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9. Any Scholarship in respect of which no application for renewal is received within such time as may be fixed by the Council, of which Notice will be sent to each Scholar, or in respect of which the Certificate or Certificates, hereinbefore set out, shall not be produced, shall be deemed to have lapsed.

10. Applications from intending Candidates, accompanied by Birth Certificates, will be received up to 20th April, 1946, by the Secretary of the County Council, 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, should be submitted to the County Secretary, Courthouse, Wicklow, and if the applicant is approved, the applicant will, in due course, be notified to that effect.

11. The Council reserves the right to exclude any candidate from competing for these Scholarships, and the Council's decision on all questions relating to this University Scholarship Scheme shall be conclusive and final.

Any successful candidate for one of these Scholarships who has been

- (a) a student in a Preparatory College, or
- (b) recognised as a Pupil Teacher, or
- (c) admitted to a Training College in preparation for the position of National School Teacher

is hereby reminded that under the Rules of the Department of Education, and in accordance with the undertaking signed by him and on his behalf by his parent (or guardian), in the event of his acceptance of the Scholarship any money expended by the State upon him must be refunded to the Department.

K. J. BRANGAN,
County Secretary.

County Council Offices,
Court House, Wicklow.
Dated this 19th February, 1946.

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The Adjourned Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock noon on Monday, 11th March, 1946.

The following members were present:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;
Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; Patrick Doyle, B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, John O'Reilly, Peter Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Sean Dunne, Liam O'Laoghaigh, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, Joseph Jacob.
The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, was also in attendance.

BUSINESS:

1. To consider following Notice of Motion from Councillor J. J. McCrea:—
"That the Council give further consideration to the provision to be made for Road Works in the Estimates for the coming Financial Year 1946/47, at Adjourned Meeting to be held on Monday, 11th instant."

2. 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.

Vote of Sympathy:

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle.
Resolved—That we the members of Wicklow County Council have heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. Sean Behan and we extend to the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne.
Resolved—That we the members of Wicklow County Council have heard with deep regret of the death of his Eminence John Cardinal Glennon, Archbishop of St. Louis, and we hereby extend to his relatives, and to the priests and people of the Archdiocese the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 1:

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne.
Resolved—That the Council give further consideration to the provision to be made for Roads Works in the Estimates for the coming financial year 1946/47.

Councillor H. J. Byrne referred to the provisions of Standing Orders and asked whether the Council would be in order in passing the resolution, and re-considering the estimates for Roads. At the request of the Chairman the Law Agent stated that in his opinion the Council were quite entitled to reconsider the Estimates for Roads, inasmuch as the Meeting held on that date was an adjournment of the Estimates Meeting.

Councillor McCrea's Motion was thereupon put to the Meeting and passed.

The Council then proceeded to consider the following Statement which had been circulated by the County Manager regarding the increased Grants from the Road Fund notified in the letter of 28th February, 1946, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:—

Estimates 1946/47.

To the Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council.

In the attached statements details are given of the effect which the increased Grants from the Road Fund, notified in letter of 28/2/46, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health would have on the Estimates for the coming financial year.

In statement marked A.1, the calculation of these Grants on the basis of the expenditure for Roads included in the Manager's Estimate is shown. The total of Main Roads Grants would be £20,341, and for County Roads a Grant of £1,393 would be forthcoming. The total Grants, therefore, would be £21,734 as compared with £13,552 originally estimated. The effect on the Estimated Rate of 15/11d. in the Manager's Estimate is shown in Statement A.2. The amount for Roads included in the latter was 4/4d.; the increased Grants would reduce it to 3/9d. and the total rate required would be reduced to 15/4d.

In the Department's letter of 28/2/46, it is stressed that the maximum amount of restoration works on Roads should be undertaken in the coming year and the increased Grants are being made available in order that County Councils may carry out such urgent works. The Grants now available to the Council would cover the greater part of the cost of this restoration work and in order that the Council may appreciate the possibilities of the altered position consequent on the generous measure of State Aid offered, separate Statements are attached showing the results if the Estimates for Main Roads Repairs and County Roads Repairs originally prepared by the County Engineer and included in the Road Works Scheme submitted by him were accepted.

In the statement marked B.1 the calculation of the Grants which would be available on the basis of the County Engineer's original estimate is shown. The rate for Roads which would be required in this instance is given in Statement B.2. It will be noted that it would be 4/11d. as compared with 4/4d. estimated for Roads in the Estimates submitted to the County Council on 25th ultimo. The total Grants available would be £54,135 as compared with £21,734 if the Estimates for Roads recently submitted were confirmed. Therefore, if the Surveyor's Estimates for Roads were accepted, the Council would obtain additional Grants amounting to £32,401. The difference in actual costs to be met by the Council entailed by the Surveyor's Roads Estimates and the Roads Estimates already presented by the Manager, would be £4,712, equivalent to a rate of 43d. in £. It will be noted that in fact the increased expenditure involved would be met almost entirely from Government Grants.

M. FLANNERY,

Wicklow County Manager.

8th March, 1946.

Water and Sewerage Schemes:—

In the course of the discussion on the Estimates generally Councillor Ledwidge and Councillor Dr. Hickey raised the question of the Water and Sewerage Scheme for Killincarrig, Greystones, and inquired when the Scheme might be undertaken. The County Manager gave particulars of the Schemes for which plans had been prepared, and stated that the County Medical Officer of Health had been consulted regarding the order of priority of the Schemes. At the request of Councillor Ledwidge the Manager stated that he would obtain the views of the County M.O.H. regarding Killincarrig Sewerage and Water Scheme.

The question of new Schemes for Water and Sewerage generally would be brought before the Council for consideration at an early date.

Agricultural Grants:

The Chairman inquired from the County Manager whether any arrears of Agricultural Grant might be received before the end of the year, which might be available as a credit in the coming year's Estimates. In reply the County Manager stated that as considerable arrears of Agricultural Grant had been received in recent years, it was unlikely that any very considerable sum would be forthcoming, but some credits might be available from this source.

The County Manager further stated that he had made a very close review of the Council's finances for the current year, and that as a result of this check it was estimated that there would be credits available at the close of the year amounting to approximately £5,000.

If this credit were taken into account, a rate of 15/4d in the £ would be sufficient to provide for the Council's services for the coming year, and to cover the County Engineer's estimate for repair and maintenance of Roads.

Item No. 2:

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Resolved—That we adopt a General Rate of 15s. 4d. in respect of the service of the year ending on 31st March, 1947.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

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 Poor Rate for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1947, as follows:—

Nature of Service.	Rate in the £
	s. d.
(a) Road Charges	4 1 1/2
(b) Public Assistance Charges	5 1 1/2
(c) Mental Hospital Charges	1 11
(d) Health Charges	2 3 1/2
(e) Housing Charges	1 8 1/2
(f) General Purposes Charges	1 1/2

SEPARATE CHARGES.

No. in Separate Charges Register.	Name, Particulars and area of Separate Charge	Rate in the £
VII	Wicklow Harbour	4
LXII	Baltinglass Union Loans	0 1/2
LXIV	Rathdrum Union Loans	0 1/2
	Vocational Education	5

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Resolved—That we hereby, in accordance with the Estimates on Form E.1 and the Valuation Lists, do determine the amounts to be demanded from each Urban District Council in respect of the financial year ending 31st March, 1947, as follows:—

	Arklow	Bray	Wicklow
Roads	646 1 6	2,815 14 6	559 5 9
Public Assistance	2,282 3 0	9,800 6 0	1,977 0 0
Mental Hospital	1,250 5 0	5,035 11 0	1,028 5 0
Health Charges	263 15 2	1,129 1 0	228 17 7
General Purposes Charges	426 6 6	1,731 18 0	334 19 4
Separate Charges	372 2 0	—	1,162 17 6
	5,240 13 2	20,512 10 6	5,289 5 2

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 Co. Council held on 11th March, 1946, 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, 1947.

Signed—J. J. McCREA, Chairman;
Countersigned—K. J. BRANGAN, Secretary.

A copy of the Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the local Financial Year ending on the 31st March, 1947, showing the figures on which the rate of 15/4d. in the £ is based, is attached:—

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the local Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1947.

ROAD CHARGES: EXPENDITURE	To which Urban Districts Contribute.		From which Urban Districts are Exempt.	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Ordinary Road Works:—				
Repairs	61,515		31,849	
Improvements	3,055		1,960	
Loan Charges	1,493		767	
Contingencies	350		250	
Other Expenses:—				
Salary and Travelling Expenses of Co. Surveyor (Prop.)	565			
Salaries and Travelling expenses of Assist. Surveyors (Prop.)			1,295	
Retiring Allowance—ex-County Surveyor	507			
Salaries and Travelling Expenses of Temporary Engineers			709	
Salaries—Clerical Staff, County Surveyor's Office			896	
Printing and Stationery	70		212	
Advertising	44		16	
Office Equipment			290	
Rents, Rates, etc.—Quarries	54			
Postage and Telephones	100		56	
Stamp Duty—Paying Orders	75		65	
Insurance Premiums	1,840		1,273	
Miscellaneous (inc. E.L. Claims)	10		315	
	69,678	69,678	39,953	39,953

ROAD CHARGES:

RECEIPTS.	In which Urban Districts participate.		In which Urban Districts do not participate.	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Maintenance Grant from Road Fund	45,212		8,923	
Other Receipts:—				
Estate Duty Grant			484	
Refund of Insurance Premiums	300		200	
Contributions to cost of Public Works	12		42	
Insurance Broker's Commission	97		63	
Sale of Tar Drums	250			
Sale of Material	40			
Opening of Roads and other Refunds	40		30	
Miscellaneous Receipts (inc. refund of E.I. Claims)	25		310	
	45,976	45,976	10,052	10,052

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CHARGES:

Nature of Expenditure.	To which Urban Districts Contribute.	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Institutions:—		
Salaries, Wages, etc.	6,700	
Superannuation	179	
Food, Drink and Tobacco	8,830	
Farm Expenses	90	
Furniture and Hardware	200	
Washing and Cleaning	100	
Medicines	600	
Medical and Surgical Appliances	500	
Heating and Lighting	4,500	
Clothing and Bedding	450	
Repairs and Upkeep	625	
Loan Charges	929	
Miscellaneous Institutional Expenses	700	
Total for District Institutions	24,473	24,473
HOME ASSISTANCE:		
Assistance in Cash to Aged, Infirm etc.	16,500	
Provisional Assistance to Unemployed, etc.	3,000	
Special Food Scheme (Government Grant)	4,164	
Supplementary Allowances (Government Grant)	5,550	
Footwear Scheme (Government Grant) £350; (Council's contribution £350)	700	
Boarded-out Children	3,050	
Salaries of Assistance Officers	1,300	
Fuel Schemes and Other Expenses	547	
Total for Home Assistance	34,811	34,811
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE:		
Salaries of Dispensary Medical Officers, Midwives and other Staff	7,775	
Superannuation Allowances	600	
Medical Supplies	1,400	
Loan Charges	80	
Repairs, Fuel Allowances, Rents, etc.	1,030	
Total for Medical Assistance	10,885	10,885
Assistance in Extern Institutions	7,400	7,400
Other Expenses:—		
Salaries and Wages Office Staff, etc. Children's Act, Inspectors and Workhouse Caretakers	1,200	
Do. Engineering, Legal and Analyst		
Superannuation	321	
Printing, Stationery and Advertising, etc.	62	
Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurance	500	
Postage and Telephones	250	
Ambulance Service and other Transport of Patients	300	
Coffins and Burials of Poor Persons	1,800	
Registration Births, Deaths and Marriages	400	
Fees for Certification of Lunatics	300	
Other Miscellaneous Expenditure	44	
	350	
Total for Other Expenses	5,527	5,527
Gross Total of Expenditure	83,096	83,096

RECEIPTS.

Nature of Receipt.	In which Urban Districts participate.	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
REFUNDS OF ASSISTANCE:		
Cost of Maintenance in Institutions and Refunds of Home Assistance	5,700	
GOVERNMENT GRANTS:		
Special Food Scheme	4,184	
Footwear Scheme	350	
Additional Allowances to Old Age Pensioners, Blind Pensioners, and Recipients of Disablement Benefit	4,162	
Medical and Educational Recoupment	1,550	
Estate Duty Grant	550	
Sale of Farm Produce	200	
Farm Produce consumed by Inmates in County Home	350	
Other Miscellaneous Receipts	350	
Total Estimated Receipts	17,376	17,376

MENTAL HOSPITALS: EXPENDITURE.	To which Urban Districts Contribute.	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Money supplied to Joint Committee	31,602	31,602

RECEIPTS.	In which Urban Districts participate.	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Grant in aid of Maintenance of Mental Patients	2,700	2,700

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.
PUBLIC HEALTH SECTION.
Estimated Expenditure and Receipts Financial Year ending 31st March, 1947.

HEALTH DISTRICT CHARGES (GENERAL):	From which Urban Districts are Exempt.	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Salaries and Wages, Office Staff, Public Health Nurse, Medical Officers of Health, Sanitary Sub-Officers, etc.	1,467	
Superannuation	92	
Burial Grounds:	1,800	
Remuneration of Caretakers, Repairs and Maintenance £530		
Loan Charges £1,070		
Fire Brigades Act—General £1,000	1,880	
Loan Charges £880		
Vaccination Acts	25	
Maternity and Child Welfare	40	
Free Milk Scheme:		
Cost of Milk £1,200		
Administration £56	1,256	
Office Expenses, Books, Printing, Advertising, etc.	450	
Shops Act (Inspector's Remuneration)	52	
Insurance Premiums	184	
Disinfection and Disinfectants	25	
Replacement of Clothing and Bedding	70	
Purchase of Steam Disinfectors	80	
Diphtheria Immunisation	50	
Analyst's Fees	26	
Notification of Infections Diseases	25	
Derelict Sites Act	50	
Miscellaneous Expenses	250	
Maintenance of Water Supplies and Sewerage Systems, Public Lighting	9,650	
New Works (Water and Sewerage)		
Preliminary Expenses	500	
Engineers' Salary and Travelling Expenses (Proportion)	670	
Law Agent's Salary (Proportion)	113	
Salary and Travelling Expenses of County M.O.H.	333	
	18,888	18,888

RECEIPTS.		
Burial Fees	200	
Maternity and Child Welfare Grant	20	
Free Milk Grant	1,200	
Recoupment of Sanitary Salaries (Grant)	216	
Water Rates and Rents	560	
Miscellaneous	50	
	2,246	2,246

JOINT DISTRICT CHARGES.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	To which Urban Districts Contribute.	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Tuberculosis Acts	10,080	
Prevention and Treatment of Disease	300	
Midwives Act	50	
Schools Medical Service	1,200	
Blind Persons Act	140	
Other Expenditure	100	
	11,870	11,870

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.		
Tuberculosis Acts:—		
National Tuberculosis Grant	5,040	
Tuberculosis Block Grant	700	
Other Tuberculosis Scheme Receipts	25	
	5,765	
Prevention and Treatment of Disease Grant:—		
School Medical Service		225
Government Grant		600
Recoupment for Spectacles, etc.		10
	6,600	6,600

HOUSING SECTION.

Nature of Expenditure.	From which Urban Districts are Exempt.	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
HOUSING CHARGES:		
Remuneration of Engineers (Portion)	900	
Remuneration of Law Agent (Portion)	150	
Rent Collectors' Poundage	1,800	
COTTAGE REPAIRS:		
Direct Labour Wages	4,000	
Direct Labour Materials		
Cottage Repairs Contract		
LOAN CHARGES:		
Insurances	43,406	
Rates on Cottages	150	
Other Labourers Acts Expenses	3,700	
	267	
Total for Housing Charges	54,373	54,373

RECEIPTS.		
Rents of Labourers' Cottages	16,915	
Housing Subsidy	17,750	
Total for Housing Receipts	34,665	34,665

GENERAL PURPOSES CHARGES: EXPENDITURE.	To which Urban Districts Contribute.		From which Urban Districts are Exempt.	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Money supplied to Committee of Agriculture				
Public Libraries			4,028	
Town and Regional Planning Acts			1,320	
Tourist Development			100	
Scholarships:				
Secondary	1,595			
University	230			
Other Expenses:—				
Salaries and Travelling Expenses	1,800			
Legal Expenses			2,600	
Cost of Rate Collection			30	
Irrecoverable Rates, Discounts and Remissions			5,345	
Electors' and Jurors' Lists	1,500		1,500	
Valuation Expenses	175			
Coroners' Salaries and Expenses of Inquests	176			
Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Expenses	134			
Conveyance of Prisoners	130			
Weights and Measures	341			
Food and Drugs	60			
Co. Analyst (one-half fees)	90			
Reformatory and Industrial Schools	1,800			
Disease of Animals Acts				
Veterinary Inspectors	395			
Sheep Dipping Scheme	1,382			
General Cattle Diseases Fund	317			
Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	50			
Combined Purchasing Act	200			
Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act	165			
Neutrality (War Damage to Property) Act	43			
Air Raid Precautions Act (chargeable to functional area)	30			
Tramway Employees' Pensions Co. Wicklow—Prop.			1,002	
Pensions—Late Union Officers	1,012			
Pensions—Late R.D. Councils Officers			155	
Pensions—County Officers (inc. ex-County Manager)	834		306	
Courthouses and Officers:—				
Repairs and Renewals	610		260	
Rent and Expenses	260		50	
Court-keepers and Office Attendant	80		160	

Insurance Premiums ..	48		604	
Loan Repayment ..				
Seeds and Fertilizers Scheme ..	3,500		60	
Audit Fees ..			250	
Printing and Stationery ..	20		50	
Advertising ..	40		270	
Postage and Telephones ..	20		500	
Interest on Overdraft ..				
Travelling Expenses — County Councillors ..	300			
Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts—Preliminary Expenses ..			50	
Lime Scheme ..			50	
Arterial Drainage ..	130			
Miscellaneous ..	40		187	
Machinery Expense Account (balance) ..				
	17,713	17,713	18,877	18,877

GENERAL PURPOSES CHARGES:	In which Urban Districts participate.		In which Urban Districts participate.	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
RECEIPTS.				
Bounts in lieu of Rates ..			2,700	
Public Libraries ..			114	
Recoupments:				
Registration Expenses ..	362			
Prosecution and Witnesses Expenses ..	130			
Diseases of Animals Acts:—				
(a) General ..	197			
(b) Sheep Dipping ..	691			
(c) Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order ..	60			
Fees refunded by Co. Secretary:—				
(1) Franchise and Jurors ..	353			
(2) Motor Registration ..	280			
(3) Valuation Certificates ..	4			
(4) Diseases of Animals ..	115			
(5) Old Age Pensions ..	15			
Poisons Licences ..	4			
Cinematograph Licences ..			6	
Recoupment—Pensions late Union Officers (Carlow, £45; Kildare, £23) ..	68			
Fines under Food and Drugs Acts ..	28			
Air Raid Precautions Grant ..	18			
Seeds and Fertilizers Scheme ..	3,475		30	
Miscellaneous ..	20			
	5,820	5,820	2,850	2,850

COUNTY COUNCIL SEPARATE CHARGES:	To which Urban Districts Contribute.		From which Urban Districts are Exempt.	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
EXPENDITURE				
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Ground ..			76	
Wicklow Harbour Loan ..	2,667			
Repayment of Loans raised by late Boards of Guardians ..	140			
Pensions—Ex-Officers of County Council ..			48	
Compensation for Criminal Injury to be levied over the former Rural District of Rathdrum ..			15	
Vocational Education Committee: Demand ..	4,960			
Repayment of Loans ..	467			
Retiring Allowances:—	166			
N. Pender £106 17s. 1d.				
Miss I. M. Tarrant £59 4s. 3d.				
Total Separate Charges ..	8,400	8,400	139	139

RECEIPTS.				
Recoupment from Department of Education—One half Expenses of Loans for Vocational Schools ..	234			
Recoupment proportion of Pensions:—				
Department ..	£82			
Leitrim ..	£7			
Sligo ..	£5			
	328	328		

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

13th September, 1945. G.3625/45.	Enclosing copy of the Minister's Order declaring the age of 65 years and one month to be the age limit for the office of County Manager for the County of Wicklow.
14th September, 1945. F.17498/45.	Sanctioning the employment of two temporary clerk assistants with remuneration at the rate of 30s. per week, together with appropriate emergency bonus in connection with the preparation of the 24th Register of Electors.
18th September, 1945. C.9893/3/45.	Regarding the appointment of an additional clerk-typist in connection with the administration of the Sheep Dipping Scheme, and intimating that an extra clerk-typist may be selected from those who qualified at the recent examination held for these posts. The person appointed should not be confined to any particular section of the County Council.
28th September, 1945. T.A.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 October, 1945.
1st October, 1945. R/RS/32.	Sanctioning an emergency bonus of 9s. per week to Messrs. A. N. Dillon, B.E., and M. J. Kerrane, B.E., to 31st December, 1945.

1st October, 1945. R/IR/146.	Approving of the proposed scheme of surface dressing and improvements to Glencree/Sallygap Road, and intimating that a Grant of £1,105, subject to local contribution of £385 be made available from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote 1945-46.
2nd October, 1945. G.17386/2/45.	Stating that an allowance at the rate not exceeding 13s. per night (which rate is subject to review) would be approved in the case of Mr. Thomas Byrne, as subsistence allowance under Article 17 (1) of the Local Government (Officers) Regulations, 1943.
13th October, 1945. R/RS/33.	Intimating that the scale of travelling expenses laid down in Departmental circular letter of 12th February, 1943, may be applied to Mr. R. L. Farrell, Assistant County Engineer, and noting the retention of Mr. Howard, B.E., up to 5th March, 1946, in connection with the planning of road schemes.
31st October, 1945. T.A.100/33/3.	Sanctioning the continuance of overdraft accommodation in connection with turf production for the sum of £25,000 for the period ending 30th November, 1945.
2nd November, 1945. G.13645/4/45.	Referring to the superannuation allowance of Mr. P. T. Healy, former County Manager, and pointing out that the allowance proposed should be fixed subsequently by the Co. Council in their resolution.
5th November, 1945. G.20525/45.	Acknowledging the Co. Council's resolution of 8th October, relative to the amendment of the County Management Act, 1940.
27th November, 1945. T.A.143G.	Stating that 1 per cent. approved expenditure on materials and labour may be allowed to the County and Assistant Surveyors engaged on supervision of bog development work, financed by Grant in connection with turf production.
30th November, 1945. G.6500/45.	Sanctioning the continued employment of Miss B. Finlay and Mr. P. Maguire, to 31st December, 1945, and also sanctioning the continued payment of emergency bonus at the rates previously approved to the officials of the County Council, Courthouse, Wicklow, to be reviewed on 1st January, 1946.
20th November, 1945. T.A.100/33/3.	Sanctioning the continuance of overdraft accommodation in connection with turf production for the sum of £20,000 for the period ending 31st December, 1945.
6th December, 1945. G.823/11/45.	Sanctioning overdraft accommodation on the County Council's general account for the period ending 31st December, 1945.
10th December, 1945. R/RS/33.	Sanctioning the payment of emergency bonus of 9s. per week to Assistant Surveyor R. L. Farrell, as from 1/10/45.
18th December, 1945. G.13645/5/45.	Consenting to the award of superannuation allowance at the rate of £833 6s. 8d. per annum to Mr. P. T. Healy, former County Manager.
20th December, 1945. R/RU/212/33E.	Intimating that the proposed scheme regarding the reconstruction of Sallygap/Kilbride Road at an estimated cost of £1,125, has been approved.
21st December, 1945. R/RM/201/33W.	Sanctioning the payment of emergency bonus at the rate of 6s. 6d. per week to roller drivers as from 1st December, 1945.
9th January, 1946.	Enclosing copy of Auditor's report on the accounts of County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture for year ended 31st March, 1945.
10th January, 1946. C.L.134/45.	Pending the amendment of Article 21 of the Local Government (Officers) Regulations, 1943, regarding the payment of salary during sick leave, the Minister would be prepared to consider favourable a departure from this Article in the case of officers suffering from tuberculosis, in order to allow the following sick pay terms to be applied, in appropriate cases: 6 months on full pay, followed by 6 months on three-quarters pay, and by 6 months on half pay.
11th January, 1946. G.823/12/45.	Sanctioning overdraft accommodation on the general account for the sum of £17,000 for the period ending 31st January, 1946.
14th January, 1946. T.A.100/33/3.	Sanctioning the continuance of overdraft accommodation in connection with turf production for the sum of £15,000 for the period ended 31st January, 1946.
23rd January, 1946. G.2482/46.	Sanctioning an expenditure not exceeding £450 in respect of the employment of temporary clerical assistance in connection with the apportionment of rates for the financial year 1946/47.
24th January, 1946.	Enclosing copy of Auditor's report on the accounts of the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board, for the 3 years ended 31st March, 1945.
25th January, 1946. G.68/46.	Sanctioning the payment of overtime to officers in connection with work attached to motor taxation.
4th February, 1946. T.A.100/33/3.	Sanctioning the continuance of overdraft accommodation in connection with turf production for the sum of £12,000 for the period ending 28th February, 1946.
	Sanctioning the payment of emergency bonus to 16th February, 1946, members of the Co. Council Staff and to the County G.2337/2/46, and Assistant Librarian, and Courtkeeper.
	Sanctioning overdraft accommodation on the Co. Council's general account for the sum of £12,000 for the period ending 28th February, 1946. G.3403/46.
	Sanctioning Emergency bonuses at rate of 12s. per week to Messrs. J. T. O'Byrne, A. N. Dillon, M. J. Kerrane, P. J. Caffrey, J. P. Foley and R. L. Farrell from 1st January, 1946. R/RS/33.
	Approving of the payment of emergency bonus at the appropriate rate to temporary officers employed in connection with Rate apportionment. G.5766/46.
	Sanctioning continuance of overdraft accommodation of the County Council Turf Production Account for the sum of £12,000 for the period ending 31st March, 1946. T.A.100/33/3.
	Approving of the revision of No. 7 and No. 8 Rate Collection Districts as proposed in the County Manager's Order. G.2342/3/46.

Sanctioning continued employment of Mr. P. Howard, 19th March, 1946. B.E. for a further 6 months, and of Mr. M. J. Foley, B.E., for a further 3 months.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Referring to Wicklow Co. Council's Resolution con-L.2783/45. concerning the establishment of veterinary dispensaries and intimating that recommendations on the subject, contained in the report of veterinary surgeons submitted by the Committee of Inquiry on post emergency agriculture policy, are being considered.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TAOISEACH.

Acknowledging communication of 19th inst., trans-20th November, 1945. Submitting copy of resolution relative to amendment of S.12279. the Trades Union Act.

FROM DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE.

Referring to an application for special petrol allowance in respect of private cars used by members of Wicklow County Council and intimating that the application cannot be entertained.

FROM OTHER PUBLIC BODIES.

From Longford Co. Council, asking the Minister for Industry and Commerce to restrict the use of coal when it becomes available for essential purposes by a form of rationing.

From Carrickmacross Urban District Council, calling on the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to compile a telephone directory in alphabetical order by county and town instead of its present form.

From County Councils' General Council intimating that the next meeting of that body will take place on 30th April, 1946.

9th March, 1946. From Listowel U.D.C. submitting copy of resolution of that body protesting against the withdrawal of Public Health Grants from Jubilee Nursing Services.

From Roscommon County Council calling on the Government to increase allowance to O.A.P. Blind Pensioners, etc.

FROM THE COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICES, RATHDRUM.

21st September, 1945. Enclosing abstract of the more important orders and decisions of Wicklow County Manager for the month of August, 1945.

28th September, 1945. Enclosing draft scheme made in pursuance of the Public Assistance Footwear Regulations 1944, and enclosing circular letter regarding discussion which took place at Wicklow Co. Council meeting re the quality of food supplied to patients in Tuberculosis Institution, Rathdrum.

4th October, 1945. Enclosing abstract of the more important orders and decisions of the Wicklow Co. Manager for the month of September, 1945.

4th November, 1945. Enclosing abstract of the more important orders and decisions of Wicklow County Manager for the month of October, 1945.

4th December, 1945. Enclosing abstract of the more important orders and decisions of the Wicklow Co. Manager for the month of November, 1945.

8th January, 1946. Enclosing abstract of the more important orders and decisions of the Wicklow Co. Manager for the month of December, 1945.

7th February, 1946. Enclosing abstract of the more important orders and decisions of the Wicklow Co. Manager for the month of January, 1946.

MISCELLANEOUS.

22nd September, 1945. From Miss Sheelagh M. D. Brady, "Fernside," Kilmacanogue, intimating that she would not be in a position to take up duty as clerk/typist until the second week of November.

From Mrs. Byrne, 14, Brennan's Parade, Bray, returning sincere thanks to Wicklow Co. Council for the resolution of sympathy on the death of the late Mr. Geo. Byrne, M.C.C.

From Cumann Mhuinntir Cille Manta in Bleath Cliaith, enclosing copies of resolution passed at a meeting of that Association held in Barry's Hotel, on 3rd inst., regarding the lack of transport facilities afforded to members travelling beyond Rathdrum from Dublin: drawing the attention of Coras Iompair Eireann to the hardships inflicted on people unable to secure bus accommodation to Rathdrum: Protesting against Coras Iompair Eireann in lifting the rails between Woodenbridge and Shillelagh.

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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 8th April, 1946.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;
Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D., Patrick Doyle, Wm. Cleary, 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'Loighleas, James Everett, T.D.; C. M. O. Broin, Joseph Jacob.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, was in attendance.

BUSINESS:

RESERVED FUNCTIONS.

- To confirm and sign Minutes of previous Meetings.
- To pass the usual Resolution 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.
- To consider communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the revision of No. 7 and No. 8 Rate Collection Districts, and the filling of the office of Poor Rate Collector for No. 7 Rate Collection District.
- 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.

- 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 question of the provision of a New Burial Ground, at Donard.

GENERAL.

- 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 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.: Timekeepers, Labourers, Carpenters, Plasterers, Carters, Masons, and Gangers."
 - 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 road-workers be paid weekly instead of fortnightly as at present."
 - To consider the following Resolution received from the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee:—
"That we the members of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, request the Wicklow County Council to grant us the site of the Wicklow Gaol, as already applied for, for the purpose of erecting a Technical School and ground."
 - To consider the following resolution received from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture:—
"That we request the Wicklow County Council to erect a weighbridge for use of farmers for the weighing of livestock and agricultural produce in the district of Barnadarrig."
 - To consider the following resolution received from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture:—
"That we the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture strongly recommend to the County Council to introduce a Scheme under which deserving poor cottiers will be supplied with the means to till their plots which otherwise must be left unproductive."
 - To consider the following Resolution received from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture:—
"That we the County Committee of Agriculture direct attention to the inequity of the present system of increasing valuations and giving notice of same. Any improvement to a business, even to one which is done partly or wholly from public subsidies for the purpose of encouraging food production is following automatically by increases in valuation, with consequent increase on payment of rates year after year, thus more than counter-acting in course of time the effects of the subsidy granted. Furthermore, certificates of valuation are forwarded to County Councils and in our opinion personal notification should be given to each individual ratepayer affected by the change. That copies of this Resolution be sent to all County Committees of Agriculture and all County Councils inviting their opinions and support."
- The County Secretary stated that under the provisions of Section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1941, Councillor Edward Byrne had become disqualified from continuing to be a member of the Council.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

NOTICE OF VACANCY IN WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

We, the members of the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby declare the office of County Councillor held by Edward Byrne, to be vacant in consequence of the failure to comply with the requirements of Section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1941, in which Section it is enacted that any Member of a Local Authority who fails to pay the Rates assessed upon him for which he is liable before the close of any financial year, that is to say, on or before the 31st March, shall be disqualified, and we direct that this vacancy shall be made public by a circular letter issued to each Member of this Council and to the Clerks of the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow.

