Carndonagh Town Tenants' and Leaseholders' Association, and their fight against the ground-rent system in operation in that area.
- 21st April, 1945.
From Alliance & Dublin Consumers' Gas Co., Dublin, giving information re increase in calorific value of gas.
- 19th May, 1945.
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From Cavan County Council enclosing copy of Resolution concerning education enactments for the Six Counties.

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- 22nd June, 1945. From Waterford District Mental Hospital enclosing extract from Minutes of that Committee concerning the new Mental Treatment Bill, and the pensions of existing pensioners.
- 16th July, 1945. From Dungarvan Urban District Council enclosing copy of Resolution calling on the Government to increase the salaries of Irish National Teachers and the pensions of ex-Teachers.
- 20th July, 1945. From Clare County Council enclosing copy of Resolution requesting the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to give preference to suitable candidates with old I.R.A. records for any appointments at his disposal, and also referred to the survivors of 1916/21, and requesting that equally generous treatment be allowed to them as to the men of 1939/45.
- 3rd Aug., 1945. From Arklow Urban District Council enclosing copy of Resolution passed by Arklow Urban District Council regarding their profound regret on the retirement of Mr. P. T. Healy, Wicklow County Manager.
- 7th Aug., 1945. From Greystones & District Ratepayers' Association intimating the feelings of regret of that Association on the retirement from the position of County Manager of Mr. P. T. Healy.
- 10th Aug., 1945. From Miss B. Redmond, County Librarian, enclosing Medical Certificate that she will be unfit for duty for duty for two weeks.
- 5th Aug., 1945. From Arklow Urban District Council enclosing copy of Resolution calling on the Government to implement the Social Security Plans of His Lordship the Most Rev. Dr. Dignan.
- 21st Aug., 1945. From Laoighis County Council enclosing copy of Resolution calling upon the Government to amend the County Management Act so as to restore to the democratically elected representatives of the people their full powers and authority.
- 25th Aug., 1945. From Westmeath County Council enclosing copy of Resolution that co-operation between local bodies and the Local Government Department (which is greatly lacking for a considerable time) be restored; that an authoritative member of the Local Government Department personally discuss important schemes with the Local Councils.
- 27th Aug., 1945. From Cavan County Council adopting Wicklow County Council's Resolution requesting the Minister for Supplies to grant to owners of motors, who have been elected to Public Boards, permits and a moderate allowance of petrol.
- 28th Aug., 1945. From Tipperary S.R. County Council adopting Resolution of Wicklow County Council concerning petrol allowance to Members of Public Boards.
- 31st Aug., 1945. From Donegal County Council adopting Wicklow Co. Council's Resolution concerning petrol allowance to members of Public Boards.
- MISCELLANEOUS.**
- 8th March, 1945. From Greystones People's Association enclosing report of the elected Committee and resolution passed at the Meeting held on 4th March, 1945.
- 9th March, 1945. From Carnegie United Kingdom Trust—31st Annual Report—Year 1944.
- April, 1945. Cumanna Tirchonail, concerning Ground Rents.
- April, 1945. From Mrs. Wolahan, Ballintemple, Woodenbridge, thanking the members of Wicklow County Council for their resolution of sympathy.
- May, 1945. From Mrs. Cathleen Healy, 132, Lower Baggot Street, Dublin, returning thanks to Wicklow County Council for their resolution of sympathy.
- May, 1945. From Mrs. E. Byrne, 9, Florence Villas, Bray, sincerely thanking Wicklow County Council for their resolution of sympathy.
- 28th June, 1945. From Sergt. P. F. Brannigan, Iona Villa, Abbey Road, Navan, conveying to the members of Wicklow County Council his deep appreciation for their resolution of sympathy.
- July, 1945. From Cothrom na Feinne directing the attention of Wicklow County Council to the plight of Old Age Pensioners, and asking assistance of the members in an endeavour to demand an increase and a modification of the Means Test.

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The Monthly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, 8th October, 1945.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

Councillors Patrick Doyle, P. P. O'Reilly, J. Everett, T.D.; B. Barrell, John O'Reilly, Wm. Cleary, Thos. Brennan, T.D.; C. M. O'Brien, L. O. Laoighleis, Peter Ledwidge, Wm. J. Clarke, Dr. J. J. Hickey, H. J. Byrne, W. Hammond, C. W. Hudson, J. J. Metcalfe, and Sean Dunne.

The County Secretary introduced Mr. J. Garvin, who had been appointed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health as County Manager pending the filling of the post in accordance with Section 4 of the County Management Act, 1940.

The Chairman and Members extended a welcome to the County Manager, who thanked the Council in reply.

BUSINESS:

RESERVED FUNCTIONS.

- 1.—To confirm and sign minutes of previous Meeting.
- 2.—To pass the usual Resolution in connection with the Council's application 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.
- 3.—To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy:—
"I hereby give Notice that I or someone for me shall move at the next Meeting that we consider and give effect to the following Resolution which was passed unanimously by the Arklow Harbour Board at a Meeting of that Board held on the 8th September, 1945: 'Resolved—That we the Arklow Harbour Board, make formal application to the Wicklow County Council to make themselves responsible for the raising and repaying of a Loan of Three Thousand Pounds over a period of 15 years so as to enable the Arklow Harbour Board to secure a free Government Grant of Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Pounds which will enable us to carry out a much-needed and essential extension to Arklow Dock.'"
- 4.—To consider communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health stressing the necessity for local authorities to ensure that every possible step will be taken to secure machinery and materials required by them to resume normal road maintenance.
- 5.—To consider communication from Rev. Sr. M. Enda, O.P., Dominican College, Eccles St., Dublin, asking that the Council waive condition 6 of their printed Scheme of Scholarships from Primary to Secondary Schools in order to allow a County Wicklow Scholarship Holder (who failed to obtain Honours in the Intermediate Certificate Examination) to have her Scholarship continued without complying with conditions laid down in the aforementioned paragraph, i.e. the necessity for obtaining the Intermediate Certificate with honours.
- 6.—To fill a vacancy on Rathdown No. 2 O.A.P. Sub-Committee, created by the transfer of Rev. M. Phelan, C.C.

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- 7.—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.
- 8.—To consider the present situation concerning proposed site for County and Fever Hospital at Wicklow.
- 9.—To arrive at a decision concerning the Workhouse Buildings at Shillelagh and Baltinglass.

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- 10.—To authorise by Resolution the affixing of the Seal of the Council to certain documents.
- 11.—To consider a communication, dated 22nd June, 1945, addressed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the Chairman of Wicklow County Council copy of which has been circulated to each Member.
- 12.—To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor H. J. Byrne:—
"That we the members of Wicklow County Council request the Minister for Local Government to amend the County Management Act."
- 13.—To receive an application from Sean Dunne, Esq., M.C.C., Workers' Union of Ireland, Dublin, requesting to be furnished with a list of names and addresses of roadworkers in the employment of Wicklow County Council.
- 14.—To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor B. Farrell:—
"In view of the closing to Public Transport of the Railway Line between Naas and Tullow, it is vitally necessary that alternative transport be provided.
"At present the Railway Company is running a 'Bus Service, via Dunlavin, Road No. 315, Carrigower, No. 319, 301 to Baltinglass, whilst the Districts between Dunlavin, Grangecon, and Knockragg, formerly served by Train Services have been abandoned. It is understood that the C.I.E. is prepared to provide a Service on the Dunlavin, Grangecon Route if the road is made suitable for such traffic by widening, strengthening and surfacing.
"It is estimated that the cost of this work would be £6,700 approximately for a distance of 3.70 miles and we the Wicklow County Council request the Department of Local Government that a Grant be made available for this important work. The Department is reminded that the C.I.E. is bound to provide adequate Road Service if an existing Railway is closed."
- 15.—To consider the following Resolution submitted by Westmeath County Council:—
"That the Council expresses disappointment at the action of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in failing to re-appoint Most Rev. Dr. Dignan, Bishop of Clonfert, as Chairman of the National Health Insurance Society, having regard to the exemplary service rendered by Dr. Dignan to the cause of social security, as outlined in the Dignan plan. It is evident that during his period of office, Dr. Dignan, who desired no monetary recompense or political advantage, devoted a considerable amount of time and thought to the subject and displayed his deep interest in the welfare of the worker and the unemployed; and, in our opinion, the least compliment that should have been paid to him was to re-appoint him as Chairman of the National Health Society for a further period of office. That copies of this resolution be sent to each local authority."
- 16.—To consider the following Resolution submitted by Offaly County Council:—
"That we request the Department of Education to agree to make the age limit of candidates for Scholarships 14 years on the 31st December of the year in which the Examination is held.
"That copies of this Resolution be circulated to all County Councils and County Borough Councils in Eire."
- 17.—To consider the following Resolution submitted by Westmeath County Council:—
"That we call on the Government to introduce legislation to enable County Councils to acquire land for the provision of cowparks, so as to facilitate people living in towns and villages who are desirous of keeping a cow as under the existing law whereby Councils are able to obtain cowparks only in areas where estates are being divided by the Land."

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Commission, the cowparks are situated generally in outlying areas at considerable distances from towns, and townspeople are thereby debarred from availing of the facility; that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the County Councils' General Council and to each County Council."

18.—To consider a communication from Mrs. M. Spiro, Honorary Secretary, County Wicklow Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, concerning the extension to the County Health District of Wicklow, of the provisions of the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1935.

RESERVED FUNCTIONS.

Item No. 1.—Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;
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.
Arising out of the Minutes the County Secretary read the following letter received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:
Department of Local Government and Public Health,
Custom House, Dublin.

4th October, 1945.
A Chara.
I am directed by Dr. Ward, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, to refer to the Motion passed by the Wicklow County Council at its Meeting held on the 17th ultimo not to proceed with the extension of the Newtownmountkennedy Sewerage Scheme, and to state that the position with regard to this matter was fully explained to officials of the Council who attended a Conference at this Department on 13th October, 1944.

It was pointed out that the Parliamentary Secretary did not at any time contemplate the provision of 100 additional beds at Newcastle Sanatorium, and that the inquiry which it is understood the Irish Red Cross Society addressed to the Sanatorium Authorities regarding the provision of additional bed accommodation was of a very tentative nature.

Representations were made to Dr. Ward that the accommodation at present available for the nursing and domestic staff at Newcastle is inadequate and that a new Nurses' Home is essential to the efficient administration of the institution. Upon investigation these representations were confirmed, and the Parliamentary Secretary agreed to recommend a grant from the Hospitals' Trust Fund to defray the cost of the work. It was found, however, that the existing sewerage system is most unsatisfactory and is a danger to the health of the patients and staff.

The provision of a Nurses' Home cannot be proceeded with until the Sewerage system is improved. The Consulting Engineers acting in conjunction with the Engineering Advisers to this Department and the Wicklow County Engineer, investigated the manner in which the necessary improvements could be effected, and reported that the only effective solution consists of an extension of the Newtownmountkennedy Sewer to link up with the Sanatorium.

The extension of the Sewer can only be carried out by your Council and with a view to having the work carried out without delay the Minister undertook to recommend that a grant of 40 per cent. of the cost should be made available to the Council from State Funds.

The whole question of the provision of additional bed accommodation in regional sanatoria is receiving active consideration and so far as Newcastle Sanatorium is concerned the immediate matter is the provision of a Nurses' home and the installation of a satisfactory sewerage system.

The Parliamentary Secretary accordingly directs me to request that the Council will reconsider its decision in this matter and permit the work to proceed with all possible speed.

Mise, le meas.
J. HURSON, Runal.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

As the matter referred to had been discussed at a previous Meeting the Council decided to mark the letter "read."

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
Resolved—That we the members of Wicklow County Council, have heard with deep regret of the death of Mrs. Wynne, Mother-in-law of Councillor B. Farrell, Mill St., Baltinglass, and we hereby extend to him, and to the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2.—Proposed by Councillor C. M. 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 November, 1945, shall not exceed £25,000.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor C. M. 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 Production Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the month of November, 1945, shall not exceed £25,000.
Passed.

Item No. 3.—In pursuance of Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy, it was

Proposed by Councillor L. O. Cleirigh;
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Resolved—In accordance with the Emergency Powers (No. 325) Order, 1945, we, the Wicklow County Council, hereby guarantee the repayment by the Arklow Harbour Board of a Loan of £3,000 for a period of 15 years so as to enable the Arklow Harbour Board to secure a free Government Grant of £12,800 to enable the Board to carry out a much-needed and essential extension to Arklow Dock.

Passed, Councillor H. J. Byrne not voting.

Item No. 4.—The County Secretary read the following letter received by the Manager from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:
Department of Local Government and Public Health,
Custom House (Roads), Dublin.

21 Mean Fomhair, 1945.
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A Chara.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is most anxious to ensure that every possible step will be taken to secure the machinery and materials that will be required by local authorities to enable them to resume normal road maintenance at the earliest possible date and to undertake an extensive and continuous programme of road improvement works.

There is reason to believe that small quantities of machinery and materials will become available immediately and that an improvement in the supplies position may be expected if the demand is shown to exist. It is realised that prices may be high at the outset but it would be unwise to defer purchases in expectation of the lower costs that may ultimately prevail. It is essential that all the road machinery and materials which came on offer should be secured by local authorities as promptly as possible.

Arrangements are being made by the Minister to ascertain the prospects of supplies and to notify City and County Managers from time to time

as to the location of supplies. The Minister trusts that on receipt of such notifications no time will be lost in placing appropriate orders. Copies of all orders placed by local authorities should be transmitted to this Department.

It is recommended that you lay the matter before the local authorities with a view to getting a general authorisation to make such purchases as are deemed necessary in anticipation of resolutions authorising the expenditure and, if needed, the borrowing for the purpose.

Mise, le meas.
J. HURSON, Runal.

To each City Manager and each County Manager.
The County Surveyor submitted a list of additional machinery which would be required, amounting in all to an estimated cost of £38,310.

Following a discussion, it was
Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;
Resolved—That we authorise the County Manager to make such purchases of Road Machinery as are deemed necessary in anticipation of resolutions authorising the expenditure and, if needed, the borrowing for the purpose.

Passed unanimously.
Item No. 5.—The following letter, received from the Manager, Dominican College, Eccles St., Dublin, was read:—

Dominican College,
Eccles St., Dublin.

13th September, 1945.
Dear Sir,
A pupil of ours, Joan Bergin, who is a Co. Wicklow Scholarship holder, missed Honours in the Intermediate Certificate Examination held in June last by 9 marks in Irish.

In view of the fact that she is almost 17 years of age and would be older than most of our pupils when sitting for Leaving Certificate, we request you to consider the continuation of the Scholarship without insisting on Honours in Intermediate Certificate, i.e., to award the Scholarship to her to allow her to do the Leaving Certificate in June, 1947.

I remain,
Yours faithfully,
Sister M. Enda, O.P., Manager.

The Council decided that the Scheme of Scholarships as adopted should not be varied.

Item No. 6.—Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Resolved—That we the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby nominate Rev. J. F. Doyle, C.C., Enniskerry, to fill the vacancy created on the Rathdown No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee by the transfer of Rev. M. Phelan, C.C.
Passed.

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Item No. 7.—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.

Item No. 8.—The County Manager informed the Council of the recent developments which had taken place in connection with the proposed site for a County and Fever Hospital at Wicklow, and stated that a Conference would shortly be held with the Architect for the Scheme, with a view to deciding on a suitable site.

Item No. 9.—The Council considered the action to be taken concerning the Workhouse Buildings at Shillelagh and Baltinglass, and following a discussion it was

Proposed by Councillor T. Brennan;
Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle;
Resolved—That we authorise the County Manager to invite Tenders (1) for demolition and (2) for sale of the Workhouse buildings at Shillelagh and Baltinglass, the merits of the alternative Tenders when received to be considered in conjunction with the value of the materials to the County Council.
Passed unanimously.

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Item No. 10.—Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;
Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Certificate of Registration under the Maternity Homes Act, 1934, of Mrs. Maria Langrell, Knockrath, Greystones.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle;
Resolved—That the Cottage Tenancy Agreements as set out hereunder be sealed and signed:—
7th July, 1945—Anne Cullen, Carignamuck.
11th August, 1945—Matthew Timmons, Knockfodda.
1st September, 1945—Jerry O'Callaghan, Moneycarroll.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle;
Resolved—That Vesting Orders in pursuance of the Labourers Act, 1936, as set out hereunder, be sealed and signed:—
James Gregory, Kildareen.
Rosanna Byrne, Ballincarrig.
Christopher Fenlon, Barronstown.
Richard Murphy, Barronstown.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle;
Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Dead Poll in connection with the County Wicklow Labourers Order, 1939, in the following cases:—

Site 536—Reps. Matthew Cosgrove.
Site 477—Joseph Newsome.
Site 622—Reps. Patrick Connolly.
Site 608—Catherine Magee.