A copy of said Declaration of Vacancy is to be posted adjacent to the outer door of the Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dated this 8th day of April, 1946.

Signed: J. J. McCrea,
P. P. O'Reilly,
Patrick Doyle,

Three Members of Wicklow County Council.

Signed: K. J. Brangan,

Secretary to the said Council.

Item No. 1—Minutes:

The County Secretary stated that the Minutes of the Meetings held on the 25th February, 1946; 4th March, 1946, and 11th March, 1946, had not yet been received from the Printers and asked the Council that the adoption of the Minutes might be adjourned to the next Meeting.

At the request of Councillor Everett, the Secretary read the Minutes for the Meeting held on the 25th February, 1946.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy:

That we protest against the action of the County Manager in not having the Minutes of the previous Meetings available at this Meeting.

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

In Favour—Councillors P. McCarthy, P. Doyle, P. P. O'Reilly, Sean Dunne, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Jacob (6).

Against—Councillors W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; Wm. Cleary, B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, J. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Wm. Lawless, C. M. Byrne (11).

The Motion was declared defeated by eleven votes against to six in favour.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

That the adoption of the Minutes be adjourned to the next Meeting.

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

In Favour—Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; Wm. Cleary, B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Sean Dunne, Wm. Lawless, C. M. Byrne and J. Jacob (15).

Against—Councillors P. Doyle and J. Everett, T.D. (2).

The Motion was declared passed by fifteen votes in favour to two against.

Item No. 2—Overdraft Accommodation.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor C. M. 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 May, 1946, shall not exceed £10,000.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

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 May, 1946, shall not exceed £12,000.

Several Councillors requested further particulars concerning the amount of overdraft required for the Turf Account for the month of May, to which the County Secretary replied.

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

In Favour—Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; P. Doyle, Wm. Cleary, P. P. O'Reilly, J. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Sean Dunne, Wm. Lawless, C. M. Byrne and J. Jacob (14).

Against—Councillors B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, J. Everett, T.D. (3).

The Motion was declared passed by fourteen votes in favour to three against.

Item No. 3—Appointment of Rate Collector: No. 7 Collection District.

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.
9th March, 1946.

G.2342/3/46.
A Chara.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 28th ultimo, and I am to state that he will raise no objection to the revision of No. 7 and No. 8 collection districts as proposed in the County Manager's Order of even date.

A copy of the qualifications which the Minister has approved in connection with the filling of the office of Rate Collector for the No. 7 Collection District together with approved particulars of the office are enclosed.

Mise, le meas,

P. J. DALY,

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

The County Secretary also read summary of the qualifications prescribed for the position, and particulars of the office.

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:

Resolved—That we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to allow the same concessions to members of the old I.R.A. as allowed to members of the Defence Forces in the prescribed conditions.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Appointment of Representatives on the Insured Persons (Local Authorities Nominees) Members Electorate.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey:

Resolved—That in accordance with the request of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under the National Health Insurance and Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Act, 1936, in letter dated 28th February, 1946, 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 two years commencing on the 1st May, 1946:—

John McDonald, Drummin, Annacoe, Bray.

B. Kavanagh, Main Street, Wicklow.

Miss M. Meagher, Summerhill, Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

ASSISTANCE, HEALTH AND HOUSING.**Item No. 5—Allocation of Cottage at Newtownmountkennedy.**

The Chairman stated he had received a Memorial from nine persons, described as Ex-National Army Married Men, in Newtownmountkennedy District, protesting against the action of the County Manager in the allocation of a cottage in Newtownmountkennedy. The County Manager stated that the cottage in question had been allocated on the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health for the District.

Cottage at Ballyconnell.

Councillor Hammond referred to the Manager's Order noting that Ed. O'Neill, Coolkenno, had withdrawn his application for cottage, and asked for further information regarding the allocation of the cottage of Mr. John Brennan. The County Manager stated that the cottage had been allocated to Mr. Brennan on the recommendation of the Medical Officer, but at the request of the Council he stated that he would communicate with the Medical Officer on the matter.

Several queries raised by Councillor Dunne were replied to by the County Manager, and at Councillor Dunne's request a copy of reply was furnished to him.

Arklow Cemetery.

Councillors Cleary and McCarthy referred to the condition of Arklow Cemetery, and stated that the graves were continually flooded. The County Manager stated that the drainage of this Cemetery was difficult on account of the nature of the soil, but that he had requested the County Engineer to submit a recommendation for the installation of a drainage system.

Councillors Cleary and McCarthy also raised the question of the rate of payment to the grave digger, Mr. Dan Kenny, and protested against the levying of an extra charge in respect of burials in the Cemetery on Saturdays and Sundays.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Wm. Cleary:

Resolved—That we recommend to the County Manager that Mr. Dan Kenny, grave-digger at Arklow Cemetery, be paid at the Urban rate of pay, and that no extra charge be levied in respect of burials on Saturdays and Sundays.

The County Manager stated that particulars regarding costs of burials in Arklow Cemetery would be submitted to the Council at the next Meeting.

Killinarrig Water and Sewerage Scheme.

Councillor Ledwidge referred to the proposed sewerage and water supply scheme for Killinarrig/Blacklion, and asked that the County Medical Officer of Health be requested to submit his reasons for not including this Scheme on the priority list. The County Manager stated he would obtain a report from the County Medical Officer of Health on this matter, and also as to the reasons governing the arrangement of other schemes in order of priority.

Repairs to Cottages.

Councillor Everett, T.D. made inquiries concerning the carrying out of repairs to certain cottages. The County Manager stated that the matters would be investigated and a reply submitted.

Hospital Sites.

Councillor Everett, T.D., also referred to the delay in obtaining report from the Architect regarding the selection of suitable site for County Hospital.

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

Seconded by Councillor Wm. Cleary:

Resolved—That this Council protests against the undue delay in receiving any reports with reference to the selection of County Hospital Site in Wicklow, and we ask the Minister that, in absence of such report from the Architect we request the Minister to advise us as to our power to dispense with the Architect's services and to appoint one that will expedite the work.

Item No. 6—Provision of New Burial Grounds.

The County Secretary read the following letter from the Chief Officer, County Council Offices, Rathdrum:

Wicklow County Council,
County Home, Rathdrum.
1st March, 1946.

County Secretary,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
A Chara,

At his meeting on the 6th ultimo the County Manager directed that the Medical Officer of Health, Dunlavin Dispensary District, be requested to report as to whether the mixed Graveyard at Donoughmore was overcrowded to such an extent as to require the provision of a new Graveyard at Davidstown. The Medical Officer of Health was written to accordingly and at his meeting on the 27th ultimo the County Manager had before him Dr. Clancy's report which was in the following terms:—

"Re Donoughmore Mixed Burial Ground.—In answer to your letter of the 16th inst., I make the following observations: (1) It has been the custom for Catholics to be buried in one portion of this Graveyard, which part is now overcrowded. In fact there is not now room for another grave. The last Catholic was buried there two years ago. No Catholic has been interred in the new addition of 1942. (2) The old Protestant part is also overcrowded, but the new addition will probably suffice for 20 years or so. The Caretaker tells me that the annual burials number 5 to 7. (3) I think an acre at Donard would meet the needs of the entire area. Perhaps it would be well to get the views of the Parish Priest of Dunlavin on the matter."

The County Manager made the following order in the matter:—
"It is noted from report of M.O.H. that there is space for Catholic burials in new addition to Donoughmore Burial Ground and that new addition should meet requirements in respect of Protestant burials for another 20 years. Re-submit to Council for their views as to provision of new Burial Ground at Donard."

Mise, le meas.

T. BYRNE,

Priomh Oifigeach.

The Council agreed that an additional half-acre should be acquired for the Burial Ground at Donard, and that no new Burial Ground was at present required at Davidstown. The County Manager informed the Council that the Department of Local Government and Public Health had intimated that sod and whitethorn fences would appear to be adequate for the proposed new Graveyards.

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

Resolved—That this Council considers that walls should be erected around the proposed new burial grounds in the County in place of sod and whitethorn fences.

Passed unanimously.

GENERAL.**Item No. 7—Bonus to Tradesmen and Builders' Labourers, etc.**

Proposed by Councillor Sean Dunne;

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

Resolved—That we recommend to the Manager that the maximum rate of bonus be paid to tradesmen and builders' labourers.

Passed—Councillors Hammond and Metcalfe dissenting.

The County Manager stated that he had obtained from the Department of Industry and Commerce copies of Wages (Standard Rates) Orders, and copies of Bonus Orders affecting tradesmen in the County, and that he proposed to allow the rates and bonuses in accordance with these Orders as from 1st April, 1946.

Emergency Buses.

Councillor Everett, T.D., referred to the Order made by the County Manager on the 31st December, 1946, granting Emergency Buses to officials, and stated that this matter should have been brought to the notice of the Council.

Purchase of Lorries.

Councillor Everett, T.D., referred to the Orders made by the County Manager authorising purchase of lorries, and stated that the Manager had exceeded his authority in making these purchases.

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Staff.

Councillor Everett, T.D., also referred to several matters concerning the staff at the Wicklow Office.

The County Manager in reply stated that his Order awarding Emergency Bonuses to officials had been submitted to the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and that Bonuses had been sanctioned by the Department.

With regard to the purchase of lorries, the Manager referred to the Minutes of Meeting held on 8th October, 1945, at which a letter, dated 21st September, 1945, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, had been submitted to the Council. In that letter it was stated that it was considered essential that all road machinery which came on offer should be secured by local authorities as promptly as possible, and that the matter should be brought to the attention of the Local Authority with a view to getting a general authorisation to make such purchases as were deemed necessary in anticipation of Resolutions authorising expenditure and if needed borrowing for the purpose. In this connection the County Engineer had submitted list of additional machinery which would be required amounting in all to an estimated cost of £38,310. The list submitted included five tipping lorries. The following Resolution was passed unanimously by the Council:—

"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."

The County Manager stated that he would make available for the Council any information required on the staff matters raised by Councillor Everett.

The following Requisition for a Special Meeting was handed in:—

"We request that Special Meeting be called for Monday, 15th, to consider and cancel arrangements made to purchase lorries, and to discuss office employment."

Signed: J. Everett
J. O'Reilly
P. P. O'Reilly
Patrick Doyle.
B. Farrell.
P. McCarthy.
J. J. McCrea."

At this stage the Council adjourned consideration of the remaining items on the Agenda to the next Meeting.

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In accordance with Special Requisition signed by the following Members: Councillors J. Everett, T.D.; J. O'Reilly, P. P. O'Reilly, Patrick Doyle, B. Farrell, P. McCarthy and J. J. McCrea, a Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 15th April, 1946.

The following Members were present:

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.
Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; P. Doyle, W. Cleary, P. P. O'Reilly, P. Ledwidge, Liam O Laoighleis, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. O Broin, C. W. Hudson, William Clarke and Joseph Jacob.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, was in attendance.

BUSINESS:

1. To consider and cancel arrangements made for purchasing lorries, and to discuss office employment.

Petrol Allowance for Seed Wheat Assemblers:

The Council, at the request of the Chairman, consented to the following Resolution being considered:—

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond:

Resolved—That we hereby make strong representation to the Minister for Industry and Commerce and the Minister for Agriculture concerning the immediate and urgent necessity for the allocation of a ration of petrol to seed wheat assemblers for the purpose of making deliveries of seed wheat to growers to whom it must be supplied without delay. In view of the pressing necessity for increasing food production in every way, we urge that immediate and favourable consideration should be given to this application and that the respective Ministers should see that this measure of assistance to the food production campaign should be expedited.

Passed unanimously.

Purchase of Machinery.

Councillor Everett, T.D. referred to the discussion at previous Meeting of the County Council held on 8th inst., as a result of which the present Meeting had been requisitioned. He stated that the Council had not given any authority to the County Manager to purchase tipping lorries, and pointed out that since the purchase of lorries would represent a change in the policy of the Council, the Manager should have consulted the Council prior to making any arrangements for their purchase. He referred to the letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health urging the Council to place Orders for machinery, which had been read at the Meeting of the Council held on the 8th October, 1945, but stated that in his opinion lorries were not included in the list of road machinery submitted by the County Engineer. He referred, also, to the rates of wages proposed to be paid to drivers of these lorries, which he stated were less than Trade Union rate. Councillor Everett also took exception to the construction of a Machinery Yard at the Courthouse, Wicklow, which he stated was not provided for in the Estimates, and referred to the application of the Vocational Education Committee for this site for the construction of a new Technical School. Councillor Everett also stated that as a result of the purchase of lorries, there would be less employment for carters.

A prolonged discussion ensued, in which all Members of the Council took part.

In reply to Councillor Brennan, T.D., the County Secretary gave details of machinery ordered since October, 1945.

The County Manager, in reply, made the following statement:—

At the last meeting of the Council the authority for the purchase of Machinery was questioned, and a number of other matters also were raised. This meeting to-day is the outcome.

Purchase of Plant. On the 21st September, 1945, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote urging that the Council should arrange immediately for the purchase of additional plant. This was a general instruction to all County Councils. The following extract from the Department's letter indicates the importance which was attached to these requirements:—"It is essential that all road machinery and materials which come on offer should be secured by local authorities as promptly as possible."

This letter was submitted to the County Council at its meeting held on 8th October, 1945. I am informed that at the same time the County Engineer submitted to that meeting a statement of the immediate requirements of the Council in respect of additional plant, together with estimates of costs of the various items. After consideration of the Department's letter and of the County Engineer's report, a resolution was adopted by the Council authorising the County Manager to make such purchase of Road Machinery as was deemed necessary. In consequence of this authorisation from the Council, orders were placed for some of the additional plant. The Minutes of Meeting of Council held on 8th October, 1945, record that the County Surveyor submitted a list of additional machinery which would be required amounting in all to an estimated cost of £38,310. The list here referred to as showing a cost of £38,310 included five lorries.

It should here be mentioned that since some County Councils had, apparently, shown hesitation in placing orders, a further letter, dated 29th November, 1945, was transmitted by the Local Government Department to local authorities. In this communication the Department emphasised that the placing of orders for Machinery should not be delayed and stressed the urgency of the matter. To this latter communication a reply immediately was sent outlining the action already taken in this County. It is obvious, therefore, that the purchase of plant (1) has been arranged consequent on a direct recommendation from the Local Government Department, and (2) in pursuance of an authorisation of the Council as per their resolution of 8th October, 1945. Furthermore, any objective examination of the position will show that it is in the interests of the Council to purchase additional plant. It is now necessary to undertake a large scale Roads programme and to endeavour to overtake the arrears of construction and maintenance which have resulted from the difficulties of the past six years. To the Council in the present year the State is making Grants for Road Works amounting in the aggregate to £54,135. It is scarcely necessary to stress the advisability of availing of these Grants. If the requisite plant is not available, then there is no doubt whatever but that the Council will not be able to complete the Road programme for the current year and a great part of the Grants offered by the State will be lost.

As to purchase of lorries to which objection has been raised—this proposal was not included in the proposals for Purchase of Plant without due examination of its merits. During the nine months ended 31/12/45, the Council paid for lorry hire a sum of £4,974. This figure excludes lorry hire in connection with Turf Production. The annual costs, including depreciation on a 5-yearly basis, of running five lorries is estimated at £4,275; for nine months it would be about £3,200. It is evident from these figures that it is in the best interests of the

Council to purchase lorries. The saving will be all the greater in the coming years, when road materials such as tar will require to be handled in increasing quantity. Again, delay in connection with repairs to cottages and other works has resulted, in recent years, from the difficulty in procuring lorries for haulage of materials.

Machinery Yard:

In the Roads Estimate for the current year provision of £500 was included by the County Engineer for a Machinery Yard at the Courthouse. These Estimates were prepared by the County Engineer in November, 1945, prior to any indication having been given by the Vocational Education Committee that they desired that the Old Gaol should be used as a site for a Vocational School. In his proposal for use of the old Gaol premises as a Machinery Yard, the Co. Engineer was influenced by the consideration that a high enclosure wall is a necessity for a Machinery Yard, and this requirement can be found in the old Gaol site. In any event, might I point out that a final decision has not been taken in connection with the use of this property. A Machinery Yard is essential for the proper and efficient discharge of many of the County Council's services; it is also evident that the present Vocational School is not a suitable building. But there is, as far as I am aware, no indication that the Department of Education has agreed to the use of the Old Gaol premises as a site for a Vocational School. Has the Vocational Committee obtained any estimate of costs of demolition of the buildings on the site? In any event, there is no reason why there should be any divergence of views as to the use of these old buildings and site, and, in fact, the County Council now has further information which it is felt should be of value to the technical advisers of the Committee.

Machinery Overseer:

In many Counties the employment of a Machinery Overseer has been found to be a measure leading to economy and efficiency in the use and maintenance of plant. It was decided to arrange for such an appointment and the Local Government Department were consulted in the matter. The position will be filled on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commission.

Appointment of Lorry Drivers:

In connection with the employment of lorry drivers (five in number), the overseers of the Council were asked by the Co. Engineer to recommend persons from whom suitable selections might be made. In making such selections the assistance of an officer of another local authority who has had considerable experience in the management of plant has been availed of.

With regard to the proposed rates of wages for lorry drivers, these rates were arrived at after a comparison had been made with the rates of wages to lorry drivers employed by other Co. Councils. Consideration will be given to fixing rates of wages which will be in accordance with standard rates and emergency bonus orders.

In reply to queries raised by several Councillors, the County Manager assured the Council that the purchase of lorries would not interfere with the employment of Carters. The Council noted the Manager's Report on arrangements in connection with purchase of Machinery and the assurance given by him that purchase of lorries would not adversely affect employment of Carters.

At the Council's request the County Manager stated that he would arrange to have copies of all principal Orders made by him at the Wicklow Office circulated to the Members of the Council prior to the Meeting each month.

On the Council's resumption after the luncheon interval, Councillor Everett, T.D., referred to the other matters which he had raised regarding the employment of staff. He stated that it had been reported in the "Wicklow People" that the County Manager had stated at the previous Meeting that he (Councillor Everett) had interviewed a junior official in the Wicklow Office in the absence of the County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer. Councillor Everett stated that the Manager was incorrect, and that he had interviewed the Accountant, and had requested particulars concerning the number of days on which an official of the Council had been absent from the office for the purpose of attending a University Course. Councillor Everett referred to the reply he had received from the County Manager referring him to the provisions of the County Management Act, and regretting that he could not provide the information sought. He asked the County Manager to state the loss to the rates as the result of this official being absent from the office for the purpose of attending the Course in Dublin, and the loss to the rates, also, in respect of officials residing in Bray who left the office on Saturday mornings and, he stated, did not return until Monday mid-day. Councillor Everett also referred to the Emergency Bonus payable to officials and stated that there had been discrimination between junior and senior members of the staff, the former receiving a lesser amount of bonus than the senior members. Councillor Everett also referred to the fact that a member of the staff had been released from his duties in the Council's office to act as Town Clerk in the Urban Council for a period of over two weeks.

The County Manager, in reply, stated that he wished to withdraw the statement made by him at previous Meeting regarding Councillor Everett's call to the office, and Councillor Everett was correct in stating that he had interviewed the Accountant. The Co. Manager went on to refer to the following points raised by Councillor Everett:—

Emergency Bonus to Staff:

In the discharge of the executive functions of a local authority questions of policy are not defined. These are defined elsewhere—by the legislature and the Ministers in charge of Departments. When Emergency Bonuses first were allowed they were limited in application to persons with less than £400 per annum approximately. Later this limit was raised to £500 per annum. In November, 1945, the latter limitation was removed both in respect of Civil Servants and persons in the employment of local authorities. The information was given in the public Press at the time. When it was pointed out by the officials' Union that in the case of other local authorities applications for Emergency Bonuses to all members of staffs had already been made, a like policy was followed in this County. The grant of such Bonuses is, of course, subject to the approval of the Minister and no Bonus has been allowed except with his sanction.

Regarding Road Workers' Bonus, the position has been explained on a number of occasions to the Council, and, furthermore, the policy in this connection has been set forth in the Dáil. I might mention, however, that this is a matter which is still under consideration.

Employment of Office Staff:

Owing to the absence on Army service of a member of the staff, it was necessary to employ a temporary officer in his place. This officer recently intimated that she proposed to relinquish employment, and it was necessary to recruit another person on a temporary basis to replace her. A permanent appointment as a result of an open competitive examination will be made as soon as possible. Meantime, it was necessary to recruit a person temporarily and three persons were considered. I shall give the three names and particulars of their qualifications if the Council require them. The applicant who was considered to have the most suitable qualifications was chosen.

Before, however, any appointment was made, a letter which I will now read was addressed to the County Engineer by one of the applicants:—"I wish to withdraw my application for the temporary position which I held last year, as from the attitude adopted by Mr. P. Swords I am satisfied that he has some other person for the position and this will give you and him an opportunity to give the job to one of your friends." This letter was submitted before any decision on a temporary appointment had been taken, and there was no justification for the insinuation that the County Engineer or any other official was arranging to make an appointment other than on merit.

It seems to be somewhat more than a coincidence that all the issues raised to-day were first brought to public notice at approximately the same time as the submission of this letter.

In recent years owing to transport difficulties four members of the Council staff who live in Bray have been allowed the concession of leaving the offices at one hour and a quarter before normal time on Saturdays, and attending on Monday mornings at half-hour after prescribed time. I might ask why was this arrangement not questioned during the intervening six years? These persons incidentally are obliged to make up the time represented by this concession, and I desire to emphasise that the arrangement does not involve any loss to the Council's funds.

For the past two years a member of the Council's staff has been allowed to leave the office at 4 p.m. on two days in each week for the purpose of attending a University Course. This concession likewise is subject to the condition that the time be made good on other days, and the arrangement does not result in any loss to the Council's funds. The person in question is a very capable member of the staff, and during the time I am acquainted with him he has worked overtime every week. During the preparation of the Roads Estimates he worked nightly in the office until 10 p.m., and even later. Again, it may be asked why was this concession not questioned at any time during the past two years?

On account of the absence owing to illness of the Acting Town Clerk, it was necessary to obtain assistance for the preparation of the estimates of Wicklow Urban Council. I availed of the services of a junior member of the County Council staff who very capably assisted in the work. The County Council will be reimbursed for any payment made for his services while so employed. This arrangement was one which was in the interests of County Administration as a whole, and it was fortunate that in the County Council staff an official could be found who without any previous similar experience could discharge temporarily and efficiently the duties of a Town Clerk.

The County Secretary informed Councillor Everett that the rates of bonus at present payable to officials of the Wicklow Office were 12/- per week to married officials and 10/- per week to unmarried officials. No distinction was made as between junior and senior officials as regards rates of bonus payable.

Councillor McCarthy referred to the County Manager's Order granting an increased bonus to the gravedigger employed in Arklow Cemetery, and stated that this man was not being paid the Urban Rate of pay. The Manager stated that since the last Meeting the rate of Bonus for this employee had been amended to agree with that allowed at present to employees of Arklow Urban District Council, and the Minister's sanction to such increase in bonus had been sought. Councillors McCarthy and Cleary represented that this employee should be given the same remuneration as that allowed to employees within the Arklow Urban District generally. The Manager stated that he thought the "Standstill Order" probably would affect such a proposal, but he would again consider the matter. In addition, a Statement showing Receipts and Expenditure and other information regarding Arklow Cemetery would be submitted to the Council at its monthly meeting.

Memorial at Baltinglass:

Several members referred to the condition of the McAllister Memorial at Baltinglass, and it was decided to place the matter on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Council—inquiry to be made from the Law Agent in the meantime as to the Council's powers in connection with the matter.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 13th May, 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, John O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, Peter Ledwidge, J. J. Hickey, M.B.; Seán Dunne, L. O'Loachleis, C. M. O'Broin, C. W. Hudson, James Everett, T.D.; Joseph Jacob.
The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, was also in attendance.

BUSINESS:

RESERVED FUNCTIONS.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of previous meetings.
2. To fill vacancy on the County Council arising out of the disqualification of Councillor Edward Byrne.
3. To pass the usual Resolution in connection with the Council's application for (a) overdraft accommodation in the month of June on the County Council's General Account, and (b) overdraft accommodation on the Turf Production Account for the same month.
4. To consider the filling of the office of Poor Rate Collector for No. 7 Collection District.
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).
6. To appoint Nominee to represent the Council at the General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance, Ltd.
7. To consider the question of acquisition of land for the purpose of Labourers' Cottage Scheme, 1946.
8. To authorise the raising of a Loan of £11,000 for the erection of 21 cottages at Ballywaltrim and Killincarrig.
9. To consider letter dated 10th April, 1946, from Local Government Department regarding application of the provisions of the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1935, to the County Health District.

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10. To consider arrangements for undertaking of Major Public Health Works—Water and Sewerage Schemes.
11. To consider statement regarding Arklow Cemetery, copy of which has been circulated to the Members of the Council.
12. To consider County Engineer's Report regarding flooding of Boghall Road, Bray.
13. 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.

14. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Seán Dunne:—
"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."
15. To consider the following Resolution received from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture:—
"That we request the Wicklow County Council to erect a Weighbridge for use by farmers for the weighing of livestock and agricultural produce in the district of Barnardarrig."
16. To consider the following Resolution received from the County Committee of Agriculture:—
"That we, the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, strongly recommend to the County Council to introduce a Scheme under which deserving poor cottiers will be supplied with the means to till their plots which otherwise must be left unproductive."
17. To consider the following Resolution received from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture:—
"That we the County Committee of Agriculture direct attention to the inequity of the present system of increasing valuations and giving notice of same. Any improvement to a business, even to one which is done partly or wholly from public subsidies for the purpose of encouraging food production, is followed automatically by increases in valuation, with consequent increase on payment of rates year after year, thus more than counteracting in course of time the effects of the subsidy granted. Furthermore, certificates of valuation are forwarded to County Councils and in our opinion personal notification should be given to each individual ratepayer affected by the change.
"That copies of this Resolution be sent to all Co. Committees of Agriculture and all County Councils inviting their opinions and support."
18. To receive Telegram from Glann na nael, 1914 I.R.A., Broadway, New York City, urging the County Council to demand immediate release of Thomas McCurtain, and I.R.A. Prisoners.
19. To consider Law Agent's report relative to the County Council's powers regarding the McAllister Memorial, Baltinglass.
20. To consider communication, dated 9th April, 1946, received from the "Save the German Children" Society.
21. To consider the following Resolution received from Dungarvan Urban District Council:—
"That, with a view to ending the suspension of education and control on thirty thousand Dublin School-children, and the resultant danger to Life, Morals and Education of the Children, We the Dungarvan Urban District Council call on the Public Bodies of Eire to join with us in requesting that the Minister for Education, and the I.N.T.O. meet, with a view to settling the Teachers' Strike before further harm is done or before the Strike may spread with danger to the children of Eire. Copies to be sent to the Minister for Education, the I.N.T.O., and all Public Bodies."
22. To consider letter received by the Chairman from the Aughrim Branch of the Labour Party relative to the erection of proposed Bridge at Sheannabeg.

RESERVED FUNCTIONS.

Votes of Sympathy.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;
Seconded by Councillor Seán Dunne;
Resolved—That we the members of Wicklow County Council have heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. Sean McCaughey, and we hereby extend to the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.
Passed unanimously.
Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;
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 Mr. Edward O'Neill, Baltinglass, a former member of this Council, and we hereby extend to the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.
Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
Resolved—That we the members of Wicklow County Council have heard with deep regret of the death of John Farrell, brother of Councillor B. Farrell, and we hereby extend to the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

Councillor Everett, T.D., inquired as to what Minutes were before the Council for approval, and on being informed, he referred to the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11th March, 1946, and asked the Manager whether he was satisfied that Sections 23 and 24 of the County Management Act, 1940, had been complied with. The County Manager referred to the Minutes and pointed out that the Law Agent already had advised in the affirmative. Councillor Everett, T.D., also referred to Minutes of Special Meeting held on the 15th April, 1946, and stated he was objecting to the Minutes in respect of matters omitted therefrom. He asked that it be included in the Minutes that the list of Machinery submitted to the Council on the 8th October, 1945, was not signed by the Chairman.

Councillor Everett, T.D., referred to the form of the Agenda circulated, and inquired under what heading the Manager's Orders might be discussed. The Chairman stated that it had been the custom to discuss these matters under Item No. 13. It was decided that in the future any matters to be raised in connection with the County Manager's Orders should be considered immediately after the Item in connection with overdraft accommodation on the County Council's Accounts.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;
Resolved—That the Minutes of the previous Meetings as circulated to each member of the Council be approved and signed.
Passed.

Item No. 2—Filling of Vacancy on the County Council.

The County Secretary stated that he had been informed by the Town Clerk, Bray, that Mr. Edward Byrne had discharged all Town and Poor Rates due by him for the year ended 31st March, 1946.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson;
Resolved—That we hereby co-opt Mr. Edward Byrne, 3, Oldcourt Terrace, Bray, to fill the vacancy on Wicklow County Council, caused by the operation of Section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1941.
Passed unanimously.

Drainage at Barnardarrig.

Councillor Hudson referred to drainage work to be carried out at Barnardarrig under the direction of the Commissioners of Public Works, towards the cost of which a number of farmers had contributed, and stated that the Assistant Engineer had informed the farmers that men would not be available for this work for some while. Councillor Hudson stressed the necessity for having the work carried out as soon as possible.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
Resolved—That we request the County Engineer to start the drainage work at Barnardarrig as soon as possible, and not later than the 7th June, 1946.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Overdraft Accommodation—General Account.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
Seconded by Councillor C. M. 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 June, 1946, shall not exceed £50,000.
Passed unanimously.

Overdraft Accommodation—Turf Production Account.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
Seconded by 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 June, 1946, shall not exceed £15,000.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Vacancy for Rate Collector, No. 7 District.

The County Secretary referred to resolution passed at the Meeting of the Council held on the 8th April, 1946, requesting the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to allow the same concessions to members of the Old I.R.A. as were allowed to the members of the Defence Forces in the prescribed conditions for the appointment of Rate Collector. He stated that he had been in communication with the Department by telephone, and had been informed that it was proposed to allow persons who had served during the period 1916 to 1923 to deduct their years of service from their actual age (to a maximum of 6 years) for the purpose of coming within the age limit for the appointment. The County Secretary pointed out that it would be necessary for the Council to decide on the method of filling the position at that meeting, so as to enable the person to be appointed to the position before the issue of the Warrants for the year 1946/47.

Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;
Seconded by Councillor F. Ledwidge;
Resolved—That applications be invited by advertisement in the "Wicklow People" and "Leinster Leader" for the position of Rate Collector in the No. 7 Rate Collection District, in accordance with terms and conditions approved by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Passed unanimously.
Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor Dr. Hickey;
Resolved—That this Council consider that, having regard to the nature of the duties of the office of Rate Collector, the knowledge and experience necessary for the efficient performance of those duties, and the qualifications for that office, the person to be appointed to the office cannot be satisfactorily selected by competitive examination, and we decide that the person be selected as the result of an examination of the applications received.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Dogs Act, 1906.

The County Secretary read the following letter received from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, consideration of which had been adjourned from previous meetings:—
Garda Síochána.

Chief Superintendent's Office,
The Secretary, Bray,
Wicklow County Council, Co. Wicklow,
Courthouse, Wicklow. 15th December, 1945.

Re Dogs Act, 1906—Regulations for Prevention of Dogs Straying During the Night Time.