Passed.
Item No. 11.—As a matter to which reference is made in the letter of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, dated 22nd June, 1945, had been discussed on several occasions at County Council Meetings, the Council decided to mark the letter "read."

Item No. 12.—The following Resolution was
Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Resolved—That we the Members of the Wicklow County Council request the Minister for Local Government to amend the County Management Act, so as to ensure the maximum real co-operation between the County Manager and the elected representatives of the people.

Following a prolonged discussion, in which all members took part, the Motion was put to the Council and was declared carried on a show of hands—eleven members voting for the resolution and three members not voting.

Councillor Dunne received the Chairman's permission to refer to the reply received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that the Minister could not undertake to discuss the matter of a proposed increase in wages of Road Workers and Carters with the deputation from the Council in the circumstances proposed. Councillor Dunne stated he would hand in a Notice of Motion in connection with the matter at the close of the Meeting.

Item No. 13.—The Council directed that the list of names and addresses of Road Workers in the employment of the County Council be furnished to Councillor Dunne, as requested by him.

Item No. 14.—In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor B. Farrell;
Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:

In view of the closing to Public Transport of the Railway Line between Naas and Tullow, it is vitally necessary that alternative transport be provided.

At present the Railway Company is running a 'Bus Service' via Dunlavin, Road No. 315, Carrigower No. 319, 301 to Baltinglass, whilst the Districts between Dunlavin, Grangecon and Knockarigg, formerly served by train services, have been abandoned.

It is understood that the C.I.E. is prepared to provide a Service on the Dunlavin-Grangecon Route if the Road is made suitable for such traffic by widening, strengthening and surfacing.

It is estimated that the cost of this work would be £6,700 approximately for a distance of 3.70 miles, and we, the Wicklow County Council, request the Department of Local Government that a Grant be made available for this important work. The Department is reminded that the C.I.E. is bound to provide adequate Road Services if an existing Railway is closed.

Following a discussion it was decided to adjourn further consideration of Councillor Farrell's motion pending receipt of further information from Coras Iompair Eireann in regard to train and bus services in the area.

The Secretary was directed to enquire whether the Company would consider providing a grant towards the cost of the work.

The Council further directed that copies be sent to Coras Iompair Eireann of communications addressed to the Chairman by Lorcan Ua Tuathail, of 183, Pearse St., Dublin, complaining of the inadequacy of the bus service in the southern part of the County, which correspondence the Council had decided to consider in conjunction with Councillor Farrell's Notice of Motion.

Item No. 15.—The Council adopted the following Resolution submitted by Westmeath County Council:—

"That the Council expresses disappointment at the action of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in failing to re-appoint Most Rev. Dr. Dignan, Bishop of Clonfert, as Chairman of the National Health Insurance Society, having regard to the exemplary service rendered by Dr. Dignan to the cause of social security, as outlined in the Dignan plan."

"It is evident that during his period of office, Dr. Dignan, who desired no monetary recompense or political advantage, devoted a considerable amount of time and thought to the subject and displayed his deep interest in the welfare of the worker and the unemployed, and, in our opinion, the least compliment that should have been paid to him was to re-appoint him as Chairman of the National Health Society for a further period of office. That copies of this resolution be sent to each local authority."

Item No. 16.—Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

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

Resolved—That we hereby adopt the following resolution submitted by Offaly County Council: "That we request the Department of Education to agree to make the age limit of candidates for Scholarships 14 years on the 31st December of the year in which the Examination is held. That copies of this resolution be circulated to all County Councils and County Borough Councils in Eire."

Passed.

Item No. 17.—Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Reilly:

Resolved—That we hereby adopt the following resolution submitted by Westmeath County Council: "That we call on the Government to introduce legislation to enable County Councils to acquire land for the provision of cowparks, so as to facilitate people living in town and villages who are desirous of keeping a cow, as under the existing law whereby Councils are able to obtain cowparks only in areas where estates are being divided by the Land Commission the cowparks are situated generally in outlying areas at considerable distances from towns, and townspeople are thereby debarred from availing of the facility; that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the County Councils' General Council and to each County Council."

Passed.

Item No. 18.—The Secretary read the following letter received from the honorary Secretary, County Wicklow Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals:—

Wingfield, Kilmacanogue,
Co. Wicklow.
19/9/45.

The Manager,
Co. Wicklow Co. Council, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

May I be permitted to draw your attention to the attached notice which appeared in the "Irish Times" on September 6th. I would be extremely obliged if you would inform me as to whether this Order will automatically apply to Co. Wicklow, and if not, on behalf of my Society, may I request that the matter be given your earnest attention in order to have the Order apply to Co. Wicklow, particularly as Co. Wicklow has the honour of being the first County in Eire to adopt the humane method of slaughter.

My Society feels confident of your active support in this urgent matter in order to enable Co. Wicklow maintain the reputation it holds in connection with the prevention of cruelty to animals.

Yours faithfully,
(Mrs. Mabel Spiro,
Hon. Secretary.

The Council decided to mark the letter "read."

With the permission of the Council, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett;

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Clarke:

Resolved—That Mr. Joseph O'Connor, of Summerhill, Wicklow, be appointed a member of the Wicklow County Library Committee in place of Mr. John O'Leary, The Mall, Wicklow, who had notified his desire to retire."

Passed.

The following Notices of Motion were handed in and accepted by the Chairman:—

By Councillor Liam O Laoighleis:

"I hereby give notice that I, or some other Councillor for me, shall move at the next Meeting of the Council the suspension of Standing Orders for the purpose of considering again the extension of the Newtownmountkennedy Sewerage System to Kiladreenan, having regard to the terms of the letter, dated the 4th October, 1945, received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health."

By Councillor William Clarke:
"That the Council adopt the Town and Regional Planning Act of 1934-39."

By Councillor William Clarke:

"That the Council take over and maintain the Road between Glendalough R.C. Church and Glenmacanass Valley."

By Councillor Sean Dunne:

"I hereby give notice that I or some member for me, shall move at the next Meeting of the Council that the Council take steps to see that the Private Road which runs through Old Court Park, Bray, is repaired by the Soldiers and Sailors Land Trust or, in the event of the Council being legally responsible for the care of this road, that we declare it a County Road and discharge our responsibilities to these ratepayers."

By Councillor Sean Dunne:

"I hereby give notice that I, or some member for me, shall move at the next meeting of the Council that we take such steps as may be necessary, including the employment of extra clerical staff, to ensure that Road Workers and Carters are paid each week instead of fortnightly as at present."

The Monthly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 12th November, 1945.

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. McCrea, due to illness, Councillor C. W. Hudson occupied the Chair.

The following members attended:—
Councillors Patrick Doyle, P. P. O'Reilly, J. Everett, T.D.; Joseph Jacob, P. McCarthy, C. M. O'Brien, Thomas Brennan, T.D.; Sean Dunne, William Clarke, Dr. J. J. Hickey, W. Hammond, Edward Byrne, H. J. Byrne, B. Farrell, John O'Reilly, Liam O Laoighleis, John J. Metcalfe, Peter Ledwidge.

The County Manager, Mr. John Garvin, was in attendance.

BUSINESS:

RESERVED FUNCTIONS.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of previous Meeting.
2. To pass the usual Resolution 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.
3. To consider Memorial signed by 51 tenants of cottages in the Newtownmountkennedy Kiladreenan Area, concerning the proposed extension of the Newtownmountkennedy Sewerage System, and also the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Liam O Laoighleis:—
"I hereby give notice that I, or some other Councillor for me, shall move at the next Meeting of this Council the suspension of Standing Orders for the purpose of considering again the extension of the Newtownmountkennedy Sewerage System to Kiladreenan, having regard to the terms of the letter dated the 4th October, 1945, received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health."
4. To consider the County Manager's proposal relative to Fever Hospital at Wicklow, and to make such financial provision as may appear necessary in connection therewith.
5. To authorise expenditure of £2,750 in excess of the Estimate for the year 1945/46 to provide for the purchase of an additional quantity of tar.
6. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor W. J. Clarke:—
"That the Council adopt the Town and Regional Planning Act of 1934-39."
7. To consider communication received from the County Councils' General Council relative to "Standing Orders."
8. 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.
9. To authorise by Resolution the affixing of the Seal of the Council to certain documents.
10. To consider reply received from C.I.E. in connection with the Co. Council's Resolution on Item No. 14 on the Agenda for the Meeting of the County Council held on the 8th ultimo, relative to train and bus services on the Naas-Tullow Branch Line.
11. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Sean Dunne:—
"I hereby give notice that I, or some member for me, shall move at the next Meeting of the Council that we take such steps as may be necessary, including the employment of extra clerical staff, to ensure that Road Workers and Carters are paid wages each week instead of fortnightly as at present."

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12. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Sean Dunne:—
 "I hereby give notice that I, or some member for me, shall move at the next Meeting of the Council that the Council take steps to see that the Private Road which runs through Old Court Park, Bray, is repaired by the Soldiers' and Sailors' Land Trust or, in the event of the Council being legally responsible for the care of this road, that we declare it a County Road and discharge our responsibilities to these Ratepayers."
13. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor W. J. Clarke:—
 "That this Council take over and maintain the Road between Glendalough R.C. Church and Glenmacanass Valley."
14. To consider communication and attached reports received from the County Councils' General Council in connection with the redemption of Loans.
15. To pass formal Resolution required by the Department of Local Government and Public Health in connection with the superannuation allowance to Mr. P. T. Healy, former County Manager.

The Chairman read the following letter received the morning of the Meeting:—
 Department of Local Government and Public Health,
 Custom House, Dublin,
 10th November, 1945.

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I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that the Local Appointments Commissioners have recommended Mr. Michael Flannery, Secretary, Cork County Council, for appointment as Wicklow County Manager. The date on and from which his appointment as County Manager will take place will be notified to you in due course.

Mise le meas,

J. COLLINS, Th. c. an Runai.

The Chairman,

Wicklow County Council.

The Members of the Council joined in expressing their appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Garvin during his period of office. Mr. Garvin expressed his thanks.

RESERVED FUNCTIONS.

Item No. 1.—Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond:

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:

Resolved—That the Minutes of previous Meetings of 10th Sept. and 8th October, 1945, as printed and circulated to each Member of Wicklow County Council, be hereby approved, adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Passed.

The Secretary asked the Council to consider a letter dated 3rd November, 1945, from the Department of Education approving of the Council's Secondary and Vocational Schools Scholarship Scheme for 1946, subject to certain amendments, which letter had been received too late to be included in the Agenda.

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

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond:

Resolved—In accordance with the powers vested in us by Section 2 (4) of the Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) Act, 1944, we the County Council of the County of Wicklow do hereby resolve to carry into execution the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools for 1946, as duly approved by the Minister for Education.

Passed.

The Scheme as adopted reads as follows:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, 1946.

Wicklow County offers the following Scholarships for competition:—

1. (a) Six (6) Scholarships of the annual value of Fifty Pounds (£50) in the first year and of the annual value of Forty-five (£45) in the second and each subsequent year to be competed for only by students attending schools in a Rural Area.
- (b) Six (6) Scholarships of the annual value of Twenty-five Pounds (£25) in each year, to be competed for only by students attending schools in an Urban Area.

Of the six Scholarships to be awarded in each class, three will be reserved for boys and three for girls provided that in the event of an insufficient number of boys or girls qualifying at the examination the unawarded Scholarships may be allocated to the next highest qualifying candidates irrespective of sex.

If less than six candidates in either category (a) or category (b) pass the examination, the unawarded Scholarship, or Scholarships, allocated to that category shall be awarded to the next highest candidate, or candidates, in the other category, irrespective of sex, who have not already received a Scholarship.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS.

2. The County Council shall pay, in two instalments annually, the amount of Tuition Fees, Maintenance Charges, Cost of Books, etc., of each holder of a Scholarship, on receipt of a detailed account from the Head of the School or College, provided that this amount does not exceed the value of the Scholarship. The unexpended balance, if any, of each Scholarship shall be paid annually to the parent or guardian of the Scholarship holder to meet the cost of railway travelling, etc.

RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATION.

2. The parents or guardians of intending candidates must have been bona fide resident in County Wicklow on the first day of October preceding the Examination.

MEANS OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS.

4. 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.

(III) £115 in the case of families of 5 children.

(IV) £120 in the case of families of 6 children or more.

- (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.

(III) £340 in the case of families of 5 children.

(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 Council may award in special circumstances, subject to the approval of the Minister for Education, the whole or part of a Scholarship to a candidate whose parents or guardians do not comply with the foregoing means conditions.

TENURE OF SCHOLARSHIPS.

5. The Scholarships shall be tenable only at schools approved by the County Council and the Minister for Education for the purpose, and may be renewed for a period not exceeding five years.

The County Council desires that, in the selection of schools parents will give preference to schools in which Irish games and pastimes are adopted.

RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS.

6. The annual renewal of Scholarships for such period as the Council may deem fit, not exceeding five years, shall be subject to the receipt of reports as to the conduct and progress of the holder, which are accepted as satisfactory by the Wicklow County Council and the Minister for Education. A scholar who does not pass with Honours the Department's Intermediate Certificate Examination at or before the end of the third year shall not, as a rule, be eligible for a further renewal of the Scholarship.

All renewals of Scholarships shall be subject to the approval of the Minister for Education.

EXAMINATION CENTRE.

7. Subject to the approval of the County Council and the Minister for Education, Wicklow town has been selected as a centre for the 1946 Examination, which shall be partly oral and partly in writing, and will be conducted by Inspectors and Examiners appointed by the Minister. The Examination shall be held during the week immediately following Easter Sunday.

REFERENCES.

8. Every Candidate for a Scholarship shall, before being admitted for examination furnish a completed Application Form together with a Registrar's Birth Certificate, a satisfactory reference from the Teacher or School Manager or his or her School and a Medical Certificate as to fitness.

AGE LIMIT.

9. Candidates must not be more than 14 years of age on the 1st August, 1946.

MANNER OF MAKING APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION.

10. Applications from intending candidates, accompanied by Birth Certificates, will be received by the Secretary of the County Council at his Office, Courthouse, Wicklow, up to 10th January, 1946, from whom a Form of Declaration can be obtained, which is to be verified by a parent or guardian of the applicant, and a Form of Certificate to be filled up by a Clergyman or Peace Commissioner. These documents, when properly completed, will be submitted to the Wicklow County Council and if the application is approved by them the Secretary will make the necessary arrangements for each approved candidate to sit for the Examination. Application Forms received after the 10th January, 1946, cannot be considered.

Each candidate must indicate on the application form his selection of optional subjects. Any alteration he desires to make in his selection, subsequent to forwarding the application form must be notified to the Secretary of the County Council on or before the 1st March, 1946. On the day of examination no candidate will be allowed to take a paper in an optional subject unless he has given notice not later than the 1st March, 1946, of his intention to take such paper.

METHOD OF AWARD.

11. Subject to these Rules and Regulations, scholarships shall be awarded in order of merit as determined by the Examination. All awards are subject to the approval of the Minister for Education.

SYLLABUS OF EXAMINATION.

12. The Syllabus of Examination will be the Syllabus of the Sixth Standard Primary School Programme.

13. The following shall be the subjects of examination: (a) Irish; (b) English; (c) Arithmetic; (d) History and Geography; (e) Algebra; (f) Geometry; (g) Drawing; (h) Rural Science or Nature Study; (i) Needlework.

All candidates must present themselves in (a), (b), (c) and (d) above. In addition, candidates may present themselves in one or two, but not more than two, of the subjects (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i).

Irish and English versions of the question papers will be set in each of the following subjects: Arithmetic, History, Geography, Needlework, Algebra, Geometry, Drawing, Rural Science or Nature Study, but only one version, either Irish or English, will be supplied to candidates.

Candidates who answer the questions in any subject wholly in Irish from the Irish version of the question paper, will get a bonus of not more than 10 per cent. of the marks awarded, except in Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Needlework and Drawing, in which the bonus will be not more than 5 per cent. of the marks awarded. No bonus will be awarded to a candidate who answers in Irish from the English version of the paper.

Copies of the question papers set in 1945 for this examination may be obtained from Government Publications Sale Office, 3 and 4, College Street, Dublin, price one shilling and three-pence per copy.

CONDITIONS FOR PASSING THE EXAMINATION.

14. To be eligible for the award of a Scholarship a candidate must pass the examination.

In order to be regarded as having passed the examination, a candidate must secure not less than 30 per cent. in each of the obligatory subjects, viz.: (a) Irish, (b) English, (c) Arith-

metic, (d) History and Geography, and not less than 50 per cent. of the aggregate marks assigned to those subjects. For the purpose of placing in order of merit those candidates who pass the examination, the total marks obtained by each candidate in the four obligatory subjects will be reckoned, and, in addition, the total marks obtained by him (or her) in any optional subject (not exceeding two in number) in which he (or she) obtained at least 20 per cent. of the maximum marks assigned to that subject.

15. Every question or dispute which shall arise in relation to the interpretation or construction of this Scheme shall be determined by the Minister for Education, whose decision thereon shall be final and conclusive.

NOTE.—It is the intention of the County Council when operating a University Scholarship Scheme to give preference 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.

SYLLABUS OF EXAMINATION.

In all subjects the programme of the Examination for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools is the programme prescribed for Standard VI pupils in the official programme for National Schools, subject to such alterations therein as are set out in the "Revised Programme of Primary Instruction" (issued in September, 1934), and to such further modifications as are mentioned below:—

SUBJECTS OF EXAMINATION.

I. OBLIGATORY SUBJECTS.

- (a) Irish (300 marks)
 - Oral (150 marks)
 - (1) General conversation.
 - (2) Reading with explanation
 - (3) Recitation with explanation of 100 lines of Poetry.
 - Written (150 marks)
 - (1) Composition and letter-writing
 - (2) Suitable exercises in grammar.
- (b) English (200 marks)
 - Written (200 marks)
 - (1) Composition and letter-writing.
 - (2) Suitable exercises in grammar.
- (c) Arithmetic (200 marks).

The question papers in Arithmetic will consist of two sections: Section (a) straightforward arithmetical calculations, six questions, all of which are to be worked (100 marks); Section (b), questions of the usual problem type, five questions, three of which are to be worked (100 marks).

- (d) History and Geography (200 marks)
 - (History, 100 marks; Geography, 100 marks).

II. OPTIONAL SUBJECTS (any two, but not more than two, may be taken by candidates).

- (e) Algebra (100 marks)
- (f) Geometry (100 marks)
- (g) Drawing (100 marks)
- (h) Rural Science or Nature Study (100 marks).
 - Primary Schools Programme. Syllabuses A and B
 - Rural Science; or Syllabuses A and B Nature Study; or Syllabuses C and D, Nature Study—according to type of school.
- (i) Needlework (100 marks).

The programme for the examination is the revised programme in Needlework issued to National Schools in October, 1937.

All candidates must present themselves for examination in (a), (b), (c) and (d) above. In addition, candidates may present themselves in one or two, but not more than two, of the subjects (e) to (i) inclusive.

K. J. BRANGAN,

Wicklow County Secretary.

County Council Offices,
Court House, Wicklow.

Dated this 12th November, 1945.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Clarke;
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

Resolved—That we recommend to the County Manager to include provision for a University Scholarship Scheme in the Estimates for the year 1946/47.

Passed.
Item No. 2—Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle:

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 December, 1945, shall not exceed £22,000.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle:

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 December, 1945, shall not exceed £20,000.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle:

Resolved—That the Trade Union Act be amended to allow Irish Trade Unions to advance money to local authorities for Housing purposes.

Passed.

Item No. 3—Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:

Resolved—That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of considering again the extension of the Newtownmountkennedy Sewerage System to Killadreenan, having regard to the terms of the letter dated the 4th October, 1945, received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

Passed.

A discussion on the subject followed at the close of which it was Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
Seconded by Councillor W. Clarke:
Resolved—That the Council proceed with the work of extending the Newtownmountkennedy Sewerage System to Killadreenan.
Passed.

The Council directed the Secretary to urge on the Board of the Royal National Hospital for Consumption for Ireland, the necessity of reserving a greater number of beds in the Newcastle Sanatorium for patients from the County of Wicklow.

Item No. 4.—The following report, relative to the County Fever Hospital, submitted by the County Manager, and a copy of which had been forwarded to each Member of the Council was considered.

COUNTY FEVER HOSPITAL AT WICKLOW.

"The continued difficulties experienced by the Medical Officer of the County Fever Hospital in the treatment of Fever Patients as a result of inadequate accommodation therein, having been brought to his notice, the County Manager inspected the Institution on Wednesday, the 10th October, 1945, when the position was found to be as follows:—

"The Hospital, which was opened by the late Board of Health and Public Assistance in 1929, when the Shillelagh Fever Hospital was closed, consists of 3 wards, capable of accommodating 15 patients, 2 nurses' bedrooms (a large room divided), 1 bedroom for Matron, 1 small room which serves as a sittingroom, dining room, and Matron's Office, 1 kitchen with pantry or store, 4 lavatories. Very inadequate provision exists for the carrying out of laundry work. Since 1st Oct., 1943, an epidemic of diphtheria has existed in the County, particularly in the Wicklow/Rathnew area. A table showing the number and classification of cases of infectious disease treated in the Hospital during each of the 9½ years to 30th September, 1945, is attached.

"It has been found difficult and indeed, sometimes impossible, to find accommodation for patients either in St. Columcille's, Cork Street, or Naas Fever Hospitals, during this period. As a temporary expedient a wooden annexe to the Hospital was erected in February, 1944, providing accommodation for an additional 15 patients. In January last, however, this further accommodation also proved inadequate, necessitating the renting of rooms in a nearby house to accommodate the Nursing Staff, thereby making available their rooms in the Hospital for use of patients. The total beds now available in the Institution is 36.

"No patients other than Diphtheria cases have been treated in the Hospital, since December, 1943. Infectious cases other than Diphtheria are sent to Loughlinstown or Naas Hospitals.

"The number of patients in the Hospital on the day of the County Manager's inspection was 37. The housing of patients in the Annexe and also the provision for laundry work is unsatisfactory from every point of view. If the epidemic continues over a further prolonged period, the question of alternative accommodation must become an absolute necessity. However, the difficulty of finding such alternative accommodation is very great. It is unlikely that a new Fever Hospital could be provided and ready for use, for at least five years.

"In an effort to solve this acute problem, the County Manager, accompanied by the Medical Officer of the Institution, Mr. Dillon, B.E., Assistant Engineer, the County Secretary, and members of his staff, inspected the Marine Hotel, The Murrough, Wicklow, on Friday, 12th inst., with a view to exploring the possibility of utilising this building as an alternative to the present Hospital. The building, which seems to be in comparatively good order, and is not at present in use, would be capable of accommodating over 50 patients, in addition to the Fever Hospital Staff, leaving ample provision for other services. The Hotel is leased by the Wicklow Urban Council to the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, at £15 per annum, the Lessee paying rates, taxes, etc. The unexpired period of the Lease is 57 years.

"The Medical Officer, Dr. Conway, agreed that the accommodation offered by the proposed acquisition of the Marine Hotel, would, on the whole, be satisfactory, and certainly would be a vast improvement on existing conditions.

"Pending receipt of a report from the Assistant Engineer, Mr. Dillon, setting out the extent and cost of repairs and improvements necessary to fit up the building as a temporary hospital, the County Manager deferred further consideration of the proposal to his sitting on Wednesday, 17th October."

"A further inspection of the Marine Hotel was carried out by the County Engineer and Medical Officer of the Fever Hospital on 29th October, with a view to the allocation of rooms in the building for use of patients and the accommodation of the Staff in the event of the premises being acquired for use as a Hospital. The accommodation which can be provided, is as follows:—

Ground Floor.—1 ten-bed ward, 1 four-bed ward, Doctor's room, room for medicines and medical stores, nurses' sitting room, nurses' dining room, children's playroom, maids room, bathroom, kitchen, and spacious hall and waiting room.

First Floor.—1 eight-bed ward, 1 three-bed ward, 4 two-bed wards, Matron's bed-sittingroom, 3 nurses' bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 toilets, washbasins, etc., and linen press. The rooms can be rearranged to give greater bed accommodation for patients should the necessity for doing so arise.

"Internal and external improvements to the building are estimated by the County Engineer to cost £12,266, arrived at as follows:—

1. Fireplaces in rooms upstairs	£20 0 0
2. Improvements and repairs Bathroom and Washroom	35 0 0
3. Bathroom on ground floor	48 0 0
4. Repairs to fireplaces (10-bed ward)	5 0 0
5. Repairs to fireplaces Nurses' Diningroom	8 0 0
6. Fitting up of range and cooking arrangements	30 0 0
7. Enlarging of linen press, etc.	45 0 0
8. Partition, presses and shelving medical room	68 0 0
9. Repairs and renovation of maids' room	25 0 0
10. Partition, door, etc., in 4-bed ward	42 0 0
11. Overhaul of electric lighting system	100 0 0
12. Painting and decorating	200 0 0
13. Fitting up of laundry	85 0 0
14. Lavatory accommodation in yard	25 0 0
15. Drainage improvements	20 0 0
16. Repairs to valleys of roof, chimney, etc.	400 0 0
17. External painting, windows, doors, etc.	100 0 0

Total repairs and alterations, etc.	£1,266 0 0
Additional furniture, beds, bedding, etc.	£350 0 0

Gross Total	£1,616 0 0
Purchase of Hotel	£2,000
Costs	£50
Total initial outlay	£3,666 0 0

"Loan £3,666 from Treasurer for 10 years at 4 per cent.—1st year's repayment £513, or less than 1d. in £. This annual repayment will show a reduction of approximately £15 each year during the period of repayment."

WICKLOW FEVER HOSPITAL.

Number of cases treated in each financial year, commencing 1st April, 1936.

Year ended	Enteric Fever.	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Puerperal Fever.	Contacts and Others.
31/3/37	—	39	32	—	12
31/3/38	3	78	23	—	5
31/3/39	—	33	29	—	9
31/3/40	1	33	4	1	13
31/3/41	—	27	33	—	6
31/3/42	4	11	6	2	24
31/3/43	5	34	14	—	14
31/3/44	—	6	96	—	30
31/3/45	1	4	186	—	40
Half-year to 30/9/45	—	1	62	—	46

In the circumstances reviewed above the County Manager has obtained expert advice on the value of the interest of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union in the building, and following consultation with the Chairman of the Co. Council on the 17th ultimo, he offered the sum of £2,000 to the Union therefor, subject to the consent of the Co. Council, and the sanction of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

An intimation has since been received from the representatives of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union that the County Manager's offer is acceptable. The County Manager recommends the County Council, in all the circumstances, to approve of the proposed transaction to enable a transfer of the Fever Hospital patients from the present premises to be effected as soon as possible.

The County Manager stated that in addition to items of improvements set out in the Report a sum of approximately £34 would be required for fencing and other items, making the total requirement £3,750.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Clarke;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. Hickey;

Resolved—That we adopt the Report regarding the County Fever Hospital as submitted by the County Manager at this Meeting, and approve of the raising of a loan of £3,750 for the purpose set out in the Report.

Passed, Councillor Hudson dissenting.

Item No. 5—The following Report was submitted by the County Surveyor:—

Re: Allocation of Tar.

With reference to previous correspondence regarding the allocation of tar to this County, I wish to inform you that I have been in touch with the Department of Local Government and I find that the following allocations will be made:—

250 tons for special repairs to roads damaged by turf or timber haulage;

450 tons, approximately, for maintenance work during 1946/47. Delivery of this tar will have to be taken as soon as it arrives in Dublin Port. Therefore, it will be necessary that the Co. Council authorise an expenditure of £7,750 to cover the purchase and cartage of the material.

(Signed)—J. T. O'Byrne, County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle;

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940, we hereby consent to, and approve and confirm of, the expenditure of £7,750 for the purchase of tar for road maintenance and improvement, the incurring of which expenditure exceeds the expenditure for that particular purpose specified in the Estimates approved and adopted for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1946.

Passed, Councillor C. W. Hudson dissenting.

Item No. 6—Proposed by Councillor William Clarke;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Resolved—That this Council adopt the Town and Regional Planning Act of 1934-39.

At the request of the Council the County Manager explained in brief the advantages to be obtained by the adoption of the Town and Regional Planning Acts, but pointed out that the provisions of the Act required the giving of one month's public notice of the intention to propose a Planning Resolution. The Council decided to proceed with the adoption of the Act and Councillor Clarke then handed in the following Notice of motion:—

NOTICE OF MOTION.

"I hereby give notice that at the Meeting of Wicklow County Council to be held on the 14th January, 1946, I intend to propose the following Resolution:—

Resolved—That the Wicklow County Council, being the District Planning Authority for the following Planning District, that is to say, the County Health District of Wicklow, hereby decides to make a District Planning Scheme for the following area being the whole of such Planning District, that is to say, the area consisting of the County Health District of Wicklow."

The County Manager stated that a circular would be issued to each member of the Council explaining in greater detail the powers which the Council would acquire by the adoption of the Acts.

Item No. 7—The County Secretary read the following letter received from the County Council's General Council:

National Bank Chambers,
1/2 Cavendish Row, Dublin.
18th October, 1945.

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that the question of having "Standing Orders" brought up to date in a form to meet with the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health came before the Meeting of the County Council's General Council and it was decided "that this was not a matter the General Council should deal with."

Mise, le meas.
A. A. MYLES KEOGH-NOLAN,
Runaidhe.

ASSISTANCE, HEALTH AND HOUSING.

Item No. 8—Several matters in connection with Assistance, Health and Housing services, of which notice had been received at the Rathdrum Office, were replied to by the County Manager. The County Manager noted various other matters raised by the Councillors and undertook to have them investigated and dealt with.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Resolved—That we represent to the Electricity Supply Board that they expedite to the greatest of their ability and public lighting of Tinahely, Shillelagh, Enniskerry and Dunlavin, as owing to their lighting of these villages under their scheme the local lighting has been scrapped and the towns are in absolute darkness at present.

Passed.

Councillor Hickey referred to a report which had appeared in the "Irishman's Diary" in the edition of the "Irish Times" of the 10th instant, concerning the conveyance of a patient suffering from appendicitis from Deleany to Wicklow Hospital and from thence to Dublin. The County Manager stated that he had noted the Report referred to, and would have the facts fully investigated and published. The Council approved.

GENERAL.

Item No. 9—Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle;

Resolved—That we the Council of the County of Wicklow hereby affix the Seal of the Council to the appointment of Mr. R. L. Farrell, B.E., Assistant-Engineer/Surveyor, as an "Authorised Officer" in pursuance of Section 8 of the Fire Brigades Act, 1940.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle;

Resolved—That Agreement between the Wicklow County Council and Mrs. E. Neill, Tigroney, Avoca, in connection with the boarding out with the latter of the child, Nellie Murray, be sealed."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle;

Resolved—That Vesting Orders made in pursuance of the County Wicklow Labourers Cottage Purchase Scheme, 1936, in respect of the undermentioned tenants be signed and sealed, viz:—

David Lee, Ballinacarrig Upper, Rathdrum.

Kate Wolohan, Cornagower, Wicklow.

Passed.

Item No. 10—The Secretary read the following letters received from Coras Iompair Eireann, in reply to resolutions passed by the Council at the last Meeting:—

Coras Iompair Eireann.

Office of the Traffic Manager,

Kingsbridge Station, Dublin.

20th October, 1945.

Y.29548/P.

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,

Secretary to the Council,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

A Chara,

With further reference to your letter of the 12th instant, I regret that it has not been possible, especially during the Summer months, to cater more adequately for passengers in the Woodenbridge-Shillelagh area. One of the Company's difficulties is, however, that passengers for points south of Enniscorthy are joining the bus at Rathdrum, instead of travelling by rail to Enniscorthy, and there making the bus connection, and this reacts on the available accommodation for people who are depending on the bus in the Shillelagh area; in other words passengers are making use of the service Rathdrum to Waterford, which was intended to cater especially for the residents in the South Wicklow area; in addition there are more people using bus services to-day than even used Rail services in normal times. If additional buses were available, and the position regarding petrol and tyres was eased, additional services would be provided.