A Chara,
With reference to the above Regulations made by Wicklow Co. Council on the 21st June, 1926, I beg to inform you that during the

present Winter a number of cases of sheep have been killed or badly worried by dogs during the late night or early morning have come under notice. The Regulations referred to above cover the period between 1st February and 1st August each year only. I would recommend to the consideration of your Council extension of the Regulations in question to cover the entire year. Such an extension would be to the advantage of sheep-owners in the very important sheep-raising County of Wicklow. The dry weather experienced during this Winter may have caused the increase in sheep worrying and killing by dogs. Fearing the activities of dogs between sunset and sunrise during the period between now and 1st February next, I thought it well to place the facts before you.

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W. F. QUINN,
Ard Ceannphort.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That subject to the approval of the Department of Agriculture, the Regulations for the prevention of dogs straying during the night time be extended to cover the full year.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Irish Public Bodies' Mutual Insurance—Appointment of Nominee

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

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 Insurance 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 1946—Councillor C. M. Byrne.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Labourers' Cottage Scheme, 1946.

The County Manager stated that the preparation of Maps and Forms of Compulsory Purchase Orders for the acquisition of land for Labourers' Cottage Scheme, 1946, had now been completed. He suggested, however, that the Council might appoint committees from its Members from the various areas, to inspect the sites selected.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we proceed immediately with the inspection of sites for cottages under the 1946 Scheme, and that the Engineer report to the next Meeting.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Erection of Cottages at Ballywaltrim and Killincarrig.

The County Manager stated that the proposed erection of 21 cottages at Ballywaltrim and Killincarrig represented portion of the 1946 Labourers' Cottage Scheme. The sites of these cottages, however, were already in the possession of the County Council. The Department of Local Government and Public Health had recently asked whether the Council could proceed immediately with any portion of the Scheme on sites already acquired by the Council. The Manager asked the Council accordingly to authorise the raising of a loan of £11,000 for the erection of 21 cottages at Ballywaltrim and Killincarrig. The County Manager submitted detailed figures showing the costs of financing this scheme, and also of the 1946 Scheme generally. The figures showed the amount of Loan Charges at 2½% the amount of subsidy which would be receivable from the State; and the amount of the loss to be borne by the Rates. Several Councillors having referred to the question of rents to be charged for the new cottages, the County Manager stated that there would be an opportunity of discussing this question on a later occasion.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Resolved—That we authorise the raising of a Loan of £11,000 for the erection of 21 cottages at Ballywaltrim and Killincarrig.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Slaughter of Animals Act, 1935.

The County Secretary read the following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:

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

P.H.23488/3/39. 10th April, 1946.
Cill Mhanntain (H.),
A Chara.

With reference to the Department's Circular letters of the 1st June, 1937 (P.H. Circ. 57/37) and 28th July (P.H. Circ. 104/37), I am directed by Dr. Ward, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, to state that he would be glad to be furnished with the views of the County Manager as to the making of an Order under Section 4 of the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1935, conferring on the local sanitary authority power to regulate the slaughter of animals in the County Health District. A report should be obtained from the County Medical Officer of Health in regard to the adequacy of the existing veterinary services in the County Health District for the due enforcement of the Act in that area, a copy thereof should be submitted at the same time to this Department.

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The County Medical Officer of Health had reported on the letter in the following terms:

"I have been handed a letter from the Department of Public Health, P.H.23488/3/39, of the 10th April, 1946. In my opinion, the existing veterinary services in the County Health District are adequate for the enforcement of the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1935."

The County Manager had directed that the views of the Council be requested as to the adoption of the provisions of Section 4 of the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1935.

The County Secretary gave a summary of the provisions of the Act.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Resolved—That the letter from the Minister of Local Government and Public Health regarding the application of the Slaughter of Animals Act be marked "Read."

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, 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 Jos. Jacob—12.

AGAINST: Councillor P. Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Seán Dunne and J. Everett, T.D.—4.

The Motion was declared passed by twelve votes in favour to four against.

ASSISTANCE HEALTH AND HOUSING.

Item No. 10—Major Public Health Works—Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes.

The Council considered the following list of proposed Public Health Works relating to Water and Sewerage, copy of which had been circulated to each member of the Council:—

MAJOR PUBLIC HEALTH SCHEMES.

Order of Urgency. No. 1	Population.	Nature of Works.	Estimated Cost.
		Wicklow Regional Scheme, including Rathnew	
		Increased Water Supply	£12,676*
2	255	Aughrim Water Supply and Sewerage	10,066
3	184	Ballyknocken Sewerage and Valleymount Sewerage	4,800
4	505	Killincarrig Sewerage	4,800
5	214	Enniskerry Improved Water Supply	3,885
6	120	Monastery Sewerage	2,758
7		Brittas Bay Water Supply and Sewerage: W.S.	8,000
		S.	4,284
OTHER MAJOR SCHEMES REQUIRED.			
		Arklow Rock Water Supply	1,385
		Rathdangan Water Supply and Sewerage	4,756
150		Coolboy Water Supply	3,400
60		Annamoe Water Supply	1,000
133		Shillelagh Sewerage	3,500
202		Avoca Sewerage	2,000
85		Newcastle Sewerage (Village)	1,500
75		Grange Con Water Supply and Sewerage: W.S.	5,072
		S.	2,695
100		Laragh Sewerage	900
108		Kiltegan Water Supply and Sewerage: W.S.	2,050
		S.	2,775
79		Red Cross Water Supply and Sewerage: W.S.	500
		S.	300
107		Stratford Sewerage	4,800
20		Greenane Water Supply and Sewerage: W.S.	500
		S.	300
227		Boghall Water Supply and Sewerage—Council Cottages	7,000
120		Ballinacash Water Supply and Sewerage: W.S.	800
		S.	900
100		Knockenarrigan Sewerage	1,450
TOTAL COSTS			£102,852

*This is an approximate estimate of apportioned cost to be borne by Wicklow County Council. Exact estimate not yet available.

PUBLIC HEALTH SECTION.

Minor Public Health Works proposed to be carried out in 1945-46.

DISTRICT	Work	Estimated Cost
BALTINGLASS RURAL DISTRICT.	Ballyknocken Water Supply, Diversion of Water Main	200
	Dillonstown—Blessington Public Pump	200
	Blakestown, Blessington, Fencing Well	20
	Oldcourt, Blessington, Public Pump	200
	Mylebeg, Blessington, Public Pump	200
	Ballinacrow, Stratford, Public Pump	70
	Dunlavin Public Sanitary Convenience	400
	Baltinglass Public Sanitary Convenience	400
	TOTAL	£1,690
	RATHDOWN RURAL DISTRICT.	Charlesland, Delgany, Water Supply for Cottages (3, Trout Bridge)	200
Kilmolin Relaying Water Main		175
Ballybawn Cottages, Water Supply		110
Blacklion, 18 Cottages, Water Supply and Sewerage		951
Bray Head Water Supply (11 Householders)		1,100
Kilmacanogue, 5 Cottages, Bray and Wicklow Road Fountain		45
Delgany Public Sanitary Convenience		400
Windgates, Bray, Additional Fountains		100
Blacklion—Coolagad, 10 Cottages, Water Supply		260
TOTAL		£3,341

DISTRICT	Work	Estimated Cost
RATHDRUM RURAL DISTRICT.	Avoca, Improvements to Water Supply	87
	Ballinacash, Rathdrum, 11 Cottages, Water Supply	500
	Kilcoole, 38 Cottages, Water Supply and Sewers	880
	Roundwood, Sanitary Convenience (Public)	400
	Newtown-Mt. Kennedy Sanitary Convenience (Public) (Monthly Fairs)	400
	Aughrim Sanitary Convenience	400
	Woodenbridge Sanitary Convenience	400
	Meetings, Avoca, Sanitary Convenience	400
	Rathdrum Sanitary Convenience (Monthly Fairs)	400
	Ballymoreen, Avoca, 5 Cottages, Water Supply	500
	Cronakeery, Rathnew—Pump	100
	Ballymorris, Aughrim Cottages—Pump	200
	Coynes Cross, Ashford, Public Pump	200
	Aughrim Water Supply—Cleaning of corroded pipes	120
	Ballykilgeer, Woodenbridge, Filter Bed and Service Tank	100
	Kilcoole, Lott Lane, Fountain	51
	Ballybeg, Rathnew, Well	200
	Barndarrig, National School and Barracks—Well	300
	TOTAL	£5,638

DISTRICT	Work	Estimated Cost
SHILLELAGH RURAL DISTRICT.	Churchlands, Tinahely, Extension of Sewerage	650
	Cronehorn, Water Supply to 6 Cottages	300
	Ballyellis, Carnew, Water Supply (3 Cottages)	200
	Ballingate, Carnew, Water Supply (3 Cottages)	200
	Cookkeno (Crab Lane) Water Supply (10 Cottages)	200
	Shillelagh, Ballymultagh, Water Supply	200
	Carnew Village Scheme, Cottages, Water Supply	200
	Shillelagh Sanitary Convenience (Monthly Fairs)	400
	Tinahely Sanitary Convenience (Monthly Fairs)	400
	Resnastraw, Tinahely, Water Supply	200
	Carnew Public Sanitary Convenience (Monthly Fairs)	400
	Liscolman, Tullow, Water Supply	200
	Ballymaghroe, Ballyglen, Tinahely, Water Supply	200
	Ballykilmurray, Kiltegan, Water Supply	200
	Carnew Sewerage—Mill Lane	690
Carnew Sewerage—Coolattin Road	450	
TOTAL	£5,090	

The following statement on the matter had been prepared by the County Manager and circulated to the Members:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Court House,
Wicklow,
7th May, 1946.
To: The Chairman and Members of
Wicklow County Council.

MAJOR PUBLIC HEALTH SCHEMES—WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

As the result of an investigation into the requirements of the County in respect of the provision of new Water Supply and Sewerage Services, and the improvement of existing Services, a schedule of Public Health Works, which might be carried out in the coming years, was prepared some time ago. This examination showed that major Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes would cost in the aggregate £102,852. Minor Schemes were estimated to cost £15,759. All the foregoing Schemes are listed in the attached schedule.

The County Medical Officer of Health has again been consulted as to the relative urgency of the major Schemes included in this list. It will be noted that they are now placed in the following order of priority:—

1. Wicklow Regional Water Supply.
2. Aughrim Water Supply and Sewerage.
3. Ballyknocken and Vallemount Sewerage.
4. Killincarrig Sewerage.
5. Improved Water Supply to Enniskerry.
6. Monastery Sewerage.
7. Brittas Bay Water Supply and Sewerage.

For the information of the Council, the factors which affected the order of priority are set out hereunder.

WICKLOW REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY.

Rathnew Village is in need of a proper Water Supply. The present supply is both inadequate and uncertain. The population to be catered for in Rathnew and vicinity is about 800. From the surveys made by the County Engineer, however, it is apparent that a separate supply for Rathnew Village cannot be provided from any adjacent and convenient source. The Water Supply to Wicklow Town has proved inadequate in recent years, but its improvement was a matter presenting considerable difficulty. From an examination of the technical considerations involved, it was concluded that the best manner in which to approach these problems was by means of a Regional Water Supply Scheme, which would furnish a supply to Rathnew Village, Ashford, and possibly Glenealy, and provide an auxiliary supply for Wicklow Town. The cost of such a Scheme would be apportioned between Wicklow Urban District Council, and the County Council.

AUGHRIM.

Representations frequently have been made as to the necessity for Water Supply and Sewerage for Aughrim Village, and from the Public Health standpoint the County M.O.H. considers this an essential scheme.

BALLYKNOCKEN AND VALLEYMOUNT.

The potential contamination of the Liffey Lake (which is now used as a source of water supply for Dublin City) from the discharge of crude sewage into it, was a factor which decided the County M.O.H. to place Ballyknocken and Vallemount Sewerage Scheme third on the priority list.

KILLINCARRIG SEWERAGE.

The population to be served in this instance is relatively large, and the County M.O.H. has explained that his reason for excluding this Scheme from former list of urgent Schemes submitted by him, was the fact that it had been rejected by the former Board of Health some years ago.

ENNISKERRY.

In view of the present condition of the pipes and reservoir, an improved Water Supply in Enniskerry is necessary.

MONASTERY.

In Monastery the Council has erected a number of cottages in close proximity to one another and a Sewerage Scheme is desirable.

BRITTAS BAY.

A considerable amount of building has taken place in Brittas Bay in recent years, and, taking into account the further development which may be expected here, the County M.O.H. is of opinion that the provision of Water Supply and Sewerage facilities for the area is necessary.

PRESENT POSITION.

At the beginning of the present year the question of proceeding with urgent Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes was discussed with the Local Government Department, who agreed that arrangements should be made forthwith for the preparation of the necessary details for the Wicklow Regional Scheme. From the investigations already made by the County Engineer, it was found that the provision of Water Supply was a problem with many difficult features. Consequently it was decided to engage the services of a Consulting Engineer, and with the approval of the Local Government Department, Professor P. F. Purcell, M.A.I., recently has been employed as Consultant for this Regional Scheme. For some time past, in conjunction with the County Engineer, he has been investigating the possible sources of supply, etc., and expects to be in a position to submit a preliminary report at an early date.

Plans, etc., for Water Supply to Arklow Rock were submitted some time ago to the Local Government Department. These plans provided for the installation of filter beds and pumping plant. Apart from the high capital costs which such a Scheme would involve, it was evident that the annual maintenance charges also would be considerable. The source of supply and the requirements of the area generally were examined some time ago by an Inspector of the Local Government Department, and as a result of this inspection it has been indicated by the Department that the Scheme submitted would be altogether too costly in view of the limited supply required, and that the needs of the District might, alternatively, be met by sinking one or two pumps.

In October, 1945, an application was made to the Local Government Department to approve of the appointment of a temporary engineer for the purpose of assisting in the preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates of Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes. The County Engineer has indicated that if such technical assistance were made available to him he would be in a position to proceed with the preparation of the details necessary for the urgent major Schemes, other than Wicklow Regional Scheme, which are set out above.

It is requested that the Council might examine the order of priority of major Schemes as set out in attached list, and submit their views on the subject at the Meeting to be held on the 13th inst. The Local Government Department will then be reminded again as to the necessity for the appointment of an engineer to assist in the preparation of the requisite plans, etc.

In the current year's Estimates a sum of £500 was included to meet the costs arising in connection with these Works. This amount should be sufficient to cover the preliminary expenses, which will require to be met in the current year. In the following year, however, it will be necessary to make provision for the Loan Charges on such Schemes as the County Council may be in a position to undertake.

Yours faithfully,

M. FLANNERY,

County Manager.

After a prolonged discussion on the order in which the Works should be carried out, the Council decided to arrange the Works in

order of priority. The items listed as urgent by the County M.O.H. were placed as follows:—

1. Wicklow Regional Water Supply.
2. Aughrim Water Supply and Sewerage.
3. Ballyknocken and Vallemount Sewerage.
4. Killincarrig Sewerage (to include Water Supply and Sewerage for 18 cottages at Blacklion, and Water Supply for 10 cottages at Blacklion (Coolagad)).
5. Improved Water Supply for Enniskerry.
6. Monastery Sewerage.

The Council decided to exclude the Brittas Bay Water Supply and Sewerage Scheme.

Other works to be proceeded with were as follows:—

Aklow Rock	Water Supply
Coolboy	Water Supply
Shillelagh	Water Supply
Charlesland	Water Supply
Kilcool	Water and Sewerage
Kilmacanogue	Fountain
Barnarrig N.S. and Barracks	Well
Churchland, Tinahely	Extension of Sewerage
Cronehorn	Water Supply
Ballingate	Water Supply
Carnew—Mill Lane	Sewerage
Carnew—Coolattin Row	Sewerage
Ballykillmurray, Kiltegan	Water Supply
Dillonstown, Blessington	Public Pump
Blakestown, Blessington	Fencing Well
Oldcourt, Blessington	Public Pump
Dunlavin	Extension of Sewerage

The County Manager stated that the services of an Assistant Engineer to assist in the preparation of plans for the Water and Sewerage Scheme referred to would be required.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge:

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey:

Resolved—That we recommend the appointment of an Assistant Engineer for a period of six months to assist in the preparation of Water and Sewerage Schemes.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D.; P. Doyle, B. Farrell, P. P. O'Reilly, J. O'Reilly, P. Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Seán Dunne, Wm. Lawless, and J. Jacob—12.

AGAINST: Councillors J. J. Metcalfe, J. Everett, T.D., and C. W. Hudson—3.

The Motion was declared passed by twelve votes in favour to three against.

GENERAL.

Item No. 18.—Release of Irish Republican Prisoners:

Councillor McCarthy asked the permission of the Council to deal with Item No. 18 on the Agenda. The telegram received read as follows:—

"New York, Western Union,

Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

"Horrid treatment of Thomas McCurtain and Irish Republican prisoners. Urge you demand immediate release.

"Clann na Gael, 1914 I.R.A.,
Broadway, N.Y. City."

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy:

Seconded by Councillor Seán Dunne:

"Resolved—That we adopt the recommendation of Clann na Gaedheal, Broadway, New York, that the Government be asked to release immediately Tomás McCurtain and the other I.R.A. prisoners, and that also I.R.A. prisoners imprisoned in the North of Ireland and England be released.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, B. Farrell, P. P. O'Reilly, Seán Dunne, J. Everett, T.D., and J. Jacob—7.

AGAINST: Councillors T. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. Metcalfe, J. O'Reilly and W. Lawless—4.

Councillors Ledwidge, Dr. Hickey and C. W. Hudson not voting. The Motion was declared passed by seven votes in favour to four against.

At this stage the Council adjourned consideration of the remaining items on the Agenda to the next Meeting to be held on 3rd June, 1946.

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

By Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

"That I or some member for me, shall move that this Council will take over and carry out necessary repairs to the McAllister Memorial at cost not exceeding £70, and that we ask the local representative to act as a Committee with power to add to their numbers, with a view to assisting the Council in maintaining this Memorial in suitable condition."

By Councillor Seán Dunne:

"I hereby give Notice that at the next Meeting of the Council I or some Member for me, shall propose the following Resolution:—

"That this Council considers that the amount of bonus (3%) granted the road workers and carters is totally inadequate, and we instruct the Manager to make immediate representations to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to have this amount increased."

By Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.:

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some other Councillor for me, shall move at the next Meeting of the Council that the Assistant County Engineers be directed to attend all future statutory meetings of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of facilitating the members in obtaining immediate information concerning their respective areas."

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 3rd June, 1946.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;
Councillors P. Doyle, P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Hammond, Wm. Cleary, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, H. J. Byrne, Ed. Byrne, Sean Dunne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, L. O'Loighleis, P. Ledwidge, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, J. J. Jacob, Wm. Clarke.
The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, was also in attendance.

BUSINESS:

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 July on the County Council's General Account, and (b) overdraft accommodation on the Turf Production Account for the same month.
- Inquiries arising out of County Manager's Orders.
- To consider Report on the Rate Collection for 1945/46.
- To consider letter of 22nd May, 1946, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health notifying increase in Agricultural Grant.
- To adopt Poor Rates for the service of the financial year ending on 31st March, 1947, to allow and make same; and to affix the Seal of the Council to Rate Collectors' Warrants.
- To consider applications received for the position of Rate Collector, No. 7 District.

ASSISTANCE, HEALTH AND HOUSING.

- To make Compulsory Purchase Order for the acquisition of land for the purpose of Labourers' Cottages Scheme, 1946.
- To consider statement regarding Arklow Cemetery, copy of which has been circulated to the Members of the Council.
- To consider County Engineer's Report regarding flooding of Boghall Road, Bray.
- 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 consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Dunne:—

"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."

- To consider the following Resolution received from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture:—

"That we request the Wicklow County Council to erect a Weighbridge for use of farmers for the weighing of livestock and agricultural produce in the district of Barndarrig."

- To consider the following Resolution received from the County Committee of Agriculture:—

"That we the Co. Wicklow Committee of Agriculture strongly recommend to the County Council to introduce a Scheme under which deserving poor cottiers will be supplied with the means to till their plots which otherwise must be left unproductive."

- To consider the following Resolution received from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture:—

"That we the Co. Wicklow Committee of Agriculture direct attention to the inequity of the present system of increasing valuations and giving notice of same. Any improvement to a business, even to one which is done partly or wholly from public subsidies for the purpose of encouraging food production, is followed automatically by increases in valuation, with consequent increase on payment of rates year after year, thus more than counteracting in course of time the effects of the subsidy granted. Furthermore, certificates of valuation are forwarded to County Councils, and, in our opinion, personal notification should be given to each individual ratepayer affected by the change. That copies of this Resolution be sent to all County Committees of Agriculture and all Co. Councils inviting their opinions and support."

- To consider Law Agent's report relative to the County Council's powers regarding the McAllister Memorial, Balinglass; and to consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Everett, T.D.:—

"That I or some member for me shall move that this Council will take over and carry out necessary repairs to the McAllister Memorial at cost not exceeding £70, and that we ask the local representatives to act as a Committee with power to add to their numbers, with a view to assisting the Council in maintaining this Memorial in suitable condition."

- To consider the communication dated 9th April, 1946, received from the "Save the German Children" Society.

- To consider the following Resolution received from Dungarvan Urban District Council:—

"That with a view to ending the suspension of education and control on 30,000 Dublin School-children, and the resultant danger to Life, Morals and Education of the Children, we the Dungarvan Urban District Council call on the Public Bodies of Eire to join with us in requesting that the Minister for Education and the I.N.T.O. meet with a view to settling the Teachers' Strike before further harm is done or before the Strike may spread, with danger to the children of Eire. Copies to be sent to the Minister for Education, the I.N.T.O., and all Public Bodies."

- To consider letter received by the Chairman from the Auhgrin Branch of the Labour Party relative to the erection of proposed Bridge at Sheanabeg.

- 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 propose the following Resolution: 'That this Council considers that the amount of bonus (3/-) granted to road workers and carters is totally inadequate and we instruct the Manager to make immediate representations to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to have this amount increased.'"

- To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.:—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some other Councillor for me, shall move at the next meeting of this Council that the Assistant County Engineers be directed to attend all future statutory Meetings of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of facilitating the Members in obtaining immediate information concerning their respective areas."

RESERVED FUNCTIONS.

- Item No. 1. Proposed by Councillor P. Doyle;
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 13th May, 1946, be approved and signed by the Chairman.

Councillor Everett, T.D., objected to the item in the Minutes regarding the raising of a Loan of £11,000 for the erection of 21 cottages at Ballywaltrim and Killnearing, and stated that the Council had not authorised the raising of this Loan. On the Secretary producing the relevant records in connection with the last meeting, the Minutes were adopted, Councillor Everett dissenting.

Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes:

Arising out of the Minutes, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:

Seconded by Councillor John O'Reilly:

Resolved—That the water supply for Kylebeg be included in the list of Water and Sewerage Schemes approved by the Council at the last Meeting.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Reilly:

Resolved—That the Sewerage Scheme at Rathdangan be included in the list of Water and Sewerage Schemes approved by the Council at the last Meeting.

Passed unanimously.

Standing Orders:

Proposed by Councillor Sean Dunne;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge:

That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of taking

Item No. 7 on the Agenda immediately after the Minutes.

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

FOR THE MOTION: Councillors P. McCarthy, H. J. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Sean Dunne, C. W. Hudson and W. Clarke—7.

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

The motion was declared defeated by 14 votes against to 7 votes in favour.

- Item No. 2: Overdraft Accommodation—General Account.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

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 July, 1946, shall not exceed £70,000.

Passed unanimously.

Overdraft Accommodation—Turf Production Account.

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke;

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 July, 1946, shall not exceed £12,000.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Everett, T.D., referred to recent Meeting of the Joint Committee of Grangeogorman Mental Hospital, at which the cost of turf supplied by Wicklow County Council to Grangeogorman and Portrane was under consideration, and asked for further information on the matter. The County Engineer explained how the price charged to Grangeogorman Mental Hospital Committee for turf was arrived at. The County Manager stated that a report explaining matters raised in connection with price of turf would be circulated to the members before the next Meeting.

- Item No. 3: Rates of Wages to Tradesmen.

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

Seconded by Councillor Sean Dunne:

Resolved—That the increased rates of wages to tradesmen be applied as from the date of the last Bonus Order, viz., 11th Sept., 1945.

Passed unanimously.

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

Seconded by Councillor McCrea:

Resolved—That we recommend that labourers employed by the County Council on building work and Public Health work in areas in County Health District not already covered by Orders made by the Minister for Industry and Commerce be paid an increased emergency bonus of 1½d. per hour.

The County Manager replied to several other queries raised by members arising out of his Orders.

Councillor W. Cleary stated that he had received a complaint regarding the manner in which a Dispensary Medical Officer had carried out his duties. He stated that he had been told that the Doctor had not attended a case when called, but had sent the ambulance to remove the patient to Balinglass Hospital, and that the patient had died on the way to Hospital. He asked that the matter be investigated by the County Manager. The County Manager stated he would have the matter investigated and would report to the Council.

- Item No. 4:

The following return showing details of 1945/46 Rate Collection as on the 31st March, 1946, was submitted to the Council. The Council noted that there had been a very substantial improvement in the Collection.

Comparative Statement in respect of
Uncollected Rates as on 31/3/1945.

FINAL STATEMENT SHOWING DETAILS OF 1945/46 RATE COLLECTION AS ON 31st MARCH, 1946.

District No.	Collector	Warrant	Amount lodged	Discount allowed	Overlodged	Underlodged	Irrecoverable	Carried forward to 1946/7 Warrant	Percentage collected	Irrecoverable	Carried forward to 1945/46 Collection
1	L. McDonnell	7577 14 1	7487 5 6	13 3 2	4 8 7		53 15 5	27 18 7	98.99	71 1 9	168 18 2
2	J. A. Doyle	5063 18 0	4888 0 3	9 2 2			20 15 4	146 0 3	98.69	13 4 8	370 15 11
3	Edward Lynch	3853 12 0	3503 6 0	6 17 3		7	2 1 9	441 7 2	88.80	1 4 4	511 19 2
4	Patrick Burke	7746 4 6	7353 19 1	8 19 4	2		18 0 11	385 5 4	95.05	5 1 2	794 8 4
5	Mrs. Healy	7317 10 4	5891 2 0	2 19 10		57 1 2	38 14 0	1387 12 11	79.90	63 10 4	1888 3 9
6	P. J. Doyle	16016 4 3	16134 9 7	12 9 11			34 3 3	437 1 4	97.17	106 17 1	249 11 9
7	M. J. Roche	4722 16 8	4662 15 3	10 0 0			9 19 6	40 1 11	98.95	8 6 9	96 15 1
8	Patrick Mulligan	17893 8 5	16413 15 7	3 19 6			1053 19 7	597 3 7	91.22	28 5 5	3475 7 8
9	M. J. Healy	5836 8 4	5862 11 1	3 15 7	9 10		229 1 5	559 6 8	88.40	27 14 6	1300 8 7
10	Wm. P. Murphy	8579 11 9	8421 7 8	3 9 7		1 8 7	6 19 8	147 14 0	98.08	16 7 2	1738 9 11
11	J. J. McCall	10101 17 0	8978 11 4	4 13 2			3 13 0	1118 0 5	88.90	40 15 8	1581 3 10
12	Wm. C. Byrne	12813 5 0	12210 8 1	4 13 2		4 1	25 12 0	587 16 5	95.35	40 15 8	1508 15 1
13/14/15	M. J. Roche	9887 18 10	8410 3 11	9 18 6	17 3 8		43 12 2	1403 17 11	85.23	124 17 4	1025 2 9
16	F. J. Byrne	7011 1 10	6332 17 7	5 11 1	18 10		68 14 10	603 17 11	90.41	144 9 11	278 15 0
17	D. G. Kelly	6687 14 11	6516 15 8	19 9 0			87 17 1	62 16 1	97.73	5 4 6	260 9 7
18	Thomas Fleming	4732 6 6	4640 10 9	3 1 1		17 1	6 10 3	82 5 2	98.12	5 4 6	260 9 7
19	M. O'Neill	137488 8 2	127707 18 7	120 11 7	23 1 1	59 12 6	1705 14 10	7917 11 9		657 17 9	14260 17 5
			92.88%	.08%		1.24%		5.16%		.50%	10.63%

Item No. 5.

The following letter received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to increase in Agricultural Grant for the year 1946/47 was considered and noted by the Council. Copies of the letter, together with examples showing the effect of the change had been circulated to each member of the Council:—
ROINN RIALTATS AITIUILL AGUS SLAINTE POIBLI,
(Department of Local Government and Public Health),

TEACH AN CHUSTUIM
(Custom House),
BAILE ATHA CLIATH
(Dublin)

Circ. No. 77/46. 22nd May, 1946.

AGRICULTURAL GRANT, 1946/47.

A Chara,
I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to the recent statement by the Minister for Finance in the Dail that, for the purpose of enabling farmers of over £20 valuation to increase the wages of men at work on the land and of giving additional benefits to farmers of smaller valuations, he proposed to ask the Dail to make provision this year for an increase in the Agricultural Grant.

The relief in contemplation will be such as will enable the county council to make the following allowances this year in substitution for the existing allowances, namely:

- (1) The primary allowance rate on land valuations up to £20 and the first £20 of higher valuations will be three-fifths of the general rate.
- (2) On the part of the land valuation above £20 the supplementary allowance rate will be one-fifth of the general rate.
- (3) In addition to this relief of one-fifth of the rate on valuations above £20, an employment allowance of 10/- in the pound on the amount by which the valuation of agricultural land exceeds £20 will be made where men are at work on the holding, but this allowance will be subject to the overriding limitation that it shall not in any case exceed £6 10s. 0d. in respect of each man who was at work on the holding during the whole of 1945, or the balance of the general rates due on the part of the valuation exceeding £20, whichever is less.

The general rate referred to above means except in the counties of Cork and Dublin the rate levied by the county council over the whole of the administrative county exclusive of urban districts for any purpose except the defraying of charges for compensation for criminal injuries. If the calculation of three-fifths or one-fifth of the general rate does not work out exactly in pence, it should be carried to two places of decimals of a penny. Where in calculating the rates at which the new allowances will be made there is any deviation from the general rate on which these calculations are based by reason of the inclusion of separate charges levied over the whole of the county health district, the matter should be submitted to the Department immediately, setting out the reasons for the deviation. Care should be taken to determine the rate of each allowance as any excess over the proper rate will not be recouped.

The issue of the demands for the poor rate with allowances calculated in the manner provided by the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1939, should proceed in the ordinary way, but steps should be taken immediately to re-calculate the allowances on the above basis and prepare credit notes for issue to each rated occupier of agricultural land for any additional relief to which he may become entitled. Credit notes should be made out in moieties, one to be redeemed on payment of the first moiety of the rates, and the other on payment of the second. Particulars of the new allowances should be given on the credit notes.

It should be noted that the supplementary allowance rate is no longer dependent on the sum available for distribution after other charges on the county's share of the grant have been met. The amount of the grant for each county will no longer be a fixed allocation as heretofore, but will be the aggregate of the allowances made at the rates fixed.

It should also be noted that the new supplementary allowance of one-fifth of the general rate on valuations above £20 will cover the whole of these valuations, irrespective of whether the occupier is entitled to an employment allowance or not. The supplementary allowance is additional to the employment allowance. Under the Act of 1939 an occupier of land whose whole land valuation above £20 was equal to or less than £12 10s. 0d. for each man at work during the whole of 1945 on his holding got no supplementary allowance. Under the new scheme he will get both employment and supplementary allowances.

In view of the higher rate of employment allowance it will be necessary to apply a strict check to claims in respect of men at work, and rate collectors should take every means open to them of satisfying themselves of the accuracy of the claims referred to them for examination.