The position is being kept under special observation with a view to improvement at the earliest opportunity.

Mise, le meas.

D. STEWART, Traffic Manager.

Coras Iompair Eireann.

Office of the Traffic Manager,

Kingsbridge Station, Dublin.

20th October, 1945.

Y.29548/P.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 15th inst. to the Secretary: when the withdrawal of Passenger train services on the Naas/Wicklow Branch line was under consideration due to insufficiency of fuel to maintain Rail services generally, a survey of the area was carried out for the purpose of ascertaining how the substitute road service could be best operated, and it was found that owing to the unsuitability of the road between Dunlavin and Grange Con, this latter village could not be served by bus, and consequently the service to Tullow had to be operated to Carriggower Cross, and then via the main road to Balinglass.

The Company has always been prepared to operate a service via Grange Con provided the road is suitable, and is approved by the Minister for Local Government, but the Company could not undertake to contribute to the cost of improving the public road. The area is at present served by the Dublin/New Ross and Dublin/Tullow services.

Mise, le meas.

D. STEWART, Traffic Manager.

The Council decided to mark the letters "read."

Item No. 11—Proposed by Councillor S. Dunne;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

That we take such steps as may be necessary, including the employment of extra clerical staff, to ensure that Road Workers and Carters are paid wages each week instead of fortnightly as at present.

The County Secretary read report received from the County Surveyor in which he stated that the introduction of the weekly payment system "would be most undesirable not alone because of the inadequacy of the staff dealing with the preparation of the various documents and details, but also in regard to proper supervision of Road Maintenance and reconstruction."

The County Surveyor pointed out that weekly payments had been initiated in August, 1940, but due to the difficulties experienced fortnightly payments were reverted to in May, 1942. The Surveyor estimated the increased cost of the system as being approximately £1,400 per annum, to which would be added a further £200 per annum for additional staff required in the Accountant's Office, and pointed out that an increase in overhead charges would result in a reduction of the money available for employment of workers.

Following a prolonged discussion, in which all the members joined, it was decided to adjourn consideration of this proposal pending the obtaining of the views of the Road Workers on the matter. The County Secretary was directed to obtain this information.

Item No. 12—Proposed by Councillor S. Dunne;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

That the Council take steps to see that the Private Road which run through Old Court Park, Bray, is repaired by the Soldiers' and Sailors' Land Trust, or, in the event of the Council being legally responsible for the care of this road that we declare it a County Road and discharge our responsibilities to these Ratepayers.

The County Manager stated that he had been interviewed by representatives of the Irish Soldiers' and Sailors' Land Trust, as a result of which the Trust had submitted the following letter:—

The Irish Soldiers' and Sailors' Land Trust,
51, Upper Mount St., Dublin.
7th November, 1945.

Dear Sir, Re: Roadway at Outcourt Park, Bray.

I am to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant. As you are perhaps aware, the Trust, by a judgement of the Supreme Court, were deprived of their entire rental income, and are therefore unable to effect many desirable improvements.

The Trustees are aware that the road at Outcourt referred to is in very bad repair, and, while they reserve their comments as to the implied suggestion that its condition is a menace to public health, regret that they are unable to carry out the work involved.

At the same time, the Trustees would be glad if your Council would be so good as to consider the question of taking the road over as a public road. It is a thoroughfare freely and regularly used by the general public; it serves not only the 36 ratepayers who occupy the Trust Cottages, but also many Council tenants and others living on the Boghall Road.

The Trustees will be prepared to convey to your Council

The Council decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor, for further examination and report.

The proposals of Councillor W. J. Clarke,

"That the Council take over and maintain the Road between Glendalough R.C. Church and Glenmacanass Valley," was also referred to the County Surveyor for report.

The Council adjourned to the next Meeting consideration of the communication and reports received from the General Council of County Councils in connection with the redemption of Loans.

The County Secretary referred to the Resolution passed at the last Meeting of the Council granting the maximum superannuation allowance to Mr. P. T. Healy, former County Manager, and stated that the Department of Local Government and Public Health required that the amount of the allowance should be fixed specifically in the Council's resolution, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Clarke;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. Hickey;

Resolved—That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, we hereby grant a superannuation allowance of £833 6s. 8d. per annum to Mr. P. T. Healy, former County manager.

Passed.

The following Notices of Motion were handed in, and accepted by the Chairman:—

By Councillor Sean Dunne:

NOTICE OF MOTION.

I hereby give notice that at the next meeting of the Council I or some member for me, shall move that the County Engineer be instructed to ascertain what steps can be taken to obviate the frequent flooding of Council cottages situate at North end of Boghall Road, outside Bray.

By Council or J. Everett, T.D.:

NOTICE OF MOTION.

That I, or some other Councillor for me, shall move that this Council adopt the provisions of the Small Dwellings Act to enable persons residing in the Rural Area to secure Loans for the erection of new Houses.

By Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

NOTICE OF MOTION.

I hereby give notice that I, or some other Councillor for me, shall move at the next Meeting of the Council that we raise the sum of Two Thousand Pounds for the purpose of reconstructing part of the Dunlavin-Grangecon Road, for a distance of two miles, to include the village of Grange Con.

The Monthly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 10th December, 1945, at 11.30 a.m.

The following were in attendance:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

Councillors P. P. O'Reilly, Joseph Jacob, J. Everett, T.D.; B. Farrell, P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D.; John O'Reilly, Liam O Laoighleis, Sean Dunne, Peter Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, H. J. Byrne, W. Hammond, C. W. Hudson and J. J. Metcalfe.

Mr. M. Flannery, who had been appointed County Manager as from the 27th November, 1945, was present at the Meeting.

The Chairman and Members extended a welcome to Mr. Flannery, the new County Manager, who thanked the Council in reply.

The Chairman informed the Council that he regretted Councillor P. Doyle was unable to attend due to a serious illness.

The County Secretary stated Councillor C. M. Byrne had asked him to express his apologies to the Council for his inability to attend.

BUSINESS:

RESERVED FUNCTIONS.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of previous Meeting.
2. To pass the usual Resolution 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 consider a communication dated 16th November, 1945, received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health concerning the procedure to be followed in connection with appointment of Visiting Committees for institutions under local authorities.
4. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James Everett, T.D.:
"I hereby give notice that I, or some other Councillor for me, shall move that this Council adopt the provisions of the Small Dwellings Act, to enable persons residing in the Rural Area to secure loans for erection of new houses."

ASSISTANCE, HEALTH AND HOUSING.

5. 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.

GENERAL.

6. To authorise by Resolution the affixing of the Seal of the Council to certain documents.
7. To give further consideration to the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Sean Dunne, which Motion had been adjourned from previous Meeting:
"I hereby give notice that I, or some member for me, shall move at the next Meeting of the Council that we take such steps as may be necessary, including the employment of extra clerical staff, to ensure that Road Workers and Carters are paid wages each week instead of fortnightly, as at present."
8. To consider communication and attached reports received from the County Councils' General Council in connection with the redemption of Loans.
9. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Sean Dunne:
"I hereby give notice that at the next Meeting of the Council, I, or some member for me, shall move that the County Engineer be instructed to ascertain what steps can be taken to obviate the frequent flooding of Council cottages situated at the North end of Boghall Road outside Bray."
10. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:
"I hereby give notice that I, or some other Councillor for me, shall move at the next Meeting to raise the sum of £2,00

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to the County'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 January, 1946, shall not exceed £20,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3. The Secretary read the following communication received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:—
C.L. No. 122/45. 16th November, 1945.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

A Chare.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that in connection with the appointment of visiting committees for institutions, it is considered desirable to draw attention to the procedure to be followed and to the functions which could be assigned to such committees.

Visiting Committees of mental hospitals are appointed under Section 34 of the County Management Act, 1940, and the duties of these bodies are laid down in that section.

The Public Assistance Act, 1939, Section 11, regulates the procedure for the appointment of committees under that Act. It is open to a county council to appoint a visiting committee for each of the institutions established under the Act or one committee for all such institutions. It is not necessary that all the members of a visiting committee should be county councillors, but the county council will no doubt consider it desirable that the members of the council should be in the majority on the committee. The function of such a visiting committee might be as follows:—

1. To inspect the institution and examine the state of the fabric of the building.
2. To visit the patients or inmates and give them full opportunity for complaint.
3. To hear (in private if so requested) any complaint made by a patient or inmate.
4. To inquire into the condition of patients or inmates as the case may be.
5. To report to the county council on any matters, other than matters relating to the remuneration, privileges or superannuation of officers, which they consider should be brought before the council.
6. To enter in a special book (to be provided for the purpose) any remarks the visiting committee think proper in regard to the institution, or the state of the patients or inmates therein. Such statements should be signed by the members making the entry.

It would be open to a county council to authorise a visiting committee to act collectively or by any two or more members nominated by them. A committee should be entitled to visit district institutions at all reasonable times, whether or not accompanied by the county manager and should have free access to every part of the institution and to require during the time of their visit the attendance of the principal officer of the institution.

Mise, le mess.

J. HURSON,
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To the Secretary of each
County Council.

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

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That the Councillors for the Baltinglass Electoral Area, together with Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, and Mr. Matthew Byrne, Baltinglass, be constituted the Visiting Committee for Baltinglass District Hospital.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor Seán Dunne;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That the following members be constituted the Visiting Committee for the County Home, and T.B. Institution at Rathdrum, and the County and Fever Hospitals, Wicklow.

From Arklow Electoral Area:—Councillors P. McCarthy; T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Hammond; and J. J. McCrea.

From Bray Electoral Area:—Councillors P. Ledwidge; H. Byrne; Dr. J. J. Hickey.

From Wicklow Electoral Area: Councillor C. W. Hudson; C. M. Byrne; J. Everett, T.D.

Passed unanimously.

The Council decided that any two members of a Visiting Committee would form a quorum.

The Council directed that application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order under Section 80 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1941, to enable members of these Committees to be paid travelling expenses.

Councillor Hammond, supported by several other Councillors, asked that application be made to the Department of Industry and Commerce for a supplementary allowance of petrol to members of local authorities to assist them in discharging their duties.

Item No. 4. Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Resolved—That this Council adopt the provisions of the Small Dwellings Act to enable persons residing in the Rural Area to secure Loans for erection of new houses.

The County Manager submitted the following Statement relative to the Small Dwellings Acts:—

SMALL DWELLINGS ACTS.

Arrangements can be made at any time to formulate a Scheme making arrangements for Loans under these Small Dwellings Acts. In fact, such a Scheme, prescribing the conditions under which the Council would be prepared to make advances was prepared some years ago. Applications for Loans were then received from a number of persons, but advances were not made owing to certain difficulties which the Council's legal adviser drew attention to in connection with the operation of the Acts. The Scheme consequently was not put into operation, and the Council did not borrow any money for the purpose.

The legal advice tendered to the Council at that time indicated that difficulty might arise in connection with advances to persons whose holdings were subject to the payment of Land Annuities. The existence of such Annuities gave the Land Commission a prior charge on the holding. Under the provisions of the Land Act, 1927, if Land Annuities were considerably in arrear, the Land Commission might arrange for the sale of the holding without regard to any other charges on the property. The Opinion of Senior Counsel was to the effect that the County Council, in consequence, would not be well advised in accepting a charge to secure a Loan under the Small Dwellings Acts on a holding which, although held in fee simple, was subject to a Land Annuity.

Until such time as there is some indication from the State as to national policy in relation to housing, it does not seem advisable to put into operation the provision of the Small Dwellings Acts. At present building can only be carried on under Licence. There is a shortage of building materials and such materials as are available are in short supply, and can only be secured at prohibitive cost. Furthermore, there is the important question of obtaining the necessary money for the purpose of making advances. When there is an indication as to the conditions on which money can be borrowed, and the rate of interest at which it can be obtained, then the Council can again consider this question. The rate of interest, and the level of building costs are, of course, important matters for borrowers, as on them will depend the charges for which they will be liable in respect of advances. It would not, for instance, be in the interest of borrowers that they should incur very heavy annual charges consequent on high building costs and high interest rates. Moreover, the primary obligation of the Council must be to endeavour to secure that persons, at present living in unhealthy dwellings, are properly rehoused. The Council's credit, accordingly, must be used towards the latter end. As already mentioned, however, the whole question can be again investigated on the resumption of normal building operations. At present there is no evidence that even if the Council were to borrow money for the purpose of the Small Dwellings Acts, there would be a demand for such Loans.

10th December, 1945.

The Council having passed the Resolution on a show of hands, the County Manager, stated he would make inquiries from the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to the prospects of money being available for the purpose of the Acts at a low rate of interest.

ASSISTANCE, HEALTH AND HOUSING.

Item No. 5. Councillor Dunne handed to the County Secretary a letter which he had received from a resident of Wolfe Tone Square, Bray, complaining of the manner in which the Medical Officer in Bray had discharged his duties. The County Manager undertook to have the matter fully investigated.

Councillor Hudson inquired the position regarding the selection of a site for the new Hospital in Wicklow, in reply to which the County Secretary stated that plans were being prepared by the Council's Architect, who had examined a number of sites in and adjacent to the Town. The Council urged that the matter be expedited.

Several inquiries were made by Councillors regarding the repair of cottages in the West of the County, and it was suggested that the Assistant Engineers should attend at Council Meetings in order to answer queries in connection with such matters. The County Manager stated he would investigate the system with a view to having the Councillors' complaints remedied.

In reply to inquiry by Councillor P. McCarthy, the County Secretary read the following report received from the County Surveyor regarding Arklow Rock Water Supply:—

Courthouse,
Wicklow.

1st December, 1945.

ARKLOW ROCK WATER SUPPLY.

Dear Sir,

I have submitted plans to the Department of Local Government for the supply of water to the Arklow Rock District. Estimated population—50. Although the scheme is a small one, a considerable time has been spent in investigating the possibility of a gravity supply, and the quantity of water available from a convenient source.

The only available water convenient to the district in any quantity is a small well giving a minimum supply of 1,000 g.p.d. This water would be collected through slow sand filtration and stored in a tank of 7,000-gallon capacity (one week's supply), pumped once a week to a high level reservoir tank of equal capacity.

The estimated cost of the work would be £1,385.

If the Department would give a grant of 30 per cent., the cost to the rates would be £970.

I am not altogether satisfied with the proposal as it stands, on account of the cost and having regard to the small number of people to be served, but after long consideration, I feel that it is the best which can be done under the circumstances.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

County Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

Several other matters in connection with assistance, health and housing services of which notice had been received at the Rathdrum Office, were replied to by the County Manager. The County Manager noted various other matters raised by the Councillors and undertook to have them investigated and dealt with.

The following Resolution was

the weekly payment system was in operation, it was leading to grave difficulties in regard to the keeping of accounts, and supervision.

It seems altogether undesirable that there would be any further encroachment on the time available to the Co. Engineer and the Assist. Engineers for the supervision of the work. It must be borne in mind that, quite apart from the clerical work involved in connection with the keeping of the records required for vouching of wages payments, there has been a continuous expansion in recent years, in other duties of a clerical nature devolving on the Council's Engineers:—the preparation of plans, estimates, and specifications for works; reports on works in progress; carrying out of special inspections; repairs to Council's houses and other Council property; repairs and improvements to water supplies, pumps, and sewerage services; turf production records; A.R.P. Scheme arrangements and records—all these have resulted in additional administrative and clerical work requiring to be discharged by the Engineers. If there were any further encroachment on the time of the Engineers and Overseers, it is evident that insufficient time would be available to them for the purpose of supervision of works and ensuring that such works are being administered with due regard to economy and efficiency.

In the near future, it is to be expected that there will be an expansion in the duties to be discharged by the Council's Engineers. Post-Emergency Schemes costing substantial sums have already been formulated, and the Council's Engineering Staff must be in a position to carry them out when instructions to this effect are received. In addition, it is reasonable to expect that monies will be available from the Road Fund for road improvement works. It would be altogether undesirable that the carrying out of such works, which will give additional employment in the County, should be adversely affected in any way.

The Road employees were, in accordance with the wishes of the Council, asked for their views on the proposed introduction of weekly wages payment system. It is noted that in the replies received 58.66 per cent. favoured the introduction of the system, while 41.34 per cent. saw no objection to the present system. It is evident from these replies, therefore, that a substantial majority of the present employees of the Council does not demand the introduction of the suggested change.

Taking into account all the foregoing circumstances, to each of which due weight has been given, the County Manager is of the opinion that it would not be in the interests of the Council to alter the present system of payment. The adoption of the proposal would, in the first instance, involve substantial additional cost to the Council's funds. This aspect of the matter is one of considerable importance when viewed in the light that the annual charge of £1,800, to which reference has been made, would be equivalent to Loan Charges on essential public works costing £24,000—Capital costs repayable over 20 years. The Council in the immediate future will have to make the necessary provision for desirable and urgent public health works, and for housing requirements. The carrying out of such works, whilst essential in the interests of the community, will also give much needed additional employment. It seems, therefore, that, in view of the Council's obligations in this respect, it is undesirable that additional expenditure, the necessity for which is not conclusively evident, should be incurred.

Moreover, as already indicated, it is undesirable that there should be any further encroachment on the time of the County and Assistant Engineers in order that it may be ensured that the required standards of efficiency in connection with the Council's works should be maintained.

Finally, it is not evident that any undue hardship arises under the present system of payment.

1st December, 1945.

The Council decided to consider, in conjunction with this Motion, the following letter submitted by Councillor Dunne (Item No. 12 on the Agenda):

46, Wolfe Tone Sqr. N.,
Bray.

County Manager,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir, 29th November, 1945.

For a considerable number of years Road Workers and Carters employed by Wicklow County Council have been completely dissatisfied with the very low rates of payment which they received. Since 1939 the cost-of-living Index Figure has risen 173 to 294. In the same period the wages of workers referred to have been raised by only 2/6. It must seem very obvious, as it does to members of the Council, that the present rates of 39/- to 40/6d. for Road Workers and 13/6d. per day for Carters bear very little relation to the high cost of the necessities of life. In pre-war years these workers were regarded by most people as being harshly treated. Their condition, at the moment, is infinitely worse than it has ever been.

The Council has on more than one occasion, and again quite recently in support of a resolution which I moved, expressed its unanimous wish to see the wages of road workers and carters increased. Our efforts have always been thwarted by the invoking of obscure and ill-considered Emergency regulations.

Now, Sir, we have a new development. The Minister for Industry and Commerce has recently admitted that the cost of living has again risen, and he has increased the permissive Emergency Bonus by 4/-. Everybody knows that this pronouncement is overdue and the amount insufficient, but it does mean that thousands of industrial workers, whose wages already are far in excess of roadmen's and carters', will have their payments augmented further.

Surely, it would be no more than Christian justice that the road workers and carters should, even at this late stage, be given consideration also. They, too, in common with Urban and City dwellers, must wrestle with problems of high prices for food, clothing and shelter.

I would be glad if you would place this letter on the Agenda for the next Council meeting, so that you will be enabled to see that the full support of the Council will be forthcoming for the proposal contained herein.

Yours faithfully,

SEAN DUNNE, U.D.C., M.C.C.

The Council decided to adjourn the Motion, on the County Manager agreeing to investigate the possibility of obtaining an increase in the Emergency Bonus payable to Road Workers.

Item No. 8. The Council considered reports received from the County Councils' General Council relating to Local Loans, copies of which reports had been circulated to all members of the County Council. The Secretary was directed to reply to the Co. Councils' General Council stating that the members, while keenly interested in the question of the conversion and redemption of Loans, did not feel that they could submit any useful views on the matter at the moment.

Item No. 9. The County Engineer explained the steps he had taken to remedy the flooding of Council Cottages situate at the North end of Boghall Road outside Bray, and explained that the stream adjoining the cottages required to be cleaned periodically and that he had had the matter attended to.

Item No. 10. Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;
Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell;

Resolved—That this Council raise the sum of £2,000 for the purpose of reconstructing part of the Dunlavin-Grange Con Road for a distance of two miles, to include the village of Grangecon.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11. The County Secretary gave particulars of communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health concerning certain concessions to be granted to ex-members of the Defence Forces, and members of Auxiliary Defence Services, in connection with local appointments. The Council approved of the granting of such concessions.

Item No. 13. The Council adopted the following Resolution submitted by the Irish Farmers' Federation:—"That, as a first step to relief of Rates, we demand that all local Bank Loans be converted into non-interest-bearing Loans, this to apply to Urban Councils as well as County Councils."

Item No. 14. The Council adopted the following Resolution submitted by Laoighis County Council:—"That this Council request the Government to take the necessary steps to have all trunk and main roads repaired and maintained as a National Charge."

Item No. 15. The Council adopted the following Resolution submitted by Dungarvan Urban District Council:—"That we, the members of Dungarvan Urban District Council, call on the Minister for Education to ensure that in all schools in Eire, pupils be given instruction in the history of and respect for the National Anthem and the National Flag."

Item No. 16. Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Seán Dunne;

Resolved—That the Council adopt the following Resolution, submitted by the Corporation of Sligo:—"That we, the members of the Sligo Corporation, request the Government of Eire to unconditionally release the Republican prisoners detained in gaols in Eire. That we also request the unconditional release of all Republican prisoners in gaols in Northern Ireland, and in English Prisons, as we believe the time has arrived when all those prisoners should get their liberty. That copies of this Resolution be sent to all Public Bodies."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council request the Manager of Passenger Road Services to run an early 'Bus Service from Carnew via Kiltegan and Balinglass to Dublin, to cater for a populous Rural Area over three and up to seven miles from the Tullow to Dublin train service, and now dependent on a New Ross mid-day service reaching Dublin at 1.30 p.m., and we appoint the three Deputies for the County to interview the Manager concerned.

Passed unanimously.

The Chairman stated he had received a communication from Aughrim Parish Committee regarding the Woodenbridge-Shillelagh Railway Line, which was stated to be the only line closed during the emergency, on which services were not being resumed during the present month.

The Council decided that this matter should also be dealt with by the Deputation to Coras Iompair Eireann, and that one representative from each of the Parish Committees of Tinahely, Carnew and Aughrim, together with Councillor J. J. Metcalfe, should accompany Deputies Brennan, Cogan and Everett on the deputation.

The following Notices of Motion were handed in and accepted by the Chairman:—

By Councillor W. Hammond:

Notice of Motion.

"I hereby give notice that I or some Councillor for me, will move—That we, the Wicklow County Council, request the Local Government Department, in conjunction with the Minister for Finance, to give immediate consideration to the provision of essential grants, and Loans at a very low rate of interest relative to housing, including the increase of the Basic Allowance for building of Labourers' Cottages, the ensuring at low interest, plus a free grant, for the improving and reconditioning where essential, of farm residences; and in all cases not covered by the present or existing schemes, the simplifying of the system of loans under the Small Dwellings Act and in the case of all farm-houses condemned from the Health point of view, the granting free of 30% of the cost of the minimum essential requirements."

By Councillor J. J. McCrea:—

Notice of Motion.

"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, shall move at the next Meeting of the Council—That the Council call on the Department to indicate immediately what are the prospects of funds being made available to carry out the large-scale road improvements, plans for which are now being prepared by a staff of special Engineers over a considerable period. If the Department is unable to indicate any definite proposals in this respect, this Council will be unable to decide on the amount to be raised in 1946/47 for the maintenance or improvement of the County Road System."

By Councillor W. Hammond:—

Notice of Motion.

"I hereby give Notice that at the next Meeting of this Council, I propose moving that the Resolution whereby stones from Quarries broken for the re-surfacing of roads by hand be rescinded or amended."

By Councillor John O'Reilly:—

Notice of Motion.

"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, shall move that the villages of Donard, Stratford, Rathdangan and Grange Con be provided with a scavenger and also with lighting."

Notice of Motion.

By Councillor Liam O Laoighleis:—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, shall move that this Council discuss the advisability of building Flats near or in villages for Old Age Pensioners and others who cannot afford to pay the rent for an ordinary cottage."

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A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 14th January, 1946.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;
Councillors P. McCarthy, L. O'Clairigh, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.;
P. P. O'Reilly, J. J. Metcalfe, B. Farrell, John O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne,
Edward Byrne, F. Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Sean Dunne, Liam O'
Laighleis, J. J. Everett, T.D., C. M. Byrne, W. J. Clarke, C. W. Hudson,
and Joseph Jacob.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, was in attendance.

BUSINESS:

RESERVED FUNCTIONS.

- 1.—To confirm and sign minutes of previous Meeting.
- 2.—To pass the usual Resolution in connection with the Council's application for (a) overdraft accommodation in the month of February on the County Council's General Account, and (b) overdraft accommodation on the Turf Production Account for the same month.
- 3.—To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Wm. Clarke:—
"That the Wicklow County Council, being the District Planning Authority for the following Planning District that is to say, the County Health District of Wicklow, hereby decides to make a District Planning District, that is to say, the area consisting of such Planning District of Wicklow."
- 4.—To consider the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the year 1946-47, copy of which has been circulated to each Member of Wicklow County Council.
- 5.—To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea:—
"That we call on the Department to indicate immediately what are the prospects of funds being made available to carry out the large scale road improvements, plans for which are now being prepared by a staff of special Engineers over a considerable period. If the Department is unable to indicate any definite proposals in this respect, this Council will be unable to decide on the amount to be raised in 1946/47 for the maintenance or improvement of the County Road System."
- 6.—To receive a list of applicants under Wicklow County Council's Scholarship Scheme in secondary and Vocational Schools, and to decide upon the eligibility of the applicants concerned in accordance with Sec. 2 of the Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) Act, 1944.
- 7.—To consider the arrangements to be made for the collection of rates in No. 7 Collecting District, consequent upon the death of Mr. P. J. Doyle, Poor Rate Collector.
- 8.—To consider communication from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bray, regarding the extension of Regulations for the prevention of dogs straying during the night (The Dogs Act, 1906).
- 9.—To consider communication received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding rate of interest for the purposes of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
- 10.—To consider communication from the County Councils' General Council requesting the views of the Council regarding proposed amendment of Section 25 of the Local Government Act, 1925.
- 11.—To fill vacancy on the Rathdown No. 2 O.A.P. Sub-Committee created by the resignation of Mr. T. Fitzpatrick.

ASSISTANCE, HEALTH AND HOUSING.

- 12.—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.
- 13.—To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor W. Hammond:—
"That we the Wicklow County Council request the L.G.D. in conjunction with the Minister of Finance to give immediate consideration to the provision of essential grants, and loans at a very low rate of interest relative to housing, including the increase of the basic allowance for building of labourers' cottages, the ensuring at low interest, plus a free grant, for the improving and re-erecting of farm residences; and in all cases conditioning—where essential—of farm residences; the simplifying of the system of Loans under the small dwellings act and in the case of all farm houses; condemned from the Health point of view the granting free of 30 per cent. of the cost of the minimum essential requirements."
- 14.—To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Liam O'Laighleis:—
"That this Council discuss the advisability of building Flats near or in villages for Old Age Pensioners and others who cannot afford to pay the rent for an ordinary cottage."
- 15.—To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor John O'Reilly:—
"That the villages of Donard, Stratford, Rathdangan, and Grange Con be provided with a scavenger and also with lighting."

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- 16.—To authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to certain documents.
- 17.—To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor W. Hammond:—
"I hereby give Notice that at the next Meeting of the Council, I propose moving, that the Resolution whereby stones from Quarries broken for the re-surfacing of roads by hand be rescinded or amended."
- 18.—To consider the following Resolution adopted by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the Meeting of that Body held on 27th November, 1945:—
"That we request the Co. Wicklow Committee of Agriculture to approach the Wicklow Co. Council with the view of having the following clauses included in the proposed Veterinary Bill now in course of preparation:—
(a) that Veterinary Dispensaries be opened in convenient areas—much on the lines of the present human dispensaries—and that such dispensaries be attended by a qualified veterinary surgeon weekly; and
(b) that farmers and labourers be entitled to free service and prescriptions at these veterinary dispensaries and that a fee, not exceeding 5s. (five shillings) be charged for any visit to a holding while the veterinary surgeon is in a dispensary area."

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19.—To consider the following Resolution passed by County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the Meeting of that Body held on 18th December, 1945:—

"That we request the County Council to take over Blessington Lime Kiln as soon as possible, with a view to burning as much lime as possible locally, the results of tests with the stones there being satisfactory at Kildare lime kiln last year and its analysis being 96.4 per cent. Carbonate of Lime; to consider the question also of installing machinery for the crushing of such stones as Ground Limestone, the matter being of extreme urgency to the farming community in North West Wicklow who do not benefit from the lime scheme due to high cost of transport from contractors under the scheme, and to the County in general, due to high cost of lime in County Wicklow."

20.—To consider the following resolution passed by the County Library Committee at the Meeting of that Body held on 19th December, 1945:—

"That as expansion of the County Library service in Arklow has rendered the existing Library premises in the Courthouse, Arklow, inadequate, we approve the recommendation of Arklow Urban Council that steps be taken to provide a new Library building or annex to the Courthouse, Arklow, subject to the sanction of the County Council, the Minister for Justice and the Minister for Local Government."

RESERVED FUNCTIONS.

Vote of Sympathy.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor W. Clarke:

Resolved—That we the members of Wicklow County Council have heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. P. J. Doyle, Rate Collector, No. 7 District, and we hereby extend to the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed unanimously.

Minutes.

Item No. 1.—Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne:

Resolved—That the Minutes of the of the previous Meeting as circulated to each Member of the Council be approved and signed.

Passed.

Complaint re Dispensary M.O.

Arising out of the Minutes, Councillor S. Dunne inquired whether the Manager had investigated the complaint from a resident of Wolfe Tone Square, Bray, regarding the manner in which the Medical Officer in Bray had discharged his duties. The County Manager stated that the matter had been thoroughly investigated, and a report setting out the Manager's conclusions would be submitted to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Emergency Bonus to Road Workers.

Councillor Dunne also inquired whether the Manager had considered the question of payment of increased Emergency Bonus to Road Workers. The County Manager stated that he had reviewed the rates of emergency bonus payable to members of the Council's staff other than Road Workers and had granted an increase, subject to the sanction of the Minister. He pointed out that as no increase had been made in the rate of agricultural wages he was not in a position to grant a further bonus to Road Workers. Councillor Dunne expressed his dissatisfaction with the reply given and urged that further consideration be given to the question.

Item No. 2.—General Account Overdraft.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor T. Brennan, 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 General Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the month of February, 1946, shall not exceed £12,000.

Passed.

Turf Account Overdraft.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor T. Brennan, 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 Production Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the month of February, 1946, shall not exceed £16,000.

Passed.

Item No. 3.—Town and Regional Planning Acts.

A Circular summarising the provisions of the Town Planning Acts had been addressed to each member of the Council. At the request of the Council the County Manager gave particulars of the cost of putting the Town Planning Acts into effect, and recommended that the Council adopt the proposal to make a Planning Scheme.

In accordance with Notice it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke;
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

Resolved—That the Wicklow County Council, being the District Planning Authority for the following Planning District that is to say, the County Health District of Wicklow, hereby decides to make a District Planning Scheme for the following area being the whole of such Planning District, that is to say, the area consisting of the County Health District of Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME.

Item No. 4.—Reference was made by several members to the large increase in the cost of the Provisional Road Works Scheme as submitted to the meeting and they expressed the views that a Special Meeting should be called to deal with the matter.

The County Manager read a letter, dated 15th December, 1945, received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health in which the Minister strongly advised local authorities to take advantage of the improved supply conditions to carry out surface treatment of roads to the fullest extent possible, and stated that it was very desirable that a great effort should be made in the coming year to prevent any further deterioration in the roads. The County Engineer was

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directed to prepare as quickly as possible estimates of the various classes of works necessary for the surface treatment of roads.

The County Manager directed special attention to the last paragraph of the letter which read as follows:—

"It is most important that this work should be planned so that it may be carried out with the maximum speed possible with the plant and labour likely to be available. The aim should be to complete the work in two years and in the larger counties in three years. Consideration should be given to the possibility of accelerating the speed of the work by the employment of public works contractors to supplement the activities of the County Engineer's organisation.

The County Manager stated that the Estimates as submitted would require an increase of approximately 5s. in the rates for the coming year. If the amount provided for improvements were reduced to the very minimum a rate of 3s. 3d. would still be required.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

Resolved—That we call on the Department to indicate immediately what are the prospects of funds being made available to carry out the large scale road improvements, plans for which are now being prepared by a staff of special Engineers over a considerable period. If the Department is unable to indicate any definite proposals in this respect, this Council will be unable to decide on the amount to be raised in 1946/47 for the maintenance or improvement of the County Road System.