The increase in the Grant will not affect the amounts payable to urban district councils that are entitled to participate in the grant. In calculating the amount to be transferred, the primary rate of abatement in the county will be the primary allowance rate as certified in the Rates on Agricultural Land (Certificate) Order, 1935, which was adopted for the purposes of the Act of 1939 by Section 6 of that Act. Where two or more holdings of agricultural land within the meaning of the Act of 1939 are deemed to form together a single holding and a portion is situate in the county health district and a portion in an urban district, the primary allowance rate for the former portion will be three-fifths of the general county poor rate and for the latter portion the existing primary allowance rate. Under the Local Government Bill now before the Dail, a new method of rating of agricultural land in urban districts is proposed, and it is not intended under the scheme described above to make any change so far as urban districts are concerned.

I am to request that you will be good enough to fill in and return to the Department as soon as possible the enclosed Forms A and B giving:

- Particulars of the cost of the several allowances under the Act of 1939 as they appear in the rate book, and
- Particulars of the cost of the new allowance.

Mise, le meas,
J. COLLINS,
Runai Cunta.

Item No. 6:

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
Resolved—That we now adopt the Rates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1947, 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, 1947, be now signed by the Chairman and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.
Passed unanimously.
Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
Resolved—That the Demand (Form E.8) on the Urban District Council of Arklow for the sum of £5,240 13s. 2d. be determined to

be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1947, be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed unanimously.
Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
Resolved—That the Demand (Form E. 8) on the Urban District Council of Bray for the sum of £20,512 10s. 6d. be determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1947, be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed unanimously.
Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
Resolved—That the Demand (Form E. 8) on the Urban District Council of Wicklow for the sum of £5,209 5s. 2d. determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1947, be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Item No. 7: Appointment of Rate Collector, No. 7 District.
The County Secretary stated that in response to public advertisement, sixteen applications had been received for the position as follows:

Bateman, Dermot J., Bray;
Byrne, Austin J., Bray;
Doyle, Bernard, Kilmacanogue;
Donohue, Michael, Roundwood;
Clinch, Patrick J. B., Kilmacanogue;
Dunne, Patrick, Enniskerry;
Malone, Patrick, Greystones;
McGinn, Rose, Bray;
Mooney, Andrew M., Enniskerry;
O'Neill, James, Tinahely;
Rafferty, Thomas B., Bray;
Redmond, Thomas, Rathnew;
Sheehan, John M., Rathdrum;
Treacy, Cyril, Kilmacanogue;
Whyte, Patrick, Kilmacanogue;
Woods, Peadar, Kilmacanogue.

After a discussion, the Council decided on the following method of voting:—Each Councillor on first poll to have 4 votes; candidates receiving less than 3 votes to be eliminated; on second poll, each Councillor to have 3 votes; candidates receiving less than 5 votes to be eliminated; and, on third poll, each Councillor to have 2 votes; candidates receiving less than 8 votes to be eliminated.

First Poll:

FOR DERMOT J. BATEMAN: Councillors J. J. McCrea, W. Hammond, Wm. Cleary, J. J. Metcalfe, H. J. Byrne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, J. Everett, T.D.—7.

FOR AUSTIN J. BYRNE: Councillors Sean Dunne and P. Ledwidge—2.

FOR BERNARD DOYLE: Councillors J. McCrea, J. J. Metcalfe, John O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Ed. Byrne, Sean Dunne, Wm. Lawless, C. W. Hudson—10.

FOR MICHAEL DONOHUE: Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D., P. P. O'Reilly, Ed. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., C. W. Hudson—7.

FOR PATRICK J. B. CLINCH: Nil.

FOR PATRICK DUNNE: Councillor Wm. Cleary and C. M. Byrne—2.

FOR PATRICK MALONE: Nil.

FOR ROSE MCGINN: Nil.

FOR ANDREW M. MOONEY: Nil.

FOR JAMES O'NEILL: Councillors J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, B. Farrell, P. P. O'Reilly, J. Everett, T.D., and Joseph Jacob—6.

FOR THOMAS B. RAFFERTY: Nil.

FOR THOMAS REDMOND: Nil.

FOR JOHN M. SHEEHAN: Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D., P. Doyle, Wm. Cleary, B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, J. Everett, T.D., C. M. Byrne, Wm. Clarke, J. Jacob—12.

FOR CYRIL TREACY: Councillors J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D., Wm. Cleary, P. P. O'Reilly, J. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Ed. Byrne, Sean Dunne, Wm. Lawless, C. W. Hudson, W. Clarke and Jos. Jacob—16.

FOR PATRICK WHYTE: Councillor B. Farrell, J. O'Reilly, Wm. Lawless, C. M. Byrne, Wm. Clarke—5.

FOR PEADAR WOODS: Councillors T. Brennan, T.D., B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, John O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Ed. Byrne, Sean Dunne, Wm. Lawless, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, Wm. Clarke and Joseph Jacob—14.

Eliminated: Austin J. Byrne, Patk. J. B. Clinch, Patrick Dunne, Patrick Malone, Rose McGinn, Andrew M. Mooney, Thomas B. Rafferty, and Thomas Redmond.

Second Poll:

A second poll was then taken and resulted as follows:—

FOR DERMOT J. BATEMAN: Councillors W. Hammond, Wm. Cleary, J. J. Metcalfe, H. J. Byrne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, J. Everett, T.D.—6.

FOR BERNARD DOYLE: Councillors J. McCrea, H. J. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, Ed. Byrne, Sean Dunne and C. W. Hudson—6.

FOR MICHAEL DONOHUE: Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, P. P. O'Reilly and C. W. Hudson—4.

FOR JAMES O'NEILL: Councillors J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, B. Farrell, J. Everett and J. Jacob—5.

FOR JOHN M. SHEEHAN: Councillors W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D., P. Doyle, Wm. Cleary, B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, J. Everett, T.D., C. M. Byrne, Wm. Clarke and J. Jacob—11.

FOR CYRIL TREACY: Councillors J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D., W. Cleary, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Ed. Byrne, Sean Dunne, Wm. Lawless, Wm. Clarke, and Joseph Jacob—14.

FOR PATRICK WHYTE: Councillors J. O'Reilly, Wm. Lawless and C. M. Byrne—3.

FOR PEADAR WOODS: Councillors T. Brennan, T.D., B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, J. O'Reilly, P. Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Ed. Byrne, Sean Dunne, Wm. Lawless, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson and William Clarke—12.

Eliminated: Patrick Whyte and Michael Donohue.

Third Poll:

FOR DERMOT J. BATEMAN: Councillors W. Hammond, Wm. Cleary, H. J. Byrne, Dr. J. J. Hickey—4.

FOR BERNARD DOYLE: Councillors Edwd. Byrne and C. W. Hudson—2.

FOR JAMES O'NEILL: Councillors J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, B. Farrell and J. Everett, T.D.—4.

FOR JOHN M. SHEEHAN: Councillors W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D., P. Doyle, B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, J. Everett, T.D., C. M. Byrne, Wm. Clarke, Jos. Jacob—10.

FOR CYRIL TREACY: Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D., Wm. Cleary, P. P. O'Reilly, J. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne,

P. Ledwidge, Ed. Byrne, Sean Dunne, Wm. Lawless, Wm. Clarke and J. Jacob—13.

FOR PEADAR WOODS: Councillors J. J. Metcalfe, J. O'Reilly, P. Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Sean Dunne, Wm. Lawless, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson—8.

Eliminated: D. J. Bateman, B. Doyle and J. O'Neill.

Fourth Poll:

FOR JOHN M. SHEEHAN: Councillors W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D., P. Doyle, B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, J. Everett, T.D., C. W. Hudson, Wm. Clarke and J. Jacob—10.

FOR CYRIL TREACY: Councillors J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, Wm. Cleary, H. J. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, Ed. Byrne, Sean Dunne—7.

FOR PEADAR WOODS: Councillors J. O'Reilly, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Wm. Lawless and C. M. Byrne—4.

Eliminated: P. Woods.

On the fifth and final poll, the voting was:—
FOR JOHN M. SHEEHAN: Councillors W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D., P. Doyle, B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, J. Everett, T.D., C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, W. Clarke and J. Jacob—11.

FOR CYRIL TREACY: Councillors J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Cleary, J. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Ed. Byrne, Sean Dunne, and Wm. Lawless—10.

It was then proposed by Councillor P. Doyle;
Seconded by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., and

Resolved—That having considered and examined the applications received for the position of Rate Collector No. 7 Collection District, we hereby appoint Mr. John M. Sheehan of Rathdrum, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8: Compulsory Purchase Orders—Labourers Acts.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor S. Dunne;

Resolved—That the Scheme now submitted by the Secretary under the Labourers Acts, 1883 to 1931, as amended by the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932, be adopted and the necessary Order made authorising the Council to purchase compulsorily for the purposes of the Scheme the lands described in the schedule to the Order, and that the said Order, and other necessary documents be sealed with the Seal of the Council.
Passed.

COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER MADE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE LABOURERS ACTS, 1883 TO 1931, AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSING (FINANCIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, 1932.

The Wicklow County Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council) hereby make the following Order:—

1.—Subject to the provisions of this Order, the Council are hereby authorised to purchase compulsorily for the purpose of the Labourers Acts, 1883 to 1931, as amended by the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932, the lands of the County Health District of Wicklow, described in the schedule hereto, which lands are coloured RED on Maps consisting of Ordnance Sheets marked "County Wicklow Labourers Order, 1946," and sealed with the common Seal of the Council and deposited at the offices of the Council.

2.—Subject to any necessary adaptations the provisions of:

(a) The Lands Clauses Acts (except sections 127 to 132 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845) as amended by the provisions contained in the Labourers Acts, 1883 to 1931;

(b) The acquisition of Land (Assessment of Compensation) Act, 1919, as amended by the Acquisition of Land (Reference Committee) Act, 1925,

as modified by the Third Schedule to the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932, in the case of compulsory purchase orders made for the purposes of the Labourers Acts, 1883 to 1931, are hereby incorporated in this Order and the provisions of those Acts shall apply accordingly.

3.—This Order may be cited as the County Wicklow Labourers Order, 1946.

Given under the Seal of the Wicklow County Council this 3rd day of June, 1946.

(Seal).

(Signed): J. J. McCREA, Chairman.

K. J. BRANGAN, Secretary.

THE LABOURERS ACTS, 1883 TO 1931, AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSING (FINANCIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, 1932.

Scheme proposing to acquire land compulsorily for the purpose of above-mentioned Acts in the County Health District of Wicklow.

The Wicklow County Council, acting in pursuance of the above-mentioned Acts, having satisfied themselves that it is necessary to provide house accommodation for Agricultural Labourers in the County Health District, hereby propose:—

1.—To acquire compulsorily the several plots of land described in the schedule hereto and on the accompanying maps and books of reference, and to erect cottages thereon.

2.—The estimated cost is as follows:—

	£
(a) Land, including Irish Land Commission Redemption	9,200
(b) Fencing	9,200
(c) Building of 460 Cottages	207,000
(d) Roads, Sewers, Water & Electric Light	920
(e) Legal Expenses	1,610
(f) Engineering Expenses	—
(g) Fees of Medical Officers of Health	50
(h) Clerks of Works	780
(i) Cost of Mortgage, Arbitration, Inquiry	560
(j) Other Incidental Expenses	920
	£230,240

(Seal)

(Signed): J. J. McCREA, Chairman.

K. J. BRANGAN, Secretary.

The Council decided to hold the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, 25th June, 1946, at 11.30 a.m.

It was decided to adjourn the remaining items on the Agenda and to consider such items as a Special Meeting to be held immediately after the Annual Meeting.

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

By Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

"I or some member for me shall move at the next Meeting that the County Manager's Orders recommending the appointment of a motor superintendent be rescinded."

By Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

"I or some member shall move at the next Meeting that County Manager's Order recommending an allowance of 35/- per week to Assistant Engineer Foley, dated 1/4/46, for clerical assistance, be rescinded."

"Also that Order granting 25/- to Assistant Engineer Caffrey

for similar work be rescinded."

The Chairman directed that letter, dated 2nd June, 1946, received from Rathdangan Ratepayers' Association be also placed on the Agenda for the July Meeting.

ABSTRACT OF CORRESPONDENCE.

From the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

- 8th March, 1946. Sanctioning the continuance of overdraft accommodation in connection with turf production for the sum of £12,000 for the period ending 31st March, 1946.
T.A.100/33/3
- 11th March, 1946. Sanctioning overdraft accommodation on the Co. Council's General Account for the sum of £10,000 for the period ending 31st March, 1946.
G.3403/2/46
- 26th April, 1946. Sanctioning the payment of an additional emergency bonus of 3/- per week to labourers, overseers, carters, and roller drivers, as from 1st April, 1946.
R/RM/201/33W
- 21st May, 1946. Sanctioning overdraft accommodation on the Co. Council's General Account for the sum of £10,000 for the period ending 31st May, 1946.
G.3403/3/46
- 25th May, 1946. Continuing the arrangement relative to the payment of remuneration to County Surveyors and Assistant County Surveyors in respect of special work entailed in the recruitment and rotation of labour in connection with Roads (Rural) Schemes. Rate of remuneration to be $\frac{3}{4}$ % to County Surveyors and 1% to Assistant County Surveyors, and to be calculated on actual expenditure.
RU/204
- 1st June, 1946. Referring to the provisions of Section 1 of the Coroner's (Ireland) Act, 1908, regarding remuneration of Dr. W. G. Lyons, Acting Coroner for West Wicklow.
G.7511/3/46
- 4th June, 1946. Referring to lorry drivers' wages and stating the Minister has sanctioned the terms of the County Manager's Order of 9th April, 1946.
R/RM/201/33W
- 5th June, 1946. Sanctioning overdraft accommodation on the County Council's general account for the sum of £50,000 for the period ending 30th June, 1946.
G.303/4/46
- 11th June, 1946. Sanctioning the continuance of overdraft accommodation in connection with turf production for the sum of £12,000 for the period ending 30th June, 1946.
T.A.100/33/3
- 13th June, 1946. Sanctioning the payment of an additional emergency bonus of 3/- per week to lorry drivers.
R/RM/201/33W
- 13th June, 1946. Consenting to the charges as set out on enclosed schedule for hire of Council's machinery for half-year ending 30th Sept., 1946.
R/RM/33M
- 15th June, 1946. Sanctioning payment of overtime to members of the staff in connection with the issue of credit notes in respect of increased agricultural grant for the current year.
G.13645/46
- 5th June, 1946. Regarding the drainage scheme at Jack Whyte's, Barndarrig, and intimating that the Co. Surveyor states it may be possible to commence work on the scheme early in July, provided the tarring programme is sufficiently advanced in the areas to permit of the release of the necessary workmen.
Wicklow 21.
- 24th May, 1946. From Kilkenny Corporation, calling on the Government to abolish the Means Test for Old Age Pensions and to make an immediate and substantial increase in the amount of pensions.
- 3rd June, 1946. From the County Council's General Council, stating that the annual meeting will take place during Horse Show Week (August 6th—10th).
- 3rd June, 1946. From the County Council's General Account, forwarding a summary of the views of the various County Councils regarding amendment of Section 25 of the Local Government Act, 1925.
- 15/6/1946. From Cavan Urban District Council concerning proposals set out in the White Paper relating to pig industry in Eire, and the ultimate effect of its implementation; and requesting the Government to revert to the former system of weekly and monthly pork and pig markets.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- 6th June, 1946. From Mrs. D. A. O'Neill, Main St., Baltinglass, conveying to the Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council her appreciation of their kind resolution of sympathy on the death of her husband.
- 8th June, 1946. From Messrs. Lehane and Hogan, Solicitors, Dublin, acknowledging resolution of sympathy for the relatives of the late Sean McCaughey, and conveying to the County Council their appreciation for above referred to resolution.

The Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, 25th June, 1946.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.
Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; Patrick Doyle, B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, Peter Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Edward Byrne, Liam O Laoighleis, James Everett, T.D.; C. M. O Broin, C. W. Hudson and Joseph Jacob.
The County Manager, M. M. Flannery, was also in attendance.

BUSINESS:

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

Item No. 1: Appointment of Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly.
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond.
Resolved: That Councillor J. J. McCrea be re-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.

Item No. 3: Appointment of Vice-Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor J. Jacob.
Resolved: That Councillor C. W. Hudson be re-elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year and until such time as his successor shall have been appointed.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4: Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

The County Secretary directed the attention of Members to the provisions of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945, and stated that the Minister had made an Order under that Act fixing the total number of members for the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board at 36. The Mental Treatment Act would come into operation during the year commencing on 1st July, 1946, and accordingly it would be necessary for the Council to appoint four members to act on the Board as at present constituted and also three members to act on the new Board when the Mental Treatment Act came into operation.

Proposed by Councillor P. Doyle;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Resolved: That the following members be appointed to represent the Wicklow County Council on the Joint Committee of Management of Grangegorman Mental Hospital:—Councillors J. Everett, T.D., Summerhill, Wicklow; S. Dunne, 46, Wolfe Tone Square North, Bray; P. P. O'Reilly, Ballyknocken, Blessington; C. M. Byrne, Ballykillavane, Glenealy.

Passed unanimously.

Following a discussion, it was decided to select by ballot three out of the above four members to continue on the Board of Grangegorman Mental Hospital when the new Act comes into operation.

The Members present voted as follows:—

FOR COUNCILLOR EVERETT, T.D.: Councillors McCrea, McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; P. Doyle, P. P. O'Reilly, P. Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Ed. Byrne, Wm. Lawless, C. W. Hudson and Joseph Jacob—12.

FOR COUNCILLOR S. DUNNE: Councillors P. Ledwidge, W. Lawless—2.

FOR COUNCILLOR C. M. BYRNE: Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; P. Doyle, P. P. O'Reilly, P. Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Ed. Byrne, Wm. Lawless, C. W. Hudson, and Joseph Jacob—12.

FOR COUNCILLOR P. P. O'REILLY: Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; P. P. O'Reilly, Dr. J. Hickey, P. Doyle, Ed. Byrne, C. W. Hudson and J. Jacob—10.

Accordingly it was proposed by Councillor P. Doyle;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Resolved: That the following Members be appointed to represent the Wicklow County Council on the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board in accordance with Order dated 15th June, 1946, made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under the Mental Treatment Act, 1945:—

Councillors J. Everett, T.D., Summerhill, Wicklow; C. M. Byrne, Ballykillavane, Glenealy; P. P. O'Reilly, Ballyknocken, Blessington.
Passed.

County Library Committee.

Councillor Hudson having informed the Council that he desired to resign from the Library Committee, it was
Proposed by Councillor Wm. Lawless;
Seconded by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.;
Resolved: That Mr. Loughlin Sutton be appointed as a member of the Wicklow County Library Committee in place of Councillor C. W. Hudson, resigned.
Passed unanimously.

Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;
Resolved: That this Council, in pursuance of the powers vested in us 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, Glenealy; W. Lawless, Ballycrone, Delgany; J. Jacob, Rathnew; B. Farrell, Mill St., Baltinglass; Ed. Byrne, 3, Oldcourt Place, Arklow; J. McCrea, Carnew; P. McCarthy, 43, Rory O'Connor Place, Arklow.
Passed.

County Councils General Council.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
Resolved: That the following be appointed to represent the Co. Council on the County Councils General Council:—Councillors C. M. Byrne, Ballykillavane, Glenealy; J. Everett, T.D., Summerhill, Wicklow; J. J. McCrea, Carnew.
Passed unanimously.

This concluded the business of the Annual Meeting.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse Wicklow, on Tuesday, 25th June, 1946, to consider the items remaining adjourned on the Agenda from the last Meeting of the County Council.

The following Members were present:—
 Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.
 Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; Patrick Doyle, E. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, Peter Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Edward Byrne, Liam O'Leighleis, James Everett, T.D.; C. M. O Broin, C. W. Hudson and Joseph Jacob.
 The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, was also in attendance.

BUSINESS:

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- To consider statement regarding Arklow Cemetery, copy of which has been circulated to the Members of the Council.
- To consider County Engineer's report regarding flooding of Boghall Road, Bray.
- 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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- To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Dunne:—
 "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."
- To consider the following Resolution received from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture:—
 "That we request the Wicklow County Council to erect a Weighbridge for use of farmers for the weighing of livestock and agricultural produce in the district of Barndarrig."
- To consider the following Resolution received from the County Committee of Agriculture:—
 "That we the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture strongly recommend to the Co. Council to introduce a Scheme under which deserving poor cottagers will be supplied with the means to fill their plots which otherwise must be left unproductive."
- To consider the following Resolution received from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture:—
 "That we the County Committee of Agriculture direct attention to the inequity of the present system of increasing valuations and giving notice of same. Any improvement to a business, even to one which is done partly or wholly from public subsidies for the purpose of encouraging food production, is followed automatically by increases in valuation, with consequent increase in payment of rates year after year, thus more than counteracting in course of time the effects of the subsidy granted. Furthermore, certificates of valuation are forwarded to County Councils, and in our opinion personal notification should be given to each individual ratepayer affected by the change. That copies of this Resolution be sent to all Co. Committees of Agriculture and all County Councils inviting their opinion and support."

- To consider Law Agent's report relative to the County Council's powers regarding the McAllister Memorial, Baltinglass; and to consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. Everett, F.D.:—
 "That I or some member for me shall move that this Council will take over and carry out necessary repairs to the McAllister Memorial at cost not exceeding £70, and that we ask the local representatives to act as a Committee with power to add to their numbers, with a view to assisting the Council in maintaining this Memorial in suitable condition."
- To consider the communication dated 9th April, 1946, received from the "Save the German Children" Society.
- To consider the following Resolution received from Dungarvan Urban District Council:—
 "That with a view to ending the suspension of education and control on thirty thousand Dublin School-children, and the resultant danger to life, morals and education of the children, We, the Dungarvan Urban District Council, call on the Public Bodies of Eire to join with us in requesting that the Minister for Education and the I.N.T.O. meet with a view to settling the Teachers' Strike before further harm is done or before the Strike may spread with danger to the children of Eire. Copies to be sent to the Minister for Education, the I.N.T.O., and all Public Bodies."
- To consider letter received by the Chairman from the Aghrim Branch of the Labour Party relative to the erection of proposed Bridge at Sheanabeg.
- 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 propose the following Resolution:—That this Council considers that the amount of bonus (3/-) granted the road workers and carters is totally inadequate, and we instruct the Manager to make immediate representations to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to have this amount increased."
- To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.:—
 "I hereby give notice that I, or some other Councillor for me, shall move at the next meeting of this Council that the Assistant County Engineers be directed to attend all future statutory Meetings of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of facilitating the Members in obtaining immediate information concerning their respective areas."

Vote of Sympathy.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
 Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle;
 Resolved: That we the Members of Wicklow County Council have heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. Thomas O'Connor, former Chairman of the Dublin Port and Docks Board and a native of this County, and we hereby tender to his brother, Mr. Richard O'Connor, Glenealy, and to the other members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.
 Passed unanimously.

ASSISTANCE, HEALTH AND HOUSING.

Item No. 1: Arklow Cemetery.

The following statement, which had been circulated to the members of the Council was considered:—

ARKLOW CEMETERY.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure in respect of Year ended 31st March, 1946.

EXPENDITURE:		£	s.	d.
Remuneration of Registrar	.. .. .	30	0	0
Gravediggers' Remuneration	.. .. .	139	1	0
do. Overtime (since 25/2/46)	.. .. .	3	7	0
do. Helper	.. .. .	7	8	0
do. Oilskins	.. .. .	3	2	11
New Tools	.. .. .	2	7	3
Repairs to Tools	.. .. .	3	16	8
Fuel, etc.	.. .. .	6	8	0
Postage and Carriage on Books, etc.	.. .. .	2	8	4
Repayment of Loan (£2,500—1939—10 years)	.. .. .	302	9	9
Total	500	8	11

RECEIPTS.

Grave Spaces sold	66	5	0
Burial Fees	26	13	3
Total	92	18	3

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RATE CONTRIBUTION TO LOSS:

Arklow Urban District	Nil
Wicklow County Health District	£407 10 8
Total	.. .. .	407 10 8

Number of Grave Spaces sold:

Arklow U.D.	.. .. .	38
Wicklow Health District	.. .. .	2
Waterford	.. .. .	1
Wexford	.. .. .	1
Dublin	.. .. .	1
Total	.. .. .	43

Number of Interments:

Arklow U.D.	.. .. .	86
Wicklow County Health District	.. .. .	12
Dublin	.. .. .	2
Wexford	.. .. .	3
Waterford	.. .. .	1
Total	.. .. .	104

Proportion of Interments from Arklow U.D., 83 per cent.
 Proportion of loss of £407 10s. 8d. applicable to Arklow: £338 5s. 0d.; i.e., 83 per cent.

ARKLOW CEMETERY.

Charges for Grave spaces:	
Section 1	£3 0 0
Section 2	£1 15 0
Section 3	10 0
Section 4	Free

Interment Fees:

Arklow Dispensary District (Arklow Town):—	
Section 1	10/-
Section 2	5/-
Section 3	2/6
Section 4	Free
Children under 10 years one-half the above fees.	

Outside Arklow Dispensary District:

Section 1	15/-
Section 2	7/6
Section 3	3/9
Section 4	Free

Following a discussion, Councillor P. McCarthy handed in the following Notice of Motion, which was accepted by the Chairman:

NOTICE OF MOTION:

"That we recommend that the County Manager employ two men as gravediggers in Arklow Cemetery, and that steps be taken to form a Joint Burial Board for Arklow Cemetery, the costs of the cemetery to be apportioned between the County Council and Arklow Urban District Council."

Item No. 2: Flooding at Boghall Road, Bray.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that he had investigated complaints regarding the flooding of Boghall Road, Bray, and had inspected the site, accompanied by Councillors Seán Dunne, H. J. Byrne and P. Ledwidge. The County Engineer recommended the service of Notice on the owner of the land adjoining the stream requiring him to clean portion of the stream, and suggested that an additional culvert to act as storm overflow and a new overflow drain would be required. He estimated the cost of the whole work to be £550. The Manager had directed the service of the Notice as recommended by the County Engineer and the submission of his report to the Council for their views since remedial measures proposed constituted a special work for which provision has not been made in the Estimates.

Councillor P. Ledwidge stated he approved of the County Engineer's report, but suggested that it would be necessary to fill in the dyke alongside the road. The County Engineer stated that he estimated this work would cost about £55.

Councillor P. Ledwidge handed in the following Notice of Motion:—

"I hereby give notice that at the next meeting of the Council I, or someone on my behalf, shall move that a sum of £605 be raised to carry out the work recommended by the County Engineer regarding the flooding at Boghall and the filling in of the gully in front of cottages in order that the road in front of cottages be made safe for traffic."

Item No. 3: Contract for Cottage Repairs.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe stated that there had been considerable delay in completion of Contracts for the repair of cottages in West Wicklow. The County Manager stated in reply that the Engineer for the District had been asked to impress on the Contractors that they must expedite the work in accordance with their Bond undertaking to complete the work within a specified time. The matter was having his attention.

Burial Grounds.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe referred to the delay in erecting boundary wall round Donard Burial Ground. The Co. Sec. read the following letter, dated 11th June, received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:—"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to a proposal of the Wicklow County Council to obtain a supplementary loan of £2,794 to meet the estimated increased cost of providing burial grounds in rural areas. The excess expenditure arises from a decision of the Council to erect boundary walls of concrete in substitution for fences. The Minister is not satisfied that such a considerable additional expenditure is warranted and the Council were informed accordingly on 15th Feb. last. The Council have made further representations in the matter and have stated that the County Engineer is of opinion that it would be desirable to enclose the graveyards with concrete walls. The Minister adheres to the views expressed in this Department's letter of 15th Feb. last, and if the Council desire to erect boundary walls of concrete, the additional cost should be met out of revenue."

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved: That we again impress on the Minister that it is the Council's considered opinion that concrete walls should be provided for these Burial Grounds, and consequently we ask the Minister to reconsider his decision in this matter, and agree to the Council's proposal.

Passed unanimously.

Cottage Purchase Scheme.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

"That owing to the continually increasing cost of repairs and maintenance of cottages built by the Board of Health, and realising by experience how much occupiers of houses who are owners maintain good condition and carry out small repairs to their dwellings, we the Wicklow County Council request our T.D.s. and also the General Council of County Councils to impress on the Government the great advisability of selling at their value, to all occupiers willing to purchase, the cottage in which they reside. The purchase money to be paid in a fixed instalment, or larger amounts if the Purchaser so desires.

"The putting of this scheme into practice would forthwith provide available cash for the building of other cottages."

A prolonged discussion followed, in the course of which members pointed out certain objections to Purchase Schemes as authorised by current legislation.

A show of hands was taken on the proposal, that the Resolution be referred to the General Council of County Councils, and was carried by 8 votes in favour to 7 votes against, on the Chairman's casting vote.

Wicklow Gaol.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell;

Resolved: That the old Gaol premises at Wicklow be advertised for demolition.

Passed unanimously.

Employment at Bogs.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to complaint he had made at previous meeting regarding refusal of work on bogs to Mr. Thomas Daly. He quoted the County Secretary's letter to the Union representative, Mr. Thomas Timmons, Roundwood, which was as follows:—

Mr. Thomas Timmons,

Knockfodda,

Roundwood,

Co. Wicklow.

17th June, 1946.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the County Manager to refer to your letter of the 20th ultimo regarding the complaint that Mr. Thomas Daly, Tomriland, Roundwood, had been victimised in not being offered work on turf cutting. I am to state that the Turf Scheme in Sally Gap this year is on a much reduced scale, and the number of men required for the work is small compared with previous years. The County Engineer states that the personnel for work on the bogs was selected, having regard to the suitability and efficiency of the workers, their convenience to lorry transport, and their record of regular attendance. Increased alternative employment is available in the Roundwood Area on roads, and any suitable workers who offered themselves for this type of employment were engaged.

In the previous year, Mr. Daly was given one of the less strenuous jobs on the bog, owing to his ill-health, and it was considered that the present work on which he is engaged would be more suitable.

Yours faithfully,

K. J. BRANGAN,

County Secretary.

Councillor Everett handed in letter received from Mr. Timmons giving Mr. Thomas Daly's statement that he had cut turf in 1945 and had earned as much as £14 in one fortnight. Mr. Daly also stated that his attendance was above the record of other employees; that lorry transporting men to the bog passed within 300 yards of his cottage, and that he had not been engaged on light work only. The Manager stated he would investigate the case further.

County Wicklow Labourers Order, 1946.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved: That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to confirm the County Wicklow Labourers Order, 1946, adopted by the County Council at their Meeting held on the 3rd June, 1946.

Passed.

Shillelagh Workhouse.

The question of acceptance of Tenders for the demolition of Shillelagh Workhouse was considered by the Council in committee, and it was proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle;

Resolved: That we recommend that the Manager postpone consideration of the Tenders received for the demolition of Shillelagh Workhouse, pending consultation with the clergy of the parish regarding the use of portion of the buildings for parochial purposes.

Passed unanimously.

Resignation of Rate Collector.

The County Secretary reported that Mr. Edwd. Lynch, Rate Collector for No. 3 District, had tendered his resignation on account of age and infirmity, and stated that the inquiry had been made from the Department as to whether the same conditions of appointment would apply in filling of this vacancy as had applied in the case of No. 7 District.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Reilly;

Resolved: That applications be invited by advertisement in "The Wicklow People" and "Leinster Leader" for the position of Rate Collector in No. 3 Collection District on the conditions prescribed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Passed unanimously.

GENERAL.

Item No. 8: McAllister Memorial, Baltinglass.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked permission to deal with Item

No. 8 on the Agenda.

The Secretary stated that the Law Agent had advised that the Memorial could be taken over by the Council under the National Monuments Act, 1930. It would be necessary to appoint a Local Advisory Committee consisting of not less than three or more than five persons.