In addition, we require an indication as to the rate of wages which the Minister will agree to sanction for Road Workers engaged on Council's Road Schemes in the coming financial year.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor Sean Dunne;
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:

Resolved—That consideration of the Road Works Scheme for 1946/47 be deferred to a Special Meeting of the Council to be held when the Minister's reply has been received to Councillor McCrea's resolution.

Passed unanimously.

Declaration of Road to be Main Road.

Proposed by Councillor B. Farrell;
Seconded by Councillor T. Brennan:

Resolved—That we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to declare the road from Baltinglass via Rathdangan to Aughrim to be a Main Road.

Passed unanimously.

Scholarships Scheme—Secondary and Vocational Schools.
Item No. 6.—The County Secretary submitted list of applicants under the Council's Scholarship Scheme in Secondary and Vocational Schools. For the Urban Scholarships there were thirteen applications—7 girls and 6 boys. For the Rural Scholarships there were twenty-two applications—14 girls and 8 boys. Three of the girls were over age and were not eligible to compete for the Scholarships.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;
Seconded by Councillor W. Clarke:

Resolved—That we the County Council for the County of Wicklow hereby decide upon the eligibility of the applicants under the Council's Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme, 1946, as follows:

Urban Area:

Breslin, Patricia, 8 Middle Wolfe Tone Sq., Bray.
Crooke, Margaret Mary, 5, Meadows Lane, Arklow.
Cullen, Carmel C. Rose Maria, Galtrim Park, Bray.
Ivory, Elizabeth M., 58 Connolly Square, Bray.
McDonnell, Patricia, 4 Warburton Tce., Bray.
O'Brien, Monoria Anne, K.C.R. Stores, Delgany.
Pike, Doreen, 54 Wolfe Tone Sq. West, Bray.
Duggan, James, 6 The Mall, Wicklow.
Hendley, James A., 4 Dunbar Tce., Wicklow.
Jordan, Henry W., 8 The Mall, Wicklow.
Marah, Michael, Rathnew.
Mills, Joseph, 3 Collins St., Arklow.
Smyth, Thomas Christopher, Ashford.

Accepted.

Rural Area:

Brennan, Mary Claine, 2 Marine Tce., Greystones.
Darcy, Mary P., 13 Lr. Kendalstown, Greystones.
Donoghue, Mary J., Baltiboy's, Blessington.
Duffy, Marcella, Ballybrack, Hacketstown.
Hanley, Philomena, Tinahely.
Mahon, Elizabeth M., Valleymount.
Murphy, Mary, Aughrim.
Murphy, Rosaline, Charlesland, Delgany.
O'Reilly, Mary C., Blacklion, Greystones.
Roache, Margaret P., 1 Lr. Kendalstown, Greystones.
Ward, Katherine J., 8 Arch Villas, Greystones.
Condeil, M. K., Blacklion, Greystones.
Duddy, James J., 33 Duncain Ave., Bray.
Earle Wm. F., 3 Mill Bank Cottages, Kinnincarrig, Delgany.
Keogh, Michael, Ballyknocken, Valleymount.
Mulcahy, Joseph A., Clifden Cottage, Greystones.
Nolan, Andrew L., Ballyhad, Rathdrum.
Reid Matthew M., Humphreystown, Blessington.
Turnbull, Thomas, Torc Cottage, Church Road, Greystones.

ACCEPTED.

Foley Rebecca B., Knockanna, Ballinglen.
Kavanagh, Elizabeth J., Ballinamanogue.
Phelan, Mary I., Humewood, Kiltegan.

REJECTED—OVER AGE.

Passed unanimously.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Councillor Clarke inquired from the County Manager whether the Scheme of University Scholarships had been prepared, and pointed out that students who intended to compete for such Scholarships would require to be informed of the prescribed subjects at an early date. The County Manager stated that draft Scheme had been prepared and had been forwarded to the Department of Education and to University College, Dublin, for their observations. Copies of the Scheme when printed would be circulated to Secondary Schools and Colleges in the County.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR RATE COLLECTION IN No. 7 DISTRICT.
Item No. 7. The County Secretary read the following letter received from Mr. P. Mulligan, Rate Collector, No. 8 District:—

Killough House,
Kilmacanogue,
8th January, 1946.

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,
Secretary, Wicklow Co. Council,
Court House, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I understand that a vacancy has arisen for the position of Rate

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Collector for the No. 7 Greystones, Delgany and Kilmacanogue collecting district as a result of the death of Mr. Patrick Doyle. As a collector for the No. 8 Enniskerry and Powerscourt district for almost thirty-three years I submit that my record for that period will bear the closest scrutiny. My district being a rather small one, I respectfully suggest that the Kilmacanogue Electoral Division, which adjoins my district and which has been heretofore embraced in No. 7 District, be added to my collecting area. I would like to add that at the time of Mr. Doyle's appointment in 1922 it was decided by the then Wicklow County Council to transfer Kilmacanogue to my collecting district, but the Local Government Board refused to sanction same on the grounds that Mr. Doyle had already been sanctioned for the whole area.

The following is a detailed statement of the respective valuations of the two districts:—

No. 8 District: Enniskerry £5,552; Powerscourt £3,147—Total £8,699.
No. 7 District: Greystones £12,410; Delgany £4,779; and Kilmacanogue £9,794—Total £26,983.

If the proposed change were made to equalise the two districts it would leave Enniskerry, Powerscourt, and Kilmacanogue £18,493 and Greystones and Delgany £17,189. The lower total valuation would carry the most rates because the Greystones and Delgany area would be very slightly affected by the Agricultural Grant where as the other three Electoral Divisions would be very much affected.

I therefore request that you place my proposal before the County Council for their consideration at the forthcoming meeting on the 14th inst.

Yours faithfully,

PATRICK MULLIGAN.

P.S.—If the Co. Council so decided that the current rate up to the 31st March, 1946 be collected by me in the No. 7 district I would be prepared to undertake same forthwith P.M.

The County Secretary submitted particulars to the Council of the valuation, and of the rates on No. 7 and No. 8 District as at present existing, and corresponding figures if the Electoral Division of Kilmacanogue were transferred from No. 7 District to No. 8 District.

Proposed by Councillor S. Dunne;
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, we resolve that the No. 7 and No. 8 Rate Collection Districts be revised by the transfer of the Kilmacanogue Electoral Division from the No. 7 District to the No. 8 District.

Carried on a show of hands—eighteen votes in favour and two against.

The Council then considered arrangements to be made for the temporary filling of the post of Rate Collector in No. 7 District pending the permanent appointment.

Rate Collectors Patrick Mulligan, No. 8 District, Michl. Roche, No. 13/14/15 District, and J. J. McCall, No. 11 District had applied for the temporary position.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor L. O. Cleirigh:

That Mr. Michael Roche be appointed as temporary Collector for No. 7 Collecting District, pending the filling of the permanent position.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey:
That Mr. P. Mulligan be appointed as temporary Rate Collector for the No. 7 Rate Collection District pending the permanent filling of the post.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

That Mr. McCall be appointed as Temporary Rate Collector for No. 7 Rate Collection District pending the permanent filling of the post.

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

FOR COLLECTOR ROCHE: Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, W. Cleary, B. Farrell, P. P. O'Reilly, J. Everett, T.D., C. W. Hudson and Joseph Jacob—10.

FOR COLLECTOR MULLIGAN: Councillors J. J. Metcalfe, J. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Edwd. Byrne, Sean Dunne, William Clarke—8.

FOR COLLECTOR MCCALL: Councillors C. M. Byrne and W. Lawless—2.

Collector McCall having been eliminated, a further vote was taken, the result of which was as follows:—

FOR COLLECTOR ROCHE: Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, W. Cleary, B. Farrell, P. P. O'Reilly, J. Everett, T.D., C. W. Hudson and Joseph Jacob

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between now and 1st February next, I thought it well to place the facts before you.

Is mise, le meas mor.

W. P. QUINN,

Ard Ceannphort.

The Council decided to defer consideration of this letter to the next Meeting of the Council.

SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS.

Item No. 9. The County Secretary read the following letter received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:—

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

H.22459/45.

County Wicklow.

A Chara,

22nd December, 1945.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 13th instant, on the subject and to inform you that the interest rate on loans obtained by local authorities from the Local Loans Fund, for the purpose of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, is at present 4½ per cent. per annum, and the question of any variation in the rate is a matter for the Minister for Finance.

Mise, le meas.

The Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.

P. KERR,
a.s. Runai.

The County Secretary stated that the rate of 4½ per cent. referred to in the letter was the rate at which the Council could lend money to borrowers for the purpose of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, but the rate at which the Council could borrow for this purpose was 4½ per cent. The County Manager stated that, having regard to the present cost of building and the present rate of interest, he considered that this would not be an opportune time for putting the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts into effect in the County. He pointed out that annuity repayments would be a heavy charge on borrowers in addition to rates, ground rent and other charges.

The Council decided to mark the letter "Read."

ROADS—AMENDMENT OF SECTION 25 OF L.G. ACT, 1925.

Item No. 10. The County Secretary read the following letter received from the County Councils' General Council:—

National Bank Chambers,
1/2, Cavendish Row,
Dublin.
19th December, 1945.

A Chara,

The Emergency Committee have had under consideration a number of resolutions requesting the General Council to consider generally the arrangements for the repair and maintenance of by-roads with a view to having more equitable arrangements introduced. In view of the cost which the maintenance and repair of such roads will involve and of the requirements of the people who must use them, and they then requested the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to amend Section 25 of the Local Government Act, 1925.

In reply to this request the Department have asked the Council "in what respect amendment of Section 25 of the Local Government Act is considered to be necessary."

I have been directed, therefore, to ask your Council to be so good as to consider what amendment of the Section is necessary and to let me have their considered views at your earliest convenience.

Mise, le meas.

L. F. DORAN,

Acting Secretary.

Section 25 of the Local Government Act, 1925, referred to in this letter provided that before a road could be made a public road it would require to fulfil the following conditions—(1) that right-of-way should exist; (2) that the road should be eleven feet wide in the clear; and (3) that it should connect two other public roads.

Following a discussion, the Council directed that the County Councils' General Council be informed that the Council consider that the conditions requiring the road to be 11 feet wide, and that it connect two public roads, should be deleted from the Section.

VACANCY ON RATHDOWN No. 2 OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE.

Item No. 11.

The following letter was submitted to the Council:—

Killincarrig,
Delgany,
29th December, 1945.

Dear Sir,

At your next Meeting I will ask you to have Mr. Patrick J. Nolan, 49, Main St., Bray, co-opted in place of Mr. T. Fitzpatrick, resigned (see letter attached)—Rathdown No. 2 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. K. J. Brangan,

P. CLARKE.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Ed. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby nominate Councillor P. Ledwidge to fill the vacancy created on the Rathdown No. 2 O.A.P. Sub-Committee by the resignation of Mr. T. Fitzpatrick.

Passed unanimously.

ASSISTANCE, HEALTH AND HOUSING.

Flooding at Boghall Road, Bray.

Councillor Dunne referred to the flooding of cottages on the Boghall Road near Bray, which matter he had raised at previous meetings of the Council. He stated that the flooding still continued. The County Surveyor agreed to meet Councillor Dunne at Boghall Road on Wednesday, 16th instant, to inspect the place.

Caretaker of Shillelagh Workhouse.

Councillor Hammond inquired the position regarding the Care-taking of the Workhouse Buildings at Shillelagh. He stated that the wife of the late Caretaker, who resided there, would be capable of carrying out the duties of caretaking. The County Manager stated that a Temporary Caretaker had been appointed and that the position would be advertised.

Footwear Scheme.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., raised a query regarding the method of allocating boots under the Free Boot Scheme. It was stated by several Councillors that retailers had considerable stocks of boots available, but could only issue them to persons holding vouchers issued by the Council. The County Manager gave particulars of the number of vouchers allocated to County Wicklow, and explained the method of allocation. The Council requested the Manager to make representations to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an increased allocation to the County, and to ask the Minister for Industry and Commerce to allow retailers to sell footwear which they at present hold in stock.

Bray Hospital Scheme.

Councillor Dunne inquired the present position of the Hospital Scheme as regards Bray Area. The Secretary stated that in October, 1944, the Committee for the Area had investigated proposed sites for new Hospital, accompanied by the County Manager and the Chief Officer, and they agreed that it would be preferable to utilise St. Columille's Hospital and Loughlinstown Hospital for patients from the Bray Area, that Hospital being substantially enlarged and improved. Councillor Dunne requested that a meeting of the Hospital Committee be called at an early date.

Wicklow Fever Hospital.

Councillor C. W. Hudson inquired from the County Manager the present position regarding the Fever Hospital at Wicklow and the proposed diversion of the road at the Murrough. The County Manager stated that the Department of Local Government and Public Health required that the road should be diverted so as to ensure that it would be forty feet from the premises. The County Manager stated that a further letter had been addressed to the Department on the subject.

Kilcoole Water Supply.

Councillor W. Lawless referred to the water supply at Kilcoole and stated that a water course was causing flooding of a field in the neighbourhood. The Co. Surveyor undertook to investigate the matter.

Harbour Guarantees.

Councillor Cleary inquired whether any reply had been received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health concerning proposed guarantee from the Council to Arklow and Wicklow Harbour Authorities. On the County Secretary stating that no reply had been received, Councillor Cleary requested that a further letter be addressed to the Department on the subject.

Arklow Rock Water Supply.

In reply to Councillor McCarthy's inquiry concerning the Arklow Rock Water Supply, the County Manager stated that an Engineering Inspector from the Department of Local Government and Public Health had recently inspected the site and that his report was awaited.

Loan for Carnew-Umrigar Road.

Councillor McCrea asked that a further letter be addressed to the Department regarding the Loan for the purpose of reconstructing Carnew-Umrigar Road.

Site for Cottages at Tinahely.

With reference to sites for cottages at Tinahely on a field which the Parish Council intended to use as a Sports Ground, Councillor Hammond stated that he understood the site was not suitable as regards water supply. The County Surveyor stated that he agreed, and was making further investigation for a suitable site.

Complaint re Dispensary Treatment.

Councillor B. Farrell referred to the refusal of a Dispensary Medical Officer in Bray to attend a person who called on him. In reply to the Chairman, Councillor Farrell stated that the person had not a Medical Assistance Ticket when he called on the doctor. The County Manager pointed out that the Regulations only required a Medical Officer to attend a person who produced a Medical Assistance Ticket.

Arklow Cemetery.

In reply to inquiry made by Councillor McCarthy, the County Engineer stated that he had not yet had an opportunity of inspecting Arklow Cemetery with the Assistant Engineer, but intended to do so in the near future.

Information was furnished in connection with several other matters in connection with which inquiries were made by members of the Council.

Housing Finance.

Item No. 13. Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor C.

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with the public water supply in the various towns and villages set out below:—Ballinglass, Dunlavin, Rathnew, Stratford-on-Slaney, Roundwood, Newcastle, Killecole, Avoca, Carnew—Three Shillings in the Pound; Tinahely, Shillelagh—One Shilling and Ninepence in the Pound, and that the Appropriate Warrants be sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Resolved—That Agreements in connection with the tenancy of Labourers' Cottages in the County Health District be sealed, as follows: Stephen Kelly, Rathdown; Margaret Devlin, Fassaroo; Mary Anne Keogh, Ballyrahan; Bridget Carey, Boleybawn; John Doyle, Kilpeddar West; Henry Shannon, Newtownboswell; Jos. Clarke, Ballinastockan; Mary Coleman, Barraderry; Winifred Connolly, The Downs; Patrick Byrne, Killaveney; Thomas O'Brien, Kilmacallagh.

Passed.

Breaking of Stones for Roads.

Item No. 17. On the County Surveyor agreeing to procure field stones where possible, Councillor Hammond withdrew his Notice of Motion, with the consent of the Council.

Proposed Veterinary Bill.

Item No. 18. The Council adopted the following Resolution which had been passed by the County Committee of Agriculture at a Meeting held on 27th November, 1945:—

"That we request the Co. Wicklow Committee of Agriculture to approach the Wicklow Co. Council with the view of having the following clauses included in the proposed Veterinary Bill now in course of preparation:—

(a) that Veterinary Dispensaries be opened in convenient areas—much on the lines of the present human dispensaries—and that such dispensaries be attended by a qualified veterinary surgeon weekly; and

(b) that farmers and labourers be entitled to free service and prescriptions at these veterinary dispensaries, and that a fee, not exceeding 5s. (five shillings) be charged for any visit to a holding while the Veterinary Surgeon is in a dispensary area."