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

Seconded by Councillor J. McCrea;

Resolved: That the Council take over and carry out the necessary repairs to the McAllister Memorial at Baltinglass at a cost not exceeding £70, and that the following persons be constituted as a Local Advisory Committee:—Councillors J. J. Metcalfe, B. Farrell, P. P. O'Reilly, J. O'Reilly and Mr. Matthew Byrne.

Passed unanimously.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Thomas Brennan, T.D.:

NOTICE OF MOTION.

"That I or some member for me shall move at the next Meeting of the Council that the Council take over and maintain the 1798 Monument at Carnew."

Hospitals:

Several members inquired as to the delay in completing the extension to Baltinglass Hospital. The County Manager stated that plans had first been prepared for this work by the Co. Engineer and submitted to the Department. It was considered by the Department, however, that an architect should be employed for the purpose. The architect had prepared and submitted plans which, however, were considered to be too elaborate and would entail considerable cost. The County Engineer was asked for his views on these plans, which he had submitted, and which had been forwarded to the Department.

As regards the County Hospital, the County Manager stated a site had been selected adjacent to Wicklow Town, and the architect had been asked to submit proposals for its utilisation.

Referring to the proposed purchase of The Marine Hotel in Wicklow for use as a temporary Fever Hospital, the Manager stated

that the Department had agreed to certain modifications in the original proposals, but that the cost would still be higher than that originally contemplated by the Council. It would be necessary to acquire from Wicklow U.D.C. a lease of a strip of ground between the Hospital and the concrete roadway and application had been made to the Council for the lease.

On account of considerable work attaching to the proposed alterations to the Marine Hotel, and in view of the Department's attitude regarding Balinglass Hospital, the Manager suggested the employment of an architect for this purpose also.

Assistance to T.B. Patients.

Councillor B. Farrell referred to the amount of allowance given to T.B. patients, which he stated was inadequate to provide the extra nourishment required. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., in support, also criticised the allowance given by way of assistance. The County Manager pointed out that the expenditure on Home Assistance was based on what had been spent in the previous year, and the Council had not authorised any increase in the current year's Estimate. He was obliged to keep within the limit of the amount provided. He stated, however, that special Food Vouchers were distributed on the recommendation of the County M.O.H. and that applications for assistance from persons who suffered from T.B. received special consideration.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., suggested that treatment might be given to patients in their homes while awaiting entrance to sanatoria. The County Manager stated that the attention of Dispensary Medical Officers would be again directed to this matter.

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

NOTICE OF MOTION.

"That I or someone for me will move at the next Council Meeting that this Council will take over and maintain the Lognatrine Road for 1½ miles from Dunlavin to Thornton."

Consideration of the remaining items on the Agenda was adjourned to the next Meeting of the County Council.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, 8th July, 1946.

The following members were present:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;
Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; B. Farrell, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, Peter Ledwidge, Edward E. Byrne, Sean Dunne, Liam O Laoighis, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. O'Brien, C. W. Hudson and Joseph Jacob.

The County Manager (Mr. M. Flannery) was also in attendance.

BUSINESS:

- 1.—To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd June, 1946.
- 2.—To pass the usual Resolution in connection with the Council's application for (a) overdraft accommodation in the month of August on the County Council's General Account, and (b) overdraft accommodation on the Turf Production Account for the same month.
- 3.—To authorise the raising of a Loan from the Local Loans Fund for the purpose of reconstructing Carnew-Umrigar Road (vide letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health dated 24th June, 1946).
- 4.—To adopt a Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools for the scholastic year 1947/48.
- 5.—To consider letter from the Department of Justice dated 8th June, 1946, relative to the Wild Birds (County Wicklow) Order, 1941.
- 6.—To appoint two members to Wicklow Harbour Authority and two members to Arklow Harbour Authority, in accordance with the Harbours Act, 1946.
- 7.—To authorise the raising of a Supplementary Loan of £6,500 for the completion of the 1939 Cottage Scheme.
- 8.—Enquiries arising out of County Manager's Orders.
- 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 roadworkers be paid weekly instead of fortnightly as at present."
- 10.—To consider the following Resolution received from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture:—
"That we request the Wicklow County Council to erect a Weighbridge for use of farmers for the weighing of livestock and agricultural produce in the district of Barnardisg."
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"That we, the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, strongly recommend to the County Council to introduce a Scheme under which deserving poor cottiers will be supplied with the means to till their plots which otherwise must be left unproductive."
- 12.—To consider the following Resolution received from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture:—
"That we, the County Committee of Agriculture, direct attention to the inequity of the present system of increasing valuations and giving notice of same. Any improvement to a business even to one which is done partly or wholly from public subsidies for the purpose of encouraging food production is followed automatically by increase in valuation, with consequent increase on payment of rates year after year thus more than counteracting in course of time the effects of the subsidy granted. Furthermore, certificates of valuation are forwarded to County Councils and in our opinion personal notification should be given to each individual ratepayer affected by the change. That copies of this Resolution be sent to all County Committees of Agriculture, and all County Councils inviting their opinions and support."
- 13.—To consider the communication dated 9th April, 1946, received from the "Save the German Children" Society.
- 14.—To consider the following Resolution received from Dungarvan Urban District Council:—
"That with a view to ending the suspension of education and control on thirty thousand Dublin Schoolchildren, and the resultant danger to life, morale and education of the children, we, the Dungarvan Urban District Council call on the Public Bodies of Eire to join with us in requesting that the Minister for Education, and the I.N.T.O. meet with a view to settling the Teacher's Strike before further harm is done or before the Strike may spread with danger to the children of Eire. Copies to be sent to the Minister for Education, the I.N.T.O. and all Public Bodies."
- 15.—To consider letter received by the Chairman from the Aghrim Branch of the Labour Party relative to the erection of proposed Bridge at Sheanbeg.
- 16.—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 propose the following Resolution: 'That this Council considers that the amount of bonus (3s.) granted to road workers and carters is totally inadequate and we instruct the Manager to make immediate representations to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to have this amount increased.'"
- 17.—To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.:—
"I hereby give notice that I, or some other Councillor for me, shall move at the next Meeting of this Council that the Assistant County Engineers be directed to attend all future statutory meetings of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of facilitating the Members in obtaining immediate information concerning their respective areas."
- 18.—To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:—
"I or some member for me shall move at the next Meeting that the County Manager's Orders recommending the appointment of the motor superintendent, be rescinded."
- 19.—To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:—
"That I or some member shall move at the next Meeting that the County Manager's order recommending an allowance of 35s. per week to Assistant Engineer Foley, dated 1/4/46 for clerical assistance, be rescinded.
"Also that Order granting 25s. to Assistant Engineer Caffrey for similar work be rescinded."
- 20.—To consider a letter from Rathdangan Ratepayers Association relative to Tourboy Bridge, and Kiltegan-Rathdangan-Aghrim Road.
- 21.—To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy:—
"That we recommend that the County Manager employ two men as gravediggers in Arklow Cemetery, and that steps be taken to form a Joint Burial Board for Arklow Cemetery, the costs of the Cemetery to be apportioned between the County Council and Arklow Urban District Council."
- 22.—To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor P. Ledwidge:—
"I hereby give notice that at the next meeting of the Council I, or someone on my behalf, shall move that a sum of £605 be

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- raised to carry out the work recommended by the County Engineer regarding the flooding of Boghall and the filling in of the gully in front of the cottages, in order that the road in front of cottages be made safe for traffic."
- 23.—To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.:
- "That I, or some member for me, shall move that this Council will take over and maintain the 1798 Monument at Carnew."
- 24.—To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor John O'Reilly:
- "That I, or someone for me, will move at the next Council Meeting that this Council will take over and maintain the Logarina Road for 1½ miles from Dunlavin to Thornton."
- 25.—To consider letter dated 28th June 1946, from the Town Clerk, Bray, relative to the closing of certain roads in connection with Bray (Round the Houses) Motor Races.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;
Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign the Minutes of the Meeting of Wicklow Council held on the 3rd June, 1946.
Passed, Councillor J. Everett, T.D., dissenting.
Councillor Everett stated that he objected to the Minutes being signed, but did not state his objection.

Item No. 2—Overdraft Accommodation General Account.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;
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 August, 1946, shall not exceed £80,000.
Passed unanimously.

Overdraft Accommodation—Turf Production Account.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;
Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the County Council's Turf Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the month of August, 1946, shall not exceed £12,000.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Carnew/Umrigar Road.

The County Secretary stated that letter had been received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to the Council's Resolution to raise a loan from the Treasurer to defray expenditure on the reconstruction of the Carnew/Umrigar Road. In the letter attention was directed to the Department's circular letter of 18th June (L14244/46) in regard to revised terms of borrowing from Local Loans Fund, and inquiry was made whether the Council wished to reconsider their decision as to the source from which the loan was to be obtained. The County Secretary pointed out that a fresh Resolution authorising the raising of the Loan from the Local Loans Fund at 2½ per cent. interest would be required.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;
Resolved—That we authorise the raising of a loan of £23,000 from the Local Loans Fund at 2½ per cent. interest, for the purpose of reconstructing the Carnew/Umrigar Road.
Passed Unanimously.

Item No. 4—Scholarships Scheme: Secondary and Vocational Schools.
The County Secretary stated that Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools for the year 1947 required to be submitted to the Minister for Education for his approval not later than 15th August next. Particulars of the Scheme for 1946 having been submitted, it was

Proposed by Councillor S. Dunne;
Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;
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 following Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools for 1947, subject to the approval of the Minister for Education.
Passed.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL. SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, 1947.

Wicklow County 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 Pounds (£25) in each year, to be competed for only by students attending schools in the 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.

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

- 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.

- £110 in the case of families of 4 children.
 - £115 in the case of families of 5 children.
 - £120 in the case of families of 6 children or more.
- (b) derive an annual income from all sources not exceeding
- £300 in the case of families of 3 children or less.
 - £320 in the case of families of 4 children.
 - £340 in the case of families of 5 children.
 - £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 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, 1947.

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, 1947, 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, 1947, 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, 1947. 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, 1947, 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 1946 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 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 declared 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 and 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, Syllabus A and B Rural Science; or Syllabus A and B Nature Study; or Syllabus 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 Oct., 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.

County Council Offices, K. J. BRANGAN,
 Court House, Wicklow, Wicklow County Secretary.
 Dated this 8th July, 1946.

Item No. 5—Wild Birds (County Wicklow) Order.

The County Secretary read the following letter received from the Department of Justice:—

Department of Justice, Dublin,
 8 Meitheamh, 1946.

A Dhúine Uasail,

I am directed by the Minister for Justice to remind you that the Wild Birds (County Wicklow) Order, 1941, which prohibits in each of the years 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, and 1946, in the County of Wicklow the taking or destroying of the eggs of certain kinds of wild birds mentioned in the Order, and to point out that if the Council desire that the protection afforded by the Order should be continued it will be necessary for them to make an application for a new Order.

Mise, le meas,

Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Runai,
 Courthouse, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;
 Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
 Resolved—That we the County Council of the County of Wicklow hereby make application to the Minister for Justice for a new Order under Sub-Section 1 of Section 7 of the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1930, for the protection in County Wicklow for a period of not less than five years of the eggs of the following species of wild birds:—
 Peregrine Falcon, Blackcap, Raven, Merlin, Dipper, Kingfisher, Eagles (all species); Crossbill, Turtle Dove, Owls (all species); Siskin, Stock Dove, Ring Ousel, Woodlark, Sandpiper, Redstart, Chough, Terns (all species); Black Gullamot, Swan.
 Passed.

Item No. 6—Appointment of Members of Harbour Authorities.

In letter dated 24th May, 1946, from the Secretary, Department of Industry and Commerce, the Council was informed that an Order had been made by the Minister under Section 6 of the Harbours Act, 1946, bringing Part II of the Act into operation in relation to Wicklow and Arklow Harbour Authorities—the effect of the Order being that the Harbour Authorities would be reconstituted this year.

In accordance with provision of Section 7 (2) (a) (ii) of the Act two members were to be appointed by the County Council for Wicklow and Arklow Harbour Authorities, and the appointments should be made between 7th July and 31st August.

The appointment of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and W. Clarke to Wicklow Harbour Commissioners was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson and seconded by Councillor Ed. Byrne.

Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., proposed the appointment of Councillor C. M. Byrne to Wicklow Harbour Commissioners, seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly.

After a discussion it was agreed that Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and C. M. Byrne be appointed as representatives of the Co. Council on Wicklow Harbour Authority.

Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., proposed and Councillor W. Lawless seconded the appointment of Councillor L. Cleary to Arklow Harbour Commissioners.

Councillor P. P. O'Reilly proposed and Councillor Ed. Byrne seconded the appointment of Councillors J. J. McCrea and P. McCarthy to Arklow Harbour Commissioners.

After a discussion Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., withdrew his proposal, and Councillors J. J. McCrea and P. McCarthy were appointed to represent the County Council on Arklow Harbour Authority.

Item No. 7—Housing 1939 Scheme: Supplementary Loan.

The County Manager stated that a supplementary loan of £6,500 would be required for the purpose of completing 220 cottages included in the 1939 Housing Scheme. The Manager stated that in 1939 when the Scheme was prepared the total cost was estimated at £28,142, and in 1941 the Council raised a Loan for this amount. Due to a considerable increase in costs as a result of the emergency it was found necessary to obtain a supplementary loan of £28,855, and a further amount of £6,500 would now be required to complete the Scheme. The total all-in cost of the Scheme, therefore, would be £120,854, as compared with the original estimate of £28,142.

At the request of the Council the Manager gave particulars of the estimated final cost per house in the different districts in the County:—

District	No of Houses	Estimated final cost per house
East	133	£468
South	23	£518
West	46	£574

Several Councillors queried the higher cost of building in the western district as compared with the cost in the eastern district. In reply the Manager stated that the eastern district was more favourably situated as regards transport; that cottages in that area had been started earlier; and that in the western area the cottages were, in most instances, scattered, whereas in the east they had been built to a substantial extent in groups. Councillor P. P. O'Reilly, supported by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., suggested that the use of cut-stone in building of new cottages should be considered.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we authorise the borrowing from the Local Loans Fund of a sum of £6,500 for the purpose of completing the 1939 Labourers Cottage Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—County Manager's Orders.

Several Councillors referred to the difficulties found in completing the Agenda on account of the amount of time required for discussion of matters arising out of the County Manager's Orders. Following a discussion it was

Proposed by Councillor S. Dunne;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That a separate meeting be held each month for the purpose of considering matters relating to Assistance, Health or housing, and to consider matters arising out of Co. Manager's Orders.

Passed unanimously.

The Council decided to hold the next Meeting on usual date—Second Monday in August—but to discuss at that Meeting only matters relating to Assistance, Health and Housing and only essential items relating to other business.

Payment of Overtime to Road Workers.

Councillor S. Dunne inquired whether overtime at the rate of time-and-a-half had been paid to road workers in the Ashford area. The County Secretary stated that overtime was paid in all cases at time-and-a-half, and undertook to investigate Councillor Dunne's inquiry.

Item No. 9—Weekly Payments.

Councillor S. Dunne asked permission to take Item No. 16 in conjunction with Item No. 9.

Proposed by Councillor S. Dunne;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Resolved—That we recommend the Manager to arrange for weekly payments to road workers.

Passed unanimously.

Road Workers Wages.

Councillor S. Dunne referred to a recent Order increasing the rate of wages for Agricultural Workers, and stated that Road Workers' wages should be correspondingly increased.

Proposed by Councillor S. Dunne;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Resolved—That we recommend the Manager to increase Road Workers' wages to the level of the Agricultural Labourers' rate as fixed by the recent order.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Erection of Weighbridge at Barndarrig.

The County Manager stated that he had obtained the opinion of the Law Agent regarding the Council's powers to erect Weighbridges for weighing of livestock and agricultural produce. The Law Agent had advised that the County Council had no statutory authority to erect a weighbridge for such purpose as Section 103 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1891, applied only to Urban Authorities. The Council noted the Law Agent's opinion on the matter.

Item No. 11—Tillage of Cottage Plots.

Councillor W. Lawless urged that the Council should introduce a Scheme to assist cottage tenants in poor circumstances to plough their plots. The Manager stated that under the Allotments Scheme administered in Urban Districts seeds and implements were made available to unemployed persons, and to those whose income had been less than £52 for the previous year. The Scheme was not applicable to the rural districts. Following a discussion it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

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

Resolved—That we recommend to the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Agriculture that the facilities under Allotment Scheme in urban areas be extended to rural areas in order that all cottage tenants may be in a position to cultivate their plots, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each other County Council.

Passed.

Item No. 12—Increases in Valuations on Farm Buildings.

The County Secretary read the following letter which he had addressed to the Chief Agricultural Officer in reply to his inquiry on this subject:—

17th June, 1946.

E. McGauran, Esq.,

Chief Agricultural Officer,

County Committee of Agriculture,

Market Square, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th instant enquiring whether any holding or holdings in the county had been increased in valuation on account of the erection, within the past seven years, of poultry houses or other farm buildings. The valuation lists supplied to the Council each year by the Commissioner of Valuation do not give the date of erection of buildings or offices. Furthermore, as the majority of holdings are described in the lists as "House, Offices and Land," the erection of a poultry house or other farm building would not involve any change in the description, and accordingly, it would not be possible to identify an increase in valuation as being due to the erection of an extra farm building.

As your Committee have been informed by the Valuation Office, farm buildings are exempt from valuation for a period of seven years after erection. The increase in valuation would not be notified to the Council until after that period had expired. We have no evidence that the Section of the Act referred to by the Commissioner of Valuation in his letter to your Committee has not been complied with. Once a building has been valued and included in the Valuation Lists forwarded to the Council, the Council is obliged to assess Rates thereon.

Yours faithfully,

K. J. BRANGAN,

County Secretary.
 At the request of the Council the County Secretary stated that arrangements would be made to notify individually any ratepayers affected by change of valuation, but that the Council could not take responsibility should any error occur in this connection.

Item No. 3.—The Council considered a letter from "Save the German Children Society" in which the Council was requested to endorse the Society's appeal to the Allied Control Commission, which appeal was as follows: "The Save the German Children Society appeals to the Allied Control Commission to allow German Children to travel from Germany to the homes awaiting them in Ireland." As it was under-

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stood that the permission requested has since been granted, the Council decided to mark the letter "read."

Item No. 14—Teachers Strike.

On the proposition of Councillor S. Dunne, seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy, the Council adopted the resolution received from Dungarvan Urban District Council requesting that the Minister for Education and the I.N.T.Q. meet with a view to settling the Teachers' Strike.

Item No. 15—Sheanabeg Bridge.

The County Secretary read letter addressed to the Chairman by the Hon. Secretary of the Aughrim Branch of the National Labour Party regarding the proposed Bridge at Sheanabeg. The Co. Manager stated the provision for this work had been included in the County Engineer's Estimate for Road Works as submitted to the Council, but that with a view to reducing the Estimate to meet the limitations of the rate adopted by the Council, it was necessary to strike out this item as well as many others.

Councillor P. McCarthy handed in the following Notice of Motion:

NOTICE OF MOTION.

"I, or some member for me, will move at next Meeting of Co. Council that a sum of £500 be raised for the erection of bridge at Sheanabeg."

Item No. 17—Attendance of Assistant Engineers at Council Meetings.

Proposed by Councillor T. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That the Assistant County Engineers be directed to attend all future statutory meetings of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of facilitating the members in obtaining immediate information concerning their respective areas.

Passed, Councillors P. Ledwidge, W. Hammond, C. W. Hudson dissenting.

The County Manager stated that if the Council should require he would arrange for the attendance of the Assistant County Engineers at Council Meetings, but pointed out that this would result in an encroachment on the time of these officers, and might interfere with the efficient carrying out of their duties.

Item No. 18—Appointment of Machinery Overseer.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to the proposed appointment of machinery overseer to be made through the Local Appointments Commission, and stated that in his opinion such appointment was unnecessary. He moved that the Manager's Order in that connection be rescinded.

The County Manager gave particulars of the terms of appointment of Machinery Overseer and referred to experience in other Counties where such officers had been appointed. He considered that the appointment was necessary for the better maintenance and repair of the Council's machinery and would represent a saving to the Council. The appointment was being made with the approval of the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

On the Chairman stating that this was a matter which was not a reserved function of the Council, no action was taken.

Item No. 19—Clerical Assistance for Assistant County Engineers.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to the Manager's Orders granting an allowance of 35s. per week to Assistant Engineer Foley, and an allowance of 25s. per week to Assistant Engineer Caffrey for clerical assistance, and stated that he was opposed to the granting of such allowances.

The County Manager gave particulars of the duties of Assistant Engineers which involved the submission of reports on various matters, and keeping of files of their records. In his opinion Engineers would be unable to carry out their duties satisfactorily without clerical assistance. He pointed out that in other counties Assistant Engineers requested that they be provided with an Office, a Clerical Officer and Typist.

After discussion the Chairman marked the motion "withdrawn."

Item No. 20—The County Secretary read letter received from Rathdangan Ratepayers Association inquiring as to the delay in the erection of Tourboy Bridge; the condition of the roads in the district; and the making of the Kiltegan-Rathdangan-Aughrim road a Main Road.

Tourboy Bridge.—The County Secretary stated that application had been made for permission to raise a loan for the purpose of constructing Tourboy Bridge, but as the Council had reached the limit of its borrowing powers no sanction had been received. The limitation referred to would be removed by the Local Government Act at present passing through the Dail. It was assumed that sanction would be forthcoming when the Act would be passed.

Kiltegan-Rathdangan-Aughrim Road.—With regard to the proposal to make Kiltegan-Rathdangan-Aughrim Road a Main Road the Secretary stated that a resolution to this effect had been passed by the Council on 14th January, and forwarded to the Department of Local Government and Public Health. A reply had been received from the Department, dated 20th February, stating that "the question of declaring the road from Balinglass via Rathdangan to Aughrim to be a main road has been deferred."

Item No. 21—Gravediggers at Arklow Cemetery.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor J. Everett;

Resolved—That we recommend the County Manager to employ two men as grave diggers in Arklow Cemetery, and that we agree to the establishment of a Joint Burial Board for Arklow Cemetery—the costs of the Cemetery to be apportioned between the Co. Council and Arklow Urban District Council.

As an Amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

That we agree to the establishment of a Joint Burial Board for Arklow Cemetery, and that further action regarding the appointment of a second gravedigger be deferred until this is accomplished.

Following a discussion the amendment was put to the Meeting and declared defeated, and the Resolution was declared passed.

Item No. 22—Flooding at Boghall Road, Bray.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That a Loan of £605 be raised for the purpose of carrying out works to remedy the flooding at Boghall Road, Bray, and filling in of gully in front of cottages as recommended by County Engineer.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 23—1798 Memorial at Carnew.

Proposed by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Resolved—That the Council take over and maintain the 1798 Memorial at Carnew, and that the following persons be appointed as

Local Advisory Committee for the purpose:—

Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., Carnew.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Carnew.

Mr. John Sheridan, Coolattin, Carnew.

Mr. P. Browne, Merchant, Carnew.

Passed.

Item No. 24—Logatrina Road.

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That the Council take over and maintain Logatrina Road for 1½ miles from Dunlavin to Thornton.

Passed.

The County Manager pointed out that no money could be expended on the repair of this road during the current year as no provision had been made in the Annual Road Works Scheme as approved.

Item No. 25—Bray (Round the Houses) Motor Races.

Councillor P. Ledwidge, referred to the proposed "Round the Houses" Motor Race to be held in Bray in September, 1946, and stated that Bray U.D.C. wished to make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order authorising the closing of certain roads for the purposes of the Race. As some of the roads concerned are maintained by the County Council it would be necessary for the County Council and Bray Urban Council to make a joint application.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That application be made, in conjunction with Bray Urban District Council, to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order authorising the closing of the following roads within Bray Urban District on 13th and 15th September, 1946: Strand Road, Pullard Road, Vevay Road, portion of Main Street, Killarney Road, King Edward Road, Herbert Road, Quinsboro' Road, Seymour Road and Seapoint Road to Strand Road.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary asked permission to bring the following matters to the attention of the Council:—

Appointment of Rate Collector for No. 3 District.

Draft qualifications and particulars of office for the appointment of Rate Collector, No. 3 Collection District, which had been received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, were submitted to the Council for their views. The Council approved of the draft qualifications and particulars of office subject to the office being made pensionable. The County Secretary stated it would be necessary for the Council to appoint a temporary Collector pending the making of the permanent appointment.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That Mr. Edward Lynch, Junior, Kilbavlet, Donard, be appointed as temporary Rate Collector for No. 3 District, pending the making of the permanent appointment.

Passed.

Hospital Sites.

The County Manager stated that following discussion regarding Hospitals at the previous Meeting of the County Council he had been in communication with the architect, Mr. V. Kelly, and with the Department of Local Government and Public Health. He had been informed by the Department that approval would be given to a 60-Bed General Hospital at Wicklow—50 beds for medical and surgical cases and 10 beds for maternity cases. In the company of the Assistant Engineer and the Architect he had examined sites in the neighbourhood of Wicklow, and the Architect had submitted his report, dated 5th July, as follows:—

87, Merrion Square South,
Dublin, C.17.
5th July, 1946.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Re: General and Fever Hospitals at Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I desire to acknowledge receipt of the County Manager's letters, dated 3rd and 4th instand respectively.

I note that a decision has now been reached that both a Fever and a General Hospital will be required. This decision fundamentally affects my previous recommendations in regard to a suitable site, as both hospitals should, if possible, be erected in close proximity to each other in order to avoid duplication of such services as are common to both. These would include electricity, water, sewage, laundry and certain diagnostic treatment and administrative facilities; provision for these in each of the Institutions would materially increase capital and administrative costs.

The site on which I had already reported as presenting more favourable conditions than the many other sites which I had inspected, would now, by reason of its size, be inadequate and unsuitable for the erection of two hospitals. It is questionable whether it would be possible to erect on it even a General Hospital, if the conditions laid down by the Department were to be fulfilled. I refer chiefly to the arrangement of all wards on the ground floor. The effect of such a arrangement would require a very extended length of site with as little fall as possible from end to end.

I therefore, in the Company of the County Manager, County Secretary, and Assistant County Surveyor, visited and examined sites yesterday in and around the Town, within a substantial radius.

The requirements of a site suitable for the erection of a General and Fever Hospital with bed complements for 60 and 40 patients respectively would be as follows:—

- 1.—Area should be approximately 10 acres (statute).
- 2.—The East and West axis should be fairly level, and of sufficient length to enable all wards to be arranged on the Ground Floor; approximately 1,000 feet linl. would be necessary.
- 3.—Absence of slope downwards to the North, and an uninterrupted view of the South.
- 4.—Shelter from North and East.
- 5.—Adequate distance from roads carrying heavy and noisy traffic.
- 6.—Proximity of public utility services.

No site within ½ mile radius is to be found which even partly fulfills these conditions, and even with a 1½ mile radius, the only sites which do so are:—

- 1.—Two fields, totalling about 10 acres statute in area on north-west side of the Wicklow-Arklow road, situated between Marlton House and the laneway leading to the Reservoir.
- 2.—A field about 10 acres statute in area, situated on the North side of the Wicklow-Rathnew Road, separated from the latter by two low-lying fields, averaging 130 yards in depth.

Members of the Council are no doubt familiar with both sites, but I think it well to set out the relative merits and demerits of the sites, with a view to assisting them to decide between them.

MARLTON HOUSE SITE:—**Advantages:**

- (a) Greater proximity to the Town.
- (b) Nearest point of site to Grand Hotel, 4,000 feet, i.e., about 4½ mile.
- (c) More level on its longitudinal axis; greater length on this axis, v.z., average 1,250 feet linl.
- (d) Minimum access and road construction.
- (e) Features generally making for more economic construction.

Disadvantages:

- (a) Situated on a secondary road.
- (b) Intermittent 'bus' services.

(c) Steep climb from Town, approximate 150 feet, v.z., an average slope of about 1 in 30.

MERRYMEETING SITE:

Advantages:

- Situated in full view of main road from Dublin-Wicklow-Arklow, while sufficiently distant to avoid effects of heavy traffic.
- Clear view of buildings from train and motor routes.
- Very fine uninterrupted views from S.-West and S.-East.
- Ample shelter from N. and East.
- Bus facilities on main road.
- Level road from Wicklow to site.

Disadvantages:

- View to S.W. embraces Rathnew cemetery, on south side of main road.
- East-West axis sloping.
- Necessity of providing access and service roads.
- Lower part of site somewhat wasteful from point of view of building.
- Remoteness of site from Wicklow Town.
- Nearest point of site to Grand Hotel, 3,000 feet, i.e., about 1 3/5 miles.
- Greater development and construction costs.

I think I should add that from a structural point of view Marlton House site appears to me to be the more suitable of the two. Any further information required by the County Manager or the Council will be gladly placed at your disposal.

Yours faithfully,

VINCENT KELLY.

The County Manager pointed out on maps produced the location of the sites mentioned in the Architect's report.

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

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Resolved—That we approve of the report dated 5th July, 1946, received from Mr. V. Kelly, Architect, and adopt his recommendation of a site adjoining Marlton House, as being suitable for County Hospital and Fever Hospital.

That we recommend that copy of the Architect's report be forwarded to the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and that we express our appreciation to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for his consideration of the Council's representations regarding the provision of a County Hospital at Wicklow. This concluded the business of the Meeting.

P. P. O'Reilly

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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, 12th August, 1946.

The following members were present:—
Councillors P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D.; B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, Sean Dunne, Liam O'Loighleis, J. Everett, T.D.; William Clarke and Joseph Jacob.
The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, was also in attendance.
The County Engineer and Assistant Engineers A. N. Dillon and P. J. Foley were also present.

Apologies were received from the Chairman, Councillor J. J. McCrea, and Councillor P. Doyle, who had been unable to reach Wicklow on account of the floods.

Councillor C. W. Hudson also conveyed his apologies for the absence.

BUSINESS.

- To confirm and sign Minutes of previous Meetings.
- To pass the usual Resolution in connection with the Council's application for (a) overdraft accommodation in the month of September on the County Council's General Account, and (b) overdraft accommodation on the Turf Production Account for the same month.

3.—To renew for a further year the Scholarships awarded to successful candidates under the Council's Secondary Schools Scholarships Schemes 1943 to 1945.

4.—To award Scholarships to the successful candidates under the Council's Secondary School Scholarship Scheme, 1946.

5.—To authorise the raising of a Loan from the Local Loans Fund for the construction of Bridges at Kilkarney and Tourboy.

6.—To consider following Resolution received from Arklow Urban District Council:—

"Resolved—That in order to permit of the Urban Council of Arklow making advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899 to 1931, the provisions of the said Acts are hereby adopted, and having regard to the fact that the population of the Urban District is less than 5,000 the consent of the Wicklow Co. Council is sought to the decision herein."

7.—To make Water Rates for the Towns of Aughrim, Blessington, and Rathdrum.

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 has been given to the County Manager.

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke;

Seconded by Councillor S. Dunne;

Resolved—That Councillor P. P. O'Reilly take the chair in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Passed.

Councillor P. P. O'Reilly accordingly took the Chair for the Meeting.

Item No 1—Minutes: Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of Wicklow County Council held on the 25th June, and 8th July, 1946.

Passed.

Increased Wages to Road Workers and Weekly Payments:

Councillor S. Dunne referred to Resolution passed at previous Meeting of the Council requesting the County Manager to increase the rates of wages payable to Road Workers to bring them into accord with the rates authorised for Agricultural Labourers under the recent Order, and also to Resolution requesting the Manager to arrange for weekly payments to Road Workers.

Councillor McCarthy asked if a letter had been received from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union in this connection. In reply the Secretary read the following letter:—

IRISH TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS' UNION.

35, Parnell Square, Dublin.
8th August, 1946.
Mr. K. Brangan,
Secretary, Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

We are directed to request that, in view of the high cost of living and of the fact that the wages of agricultural workers were advanced recently, a substantial increase be granted to the road workers in the employment of your Council.

Your early and favourable decision will be appreciated by the employees concerned, and by

Yours faithfully,

IRISH TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS' UNION.

Per Wm. McMullen, General President.

Councillor S. Dunne asked whether a letter had been received from the Federation of Rural Workers, and requested that it be read. The County Secretary read the following letter:—

FEDERATION OF RURAL WORKERS.

32, Nassau St., Dublin.
29th July, 1946.
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I am instructed to place before you the following demands on behalf of our members who are employed by the Council as Road Workers and Carters:—

- Minimum rate of £3 per week.
- Abolition of broken time system.
- Fortnight's holidays with pay for all workers.
- Provision of boots to workers employed at tarring.
- Carters' daily rate to be increased to 17s. 6d.

I should be glad if you would have this matter on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

SEAN DUNNE, Organising Secretary.

The County Manager stated that with regard to the proposal to increase the rates of wages payable to road workers to the rates of wages payable to Agricultural Labourers, he had obtained copy of the Agricultural Wages Order, and pointed out that the Order provided for different rates in the different areas of the County. The Manager stated that he intended to make an Order, which would be submitted to the Department for sanction, granting to road workers rates of pay equivalent to those prescribed in the Order.

In relation to the proposal to make weekly payments to road workers the County Manager referred to the additional cost which would be involved, and stated that as far as he knew only one county had proposed such arrangements. He suggested that the matter might be more appropriately dealt with at the Estimates Meeting.

Councillor S. Dunne in reply referred to the Resolution already passed by the County Council and proposed the following Resolution which was seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy:

Proposed by Councillor S. Dunne;
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy.
Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure in excess of the estimate adopted, to an amount of £1,800 in order to provide for the introduction of weekly payments to Road Workers.

Passed.
The County Engineer stated he would investigate the other matters raised by members of the Council.

Item No. 2—Overdraft Accommodation—General Account:

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;
Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the County Council's General Account, as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the month of September, 1946, shall not exceed £80,000.

Overdraft Accommodation—Turf Production Account.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;
Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the County Council's Turf Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the month of September, 1946, shall not exceed £12,000.

Item No. 3—Renewal of Scholarships:

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
Seconded by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.;
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. Teal, Dominican College, Eccles St., Dublin.
Mary A. Lannon, Dominican College, Eccles St., Dublin.
Joan Bergin, Dominican College, Eccles St., Dublin.
Katherine M. Cullen, Dominican College, Eccles St., Dublin.
Anne M. Hanley, Loreto Abbey, Gorey.
Kathleen M. Tierney, St. Louis High School, Rathmines.
Richard W. Purcell, Mountjoy School, Dublin.
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.
Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
Seconded by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.;
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 J. Reynolds, C.B.S., North Richmond St., Dublin.
Anne P. Murray, Dominican Convent, Dun Laoghaire.
Patrick J. Tumulty, De La Salle College, Wicklow.
Terence Scading, St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny.
May Cullen, Dominican Convent, Eccles St., Dublin.
Phyllis Somers, Collegiate School, Celbridge.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
Seconded by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.;
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, 1945, provided satisfactory reports as to conduct and progress of these pupils have been first obtained from the Superiors of their Schools:—

William Hayden, C.B.S., Synge St., Dublin.
John V. Dougan, Synge St., C.B.S., Dublin.
John N. Desmond, C.B.S., North Richmond St., Dublin.
Carmel Ni Charthaigh, Eccles St., Dublin.
Maire I. Nic Unfraidh, Dominican College, Eccles St., Dublin.
Mary J. Kennedy, St. Mary's College, Convent of Mercy, Arklow.

Item No. 4—Award of Scholarships, 1946 Scheme:

The Secretary stated that the results of the Examination held in connection with the Council Secondary and Vocational Schools Scholarship Scheme, 1946, had been received. The total number of entrants was 32; of which 22 passed the examination; 7 failed the examination; and 3 did not attend for the examination.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
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, 1946:—

Under Section 1 (a) of the Council's printed Scheme—
Joseph Aloysius Mulcahy, C.B.S., Blacklion, Greystones.
Michael Kieran Condell, C.B.S., Blacklion, Greystones.
William F. Earle, C.B.S., Blacklion, Greystones.
Katherine J. Ward, St. Brigid's N.S., Aughrim.
Mary Murphy, Aughrim Girl N.S., Aughrim.
Margaret P. Roache, St. Brigid's N.S., Greystones.
Under Section 1 (b) of the Council's printed Scheme—
Michael Marsh, St. Joseph's College, Wicklow.
James Duggan, St. Joseph's College, Wicklow.
James A. Hendley, St. Joseph's College, Wicklow.
Patricia Breslin, St. Philomena's, Ravenswell, Bray.
Honoraria A. O'Brien, St. Mary's Dominican Convent, Dunlaoghaire.
Patricia McDonnell, St. Philomena's, Ravenswell, Bray.

Item No. 5—Kilcarney and Tourboy Bridges:

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
Resolved—That we hereby authorise the raising of a loan from the Local Loans Fund for the sum of £3,000 for the construction of Bridges at Kilcarney and Tourboy.

Item No. 6—Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts—Arklow U.D.C.:

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;
Seconded by Councillor W. Clarke;
Resolved—That we the members of Wicklow County Council hereby consent to the making of advances by the Urban Council of Arklow under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts 1899 to 1931.

Passed.
Item No. 7—Making of Water Rates:
Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
Seconded by Councillor John O'Reilly;

Resolved—That the Water Rate Book as submitted by the Sec. be signed and Water Rates made as follows:—

In the Town of Aughrim a Water Rate of Three Shillings and Eleven Pence in the Pound on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.

In the Town of Blessington a Water Rate of Two Shillings and Four Pence in the Pound on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.

In the Town of Rathdrum a Water Rate of Two Shillings 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.
Fever Hospital:
The County Secretary stated that he had received, from the Commissioners of Public Works, draft mortgage in connection with the proposed Loan of £3,750 for the purchase and improvement of the Marine Hotel for use as a Fever Hospital.

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

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, hereby approve of Draft Mortgage for the proposed Loan of £3,750 to be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purchase of the Marine Hotel, for use as Fever Hospital, and that we hereby undertake that the Instalments in repayment of the Loan now proposed, as well as of any existing Loan, will be punctually remitted at the dates on which they become due, viz., 1st May and 1st November in each year.

Passed.
Shillelagh Workhouse:
The Secretary submitted for sealing Agreement with Messrs. Roche Bros., Inchicore, Dublin, for the demolition of Shillelagh Workhouse, and the sale of certain materials therein:—

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke;
Seconded by Councillor S. Dunne;

Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Agreement with Messrs. Roche Bros. for the demolition of Shillelagh Workhouse, and the sale of certain materials therein.

Passed.
Regional Hospital:
The County Manager informed the Council that he had received a letter from the County Manager for Kildare and Carlow with regard to proposed Regional Hospital for these Counties. The proposed Hospital would cater for the needs of the two Counties referred to, and also possibly for East Offaly and for West Wicklow. The Manager for Kildare and Carlow inquired whether Wicklow County Council would co-operate in the erection of the Hospital.

It was the opinion of the Council that it was not desirable to avail of the services of the proposed new Hospital and that the Department of Local Government and Public Health should be urged to sanction the plans for the proposed improvements to Balinglass Hospital. In this latter connection the County Manager stated that the plans had been prepared by the Architect, and the estimated cost would be £10,900. He stated he would again communicate with the Department on the matter.

Several queries in connection with Assistance, Health and Housing Services raised by the members, were replied to by the Co. Manager who also undertook to investigate various other matters referred to.

Cottage Repairs:
With reference to cost of repairs to Cottages the County Manager submitted statement which he had compiled showing the cost of repairs to cottages erected under the various Schemes. The figures submitted showed that the average per cottage per year for repairs to cottages built prior to 1933 was £3 15s. 8d. The figures for other Schemes were as follows:—

Year.	Total Cost of Repairs.	Cost per Cottage per year.
1933 (68 houses)	£332	£ 9s. 9d.
1933 (454 houses)	£1,872	8s. 3d.
1934 (98 houses)	£730	£1 1s. 4d.
1936 (701 houses)	£1,171	6s. 8d.
1938 (188 houses)	£138	7s. 4d.
1939 (84 houses)	£41	9s. 10d.

With regard to 1934 Scheme it was pointed out that these houses had been provided with water and sewerage since their erection.

Lead Mines at Glendalough:
Councillor W. Clarke asked the permission of the Council to consider some matters of urgent importance.

He referred to the proposed development of lead mines at Glendalough, which mines had been started in the middle of the last century. He stated that he had been informed on good authority that the mineral sources at Glendalough would be worth developing. He asked that the Council request the Government to make monies available for the exploration and development of the three main shafts.

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke;
Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That the members of Wicklow County Council request the Minister for Industry and Commerce to take immediate steps for the exploration and development of the lead mines at Glendalough.

Passed.
Felling of Trees:
Councillor W. Clarke also referred to the indiscriminate felling of trees which was being carried out in parts of the County. Reference was made particularly to the village of Avoca and Glendalough.

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke;
Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we the members of the Wicklow County Council wish to protest to the Minister for Lands, against the indiscriminate felling of trees in the County without regard to necessity for the preservation of the scenic beauty of the countryside.

Passed.
Burial Grounds:
Councillor Metcalfe inquired the position in regard to completion of certain burial grounds in the County. The Manager stated that letter had been received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health in reply to the Council's resolution on the subject to the effect that the Minister adhered to his previous decision that the additional cost of providing concrete walls to the burial grounds would require to be made out of revenue.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;
Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we, the members of Wicklow County Council, having considered the letter dated 5th July, 1946, received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, hereby approve of meeting out of Revenue the additional cost of providing concrete walls to the burial grounds.

Passed.

Staff.
Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to vacancies for Senior Clerical Officers in the Council's services, and stated that promotions to these positions should be made on the basis of the places obtained by officers in their entrance examination. The County Manager stated that only two vacancies existed for Senior Clerical Officers—one in Rathdrum Office to replace Mr. Sheehan, recently appointed Rate Collector, and the other in the Co. Engineer's Office to replace Mr. John O'Rourke, resigned. He had decided to fill these positions from the Junior Clerical Officers on the permanent staff of the Council, and had interviewed five members of the staff in this connection. It was essential that the officer to be appointed to the Rathdrum Office should have a good knowledge of legislation and orders in relation to Assistance, Health and Housing Services. The Officer to be appointed to the County Engineer's office would also require to have a knowledge of the legislation and regulations governing the work in this office. He was satisfied that the two persons selected were the best qualified for the positions.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock noon on Monday, 9th September, 1946.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;
Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; Patk. Doyle, B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Liam O Laoigleis, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne,

C. W. Hudson, W. J. Clarke, Joseph Jacob.
The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, was in attendance.

The County Engineer, and Assistant Engineers P. J. Foley, B.E., and J. P. Caffrey, B.E., were also present.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors Liam O Cleirigh, P. Ledwidge and S. Dunne.

BUSINESS:

- 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 consider letter dated 15th August, 1946, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to the qualifications declared by the Minister for the post of Rate Collector No. 3 Collection District.
- 4.—To authorise the fixing of the Seal of the Council to the Deed of Mortgage in connection with the Loan of £3,750 from the Commissioners of Public Works for purpose of defraying expenditure on the purchase and improvement of the Marine Hotel, Wicklow, for use as a Fever Hospital.
- 5.—To fill vacancy on Newcastle O.A.P. Sub-Committee.
- 6.—To consider Tenders received for demolition of Old Gaol at Wicklow, and County Engineer's report thereon.
- 7.—To consider County Engineer's report, dated 29th July, 1946, relative to additional tarring work on roads.
- 8.—To authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided for "Contingencies" to cover damage to roads and bridges as a result of floods on 12th August, 1946.
- 9.—To consider report from County Engineer relative to Laragh Bridge and Glendalough.
- 10.—To consider circular letter No. 103/46, dated 29th August, 1946, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to the coming into operation of the Local Government Act, 1946.
- 11.—To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy:—
"I, or some member for me, will move at next Meeting of County Council that a sum of £500 be raised for the erection of bridge at Sheanabeg."
- 12.—Inquiries arising out of County Manager's orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle;

Resolved—That we confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on 12th August, 1946.
Passed unanimously.

Diversion of Road-Workers to Harvesting Work.

The Chairman stated that before proceeding with the business of the Meeting he wished to raise a matter of great importance: he referred to the serious situation regarding the saving of the crops as a result of the extremely bad weather experienced in the previous month. He stated that during the past week he had been in communication with the County Secretary, and had informed him that he intended to propose at the Meeting that Road Workers be released to assist the harvest. He had asked the Secretary to convey his view to the Department and to obtain their approval.

Councillor C. W. Hudson agreeing with the Chairman on the urgency of the matter, proposed the following Resolution which was seconded by Councillor P. Doyle.

Resolved—That owing to the very grave emergency now existing and threatening our food supply, we request the County Manager to immediately make available to farmers in this County all labour that can be spared and that no charge be made for their services.

The County Manager stated that he had been informed by telephone from the Department of Local Government and Public Health that morning that the Minister would approve of the proposed arrangements.

The Chairman having put the Resolution to the Meeting, declared it passed unanimously.

The Council agreed, on the suggestion of the Chairman, to adjourn the Meeting until Monday, 23rd instant, in order to enable officials to make necessary arrangements for the immediate transfer of Road Workers to Harvest Work.

Adjustment in Standard Bushel Weight of Milling Wheat.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That in view of the fact that Wheat, owing to the very bad weather this season will average much below the standard bushel weight required, we urgently request the Minister for Agriculture to so amend Emergency Powers (Cereal) Order that the standard bushel weight of milling wheat be reduced from 57 to 53 lbs.
Passed unanimously.

Relaxation of Restrictions on Felling of Trees.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe referred to the present scarcity of fuel in the County, and proposed the following Resolution, which was seconded by Councillor J. O'Reilly.

Resolved—That this Council ask the Minister for Lands and Forestry to relax the existing restrictions on the felling of trees in view of the present fuel scarcity.
Passed unanimously.

University Scholarship Scheme

Councillor W. Clarke referred to the results of the Leaving Certificate Examination, on which the Council's University Scholarship Scheme was based, and the fact that only one candidate had qualified for the award of a Scholarship. He pointed out that the candidate next in order of merit had obtained very good marks in the Examination, but had failed by a narrow margin to obtain the necessary honours marks in Irish. In the particular circumstances of the case he inquired whether a Scholarship could be awarded to this candidate. The Co. Manager, in reply, stated that the Scholarship Scheme had been originally drafted by the Finance Committee of the Council some years previously, and the conditions of the Scheme prescribed that honours be obtained in two subjects at least, one of which subjects should be Irish. He did not think it would be in order to amend the Scheme at this stage so as to permit of the award of a Scholarship to the candidate referred to.

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke;
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson;
Resolved—That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to approve of the amendment of University Scholarship Scheme in order to allow the granting of a University Scholarship to a candidate who qualified in all subjects and obtained high marks in same, but who failed by a very narrow margin to obtain honours marks in Irish as required by the provisions of the existing Scheme.
Passed, Councillors H. J. Byrne and Dr. J. J. Hickey dissenting.

Acquisition of Land at Rathclaren, Bray.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.;
Resolved—That we hereby authorise the fixing of the Seal of the Council to five Vesting Orders in connection with the acquisition of land at Rathclaren, Bray, under the Unemployment (Relief Works) Act, 1940, for the purpose of road improvements.
Passed unanimously.

Sealing of Mortgage re Fever Hospital, Marine Hotel, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
Resolved—That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds (£3,750) proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Public Assistance Act, 1939.
Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
Resolved—That inasmuch as this Council does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Council, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, it is resolved that the requisition for each advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this County Council for the time being, countersigned by Mr. T. Byrne, Chief Officer, and that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners and that all such advances shall be lodged to our account in the Wicklow Branch of the National Bank.
Passed unanimously.

Salary Scales for Clerical Officers and Clerk/Typists.

Councillor P. McCarthy referred to the proposed examination for Clerical Officers and Clerk-Typists and stated he wished to protest against the inadequacy of the salary scales. The Manager explained that the salary scales for these officers were prescribed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and were similar to scales which had been determined for other Counties. Emergency Bonus was payable in addition.

At this stage the Meeting adjourned until Monday, 23rd September, 1946.

The Adjourned Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 23rd September, 1946.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;
Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D., Patrick Doyle, P. P. O'Reilly, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Seán Dunne, Liam O'Loighleis, James Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson and Joseph Jacob.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, was also in attendance. The County Engineer and Assistant Engineers J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley and R. L. Farrell were present.

BUSINESS:

- 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 October on the County Council's General Account, and (b) overdraft accommodation on the Turf Production Account for the same month.
- To consider letter dated 15th August, 1946, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to the qualifications declared by the Minister for the post of Rate Collector No. 3 Collection District.
- To fill vacancy on Newcastle O.A.P. Sub-Committee.
- To consider Tenders received for demolition of Old Gaol at Wicklow, and County Engineer's report thereon.
- To consider County Engineer's report, dated 29th July, 1946, relative to additional tarring work on roads.
- To authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided for "Contingencies" to cover damage to roads and bridges as a result of floods on 12th August, 1946.
- To consider report from County Engineer relative to Laragh Bridge and Glendalough.
- To consider circular letter No. 103/46, dated 29th August, 1946, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, relative to the coming into operation of the Local Government Act, 1946.
- To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy:—
"I or some member for me, will move at next Meeting of County Council that a sum of £500 be raised for the erection of bridge at Sheanabeg."

Inquiries arising out of County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

Proposed by Councillor P. Doyle;
Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
Resolved: That we hereby confirm and sign the Minutes of Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on the 9th September, 1946.
Passed.

Votes of Sympathy.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Resolved—That we the Members of Wicklow County Council have heard with deep regret of the death of Mrs. McCann, and we hereby extend to Alderman P. McCann, T.D., Lord Mayor of Dublin, and to his brother, Rev. Father McCann, the assurance of our sincere sympathy.
Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;
Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle;
Resolved—That we the Members of Wicklow County Council have heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. Paul Frith, Rate Collector, Arklow, and we hereby extend to the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.
Passed unanimously.

University Scholarship Scheme, 1946.

Arising out of the Minutes, Councillor C. W. Hudson inquired whether a reply had been received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health to the Council's resolution regarding the granting of an additional scholarship under the University Scholarship Scheme, 1946. The Secretary read the following letter received from the Department:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

Custom House,
Dublin.
18th September, 1946.

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A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 10th instant in regard to the proposed amendment of the County Council's University Scholarship Scheme for 1946, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that this is a matter in which he does not appear to have any function.

Mise, le meas,

P. J. Murphy,
Th. c. an Runai.

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

The County Manager explained that, while this was a matter for decision by the Council, the Council would not have power to amend the terms of the Scholarship Scheme retrospectively, and stated that any payment which might be made in respect of the award of a scholarship to a candidate who had not fulfilled the prescribed conditions would be improper, and would be subject to surcharge by the auditor. The Council agreed that in the circumstances nothing further could be done in the matter.

Item No. 2.—Overdraft Accommodation; General Account.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
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 General Account, as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the month of October, 1946, shall not exceed £50,000.
Passed unanimously.

Overdraft Accommodation—Turf Production Account.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;
 Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea:
 Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., 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, 1946, shall not exceed £10,000.
 Passed unanimously.

Fuel Situation in the County.

Several Councillors referred to the difficulties experienced in the obtaining of supplies of fuel in the County, particularly in the southern district.

Proposed by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.;
 Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond:
 Resolved—That we call on the Turf Board and Fuel Importers, Ltd., to make available sufficient fuel to cover needs of Co. Wicklow.
 Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Appointment of Rate Collector, No. 3 District.

The County Secretary stated that he had received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health copy of the qualifications declared for the office of Rate Collector for No. 3 Collection District, together with copy of approved particulars of office. He informed the Council that the post was part-time, permanent and non-pensionable. The Council noted the conditions prescribed.

Extension of Time for the Collection of First Moiety of Rates.
 The Chairman referred to difficulties met by Rate Collectors in completing the collection of the First Moiety of Rates by 30th September on account of the late harvest. He proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:—

Resolved—That in view of the difficulties of collecting rates due to the late harvest, we ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to agree to an extension of the time for the collection of the first moiety to the 31st October, 1946.
 Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Filling of Vacancy on Newcastle O.A.P. Sub-Committee.

The County Secretary read the following letter from the Clerk to the Newcastle O.A.P. Sub-Committee:—

Newtownmounckenny,
 Co. Wicklow,
 24th August, 1946.

A Chara.

A vacancy has occurred on above Sub-Committee owing to Rev. A. Crinion being transferred from this district.

At a meeting held on 21st August, the following resolution was passed:—

Proposed by Mr. Daniel Dunne;
 Seconded by Mr. Joseph Doyle:
 That the Rev. Joseph O'Hare be appointed on Sub-Committee in room of Rev. A. Crinion transferred to Rush.
 Mise, le meas, T. Quinn.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
 Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:
 Resolved—That we hereby appoint Rev. Joseph O'Hare on the Newcastle Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy created by the transfer of Rev. A. Crinion, C.C.
 Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Demolition of Old Jail Buildings at Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that Tenders had been received, as the result of advertisement, from two contractors for the demolition of the Old Jail Buildings at Wicklow.

For demolishing and stacking the materials, those to remain the property of the County Council, tenders were received from Messrs. Roche Bros. for £1,574, and from James McGarry for £3,400, to be paid to the Contractor. For demolishing and removing all materials and clearing site, the materials to become the property of the Contractor, only one tender of £1,749 (to be paid to the Contractor) was received from Messrs. Roche Bros.

The County Surveyor in his report of the 9th September, which was read to the Council, explained that Messrs. Roche Bros. required payment of the higher figure of £1,749, where they retained the materials themselves, on account of the difficulty of clearing the site and the cost involved in carting materials. The County Engineer recommended that the Council accept the Tender of Messrs. Roche Bros. at £1,749 if the Council required the whole site. He pointed out that there would not be nearly so much building materials in the Old Jail buildings as in the old Workhouse Buildings at Shillelagh or Balinglass, and stated that the greater part of the masonry and stone would be unsuitable for use on roads. The County Engineer suggested that the rear portion of the premises, consisting of two open yards and a large Main Hall building, be retained for a Machinery Depot. The building in question was a very substantial one, and would be most suitable for use as Stores. He suggested that the front half of the area could be cleared and made available for the erection of a public building to accommodate the County Library and County Committee of Agriculture Offices, together with additional offices for the County Council staff.

A discussion followed in which members expressed various views as to the action to be taken in the matter. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that he did not consider it desirable to have a Machinery Yard on this site.

Councillor C. M. Byrne suggested that the matter be deferred to the next Meeting so as to allow Councillors to inspect the site in the meantime. The County Manager stated that he would be glad to have the views of the Councillors on the matter, and that he was not committed to any particular proposal for utilising this site. He stated that it was admitted that in Wicklow a new Technical School was required, and also a new County Library, and that the extension of the County Council Offices would also be necessary. The County Council would require to make provision for a Machinery Yard and in several other Counties Old Jails had been used for this purpose. However, many of the townspeople might not agree that the site was suitable for use in this connection.

Item No. 7—Tar Surfacing Programme.

The County Secretary read the following report received from the County Engineer in connection with the tar surfacing programme:

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Court House, Wicklow,
 9th September, 1946.

Re: Tar Surfacing Programme, 1946/47.

Dear Sir,

The following is the position at 31st August, 1946:—
 Number of sq. yards proposed—1,196,620.
 Estimated cost—£49,729.
 Already completed—846,097 sq. yards.
 Expenditure—£36,716.

Due to the Dublin Port Strike, tar suppliers were altogether insufficient to meet requirements in July and August and the Programme,

therefore, was delayed and owing also to the continued bad weather, cannot be finished this year.

I will submit a further report for the next Meeting and will suggest a programme to be carried out during the winter months in expending funds in preparation of stone and chippings for 1947/48 scheme.

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

The report of the County Engineer was noted.

The County Secretary stated that as a result of the release of Council's workers for harvesting, the Road Programme would not be completed within the year. The Department of Local Government and Public Health had informed the Council that a grant would be made available for the preparation of stone and chippings during the winter months.

Item No. 8—Authorisation of additional expenditure on Contingencies.

As a result of the serious flooding on the 12th August, 1946, considerable damage had been caused to roads and bridges in the County. The County Engineer submitted report in which he estimated the total expenditure to the 31st March, 1947, under the heading of Contingencies, to be £859 11s. 5d. on Main Roads and £1,698 8s. 3d. on County Roads. The amounts provided in the Estimates under these headings were £350 for Main Roads and £250 for County Roads.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
 Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey:
 Resolved—That in accordance with Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940, we hereby authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the Estimate for the current year for the purposes of Roads (Contingencies) as follows:—

Roads	Main	County	Total
Contingencies	£520		
Passed unanimously.			

The County Secretary stated that as a result of advertisement, two Tenders had been received for the reconstruction of Aughrim Bridge, which had been damaged by floods. Tenders were as follows:—
 From William Lee, Arklow, Tender for sum of £1,473 10s.
 From Messrs. R. J. Campbell and Co., Ltd., Dublin, Tender for the sum of £1,850.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;
 Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea:
 Resolved—That we hereby authorise the raising of a loan of £1,500 for the purpose of meeting the cost of reconstructing Aughrim Bridge, and we recommend the acceptance of the Tender of Mr. William Lee, being the lowest tender received.
 Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Laragh Bridge and Glendalough.

The County Engineer submitted report in which he stated that the stability of the old Arch Bridge at Laragh, as well as its small width between parapets had been giving him concern, and that he was of the opinion that a new bridge was needed at this place. He suggested the employment of a Consulting Engineer to design the structure and prepare estimate of the cost.

The County Engineer also referred in his report to the necessity for providing a turning point at the end of the Lake Road, Glendalough, and to the proposal to widen the road approaches, and existing small bridge at the Royal Hotel, Glendalough, and to provide one-way traffic route and new bridge higher up stream.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
 Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:
 Resolved—That we approve of the employment of a Consulting Engineer for the preparation of plans and estimate for the construction of a new bridge at Laragh, and works incidental thereto.
 Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Local Government Act, 1946.**Travelling Expenses for County Councillors.**

The County Secretary referred to the provisions of Section 67 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which had come into operation on the 31st August, 1946. The Section empowered the Council to fix a rate per mile to be paid to members in respect of travelling to County Council Meetings in lieu of the present arrangement of paying actual cost incurred.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
 Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy:
 Resolved—That in accordance with Section 67 of the Local Government Act, 1946 we hereby fix a rate of 1s. 3d. per mile to be paid to each qualified member in respect of travelling expenses in attending at County Council Meetings.
 Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary directed the attention of the Members of the County Council to other important provisions in the Local Government Act, 1946. A copy of the circular forwarded with the Act, had been circulated to each member of the Council.

Item No. 11—Erection of Bridge at Sheanabeg.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;
 Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle:
 Resolved—That we authorise the raising of a Loan of £500 for the purpose of erection of a bridge at Sheanabeg.
 Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12—Inquiries Arising out of County Manager's Orders.

The County Manager replied to several queries raised by members and undertook to have other matters investigated and dealt with.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 14th October, 1946.

The following members were present:—

Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, Thomas Brennan, T.D.; Patrick Doyle, B. Farrell, John J. Metcalfe, John O'Reilly, P. P. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Edward Byrne, Seán Dunne, Liam O Laoighleis and J. Everett, T.D.

The County Manager Mr. M. Flannery, was also in attendance. The County Engineer and Assistant Engineers A. N. Dillon, J. P. Caffrey and E. L. Farrell were present.

Apologies were received from Councillors J. J. McCrea, C. W. Hudson and C. M. Byrne who were unable to attend.

BUSINESS :

AGENDA.

- 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 November on the County Council's General Account, and (b) overdraft accommodation on the Turf Production Account for the same month.
- To consider Tenders received for the demolition of the Old Jail at Wicklow, and the County Engineer's report thereon.
- To consider letter received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to Grants from Transition Development Fund for Water Supply from Sewerage Schemes.
- Inquiries arising out of County Manager's Orders.

In circular dated 10th October, 1946, addressed to the members of the County Council, the Manager stated he desired to submit for the views of the Council the following matters:—

Revision of Tuberculosis Scheme suggested by Local Government Department and recommendations of County Medical Officer of Health in this matter.
Housing Amendment Act, 1946, which authorises a local authority to make Grants for provision of extra rooms in houses occupied by persons suffering from Tuberculosis.
Special reports on these items had been circulated to the members of the Council.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;
Resolved—That in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the Chair be taken by Councillor Dr. Hickey.
Passed.

Vote of Sympathy.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle;
Resolved—That we the members of Wicklow County Council have heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. David Frame, a former member of this Council, and we hereby extend to the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.
Passed unanimously.

Arklow Harbour Guarantee.

Councillor P. McCarthy referred to the guarantee given by the Council to the raising of a Loan by Arklow Harbour Commissioners,

and stated that he had been informed that a further resolution would be required. He asked that the Council should deal with this matter before proceeding with the ordinary business of the Meeting.

The Secretary stated that he had been in communication with the Department of Local Government and the Department of Industry and Commerce in connection with the Council's Resolution guaranteeing the raising of a Loan of £3,000 by Arklow Harbour Commissioners. He had been informed that it would be necessary to pass a further resolution in accordance with Section 133 of the Harbours Act, 1946.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;
Seconded by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.;

Resolved—That in accordance with Section 133 of the Harbours Act, 1946, we the Wicklow County Council hereby guarantee the raising by Arklow Harbour Commissioners of a Loan of £3,000 from the Local Loans Fund, repayable over a period of 15 (Fifteen) years at 2½% for the purpose of carrying out improvement works at Arklow Harbour, and direct that on being satisfied that the Arklow Harbour Commissioners are at any time unable to meet their commitments in respect of repayment of the Loan, the instalment due, together with interest accrued, shall be paid by the County Council and charged against the County Fund.

Passed.

Item No. 1—Minutes:

Proposed by Councillor P. Doyle;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign the Minutes of Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on the 23rd September, 1946.
Passed unanimously.

Bridge at Stylehawn.

Councillor Seán Dunne stated that he wished to object to the signing of the Minutes on the grounds that a reference made by him at the previous Meeting to the condition of the Bridge at Stylehawn which was in need of repair had not been included.

The Secretary stated that this matter had not been entered in the Minutes, as no resolution on the subject had been passed. The County Engineer, in reply to Councillor Dunne, stated that the matter was being investigated, but he had not yet received a report.

Coollatin-Tinahely Road.

Councillor Doyle inquired whether sanction had yet been received to the raising of a Loan for the reconstruction of Coollatin-Tinahely Road. The Secretary stated the plans for the reconstruction of the Road had been submitted to the Department of Local Government and Public Health, but approval had not yet been obtained.

Dunlavin-Grangecon Road.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe referred to the proposed reconstruction of Dunlavin-Grangecon Road. The Secretary stated that he would make further inquiries from the Department regarding the road mentioned.

Item No. 2—Overdraft Accommodation: General Account.

Proposed by Councillor T. Brennan, 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 November, 1946, shall not exceed £60,000.

Passed.

Overdraft Accommodation—Turf Production Account.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell;

Resolved: That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the County Council's Turf Account, as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the month of November, 1946, shall not exceed £10,000.

Passed.