Acquisition of Lime Kiln at Blessington.

Item No. 19. The Council adopted the following Resolution which had been passed by the County Committee of Agriculture on the 18th December, 1945:—

"That we request the County Council to take over Blessington Lime Kiln as soon as possible, with a view to burning as much lime as possible, locally, the results of tests with the stones there being satisfactory at Kildare Lime Kiln last year, and its analysis being 98.4 per cent. Carbonate of Lime; to consider the question also of installing machinery for the crushing of such stone as Ground Limestone, the matter being of extreme urgency to the farming community in North West Wicklow who do not benefit from the lime scheme due to high cost of transport from contractors under the scheme, and to the County in general, due to high cost of lime in Co. Wicklow."

Branch Library at Arklow.

Item No. 20. The Council considered the following Resolution passed by the County Library Committee at the Meeting held on 19th December, 1945:—

"That as expansion of the County Library service in Arklow has rendered the existing Library premises in the Courthouse, Arklow, inadequate, we approve the recommendation of Arklow Urban Council that steps be taken to provide a new Library building or annex to the Courthouse, Arklow, subject to the sanction of the County Council, the Minister for Justice and the Minister for Local Government."

The County Manager stated that having regard to the increased cost of supplies, and the provision of a new Library premises at the moment. At the request of the Council the County Manager undertook to have draft plans prepared and estimate furnished for providing an annex to the Courthouse at Arklow for the use of the Library.

Site for Technical School at Wicklow.

Councillor Clarke referred to Resolution passed at a recent Meeting of the Vocational Education Committee requesting the Council to provide a site in the Gaol Yard for a new Technical School and Library Building. The County Manager undertook to investigate the possibility of providing site required.

Notice of Motion for Next Meeting.

The following Notices of Motion were handed in by Councillor Dunne and accepted by the Chairman:—

NOTICE OF MOTION.

"I hereby give notice that, at the next meeting of the Council, I or some member for me, shall move that the following employees of the B.O.H. engaged upon the building of cottages, etc., should be paid the maximum emergency bonus of 16s. per week: viz. Time-keepers, Labourers, Carpenters, Plasterers, Carters, Masons and Gangers."

NOTICE OF MOTION.

"I hereby give notice that, at the next meeting of the Council, I or some member for me, shall move that road workers be paid weekly instead of fortnightly, as at present."

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A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 4th February, 1946.

The following Members were in attendance:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D., B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, Peter Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Sean Dunne, Liam O Laoighleis, James Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, W. J. Clarke and Joseph Jacob.

Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, was in attendance.

The business was to consider the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the year 1946/47.

The County Secretary read the following letter, which had been addressed to the Department of Local Government and Public Health as a result of the Meeting of the Council held on the 14th January, 1946.

14th January, 1946.

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

ROAD WORKS ESTIMATES, 1946/1947.

A Chars.

The Council, at its Meeting held to-day, had under consideration Provisional Road Works Scheme which had been prepared by the County Engineer. The Estimate submitted by the County Engineer

The County Secretary read the following letter received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:
RGM/201/46.

A Chara. 21 Eanáir, 1946.
I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that for the purposes of preparing and considering Road Works estimates for the coming financial year, it may be assumed that as in former years 40 per cent. of the amount allowed by the Council for the upkeep of Main Roads (including surface dressing) will be recouped out of the Road Fund.

Is mise, le meas,
R. O. MURCHU,
a.s. Runai.

To each County Manager.

The following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, in reply to the County Secretary's letter of 14th January, was read:—

Department of Local Government
and Public Health (Roads),
Custom House,
Dublin.
19 Eanáir, 1946.

A Chara.

With reference to your letter of the 14th instant forwarding the terms of two resolutions adopted by the Council regarding the Road Works Estimate for the coming year, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is not yet in a position to address the Council on the carrying out and financing of the special post-emergency road improvement schemes which the Council has had in preparation in recent years. The position of the Road Fund does not yet justify the resumed issue of improvement grants, and the Council should therefore proceed on the basis that the position in regard to improvements is the same as in the current year.

It was pointed out in the Department's letter of the 15th ultimo that it is likely that tar and bitumen products are likely to be in normal supply in the coming year, and that local authorities should therefore arrange for the carrying out of surface treatment of roads to the fullest extent possible. The prevention of further deterioration of the roads, particularly the main roads, is of prior urgency, and the Council should plan to overtake the war-time deficiencies in surface treatment in the manner suggested in the Department's letter referred to. This will not be possible without a substantial increase in expenditure by the Council. It is to be remembered that owing to the war-time rise in wages and costs generally, the amount of effective work which can be done £ for £ has declined sharply as compared with pre-war years, and this trend has been accentuated by the fact that less money has been provided by the Council for maintenance works every year since 1941-42. The amounts provided for maintenance were approximately as follows:—

	Main Roads.	County Roads.
1939-40	£27,107	£21,900
1942-43	£24,000	£19,000
1943-44	£24,000	£19,000
1944-45	£20,000	£21,200
1945-46	£24,317	£20,000

The Council should provide for doing in the coming year not less than the amount of work provided for in 1939-40. On the assumption that present costs are at least one-third above those prevailing in 1939-40, the same amount of maintenance work as in that year would now probably cost not less than £36,000 for Main Roads and £29,000 for County Roads.

The matter of road workers' wage is one primarily for the County Manager.

Is mise, le meas,
R. O. MURCHU,
a.s. Runai.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

Councillor Sean Dunne, supported by several other Councillors, referred to the final sentence in the letter from the Department to the effect that road workers' wage was a matter primarily for the County Manager, and requested a statement from the Manager on the subject. The County Manager referred to the policy of relating road workers' wages to the minimum wage for agricultural workers and stated that he was not prepared to recommend an increased wage to road workers.

Councillor C. W. Hudson stated that it was probable that the Estimates for Assistance, Health and Housing Services of the Council would show an increase in the coming year, and suggested that it would be necessary to have these Estimates available for the Council before the amount to be allowed for Road Services could be decided upon.

The following Resolution was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

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

Resolved: That consideration of the Estimate for Road Works for the year 1946/47 be postponed until the Estimates for the other Services of the Council have been considered by the Council.

Councillor H. J. Byrne proposed "That a sum sufficient to cover Part I of the Road Works Scheme, and the Loan repayments be provided by the Council for the year 1946/47."

Following a prolonged discussion, in which all members present took part, Councillor Hudson's Motion was put to the Meeting, and a vote having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

FOR THE MOTION: Councillors W. Hammond, B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, P. Ledwidge, Sean Dunne, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson and Joseph Jacob—10.

AGAINST THE MOTION: Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D.; John O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, William Lawless—7.

The Motion was declared carried by ten votes in favour to seven against.

The Secretary informed the Council that the prescribed date for the Estimates Meeting was 16th February, which in this year fell on Saturday. It was the opinion of the Council that Saturday was not a suitable day for a Council Meeting, and it was decided that the Minister be asked to prescribe Monday, 25th February, as the date for the Estimates Meeting this year. It was also decided to postpone the ordinary Monthly Meeting of the Council from Monday, 11th February, to Monday, 25th February, 1946.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 25th February, 1946.

The following Members were in attendance:—

Councillors T. Brennan, T.D.; P. Doyle, W. Hammond, P. McCarthy, B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, J. O'Reilly, P. P. O'Reilly, E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, Sean Dunne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, P. Ledwidge, C. M. Byrne, W. Clarke, J. Everett, T.D.; C. W. Hudson and J. Jacob.

Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, was in attendance.

BUSINESS:

AGENDA:

RESERVED FUNCTIONS.

- To confirm and sign Minutes of previous Meeting.
- To pass the usual Resolution in connection with the Council's application for (a) overdraft accommodation in the month of March on the County Council's General Account, and (b) overdraft accommodation on the Turf Production Account for the same month.
- Pursuant to Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940, to authorise by resolution the expenditure of money and the incurring of liabilities in excess of the expenditure specified in the Estimate for the financial year ending on 31st March, 1946, in respect of the following purposes:—

Public Assistance:	
District Institutions	£2,500
Home Assistance	450
Medical Assistance	400
Assistance in Extern Institutions	250
Other Expenses	900
	£4,500
Health Charges:	
Joint District Charges:	
Tuberculosis Schemes	2,100
Midwives Act	15
Salary and Expenses of Co. M.O.H.	80
	£2,195
General Purposes:	
Public Libraries	200
Scholarships	560
Machinery Expenses A/c. (Balance)	1,050
	£1,810
	£8,555

NOTE.—It is expected that the increases in expenditure set out above will be offset in full by increases in Receipts and savings under other headings, and that there will be no net increase in the cost of these services.

- To consider the Report of the Local Government Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of the Council for the period from 26th August, 1942, to 31st March, 1945.

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5. To consider communication from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bray, regarding the extension of Regulations for the Prevention of Dogs straying during the night (The Dogs Act, 1906).

ASSISTANCE, HEALTH AND HOUSING.

6. 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.

GENERAL.

7. To consider the provision of Burial Ground in the Parish of Roundwood and Glendalough—vide County Manager's Order on 10th January, 1946.
8. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Seán Duane:—
"I hereby give notice that, at the next meeting of the Council, I, or some member for me, shall move that the following employees of the B.O.H. engaged upon the building of cottages, etc., should be paid the maximum emergency bonus of 16/- per week, viz.: Timekeepers, Labourers, Carpenters, Plasterers, Carters, Masons and Gangers."
9. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Seán Duane:—
"I hereby give notice that, at the next meeting of the Council, I, or some member for me, shall move that roadworkers be paid weekly instead of fortnightly as at present."
10. To consider the following Resolution passed by the National Executive of the Irish Farmers' Federation:—
"Pending de-rating of agricultural land, and in view of the alarming prospects of a large increase in Local Rates during the coming years, we request all County Councils to make a united demand on the Government to enact legislation to fix a just and equitable maximum limit above which Rates cannot be increased."
11. To consider the following Resolution passed by the National Executive of the Irish Farmers' Federation:—
"That, in view of great individual hardships caused to Jurors who have to attend Circuit Courts day after day, we ask the County Councils to direct the attention of the Government to this unfair treatment, and we demand that Jurors be recompensed for out-of-pocket expenses and loss of time."

Item No. 1. Proposed by C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by J. Everett:
"That the Minutes of the Meeting of the 14th January, 1946, as circulated to each Member of the Council, be approved and signed. Passed unanimously."

Item No. 2 (a) Proposed by C. M. Byrne;
(a) Seconded by W. Clarke:
"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 Branch, 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, 1946, shall not exceed £10,000." Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2 (b) Proposed by C. M. Byrne;
(b) Seconded by J. J. McCrea:
"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 Branch, 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, 1946, shall not exceed £12,000." Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3. Proposed by C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by H. J. Byrne:
"That we authorise the expenditure of money and the incurring of liabilities in excess of the expenditure specified in the Estimates for the financial year ending on the 31st March, 1946, in respect of the following purposes:—

Public Assistance:		
District Institutions	£2,550	
Home Assistance	450	
Medical Assistance	400	
Assistance in Extern Institutions	250	
Other Expenses	900	£4,550
Health Charge:		
Joint District Charges:		
Tuberculosis Schemes	2,100	
Midwives Act	15	
Salary and Expenses of Co. M.O.H.	80	£2,195
General Purposes:		
Public Libraries	200	
Scholarships	560	
Machinery Expenses A/c. (Bal.)	1,050	£1,810
		£8,555

Passed unanimously.

The Council noted the County Manager's statement to the effect that the increases in expenditure as set out in the Resolution would be offset in full by increases in receipts and savings under other headings.

At this stage, the Council adjourned the consideration of the remaining items on the Agenda until the next Meeting.

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The Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock noon, on Monday, 25th February, 1946.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors Thomas Brennan, Patrick Doyle, Wallace Hammond, Patk. McCarthy, Benjamin Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, John O'Reilly, Peter P. O'Reilly, Ed. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, Seán Duane, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Wm. Lawless, Peter Ledwidge, C. M. Byrne, Wm. Clarke, James Everett, T.D.; C. W. Hudson and Joseph Jacob.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, was also in attendance.

BUSINESS:

To consider Estimates of Expenses in respect of the Financial Year ending on the 31st March, 1947, and to adopt and determine the Rate in the £ to be levied by means of Poor Rate, and, further, to determine the amount to be demanded from each of the Urban District Councils in respect of that Financial Year.

1. The Council considered the following Statement prepared by the County Manager, and which was circulated to each Member regarding the amounts which, in his opinion, would be required to be raised for the service of the financial year ending on the 31st March, 1947.
To: The Chairman and Members
of Wicklow County Council.

ESTIMATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR, 1946/1947.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,
Estimates of expenses and receipts for the year ending 31st March, 1947, together with Tables giving explanatory details, are attached.

The total gross expenditure estimated for the coming year is £310,126
Receipts are estimated at £27,702
The nett amount to be raised by Rates is £222,424

The corresponding figures in the Estimates for the present year were:

Gross Expenditure £285,706
Receipts £75,135
Nett amount to be raised £210,571

The increase, therefore, in the nett amount requiring to be raised in the coming year is £11,853. The Estimates now submitted will require a rate levy of 15/11d. in the £.

The Agricultural Grant, which at present amounts to £42,831, cannot be taken into account when determining the rates in the £; the Grant is applied towards the relief of Rates on Agricultural Land when the rates on each agricultural holding are being assessed. The Primary Allowance on foot of the Agricultural Grant at present is equivalent to an abatement in rates of 5/9d. in the £.

The Estimates submitted at this time last year provided for a rate of 15/6d. in the £. The Council, however, decided to raise a rate of 13/6d. The balance had to be found by the application of credits. These credits represented sums which were held for the purpose of meeting the cost of maintaining the Council's services until moneys became available by means of current rate collection. Consequent on such credits having become exhausted, the Council in the present year has had to avail of Bank Overdraft. Such Bank Overdraft in the year 1945/46 will cost approximately £300. In the coming year this accommodation will cost £500, which is equivalent to a rate of 1d. in the £. It is not advisable to incur an interest charge of this nature, but since the rate levy for the current year required an appropriation of credits, temporary accommodation had to be procured from the Council's Treasurer. All available credits have now been exhausted and Estimates now presented for the coming year cannot be reduced by such a means.

In the year 1937/38, prior to outbreak of war, the rate levied was 12/0d. in the £. There were reductions in the years 1938/39 and 1939/40, and in the years 1941/42 and 1942/43 it reached approximately 13/- in the £. In the year 1943/44 the Council levied a rate of 14/2½d. in the £, but in the following year it was reduced to 12/10d., whilst in the present year it is 13/6d.

tions have been made in the figures submitted by him. It has been strongly represented by the County Engineer that if the deterioration in Main Roads, which has resulted from the inability to maintain them in recent years, is not checked without delay, the cost of reconditioning them at a later date will be altogether greater.

The extra expenditure now provided for does not allow of the completion of anything like one-third of the programme originally outlined by the County Engineer; the sums allowed will merely cover the cost of very urgent resurfacing of selected sections of the roads carrying exceptionally heavy traffic. In any assessment of the results which at present may be achieved from expenditure on road works, it must be taken into account that wages in recent years have increased by about 30%, whilst the cost of Tar has shown an increase of about 250%.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: Mention already has been made of the progressive increase in recent years in the cost of County Institutions. These increases may be illustrated by comparison of the costs under the following headings for 1938/39 and estimates in the coming year:

	1938/39	1946/47
Food and Necessaries	£5,718	£8,830
Heating and Lighting	£1,376	£4,500

It is obvious that the foregoing increases must result in a substantial addition to the rate levy.

Whilst the cost of Home Assistance has not shown a marked increase in recent years, the Council, however, has had to contribute from the Rate Fund the sum of approximately £1,400 to the Supplementary Allowance Scheme, under which vouchers for food are made available to necessitous persons. In addition, the Council has to contribute annually the sum of £350 towards the Footwear Scheme.

The cost of boarding-out children has increased in recent years—in 1939/40 it was £1,690; for the coming year it is estimated at £3,050. The cost of maintenance in Extern Institutions likewise has increased; in 1939/40 it was £5,446; for the coming year 1946/47 the estimate is £7,400. The number of patients sent for treatment to such Institutions has shown a tendency to increase, but the main cause of the added cost is the rise in weekly wages charges.