At the request of members of the County Council, the County Engineer made a verbal report on the position of the Turf Production Scheme. The total expenditure was £188,500; Receipts £179,965; Estimated value of turf on hands £3,000; Debtors for turf sold £4,942.

The County Engineer stated that 2,600 tons of turf had been cut in the current year, of which 1,160 tons had been sold to Grangecon Mental Hospital; 118 tons had been delivered to the County Home, and 84 tons to Balinglass Hospital.

The Council then passed the following Resolution:—

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

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe.

Resolved—That the County Engineer submit a Quarterly Report on the position of the Road Works Scheme, and of the Turf Scheme.
Passed.

The County Engineer stated that as requested he would submit a Quarterly Report on the progress of the Road Works Scheme, and a Monthly report on the position of the Turf Scheme.

Carnew-Umrigar Road.

The Secretary referred to the Resolution of the Council authorising the raising of a Loan for the reconstruction of Carnew-Umrigar Road, and stated that he had received draft Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works for the approval of the Council. A formal resolution was also required in respect of an undertaking to the Commissioners for Public Works that the repayments of the Loan would be punctually remitted.

Proposed by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of draft Mortgage as submitted by the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, in respect of Loan of £3,000 to be raised by the County Council for the reconstruction of Carnew-Umrigar Road.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to the Undertaking to the Commissioners of Public Works that the repayments of the Loan of £3,000 for the reconstruction of Carnew-Umrigar Road, will be punctually remitted at the dates on which they become due, viz.: 1st May and 1st November in each year.
Passed.

Item No. 3—Wicklow Jail Site:

Following a discussion, the Council decided to adjourn consideration of the utilisation of the Jail site at Wicklow to the afternoon to enable members to inspect the Jail during the luncheon interval.

Item No. 4: Water and Sewerage Schemes—

Grants from Transition Development Fund.

The following report, which had been circulated to the members of the Council, was considered:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Courthouse,
Wicklow.
10th October, 1946.

To: The Chairman and
Members of Wicklow County Council.
Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes—Grant from Transition
Development Fund.

A Chara.

In letter dated 18th ultimo it was indicated that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health would be prepared to consider applications for Supplemental Grants from this Fund in respect of new Water and Sewerage Schemes, approved by the Department not later than 31st March, 1947, and completed before 1st April, 1948. Such Grants would be in addition to the Grants normally provided for new Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes (normally the Department makes available State Grant of 40% of the cost of new Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes). In order, however, that the Grant may be made from the Transition Development Fund, it is necessary that the capital costs per household of the area to be served by the scheme exceed £55. In any new Scheme where the total cost exceeds the figure of £55 per household, a Grant up to one-half of such excess over £55 per household, will be payable. The Department urges that local authorities should take advantage of these facilities to formulate Schemes which are urgently required in the interests of public health, and which would normally be deferred owing to excessive cost.

The Council some time ago had under review the question of providing new Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes. After consideration of the matter, it was decided that certain Schemes should be given priority, and authority was given for the employment of an Assistant Engineer to assist in the preparation of plans, etc., for these Schemes. This Engineer took up duty towards the end of August, and has been engaged on the work in the meantime. At present the necessary documents are almost complete in respect of Killinarrig Sewerage, and Blacklion Water Supply Schemes. Preliminary work has also been done in connection with the preparation of necessary plans, etc., for Aughrim Water Supply and Sewerage, and Improved Water Supply for Enniskerry. Since, however, it is necessary that the preparation of the necessary documents for other Schemes should be expedited in order that this special Grant from the Transition Development Fund may be availed of, it is suggested that the Assistant Engineer at present employed should complete, under the supervision of the County Engineer, the plans for the Improved Water Supply for Enniskerry, and that a Consulting Engineer be employed to prepare the necessary documents for Aughrim Water Supply and Sewerage. This Consultant would prepare the necessary plans, etc.; the execution of the works, however, would be carried out by the County Engineer.

Mise, le meas.
M. FLANNERY,
County Manager.

The County Manager stated that the Sewerage Scheme for Ballyknocken and Vallemount had been omitted in error from the statement. This was a very necessary work, as it had been indicated by the County Medical Officer of Health that there was danger of contamination of the Liffey Lake which was now used as a source of water supply for Dublin City. With regard to the proposed Sewerage Scheme at Monastery, Enniskerry, he had been informed by the Department that this Scheme would not be acceptable for a Grant. The County Manager stated that he considered the employment of a Consulting Engineer desirable so that the necessary Schemes could be submitted to the Department without delay.

Councillor P. Doyle inquired whether Coolboy Water Supply Scheme had been omitted from the proposed Works. The County Manager explained that this Scheme was included amongst others in the Works approved by the Council at meeting held on 13th May, 1946, at which the Council had agreed on the order in which Water and Sewerage Schemes should be carried out.

In reply to Councillor P. McCarthy, the County Engineer stated that advertisements had been issued for Pumps for Arklow Rock Water Supply, but that no Tenders had been received. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., objected to the employment of a Consulting Engineer, and held that the preparation of Schemes of this nature should form part of the ordinary duty of the County Engineer and his Assistants. The County Manager referred to the increase in the duties of Engineers in recent years, and pointed out that the Road Works Scheme for the current year amounted to approximately double the normal programme. The suggestion of the employment of a Consultant had been made by him, and not by the County Engineer. He also stated that since Grants to the extent of 40% were given by the Department towards the costs of Water and Sewerage Schemes, the priority of such Schemes was subject to agreement by the Department. The Schemes referred to in the report would qualify for Grants from the Transition Development Fund.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne.

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey.

Resolved—That having considered the report of the County Manager relative to grants from the Transition Development Fund, for Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes, we approve of the employment of a Consulting Engineer for the preparation of the necessary documents for Aughrim Water Supply and Sewerage Scheme, and Ballyknocken and Vallemount Sewerage Scheme.

Passed, Councillors Everett and Metcalfe dissenting.
Wicklow Jail Site.

Members of the Council, together with the County Engineer, County Manager and County Secretary, inspected the Jail premises during the luncheon interval. In the course of a discussion on the County Engineer's report, Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated he did not consider it advisable to have a Machinery Yard on this site. He referred to a Resolution passed at a Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council in the matter, and stated that the views of the Urban Council should receive serious consideration.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne.

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe.

Resolved—That we provisionally approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer in his report of 9th September, 1946, that the rear portion of the Gaol premises be retained for use as a Machinery Yard and Stores; that Tenders be invited for the demolition of the front portion of the premises and clearance of that part of the site, and that we request the Wicklow Urban District Council to review the matter in the light of these proposals.

Passed, Councillor J. Everett, T.D., dissenting.
Revision of Tuberculosis Scheme.

The Council considered the following report on the proposed revision of the T.B. Scheme:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Court House,
Wicklow.
10th October, 1946.

To: The Chairman
and Members of Wicklow Co. Council.
Revision of Tuberculosis Scheme.

A Chara.

It has been requested by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health that the arrangements for the treatment of Tuberculosis in this County should be specially examined, and revised where considered necessary.

The County Medical Officer of Health has been consulted in this matter, and he recommends, in the first instance, that new Tuberculosis Clinics (Dispensaries) should be established at Annamoe, Carnew and Dunlavin. Improvements in the arrangements for examination of patients at some of the existing Dispensaries are also recommended. Dispensaries in which improvements are required are Arklow and Wicklow. In Balinglass and Blessington the provision of alternative arrangements may be necessary. The existing arrangements at Bray, Delgany, Rathdrum and Tinahely are considered suitable.

The Local Government Department has requested that consideration be given to provision for mass-radiography and tuberculin testing surveys. The provision of these additions to the existing Scheme would necessitate the acquisition of the necessary apparatus and a revision of staffing arrangements. The County Medical Officer has under consideration arrangements which might be made for mass-radiography, which would have its principal use in Arklow, Bray and Wicklow where factories exist. An efficient survey in connection with tuberculin testing would require additional staff.

Domiciliary treatment (visits by medical and nursing staff to the homes of T.B. patients) at present is carried out by the County Medical Officer, Dispensary Medical Officers, the Public Health Nurse, and Jubilee Nurses in Bray, Powerscourt, Delgany, Newcastle, Annamoe, Arklow and Blessington. For their work under the County T.B. Scheme the Jubilee Nursing Associations in the foregoing areas are subsidised by the County Council. The County Medical Officer, however, considers that this aspect of treatment afforded under the T.B. Scheme might be improved.

Revision of Existing Scheme and Costs.

The erection of three additional Dispensaries at Annamoe, Carnew and Dunlavin would cost about £1,800.

Improvements to existing Dispensaries would cost at least an additional £500.

The County Medical Officer, in addition to his general Public Health duties and duties under the Housing Acts, also at present acts as Schools Medical Officer. Owing to transport difficulties the operation of the Schools Medical Service Scheme was hampered to a certain extent in recent years, and the County Medical Officer now desires that this latter service be improved and more frequent inspection of school children and more systematic follow-up programme be operated. In order to achieve this purpose, and to effect the necessary improvements in the Tuberculosis Scheme, it is considered that an Assistant County Medical Officer of Health should be appointed, to whom the duties of Tuberculosis Medical Officer, under the supervision of the County Medical Officer, would be assigned.

In addition, it is considered that a second Public Health Nurse, whose work would lie chiefly in the Western part of the County, would be required. This Nurse would also assist in Schools Medical Inspections, and general Public Health work.

The cost of this additional staff would be about £900 to £1,000 per year.

At present the hospital accommodation available for the treatment of cases of Tuberculosis is not adequate. Accommodation available in the Sanatorium at Rathdrum is always fully availed of, and usually there is a Waiting List for this Institution. Difficulty has been experienced in procuring accommodation in extern institutions, viz.: Newcastle Sanatorium, Peamount Sanatorium, Lourdes Hospital, Dun Laoghaire, etc. Having examined this question it is considered that annexes to the Sanatorium at Rathdrum, which would provide accommodation for twelve additional beds could be erected. The cost of the erection of these annexes is estimated at £3,750.

A summary of the cost entailed by the proposed improvements in the Scheme would be:—

Additional Clinics and improvements	£2,300
Annexes to Sanatorium at Rathdrum	£3,750
Additional Staff	£900

Of this additional expenditure recoupment of 50% would be available from Government Grants. The cost of erection of Dispensaries, and construction of Annexes at Sanatorium, would be met by borrowing: Loan Charges would amount to about £450 per annum—repayment 20 years; interest 2½%. The yearly charge to be met from Revenue, therefore, would be about £1,350, of which £675 would be recouped by the State. The net annual charge to the Council involved by the suggested revision of the Tuberculosis Scheme would be £675.

Mise, le meas.

M. FLANNERY,
County Manager.

Replying to Councillor J. J. Metcalfe regarding the proposed extension to the Sanatorium at Rathdrum, the County Manager stated that 12 beds would be the maximum that could be provided under the proposed scheme.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to the necessity for improving the facilities for the preparation and service of food at the Sanatorium, and recommended that a professional cook be employed. The County Manager stated that this matter had been receiving his attention, and that provision was being made for separate cooking facilities for the Sanatorium. Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that in company with Councillor P. Ledwith he had inspected the County Home. They were very pleased at the manner in which the Home was being administered, and the treatment and service given to inmates and patients. They had recommended the purchase of a Bread-slicing Machine. The County Manager, replying, stated that the Bread was now being delivered daily to the County Home and that the Slicing Machine recommended had been obtained.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne.

Seconded by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendations of the County Medical Officer of Health in regard to the extension of the Tuberculosis Scheme as set out in the County Manager's report of 10th October, 1946, and urge that special arrangements be made as soon as possible for cooking of food for patients in the County Sanatorium.

Passed.

Housing Amendment Act, 1946—Provision of Extra Rooms.

The Council considered the following statement relative to the provision of extra rooms in houses occupied by persons suffering from tuberculosis:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Court House,
Wicklow.
10th October, 1946.

To: The Chairman
and Members of Wicklow County Council.

Housing Amendment Act, 1946.

Provision of Extra Rooms in Houses Occupied by
Persons Suffering from T.B.

A Chara.

Consequent on the coming into operation of the Housing Amendment Act, 1946, the Council has been asked to prepare a Scheme for the provision of extra rooms in, or attached to, houses in which a member of the household is suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis, and in which the existing accommodation is inadequate for his proper treatment, or for his segregation from the other members of the household. This Act authorises local authorities administering T.B. Schemes to make Grants for the purpose of providing this extra accommodation. The Council will make a Grant equivalent to the actual cost of the provision of such extra accommodation, and the State will recoup such cost up to a limit of £100, or two-third of the Grant by the local authority, whichever is the less. The following are examples showing how the costs will be met by the Council, and the State:—

1. Total cost of provision of extra room	£120	State recoupment To be borne by Council	£20
2. Total cost of provision of extra room	£150	State recoupment To be borne by Council	£100
3. Total cost of provision of extra room	£200	State recoupment To be borne by Council	£100

In the first instance, the Minister has asked that for the purpose of preparing a Scheme a special survey should be made by the County Medical Officer of Health. This survey will provide information as to the number of houses in the County in which one or more inmates is being treated for pulmonary tuberculosis, and requires extra accommodation for his proper treatment or segregation. The County Medical Officer has been engaged on this special survey for some time, and the required information is now available. From his survey it appears that there are sixty-six households in which the provision of extra accommodation would be necessary. The next step in the operation of the Scheme will be to have the households examined in order to ascertain (a) if the house is suitable for the provision of an extra room; or if the existing room can be altered; (b) the probable cost of providing or altering rooms.

The owners or occupiers of houses in which extra accommodation is required can then apply for a Grant under the Act. The application must be accompanied by plans, specification, and detailed estimates of costs of the proposed works. In the case of persons who, from their own resources are unable to meet the costs of obtaining such plans, specifications and estimates, it probably will be necessary for the Council to undertake this part of the work. In any case where extra accommodation is required in labourers' cottages or houses erected under the Housing Acts, the work presumably will have to be undertaken by the Council. There are a number of questions of this nature which require to be determined.

From the special survey made by the County Medical Officer of Health, the following details have been obtained:—

	No. of Houses in which an extra room is required
Wicklow County Health District	31
Arklow Urban District	7
Bray Urban District	21
Wicklow Urban District	7
TOTAL	66

Of the foregoing houses, however, it is considered that a number will not be suitable for the provision of an additional room. The numbers are as follows:—

Wicklow County Health District	5
Arklow Urban District	1
Bray Urban District	13
Wicklow Urban District	2
TOTAL	21

The number of houses which are suitable for the provision of an extra room, therefore, is 45. If the costs, made as provisional estimate, were to be taken at, say, £150 in each instance, the total cost involved would be £6,750.

Mise, le meas,
M. FLANNERY,
Wicklow County Manager.

The County Manager gave particulars of the costs involved and the amount of Grant which would be receivable from the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

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

Resolved—That we adopt the Scheme under the Housing Amendment Act, 1946, as submitted by the County Manager in his report of the 10th October, 1946, and recommend that it be put in operation immediately.

Passed.
GENERAL.
In reply to Councillors B. Farrell and J. J. Metcalfe, the County Manager stated that sanction had not yet been obtained to the carrying out of improvements to Balinglass Hospital.

Councillor J. O'Reilly referred to the condition of the roads in Rathdangan District, and the County Engineer stated that this matter was receiving his attention.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D. stated that pathways in several villages urgently needed repair, and the Manager, in reply, stated that it had been necessary to concentrate on the work of tarring Main Roads during the Summer season, as comparatively little tarring work could be carried out in the latter part of the year. It was intended to attend to footpaths, road drainage, and other like matters during the remainder of the year.

Release of Council Workers for Harvesting.
The County Manager stated that in accordance with the Resolution of the Council passed at Meeting held on 9th September, 1946, Road Workers had been released with pay to assist farmers in saving the harvest. The Council's lorries had also been made available for the transport of workers.

The number of men employed on this work over the period was as follows:—

11th September, 1946	356
14th September, 1946	549
18th September, 1946	648
25th September, 1946	663
28th September, 1946	683
2nd October, 1946	296
4th October, 1946	216

The Scheme had been discontinued as from 5th October, 1946, the Department of Agriculture having informed the Chief Agricultural Officer that the Voluntary Bureaux should close down on that date.

Councillor W. Lawless stated that farmers in the Roundwood Area, where crops were later than in other districts, had obtained little assistance from the Scheme. He asked that the Scheme be extended for a further week. The Council passed the following Resolution:—

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we recommend that the County Manager allow payment to County Council workers allocated to harvest work subsequent to 4th October.

Passed.
The County Manager stated he would endeavour to meet the wishes of the Council in this regard.

The Members of the Council expressed their appreciation of the work done by the County Manager, County Engineer and his Assistants, Overseers, Gangers and the Road Workers generally in connection with the harvest. Thanks was also extended to the local Branches of the Irish Red Cross Society for their valuable assistance, and to all voluntary workers who helped in the saving of the harvest.

Competitive Examination for Clerical Officers and Clerk Typists.
The County Secretary stated he had received, by telephone, preliminary results of the Examinations held on 4th and 5th October, 1946, for positions as Clerical Officers and Clerk/Typists in the service of the Council. The names of the first eight persons qualifying as Clerical Officers, and of the candidate who qualified as Clerk/Typist were given to the Council.

RESULTS OF COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR POSTS OF CLERICAL OFFICERS TO THE WICKLOW CO. COUNCIL.

Order of Merit	Exam. No.	Name and Address	Irish (300)	English (300)	Arithmetic (300)	History and Geography (300)	Optional Subject (200)	TOTAL (1400)
1st	16	Margaret M. Nichols, High St., Wicklow	211	274	185	189	189	1048
2nd	5	Hester E. Counsell, 49, Ferrybank, Arklow	177	246	160	225	163	971
3rd	18	Angela C. O'Kelly, Annamore, Greystones	159	220	172	174	195	920
4th	17	Elizabeth I. O'Brien, Tigroney, Avoca	220	153	195	154	173	895
5th	9	Annie M. Hanley, Main St., Tinahely	235	218	107	197	113	870
6th	14	Edward J. Murphy, Tinahely	210	185	113	181	145	834
7th	12	Julia M. Magee, Main St., Wicklow	165	204	105	197	160	831
8th	7	James Dunne, High St., Wicklow	154	173	150	203	145	825
9th	21	Mary J. O'Toole, Rathdrum	220	138	122	133	163	776
10th	19	Martha O'Neill, Clonerkin, Rathdrum	156	206	155	139	100	756
11th	15	James T. J. Murphy, 4, Ardnamore, Tce., Wicklow	150	153	112	124	100	639
12th	3	Francis P. Cantwell, Sidmonon Road, Bray	197	190	113	107	(58)	607
	20	John O'Toole, Main St., Wicklow	205	186	(81)	116	198	796 F.
	13	Thomas A. McGauley, Fitzwilliam Rd., Wicklow	183	198	(94)	129	125	729 F.
	6	Thomas A. Bouchier, Barnardarrig, Redcross	(80)	174	185	144	109	692 F.
	3	Kathleen M. Cullen, Main St., Rathdrum	(77)	(96)	(53)	183	125	534 F.
	11	Peter Kelly, Ballycoogue, Woodenbridge	(132)	(90)	150	(35)	(70)	477 F.

RESULTS OF COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR POSTS OF CLERK/TYPISTS TO THE WICKLOW CO. COUNCIL.

Order of Merit	Exam. No.	Name and Address	Irish (300)	English (300)	Arithmetic (300)	Type-writing (300)	Shorthand (500)	TOTAL (1900)
1st	23	Margaret M. Byrne, 4, Ballynerrin, Wicklow	180	182	120	390	250	1122
2nd	27	Maire Mason, Ballinahinch, Ashford	(84)	155	150	365	(200)	954 F.
3rd	24	Mary Comer, St. Gerard's, Herbert Road, Bray	157	175	100	315	(175)	922 F.
4th	26	Frances Doyle, Ballyteskin, Rathnew	118	215	(0)	265	(175)	873 F.
5th	25	Bridget Cullen, Main St., Rathdrum	(62)	128	(20)	225	(75)	510 F.

The County Manager stated that there were three vacancies as Clerical Officers and five vacancies for Clerk/Typists. Only one candidate had qualified for the latter position.

Councillor W. Lawless asked that consideration be given to the retention of the Council's temporary staff in the circumstances.

Sale of Steam Rollers.
The Secretary informed the Council that it was proposed to dispose of two old steam rollers which were no longer suitable, and advertisements were being issued inviting Tenders for their purchase.

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

Notice of Motion.

By Councillor Sean Dunne:

"I hereby give notice that at the next Meeting of the Council, I or some member for me shall move:—

- (a) That labourers employed by the B.O.H. at building work in the East Wicklow Area be paid 1/5d. per hour which is the rate presently being paid by contractors in that area; and
- (b) That the Council recommend the payment of increased wages to Road Overseers and Gangers on a similar scale to that operated in other counties."

By Councillor J. O'Reilly:

Notice of Motion.

"I hereby give notice that I or some member for me will move at the next Meeting that this Council authorise the applying for a Loan of £2,000 for the purpose of steam-rolling of the road from Philips Cross to the Finger Board at Dunlavin, a distance of approximately three miles."

ABSTRACT OF CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

- Dated
- 11/6/46: Raising no objection to the working of Overtime by Road Workers.
 - 18/6/46: G.1084/46, sanctioning the temporary employment of Mr. M. J. Roche as Poor Rate Collector for No. 7 Collecting District.
 - 18/6/46: L.14244/46, pointing out that the Minister for Finance, under the Local Loans Act, 1935, has directed that issues out of Local Loans Fund after the 30th June, 1946, should be at 2½% per annum.
 - 25/6/46: H.13999/46, sanctioning County Manager's Order of the 11th June, 1946, in the matter of rates of wages and Emergency Bonus payable to employees of the Council engaged in the Building Trade.
 - 26/6/46: F.590/12/45, stating that the claim of the Registration Officer for the preparation of the 24th Register of Electors has been examined and that the gross expenditure amounts to £953 7s. 6d.
 - 28/6/46: B.18645/2/46, sanctioning payment of overtime to Mr. N. J. Byrne for work connected with Agricultural Grant.
 - 28/6/46: G.14616/46, sanctioning £80 per annum as the approximate cost of clerical assistance involved in the Sheep Dipping Scheme administered by the Council.
 - 4/7/46: Pointing out that the rate of Emergency Bonus applicable to the appointment as Machinery Overseer is 12/- and 10/- per week.
 - 3/7/46: T.A.100/33/3, sanctioning the continuance of overdraft accommodation in connection with Turf Production for the sum of £12,000 for the period ending 31st August, 1946.
 - 9/7/46: G.14906/46, sanctioning fee payable to County Secretary for acting as Clerk to Co. Wicklow Old Age Pensions Committee.
 - 9/7/46: A.10, approving of the appointment of Mr. P. J. G. Bannon as Clerk to Arklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.
 - 10/7/46: 201/46/47, intimating that Road Maintenance Grant, amounting to £54,165 has been allocated.
 - 16/7/46: G.3403/5/46, sanctioning overdraft accommodation on the County Council's General Account for the sum of £70,000 for the period ending 31/7/46.
 - 16/7/46: G.15756/46, sanctioning temporary appointment, pending the making of a permanent appointment, of Mr. Edward Lynch, Jun., as Poor Rate Collector for No. 3 Collection District.
 - 12/8/46: 1399/3/46, sanctioning County Manager's Order of the 31st July, 1946, in the matter of payment of Emergency Bonuses to Masons and Bricklayers employed by the Co. Council.
 - 28/8/46: 13999/3/46, raising no objection to the County Manager's Order of the 12th July, 1946, in the matter of payment of Emergency Bonus to Bricklayers employed by the Council.

- 20/7/46: Enclosing copy of leaflet No. 7 under the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Act, 1935-37, for submission to Messrs. V. King, E. Lynch, John O'Rourke and A. O'Connor, being persons in excepted employment.
- 27/7/46: G.3403/6/46, sanctioning the continuance of overdraft accommodation on the County Council's General Account for the sum of £80,000 for the period ending 31st August, 1946.
- 30/7/46: G.2342/6/46, sanctioning the permanent appointment of John M. Sheehan as Poor Rate Collector for No. 7 Collection District.
- 29/7/46: R/RS/33, sanctioning the continued employment up to the 31st December, 1946, of Messrs. Foley and Howard, Temporary Engineers.
- 12/8/46: S.5134/3/46, concerning the desirability of appointing a Town Planning Consultant for the County Health District.
- 18/8/46: T.A.100/33/3, sanctioning the continuance of overdraft accommodation in connection with the Turf Production Scheme for the sum of £12,000 for the period ending 31st August, 1946.
- 22/8/46: G.8599/5/46, extending increments of Messrs. McDonnell and Nichols, and approving of the promotion of Messrs. Swords and Laven as Grade I Clerks.
- 22/8/46: G.1775/46, sanctioning the employment of Miss M. O'Reilly and Mrs. D. McGuinness as Temporary Library attendants at Greystones and Arklow, respectively, during the Annual Vacation of the Library Attendants.
- 28/8/46: From University College, Dublin, enclosing result sheet of the recent Leaving Certificate Examination on which was based the County Council University Scholarship Scheme.
- 27/8/46: G.14062/4/46, consenting to Superannuation Award of £53 5s. 4d. per annum to Mr. Edward Lynch, former Poor Rate Collector, No. 3 Collection District.
- 21/8/46: RM/201/33W, sanctioning the terms of the Co. Manager's Order of the 16th inst. regarding increase of Emergency Bonus to Road Workers.
- 29/8/46: L.1688/46, sanctioning the allocation of £115 of County Secretary's salary to duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- FROM DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.
- 13/6/46: L.1618/42, noting the resignation of Mr. J. G. O'Connor, Veterinary Inspector for Balinglass and Shillelagh Districts, and sanctioning the temporary appointment of Mr. G. A. Morrin with remuneration at the rate of £92 10s. per annum.
- 25/6/46: L.1139/46, approving of (1) the adoption of the Sheep Dipping Regulations, (2) The re-appointment of twenty Sheep Dipping Inspectors, (3) The payment of 6/- to owners of Private Baths for each 100 sheep double dipped therein, (4) Payment of £1 to owners of Subsidy Baths.
- 29/6/46: L.143/27, referring to the proposal to extend Co. Wicklow (Control of Dogs) Order, 1926, and intimating the steps to be taken by the County Manager in this connection.
- 20/7/46: Acknowledging Resolution of Wicklow County Council re Acquisition of Land (Allotments) (Amendment) Act, 1934, re extension to Rural Areas of Allotment Schemes at present administered in Urban Areas.
- FROM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.
- 24/7/46: 2/68329, enclosing results of Secondary and Vocational Schools Scholarships Examination, 1946.
- MISCELLANEOUS.
- 14/8/46: From Waterford County Council, adopting Resolution of Wicklow County Council re Allotment Schemes.
- 26/8/46: From Offaly County Council, stating Resolution of Wicklow County Council re Allotments marked "Read" by their Council.
- 27/8/46: From Galway County Council, stating that the Resolution of Wicklow County Council re Allotments was marked "Read" by that Body.
- 14/8/46: From Waterford County Council, protesting against the continuance of Summer Time.
- 15/7/46: From Tipperary South Riding County Council, appealing to the responsible Minister to increase the price of Milk, Wheat and Beet.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 11th November, 1946.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

Councillors P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Hammond, P. Doyle, B. Farrell, P. P. O'Reilly, J. J. McGeilke, John O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Ed. Byrne, Sean Dunne, Liam O'Loighleis, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Jacob, C. M. O'Brien, and C. W. Hudson.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, was in attendance.

The County Engineer and Assistant Engineers P. P. Caffrey, A. N. Dillon, R. L. Farrell and P. J. Foley were also present.

BUSINESS:

- 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 December on the County Council's General Account, and (b) overdraft accommodation on the Turf Production Account for the same month.
- To consider further the utilisation of the Jail site at Wicklow.
- To consider applications received for the position of Rate Collector, No. 3 Collection District.
- To authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to Deed of Mortgage in respect of Loan to be obtained from the Commissioners of Public Works, for the reconstruction of Carnew-Umrigar Road.
- To consider further the formation of a Joint Burial Board for Arklow Cemetery.
- To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Sean Dunne:—
"I hereby give notice that at the next Meeting of the Council, I or some member for me shall move:
(a) that labourers employed by the B.O.H. at building work in the East Wicklow Area be paid 1s. 5d. per hour which is the rate presently being paid by contractors in that area; and
(b) that the Council recommend the payment of increased wages to Road Overseers and Gangers on a similar scale to that operated in other counties."
- To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor J. O'Reilly:—
"I hereby give notice that I or some member for me, will move at the next meeting that this Council authorise the applying for a Loan of £1,000, for the purpose of steam-rolling of the road from Phillips Cross to the Finger Board at Dunlavin, a distance of approximately three miles."
- To consider letter received from the Department of Industry and Commerce relative to the provision of fuel in County Wicklow.
- To consider letter from the County Councils General Council concerning the Vocational Education (Amendment) Bill, 1946.
- To consider letter of 2nd November, 1946, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding improvements to the County Sanatorium.
- Inquires a *q. u.* out of County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1.—M...

Proposed by Councillor P. Doyle;
Seconded by Councillor J. Jacob;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign the Minutes of the Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on 14th October, 1946.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2.—Overdraft Accommodation—General Account.

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

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 Council's General Account, as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the month of December, 1946, shall not exceed £50,000.

Passed unanimously.

Overdraft Accommodation—Turf Production Account.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;
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, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the County Council's Turf Account as may be required and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the month of December, 1946, shall not exceed £9,000.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager gave further information as to the costs of production of turf, and the present position as shown in the report of the County Engineer dated 2nd November, 1946, which had been circulated to members of the Council. The County Engineer gave details regarding the proposed expenditure of £1,500 in November and December.

Item No. 3.—Wicklow Jail—Machinery Yard.

The County Secretary referred to Resolution passed at the Meeting of the Council held on 14th October, 1946, relative to the proposed demolition of the Jail Premises, and the utilisation of portion of the site as a Machinery Yard. He read the following letter, which had been received from the Town Clerk, Wicklow Urban District Council:—

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Town Hall, Wicklow.
6 ad Samhna, 1946.
K. J. Brangan, Esq.,
County Secretary,
County Council, Court House, Wicklow.

Re: Old Gaol Premises.

A Chara,
The Resolution passed by the Wicklow County Council, at their Meeting on 14th October, 1946, relative to the proposed demolition of the old Gaol Premises, was discussed at the Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council, held on 5th instant. The following Resolution was passed, Councillors J. Everett, and C. W. Hudson dissenting:—

Proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor E. Kane, and resolved—That we, the Wicklow U.D.C. adhere to our former opinion that the Gaol Site should be completely cleared and should be utilised for the erection thereon of a Municipal Building; That we agree, however, to the utilisation of the relevant rear portion of the Premises as a Machinery Yard and Stores on the understanding that it will be a temporary arrangement, pending the provision of a permanent storage depot.
Mise, le meas.

SEAN S. O'CEALLAIGH,
Cleric an Bhaile.

The Council noted the Urban Council's views as expressed in the Town Clerk's letter; Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and C. W. Hudson asked that their objection to the County Council's decision in this matter be again recorded.

Item No. 4.

Appointment of Rate Collector—No. 3 Collection District.

The Council considered applications received for the position of

Rate Collector for No. 3 Collection District as follows:—
William Nicholas Gyves, Haylands House, Blessington.
Edward Lynch, Junior, Kibaylet, Donard.
John P. Kennedy, Kilmacoo, Avoca.