HEALTH CHARGES: Consequent on the coming into operation of the Fire Brigades Act, 1940, it was necessary for the Council to establish its own Fire Fighting Service. This is a very essential Service, but its costs have to be defrayed completely from the Rate Fund. At present the Council's Engineering Staff is endeavouring to bring this Service up to as high a standard of efficiency as possible, and the Estimates for the coming year include provision for the purchase of additional equipment, etc. The cost of the Service is roughly equivalent to a rate of 1½d. in the £.

As already mentioned, the costs of Public Health Services, which formerly were defrayed by means of Separate Charges, now are being met from the general rate levy on the County Health District. Services included under this heading are—Water Supplies, Sewerage Schemes and Public Lighting. It is scarcely necessary to mention that in the past 15 years there have been considerable additions to these Services, and there is a growing and insistent demand for further expansion. It must, however, be pointed out, that Schemes such as Water Supplies, Sewerage, and Public Lighting yield scarcely any revenue towards the meeting of capital charges and maintenance costs involved. Every additional Scheme, therefore, must inevitably lead to an increase in the rate levy. Whilst it probably is correct to say that Wicklow is in advance of most other Counties in the provision of such essential Public Health Services, it must not be overlooked that their provision has resulted in an increase in the rate demand.

JOINT DISTRICT CHARGES: For the coming year the amount to be provided for the County Tuberculosis Scheme is £526 in excess of that provided in the current year. This increase is due to the necessity for providing for Food and Clothing for T.B. patients. The Tuberculosis and Schools Medical Schemes are two services in which there has been considerable expansion during the past ten years. Whilst 50% of the cost of these Schemes is recouped from State Funds, the amount to be met from Rates, however, will be appreciably higher in the coming year than was the case a number of years ago.

HOUSING CHARGES: The amount to be levied under this heading is £19,708, which compares with £18,849 required in the current year. The Housing Deficit which has to be met from the Rate Fund is equivalent to a rate of 1½d. in the £; ten years ago the rate required for this purpose was 7d. The number of cottages at present owned by the Council is 2,695; 15 years ago it was 958. These figures are evidence of the progress made in rural housing in the intervening years. The cost of repairs for the coming year is estimated at £4,000. The increase in recent years in housing costs is due to:

- (1) Necessity for subsidising from rates the rents of the houses built by the Council;
- (2) Increased outlay on repairs.

The increase in the prices of materials is reflected in the charges for repairs; timber and other supplies nowadays cost more than twice as much as they did six or seven years ago. In view of the high rate at present required for housing, and, since it is to be expected that in the coming year's capital expenditure on new housing schemes will make further demands on the County Rates, it is felt necessary to refer to the desirability of cottage tenants co-operating with the Council in ensuring that repairs are not due to wilful damage or neglect.

GENERAL PURPOSES: In the coming year provision of £230 has been made for 3 University Scholarships. Secondary Scholarships show an increase from £1,175 to £1,595.

The Demand for Grangegorman Mental Hospital shows an increase of £3,000, and that from the County Committee of Agriculture is higher by £554.

There has been a progressive increase in the cost of Reformatories and Industrial Schools. In 1938/39 the amount necessary was £681; in the coming year the sum of £1,800 is required.

Sheep Dipping Expenses include provision for new Baths. The sum provided for this purpose is £200.

GENERAL: The details set out hereunder will be helpful in showing the trend of County expenditure in recent years:

	1935/6	1938/9	1946/7
1. Roads:			
Main (Repair and Improvement)	£23,446	£26,572	£36,936
County (Do.)	£13,182	£18,581	£23,768
	£36,628	£45,153	£60,705
2. Public Assistance:			
Gross Expenditure	£44,045	£49,366	£53,096
Government Grants	£2,100	£2,100	£10,776
Nett Amount	£41,945	£47,266	£72,320
3. Mental Hospital Demand:			
Gross Expenditure	£15,220	£20,203	£31,602
Receipts from State Grant	£2,744	£2,853	£2,700
Net amount to be levied	£12,476	£17,350	£28,902

4. Housing:			
Gross Expenditure	£13,229	£23,844	£54,373
Receipts (Rents, State Subsidy, etc.)	£6,250	£16,928	£34,365
Net Amount	£6,979	£6,916	£19,708
5. Tuberculosis Scheme:			
Gross Expenditure	£5,850	£5,800	£10,080
Receipts from State Grants	£3,585	£3,600	£5,765
Net Amount to be Levied	£2,265	£2,200	£4,315

The foregoing items which represent a substantial part of County Expenditure are taken as representative of the tendency towards increased costs in the services to be maintained by the Council. It will be appreciated, moreover, that such increases are influenced by factors outside the Council's control, such as the general increase in price levels and wages since 1939.

In this survey of the Council's Services reference has been made to the items which account in major part for the increase in the rate levy in recent years. It may be instructive, however, to institute a comparison between the rates leviable off Agricultural Land in the past 20 years. In the year 1925/26 the average poor rate in the County was 8/3d. The Agricultural Grant for that year, which then was applied at the same rate to all lands irrespective of valuation, was equivalent to a rate of 1s. 4d. in the £. The net rate payable on agricultural land, therefore, was 6/11d. Since 1925 the Agricultural Grant has been increased by progressive stages from £600,000 to £1,870,000. In the current year a Poor Rate of 13/6d. was struck. The Agricultural Grant at present, taking Primary Rate on first £20 P.L.V., is 5/9d. Consequently, the net rate payable by persons with holdings of less than £20 Valuation or by persons who qualify to full extent in respect of Employment Allowances would be 7/8d.

Every item in the Estimate now submitted has been carefully checked and reviewed, and it is considered that the minimum rate which it will be necessary to levy in order to maintain the County Services during the coming year is that which has already been indicated, viz.: 15/11d. in the £.

Yours faithfully,

GENERAL PURPOSES CHARGES:

The County Manager replied to queries raised by Members in connection with items under this heading.

Following upon the discussion in which all Members took part, it was

Proposed by Councillor Ledwidge:

Seconded by Councillor Hickey:

"That we adopt a rate of 1/6d. in the £ for the year 1946/1947 in excess of that adopted in the current year, 1945/1946."

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Hudson:

Seconded by Councillor Hammond:

"That we adopt a rate of 1/- in the £ in excess of the rate provided for the current year 1945/1946."

At this stage, the County Manager stated that it was with regret he was obliged to direct that attention of the Members to the provisions of Section 24 of the County Management Act, 1940, which imposed on the Manager the obligation to state his objection if he was of the opinion that an amendment of the Estimate of Expenses proposed to be adopted would seriously prejudice the efficient or the economical performance of the duties of the Council. He pointed out that the amounts which he had provided in the Estimates represented the very minimum requirements for the maintenance of the Council's Services for the coming year. Whilst the Council had not amended the actual estimates as presented, a rate of either 14/6d. or 15/0d. in the £ would not be sufficient to meet the costs of the Council's Services in the coming year and would not lead to the economical performance of the Council's duties, inasmuch as expense on Interest on Bank Overdraft would have to be increased.

The amendment was then put to the meeting, and a vote having been called for, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR: Councillors W. Hammond and C. W. Hudson—2.

AGAINST: Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D.; B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, J. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Ed. Byrne, Seán Dunne, Wm. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, Wm. Clarke, Joseph Jacob—16.

The amendment was declared lost by sixteen votes against to two in favour.

Councillor Ledwidge's Motion was then put to the Meeting, and a vote having been called for, the Members voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR: Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D.; B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, J. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Ed. Byrne, Seán Dunne, Wm. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, Wm. Clarke and Joseph Jacob—16.

AGAINST: Councillors W. Hammond and C. W. Hudson—2.

The Motion was declared passed by sixteen votes in favour to two against.

The Meeting was then adjourned until Monday, 4th March, 1946.

The Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock noon on Monday, 4th March, 1946.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

Councillors P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D.; Patrick Doyle, B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, Peter Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Wm. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, Wm. Clarke, and Joseph Jacob.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, was also in attendance.

The Chairman stated that owing to illness, Mr. K. J. Brangan, County Secretary, was unable to attend.

The County Manager read a letter dated 28th February, 1946, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relating to the increase in Road Grants for the year 1946/47, as follows:—

Copy/ Department of Local Government and Public Health,
Custom House, Dublin.
28 Feabhra, 1946.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has under consideration the making of grants to County Councils from the Road Fund in the coming financial year. The condition of the roads has deteriorated considerably during the emergency period owing to the inability of County Councils to obtain the necessary materials for carrying out the normal maintenance of roads by surface dressing. In the present year bituminous materials for road surfacing are again available and the Minister is anxious that the County Councils should use such materials to the greatest extent possible. It is extremely important that this be done in order to restore the roads to a proper standard and also to prevent further deterioration where the existing road surface is showing signs of weakening. As there is a reasonable prospect of obtaining road materials this year the County Surveyor should be asked to state if his estimate of road expenditure provides for the maximum amount of restoration work that could be undertaken in the coming year. Where possible his estimate should be increased to provide for the maximum amount being undertaken.

To restore the roads to a proper standard will involve considerable expenditure and in order that the position may be dealt with adequately in the present year by County Councils, the Minister as a purely temporary measure limited to the financial year commencing on the 1st April, is prepared to offer to County Councils special assistance out of the Road Fund on the following basis:—

Scale of Expenditure.	Main Roads Grant.	County Roads Grant.
Up to average of provision made in years 1940/41 to 1945/46 inclusive	50%	—
On first 10% over the average	75%	66 2/3%
On further expenditure	90%	75%

It is a condition of these grants that increased provision for the main roads will be made commensurate with the increase made for county road expenditure. The above grants will be subject to the ordinary conditions governing grants from the Road Fund.

It will be necessary to continue turf production this year and there will be need for labour for turf production. The amount required to be produced in the County will be notified to the County Council at an early date.

To the Secretary Each County Council. Mise le meas. J HURSON, Runai.

The Manager stated that whereas in the Estimates already put before the Council the amount of Grants from the Road Fund was calculated at £13,552, such Grants now would be increased to £21,734. This would be equivalent to a reduction in the Rate Estimate as submitted of 7d. in £. Details as to the manner in which the Grants were calculated were shown in the Memorandum which had been furnished to each Member present.

If the Estimates originally submitted by the County Engineer for repairs to Main Roads and County Roads were to be accepted, the Grants available on the new basis of calculation would amount in all to £54,135, which was a reduction of 2½d. on that put before the Council at the previous meeting.

Further details regarding Roads Estimates and Grants having been given by the Manager, the Council, after discussion, decided unanimously to adjourn further consideration of the Estimates to a Meeting to be held on Monday, 11th March, 1946, and the Chairman (Mr. J. J. McCrea) handed in the following Notice of Motion:—

NOTICE OF MOTION.

"That the Council give further consideration to the provision to be made for Roads Works in the Estimate for the coming financial year 1946/47 at adjourned Meeting to be held on Monday, 11th inst." The Council then decided to consider the following items on the Agenda for the Meeting of the 25th February, 1946, which had been adjourned on that date:—

AGENDA.

- To consider the Report of the Local Government Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of the Council for the period from 26th August, 1942, to 31st March, 1945.
- To consider communication from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síoch

11. To consider the following Resolution passed by the National Executive of the Irish Farmers Federation:—

"That in view of the great individual hardships caused to jurors who have to attend Circuit Courts day after day, we ask the County Councils to direct the attention of the Government to this unfair treatment, and we demand that Jurors be recouped for out of pocket expenses and loss of time."

Item No. 4.

AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDED 31st MARCH, 1945:—
The Report of the Local Government Auditor for the period ended 31st March, 1945, which had been circulated to the Members of the Council was marked "Read," it being agreed that there was not any item therein which called for comment from the Council. The Manager mentioned that appropriate action had been taken in connection with certain routine matters of administration referred to therein.

Item No. 5.

EXTENSION OF REGULATION UNDER THE DOGS ACT, 1906.

The Council decided to adjourn consideration of communication from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bray, regarding the extension of Regulations for the prevention of Dogs Straying during the night.

ASSISTANCE, HEALTH AND HOUSING.

ARKLOW CEMETERY:

Councillor McCarthy mentioned that consequent on representations made to the Manager, it had been agreed to allow overtime pay to the Caretaker for burials on Saturday (half-day), and Sundays, such work being outside of normal working hours. He stated, however, that the Manager in his Order on this subject had directed that such overtime payments should be recouped from undertakers or persons arranging burials on Saturdays and Sundays, and he (Councillor McCarthy) objected to this arrangement.

The Manager agreed to give the matter further consideration.

BLESSINGTON HOUSING SCHEME:

Members referred to the delay in the completion of Housing Scheme on site at Blessington, and the delay in occupation of such houses by the tenants to whom they had been allocated.

The Manager explained that delay had occurred in the making of water and sewer connections owing to the refusal of a land-owner to allow facilities for laying of pipes. The matter had been receiving especial attention, and it was expected that the houses should be ready for occupation within a further 10–14 days.

HOUSING SITE AT TINAHELY:

Reference was made to the possibility of procuring an alternative site for cottages at Tinahely. The site which it was proposed to use was required as a sports field, and Members represented that, if possible, an alternative site should be procured. After discussion it was decided that the Council's Engineer and the Tinahely Committee should have joint consultations for the purpose of investigating the possibility of obtaining an alternative site.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

The Manager undertook to investigate a number of matters relating to Public Assistance which were brought to his notice by the Members.

EMERGENCY BONUS TO BUILDERS' LABOURERS AND PAINTERS:

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., enquired as to the delay in allowing an increased emergency bonus to builders' labourers and painters, in the employment of the Council. The Manager stated that this matter had been under consultation, and that a decision would be taken at an early date.

HOSPITAL SITES:

In reply to enquiries, the Manager stated that thus far no report had been received from the Architect engaged by the Council on the sites for the proposed new County Hospital and County Fever Hospital. The Architect had again been reminded of the matter, and had been asked to submit his report without delay.

FENCING OF COTTAGE PLOTS, ETC.

The Manager stated that consideration would be given to representations made by Members regarding the fencing of cottage plots, and the provision of allotments.

TURF PRODUCTION:

Councillor P. P. O'Reilly referred with dissatisfaction to rates of pay allowed by contractors engaged by the Council for the production of turf, and other Members referred to complaints regarding the quality of the turf supplied to Grangegorman Mental Hospital. The Chairman stated that it appeared that turf supplied to Grangegorman Mental Hospital was mainly produced by contractors, and suggested that if the Council's own workmen were employed, production might be more satisfactory.

The County Engineer gave details of the weekly rates of pay to workmen employed by the County Council and by contractors. The wages payable by contractors had to be stabilised on the basis of wages paid by the County Council to the workmen employed on direct labour. The Engineer also gave details of deliveries to Grangegorman Mental Hospital in the past year. Of 8,000 tons delivered, only 570 had been rejected as unsuitable. He stated that the complaints of the Grangegorman Committees were based not on the presence of moisture in the turf, but on the grounds that turf from County Wicklow was not of a sufficiently high calorific value as compared with supplies from elsewhere. The question of calorific value was one which could not be altered by a change in the methods of production; calorific value depended on the nature of the turf deposits, not on moisture content, merely.

PETROL ALLOWANCE TO COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councillor Dr. Hickey and Councillor C. M. Byrne referred to the necessity for allowing Members of the Council a petrol allowance for the purpose of attending Meetings of the Council and its Committees. The Manager stated that representations previously made to the appropriate Government Department in this matter had not been successful. It was decided that further representations should be made on the subject to the Department of Local Government and Public Health and to the Department of Industry and Commerce.

GENERAL.

Item No. 7.

GRAVEYARD AT GLENDALOUGH:

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That existing graveyard at Glendalough be extended and that necessary measures be taken for acquiring the required land. Passed unanimously.

Items No. 8 and 9.

The Notices of Motion (Items No. 8 and 9) standing in the name of Councillor Sean Dunne, were adjourned owing to the absence of Councillor Dunne.

Items No. 10 and 11.

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FARMERS FEDERATION:

The Council considered the following resolution submitted by the national Executive of the Irish Farmers Federation:—

"Pending de-rating of agricultural land, and in view of the alarming prospects of a large increase in local rates during the coming

years, we request all County Councils to make a united demand on the Government to enact legislation to fix a just and equitable maximum limit above which Rates cannot be increased."

Order—Read.