The County Secretary gave particulars of the candidates' qualifications as given on their Application Forms.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That this Council consider that, having regard to the nature of the duties of the office of Rate Collector, the knowledge and experience necessary for the efficient performance of those duties and the qualifications for that office, the person to be appointed to the office cannot be satisfactorily selected by competitive examination and we decide that the person be selected as the result of an examination of the applications received.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor B. Farrell;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That having considered and examined the applications received for the position of Rate Collector No. 3 Collection District, we hereby appoint, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, Mr. Edward Lynch, Junior, of Dunlavin, to the position, in accordance with the qualifications and particulars of office approved by the Minister in letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated 15th August, 1946.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5.—Carnew-Umrigar Road.

The Secretary submitted for sealing, Deed of Mortgage in respect of Loan of £3,000 to be obtained from the Commissioners of Public Works for the reconstruction of Carnew-Umrigar Road.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security be given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, for the repayment of the sum of £3,000 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle;

Resolved—That inasmuch as this Council does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Council, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, it is resolved that the requisition for each advance shall be initiated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Council for the time being, countersigned by the Secretary of the County Council, and that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners and that all such advances shall be lodged to our account in the Wicklow Branch of the National Bank.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6.—Joint Burial Board for Arklow Cemetery.

The County Secretary read the following Petition which it was proposed to submit to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in connection with the proposal to establish a Joint Burial Board for Arklow Cemetery:—

In the Matter of a proposal to establish a Joint Burial Board for the purpose of maintaining and administering Arklow Cemetery, and of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1898 and the Acts amending and incorporated with the same.

To the Minister for Local Government and Public Health,
Custom House, Dublin.

THE PETITION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF WICKLOW
Sheweth as follows:—

1.—Your Petitioners are responsible for the maintenance and administration of the Arklow Cemetery.

2.—That your Petitioners caused to be published pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878 in the "Wicklow People" a newspaper circulating in the District in which the Arklow Cemetery is situate, on the 5th October, 1946; 12th October, 1946, and 19th October, 1946, being once in each of three consecutive weeks in the month of October, 1946, an advertisement in accordance with the provisions of said Act. Vouchers for such advertisement are sent herewith.

3.—The reasons for the application are as follows:—
(a) Interments from the Urban District of Arklow represent approximately 83 per cent. of the total in each year.
(b) Of the annual loss on the cemetery approximately 83 per cent. would be applicable to the Arklow Urban District.
(c) That the Cemetery could be better supervised by a Committee on which the Arklow Urban District Council would be adequately represented.

4.—The Arklow Urban District Council have, by resolution, expressed their desire to have a Joint Burial Board set up.

5.—It is proposed that the Joint Committee should consist of two ex-officio members who shall be the Chairman for the time being of the Wicklow County Council and the Chairman for the time being of the Arklow Urban District Council, and ten other members, three of whom shall be elected annually by the Wicklow County Council and seven of whom shall be elected annually by the Arklow Urban District Council. Each elective member shall at the time of his election be a member of the authority electing him.

The first election of elective members by the Rural and Urban Authority shall take place within two months of the confirmation of the Order.

The expenses incurred by the Joint Burial Board in the execution of its duties shall be defrayed out of a common fund, and shall be raised in each financial year by Wicklow County Council and Arklow Urban District Council on the Wicklow County Health District and the Urban District of Arklow respectively in proportion to the number of Burials (Interments) in the Graveyard from each of such districts in the previous calendar year.

6.—It is proposed that the person employed as Registrar/Caretaker of the Cemetery at the date of this Petition shall be continued in that office at a like salary and conditions of service.

YOUR PETITIONERS therefore pray that a United District be established to enable the Petitioners and Arklow Urban District Council to form a Joint Burial Board to maintain and administer Arklow Cemetery.

PRESENT when the seal of the Council of the County of Wicklow was affixed hereto.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Petition prepared for submission to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and request the Minister to agree to the establishment of a Joint Burial Board for the Arklow Cemetery in the form set out in such Petition; the Seal of the Council to be affixed to the Petition.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7: Increase in Wages to Labourers, Road Overseers and Gangers.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, Councillor Dunne proposed and Councillor Edwd. Byrne seconded the following Resolution:

That we recommend the County Manager to allow a rate of 1/5d. per hour to Labourers employed by the County Council on building work in the East Wicklow Area, and an increase of 10/- per week in wages of Road Overseers and Gangers.

Following a discussion, the Resolution was amended to read as follows:—

Proposed by Councillor S. Dunne;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved: That we recommend that the County Manager allow payment to labourers employed by the County Council on building works at similar rates to those paid by private contractors in the various districts; and an increase of 10/- per week in the wages of Road Overseers and Gangers.

The County Manager referred to the difficulty in ascertaining the rate of wages paid by private contractors in the different districts, and pointed out that during the period of the emergency no extensive building had been carried out apart from the County Council's programme. There was no indication at present of any substantial increase in building by private contractors. In considering increases in wages to Council employees, regard must be had to the demands to be met from rates. The gross rents received from Council Cottages amounts to approximately £16,000, inclusive of rates to an amount of £4,000, leaving net rents receivable at £12,000 approximately. The provision in the current year's Estimate for repairs was £4,000, being 33 per cent. of the net rents. In the past ten years an average of approximately 45 per cent. of the net rents had been spent on repairs.

The Manager also referred to increase in capital costs of cottages over the 1939 figure. Cottages built by this Council since 1939 cost approximately £520 each. Other local authorities invited tenders for the erection of houses recently and the tenders received varied from £700 to £900. Increases in wages must result in increased building costs which will be reflected in the rents to be charged. Moreover, the Department of Local Government and Public Health have recently intimated that increases in income levels consequent on wages increases would require to be taken into account in determining rents to be charged on new cottages. It therefore seemed inadvisable that radical changes should be made in wages rates without reviewing carefully the consequent effects of such changes on the Council's finances and on its housing programme.

With regard to the rates of wages of Overseers and Gangers, the County Manager stated that he had recently made an Order granting an increase of 3/- per week in wages of these employees, which Order had been submitted for the sanction of the Minister.

The Council passed the Resolution, Councillors W. Hammond and C. W. Hudson dissenting.

Item No. 8: Road from Phillips Cross to Finger Board at Dunlavin.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Reilly;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

That we approve of the raising of a loan of £1,000 for the purpose of Steamrolling the road from Phillip's Cross to Finger Board at Dunlavin, a distance of approximately two miles.

Assistant Engineer P. J. Foley, B.E., gave particulars of the present condition of the Road and pointed out that part of it was too narrow for the traffic to be carried, and was dangerous.

The County Manager drew attention to the borrowing commitments of the Council and the Council's limitations in this respect. The margin left for further borrowing was very small, and in addition the work on this road probably would be more expeditiously carried out if included in the Roads Estimate for the coming year in the ordinary way. It was agreed that this latter procedure should be adopted, and the following Resolution was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Reilly;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Resolved: That we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to classify the road from Phillip's Cross to Finger Board at Dunlavin as a Main Road.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9: Provision of Fuel in County Wicklow.

The County Secretary referred to the Resolution passed by the Council at the Meeting held on 23rd September, 1946, in connection with the provision of Fuel in the County, and read the following letter received from the Department of Industry and Commerce:—

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE.

40, Upper O'Connell St.,
Dublin.

10 Deire Foire, 1946.

D.31/229.
A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer to your letter of the 25th September, 1946, addressed to the Secretary, Turf Development Board, Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin, regarding a Resolution passed by your Council at their Meeting of the 23rd Sept., 1946, in connection with fuel for County Wicklow. I am to say it is understood that you have since been informed by Fuel Importers (Eire) Limited that every effort will be made to meet the domestic turf requirements of the county, but in this connection I am to explain that it is a matter for the licensed fuel merchants in the area to place their orders for supplies of turf to meet the requirements of their customers. Ample supplies of turf are available to meet the domestic ration, and if any specific case is brought to notice in which a licensed fuel merchant is not meeting local fuel needs, the necessary steps to put matters right will be taken by the Department.

I am to add for your further information that the functions of the Turf Development Board, Limited, have been taken over by Bord na Mona, whose offices are situated at 28/30, Upper Pembroke Street, Dublin.

Mise, le meas,

Secretary.

An Runai,
Comhairle Conndae Chille Manntain,
Tigh na Cuire,
Cill Manntain.

Councillors T. Brennan, T.D., and J. Everett, T.D., gave particulars of a special interview they had had with the Department on this matter, and referred to the improvement in the fuel situation during the past month. It was pointed out that if a demand for fuel exists in any area, Fuel Importers (Eire), Ltd., will arrange to make the required supplies available to licensed Fuel Merchants.

Item No. 10: Vocational Education (Amendment) Bill, 1946.

The Secretary to the County Councils' General Council, in a letter dated 26th October, 1946, stated that he had been instructed to notify local authorities if and when legislation was being introduced which entailed expense on such bodies. Accordingly, he desired to inform the Council that the Vocational Education (Amendment) Bill, 1946, was such a Bill.

The County Secretary gave particulars of the provisions of the Bill to the County. The maximum amount to be raised by the Council for Vocational Education would be increased to 5d. in the £ as from 1st April, 1947, and would continue to increase by 1d. in the £ to a limit of 7d. in the £ as from 1st April, 1950. Provision was also made in the Bill for payment of travelling expenses and subsistence allowances to members of County Vocational Education Committees on similar lines as to members of County Councils.

The letter was Noted.

Item No. 11: Improvements to County Sanatorium.

The County Secretary read the following letter received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health concerning proposed improvements to the County Sanatorium at Rathdrum:

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND
PUBLIC HEALTH.Custom House,
Dublin.
2adh Samhain, 1946.P.H.16115/2/46 (27/1).
A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to previous correspondence relative to the provision of additional accommodation for tuberculosis patients at the County Home, Rathdrum, and to state that the proposals put forward by you have been examined in this Department.

I am to suggest that consideration be given to the provision of twenty additional beds, ten for female cases and an equal number for male cases.

Accommodation would also be required for additional nursing staff and information as to the number considered necessary should be submitted. In this connection it is suggested that the tuberculosis wings of the Home should be transferred to the Public Health Authority and your staffing proposals might be furnished on that basis.

It is also considered that a fluoroscopic screening apparatus should be installed. A room to house this equipment would have to be provided.

A qualified architect should be engaged for the preparation of the plans necessary to implement the foregoing proposals and a formal agreement signed by the parties thereto should be entered into, embodying the conditions applying to the contract.

Mise, le meas,

J. GARVIN,

Th. c. Runai,

County Manager,
Wicklow.

The County Manager stated that the County Medical Officer of Health had recommended the purchase by the Council of X-Ray apparatus. Quotations were being obtained for the supply of this equipment, which would cost from £1,000 to £2,000. The purchase of the equipment would enable the Council to have X-Ray examinations carried out at Rathdrum, and would save the cost of sending patients to Newcastle Hospital, and Dublin Hospitals for such examination. The obtaining of this equipment would be subject to the approval of the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

With regard to the employment of an Architect for the preparation of plans, for the proposed extension to the Sanatorium, the County Manager stated that applications would be invited by advertisement.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Resolved: That we approve of the employment of a qualified Architect for the preparation of plans and specifications for the proposed extension to the T.B. Sanatorium at Rathdrum, and we recommend that the Manager consider the employment of Mr. Butler, Architect, Wicklow, for the purpose.

Passed unanimously.

Application for Letters of Administration.Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;

Resolved: That we hereby empower Mr. Kevin J. Brangan, County Secretary, to make affidavit to lead to Citation addressed to

the next-of-kin of Mary Holingsworth, late of 8, Glenview Road, Wicklow, Spinster, who died on the 8th day of June, 1946, and to apply for Letters of Administration Intestate, of the personal estate of the said Mary Holingsworth, deceased, as our Nominee.

Passed unanimously.

Roadway to O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy.

The Chairman stated that he had received a Petition from Rate-payers of the District of Newtownmountkennedy and tenants of Cottages at O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy, requesting that the roadway leading from Egan's Corner to O'Neill Park and through O'Neill Park, be put into proper repair by tarring or otherwise.

The Council directed that the matter be referred to the County Engineer for report and estimate.

Item No. 12: Inquiries arising out of County Manager's Orders.

Councillor Everett, T.D., referred to the Manager's Orders relating to the dismissal of Denis Fay, Overseer, and stated he wished to raise certain questions on the matter. Members of the Council pointed out that it was not desirable to discuss the case at the moment, and it was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved: That the matter of Denis Fay, Overseer, be not discussed since the case is sub-judice.

Passed unanimously.

Lighting of Villages.

Councillor P. Ledwidge requested that representations be made to the Electricity Supply Board for the extension of the lighting from Enniskerry to the cottages at Monastery and Fassaroo.

The lighting of Shillelagh and Tinahely was also referred to and it was pointed out that the E.S.B. had stated in a recent letter that equipment for public lighting was not at present available.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe requested that an extra lamp be installed at the Imaal Hall, Dunlavin.

Food for Patients in County Sanatorium.

The County Manager stated he would endeavour to meet the requests of patients in the Sanatorium in regard to the matters complained of.

Silver Strand Road.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., requested information regarding the proposed new Silver Strand Road. The Manager stated that an estimate for the carrying out of this work in concrete, at a cost of £20,000, had been submitted to the Department of Local Government and Public Health. Whilst the original cost would be higher if carried out in concrete instead of tar macadam, the road would require very little expenditure on maintenance afterwards.

Tinahely Courthouse.

Councillor W. Hammond asked that representations be made to the Department of Justice for permission to use the Courthouse, Tinahely, for dances, and other entertainments. He pointed out that this was the only hall available for the purpose.

Woodenbridge-Shillelagh Railway Line.

Councillor W. Hammond also referred to the Shillelagh-Woodenbridge Railway line, and asked that representations be made again to Coras Iompair Eireann for the restoration of the line for goods traffic. On the Chairman's suggestion it was decided to place this matter on the Agenda for the next Meeting for discussion.

Cottage Scheme.

The Chairman requested the County Manager to ask the Department of Local Government and Public Health to send an Inspector at an early date to hold an Inquiry in relation to the Council's Cottage Scheme, in view of the present housing shortage in the County.

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

By Councillor Seán Dunne:

Notice of Motion.

"I hereby give notice that at the next Meeting of Council I, or some member for me, shall move that the pay of carters employed by the Council be substantially increased in view of the increased costs of upkeep of horses and carts and in consideration of the cost-of-living rise."

By Councillor Seán Dunne:

Notice of Motion.

"I hereby give notice that at the next Meeting of Council I, or some member for me, shall move that the Council take over the road leading from the Killarney Road, Bray, to Boghall Road, Bray (Soldiers' Road) and be responsible for its repair."

James F. H. B. B. B.
9/12/46

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 9th December, 1946.

The following members were present:—
 Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;
 Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; Patk. Doyle, B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, John O'Reilly, P. P. O'Reilly, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Seán Dunne, Liam O Laoighleis, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, Joseph Jacob.
 An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor C. W. Hudson.
 The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, was present.
 The County Engineer and Assistant Engineers, J. P. Caffrey, A. N. Dillon, P. J. Foley and R. L. Farrell, were also present.

BUSINESS :

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 on the Turf Production Account for the same month.
 3. To consider Deed of Mortgage submitted by the Commissioners of Public Works for approval in respect of Loan of £2,000 for the construction of Bridges at Tourboy and Kilkarney.
 4. To consider Deed of Mortgage submitted by the Commissioners of Public Works for approval in respect of Loan of £6,500 for completion of 1939 Cottage Scheme.
 5. To fix the area of charge for Killadreenan Sewerage Scheme.
 6. To consider report of County Engineer, dated November 2nd, 1946, copy of which has been circulated to each member of the Council.
 7. To authorise the raising of Loan of £10,000 for the purchase of Road Machinery.
 8. To consider letter, dated 20th November, 1946, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to Road Fund Grants for the year ending 31st March, 1948.
 9. To consider letter dated 23rd November, 1946, from the Engineer to the Corporation of Dublin, in regard to the proposed sewerage Scheme for Ballyknocken.
 10. To consider draft Scheme for University Scholarships for the year 1947.
 11. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Seán Dunne:—
 "I hereby give notice that at the next Meeting of the Council I, or some member for me, shall move that the pay to carters employed by the Council be substantially increased in view of the increased costs of upkeep of horses and carts and in consideration of the cost-of-living rise."
 12. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Seán Dunne:—
 "I hereby give notice that at the next Meeting of the Council I, or some member for me, shall move that the Council take over the road leading from Killarney Road, Bray, to Boghall Road, Bray (Soldiers' Road) and be responsible for its repair."
 13. To consider representations regarding the re-opening of Shillelagh-Woodenbridge Railway Line.
 14. To consider the following Resolution forwarded by Carlow Co. Council:—
 "That in view of the highly unsatisfactory experience of the Council in recent years, due to the recurrent resignations of senior officials in all branches of the Council's administration, the Council directs that the Co. Manager be requested to make suggestions to the Minister with relation to appointments of senior officers in the County with a view to securing some continuity of service, with particular reference to the Engineering Section, and in this respect we suggest:—
 (1) That all appointments should be on a probationary period for, at least, one year, and
 (2) That the incremental increase for senior officers should be so graded as to induce such officers to remain in the employment of one Local Authority for some substantial time;
 and that copies of this Resolution be circulated to all County Councils."
 15. To consider the following Resolution forwarded by Cork County Council:—
 "That we, the Cork County Council, request the Government to introduce legislation to increase Old Age Pensions and Widows' and Orphans' Pensions and to modify the Means Test; and, furthermore, that the revised scale for Old Age Pensions be fixed at the following rates:—
 At 65 years 10/- per week.
 66 " 11/- per week.
 67 " 12/- per week.
 68 " 13/- per week.
 69 " 14/- per week.
 70 " 15/- per week."
 16. Inquiries arising out of County Manager's Orders.
 17. To consider letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to the financing of Housing Schemes.
- Item No. 1.—Minutes.**
 Proposed by Councillor P. Doyle.
 Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
 Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign the Minutes of Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on the 11th November, 1946.
 Passed unanimously.
- Item No. 2.—Overdraft Accommodation.**
General Account.
 Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
 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 January, 1947, shall not exceed £50,000.
 Passed unanimously.
- Turf Production Account.**
 Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
 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 Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the month of January, 1947, shall not exceed £5,000.
 Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3.—Tourboy and Kilkarney Bridges.
 Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;
 Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea;
 Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Draft Deed of Mortgage in respect of the proposed Loan of £2,000 for the construction of Bridges at Tourboy and Kilkarney submitted by the Commissioners of Public Works, and we hereby undertake that the instalments in repayment of the Loan now proposed, as well as of any existing Loan, will be punctually remitted at the dates on which they become due, viz., 1st May and 1st November in each year.
 Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4.—1939 Cottage Scheme.
 Proposed by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.;
 Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;
 Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Draft Deed of Mortgage in respect of the proposed Loan of £6,500 for the completion of the 1939 Cottage Scheme, submitted by the Commissioners of Public Works, and we hereby undertake that the instalments in repayment of the Loan now proposed, as well as of any existing Loan, will be punctually remitted on the dates on which they become due, viz.: 1st May and 1st November in each year.
 Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5.—Killadreenan Sewerage Scheme.
 The Secretary stated that Draft Mortgage in respect of proposed Loan of £4,800 for the extension of the Newtownmountkennedy Sewerage Scheme to Killadreenan, had been received that morning, and submitted it to the Meeting for approval.
 Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
 Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
 Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Draft Deed of Mortgage in respect of the proposed Loan of £4,800 for the extension of Newtownmountkennedy Sewerage Scheme to Killadreenan, submitted by the Commissioners of Public Works, and we hereby undertake that the instalments in repayment of the Loan now proposed, as well as of any existing Loan, will be punctually remitted on the dates on which they become due, viz.: 1st May and 1st November in each year.
 Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
 Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;
 Resolved—That we hereby fix the County Health District as the Area of Charge in respect of Special Expenses in extending the Newtownmountkennedy Sewerage System to Killadreenan.
 Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6.—County Engineer's Report.
 The following report, dated 2nd November, 1946, prepared by the County Engineer, copy of which had been circulated to each member of the Council, was considered:

County Engineer's Office,
 Court House,
 Wicklow.
 November 2nd, 1946.

Chairman and Members of
 Wicklow Co. Council.
 TO:

CO. ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR MEETING ON NOV. 11th, 1946.
ROADS:—This year's Road Works Scheme included a large-scale programme of Road Restoration Work to make good part of the necessary Surface Dressing which could not be carried out during the war years. The estimate provided for 1,196,620 square yards of tar dressing; total estimated expenditure on Tarring and other Maintenance Work was £93,364.

The position at September 30th was:—
 Tar Dressing completed.....854,000 sq. yds.
 Expenditure on Main and County Road.....£62,113
 Maintenance during six months to 30/9/46.....£32,113
 Tar used.....1,500 tons (approx.)

In view of the very unfavourable weather experienced during the Tarring Season, the shortage of tar and delays in deliveries, and the poor quality of the fuel available, the amount of work done must be considered satisfactory.

During the half-year under review, plans and specifications for the following Road Works were prepared and submitted for approval to the L.G.D.:—

Road.	Estimate.
Bray-Wicklow Road	£288,044 0 0
Glendalough-Wicklow Gap-Hollywood Road	£101,757 0 0
Wicklow-Silver Strand-Brittas Road	£20,491 0 0
Sallymount-Ardanairy Road	£6,576 0 0
Bray-Greystones Road	£87,085 0 0
Arklow-Gorey Road	£26,684 0 0
Ashford Bridge and Approach Roads	£14,790 0 0
Aughrim Bridge	£2,055 0 0

Plans for road widening at Laragh Bridge have also been prepared, including a preliminary estimate of cost of New Bridge: Total estimate, £7,963.

At the moment, the Sally Gap-Laragh Road is being surveyed and details will be submitted to the L.G.D. in early course, so that a Grant may be obtained to complete the reconstruction of the entire route from Glencree to Laragh, a distance of 16 miles, and open up an important Tourist and Turf Production area. A considerable portion of the road has been reconstructed through Grants. Prior to this year, Grants totalling £30,000 were expended on the Glencree-Laragh route, and during the present year further Grants are being expended to the amount of £6,335.

Grants amounting to £2,726 have been notified recently to complete the Sallymount Section of the Wicklow-Arklow Road, and I am endeavouring to secure a Grant this Winter to complete part, at least, of the Silver Strand Section.

The Laragh-Seven Churches Road has been surveyed and estimates prepared. A Scheme for the completion of the road widening there is being submitted to the Department. The Scheme includes the provision of an extensive 'bus park at the Upper Lake. I have been in communication with C.I.E. on this point.

County Road No. 39 to Kilpeddar Rifle Range has been badly damaged by Military Traffic to the New Range, and is unsuited for the type of traffic which it is now called upon to bear. I am negotiating with the Department of Defence with a view to obtaining financial assistance for the reconstruction of the Road.

Special Road Restoration Works are at the moment in progress for (I) Tinahely-Aughrim Road, (II) Rathdangan Roads, and (III) Glenealy-Rathnew Road.

Schemes for Employment Grants have been submitted to the L.G.D. for work at (1) Mount Usher, Ashford, (2) Kiliaveney, and (3) Carnew. The total expenditure approved by the Department is £740.

MACHINERY:—The absence of a Central Machinery Depot is unsatisfactory. At the moment there is no central depot for the storage, repair and examination of Plant and other equipment, and

it is regretted that plant and other equipment have to be left exposed during the Winter months in many places, with consequent deterioration and loss.

1947/48 ROAD WORKS SCHEME:—Councillors' proposals for Road Improvements should be submitted to me before the end of the present month.

TURF:—In 1946, 2,600 tons of turf were cut on County Council Bogs. The estimated tonnage on bogs after the 1945 season was 1,000 tons. To date, 2,100 tons have been delivered to County Institutions, including Grangegorman, but the continued unfavourable weather and the interruption due to Harvesting, will prevent any further deliveries from the Bogs, and it is considered likely that it will be difficult to save any further turf this year. All that can be done is to leave the Turf on the Bogs as safely as possible for the Winter. In this regard, the Council is in no worse a position than many other Turf Producers, small and large, in this County during the present very unfavourable season.

Since March last, 173 Licences have been issued to private cutters on County Council Bogs. Bog Development Grants totalling £365 have been made available by the L.G.D. for various Bogs.

Statement Showing Position of Turf Account at 31st October, 1946.

Expenditure:

Production of Turf	£181,153	
Grant Works	£8,044	
		£189,197

Receipts:

Sale of Turf, etc.	£173,913	
Grants Received	£8,134	
		£182,047

Estimated value of Turf on hands ..	£2,000	
Debtors	£4,548	
LESS unexpended Grants	£90	
		£6,458

Estimated Expenditure, Nov. '46 ..	£1,000	
Estimated Expenditure, Dec. '46 ..	£500	
		£1,500

Estimated Receipts, Nov., 1946 ..	£250	
Estimated Receipts, Dec., 1946 ..	£250	
		£500

Overdraft required for month of Dec., 1946: £9,000

STORES:—The expansion of the Council's Engineering works on Roads and Public Health makes it desirable that a full-time Store-keeper be appointed. Such appointments have been made in most other counties.

HARVEST WORK:—All available labour on Roads and Public Health Work was transferred to Harvesting Operations during September and the first few days of October. At the peak period over 700 workers and supervising officials were involved and 14 motor lorries were engaged. Close contact was maintained by the County Council's Engineering Staff with the various voluntary organisations in the County.

HOUSING:—Notwithstanding the continued difficulty in obtaining materials and the necessity for Departmental permits at every stage, the Council's 1939 Scheme for the building of 210 Labourers' Cottages was continued by direct Labour. During the period under review, 76 cottages were completed; a further 31 cottages are in course of erection, making a total of 203 cottages already undertaken for this Scheme. Expenditure during the half-year on Building operations, water and sewerage supplies, access roads, etc., was £2,736, making the total expenditure to date under these heads £105,438.

Maps and estimates for the construction of a further 460 houses under the 1945/46 Housing Scheme have been completed and lodged with the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

COTTAGE REPAIRS:—The Council maintains a total of 2,725 cottages throughout the County. During the half-year, 557 cottages have been inspected by the Engineering Staff, and estimates totalling £2,988 for repairs have been approved. Expenditure on repairs already carried out totals £1,980, of which £190 was paid to contractors. Arrangements are also made to issue paint to tenants, and to date 1,400 tenants have been supplied.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES: Water Supplies and Sewerage.—Twenty-eight piped water supplies and 16 Sewerage systems are maintained by the Council, and regular inspections and arrangements for necessary repairs and maintenance work have been continued by the Council's Engineers. Pumps and wells throughout the County also demand the continuous attention of the Engineering Staff, and in a number of cases new pumps or wells have been provided.

Work is proceeding satisfactorily on the construction of a new Water Supply and Sewerage System at Killadreenan by contract. Total estimated cost is £7,384. Direct supervision is effected by a specially appointed Clerk of Works under the control of the permanent Engineers.

Preliminary work is in hand for a number of large-scale proposals for water and sewerage schemes in various centres, and in particular, the schemes for Greystones, Aghrim, Enniskerry, Wicklow Regional and Vallemount are being pressed forward.

BURIAL GROUNDS:—Maintenance and repairs to 62 Burial Grounds in the County proceeds under Engineering supervision. New Burial Grounds are in course of construction at Donard, Kilquiggan and Avoca.

INSTITUTIONS:—Responsibility for keeping the Council's Institutions, Hospitals, Dispensaries and Dispensary Residence in good repair devolves on the Engineering Staff. During the half-year all necessary repairs were carried out. Proposals have been submitted for the provision of Fire Escapes to the County Home, Rathdrum.

The construction of the New Maternity Annexe at the County Home, Rathdrum, has been completed by contract. The total cost, subject to final adjustments with contractor, is £3,018. Intensive work has also been carried out by the Engineering Staff in connection with the proposed New Hospitalisation Scheme at Wicklow, and the conversion of the former Marine Hotel to a temporary Fever Hospital, and extensions to County Sanatorium.

FIRE BRIGADE ACT:—The Council provides Fire-Fighting Services in 19 centres, including the central Fire Station at Rathdrum. This year, the Engineering services were made responsible for their re-organisation and supervision. Regular inspections and training of these Brigades and the provision and maintenance of their equipment is carried out by the Engineers.

Potentially dangerous buildings, presenting major fire risks, were inspected by the Engineering Staff during the half-year, and in 33 cases Statutory Notices were served requiring the proprietors to take specified precautions against fire. Arrangements are being made for the distribution through schools, etc., in the County of special leaflets containing instruction on Fire Fighting.

TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS:—The adoption by the County Council of the Town and Regional Planning Acts and the resumption of private building, has resulted in increased duties for the Engineering Staff. Plans and Specifications for new Works and Houses, etc., are submitted almost daily. Inspections and reports have to be made by the Engineers on the proposed works.

CLERICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SURVEY STAFFS:—It is hoped that the Council will make financial provision for Clerical Assistance for each of the four Assistant County Engineers.

ARTERIAL DRAINAGE ACT:—One Scheme at Carrigower River, West Wicklow, has been transferred to the County Council under this Act and work was carried out during the Summer Months.

LIBRARIES:—Repairs were carried out by Direct Labour to Enniskerry and Greystones Libraries.

COURT HOUSES:—An extensive programme of repair and improvements was completed at Wicklow Court House. Estimates have been prepared and arrangements are now being made to repair Tinahely Court House. Provision is being made for Electric Lighting and Heating at Balinglass Court House.

CINEMAS:—All Cinemas were inspected during the year and alterations, which were carried out, were recommended in a number of instances.

DANCE HALLS:—Prior to the issue of licences by the Court, Dance Halls throughout the County were inspected. In a number of cases, detailed instructions were given for improvements and alterations. These were carried out before the Licences were issued.

SHEEP DIPPING:—During the year the Engineering Staff inspected 31 Public and a considerable number of private Sheep Dipping Baths in various parts of the County, and extensive repairs and improvements were effected to some of them.

A.R.P.:—Stocks of A.R.P. Equipment were checked during the year and arrangements made for disposal of some of the Equipment, etc. Some of the stores were returned to the Department of Defence.

DEMOLITION OF WORKHOUSE:—Arrangements were made for the demolition of the old Workhouse Buildings at Shillelagh and Balinglass. The work at Balinglass has been completed.

BRIDGES:—The work of inspection of Road Bridges to ensure that they were safe and equal to modern traffic requirements was continued during the year. Aghrim Road Bridge was extensively damaged during the heavy floods in August last. Plans and Specifications for the repair were immediately prepared and the work advertised for contract. A contract has now been entered into for the work.

From the above report and Survey, it is suggested that the Council will appreciate the very extensive duties and works which have devolved on the Engineering Staff, and I am certain that it will be realised that every effort is being made to keep the County in the first line as regards Engineering works and the expenditure thereon, and, at the same time, maintain our men in full employment.

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

County Engineer.

Arising out of this Report, Councillor B. Farrell referred to the use of a lorry for bringing men from Dunlavin to Ballinagee Bog, and stated that men had been brought to the bog on very wet days when it would not have been possible to carry out any work. Councillor B. Farrell stated that the lorry remained idle on the bog during the day, and he considered that the Council's funds were being wasted by this practice.

Assistant Engineer A. N. Dillon explained that it was necessary to employ men on the Bog, even in unfavourable weather, for the purpose of clamping the turf, and gave figures of the quantities of turf which had been removed from the Bog and which had been made safe by stacking.

Proposed by Councillor B. Farrell:
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:
That all work on Ballinagee Turf Bog be suspended for the remainder of the Season.

Following a further discussion, the Motion was withdrawn. Councillors B. Farrell and J. J. Metcalfe to report further on the matter at the next Meeting.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. O'Reilly:
Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey:
Resolved—That we adopt the Report of the County Engineer, dated 2nd November, 1946, as submitted to the Meeting this day.

Passed unanimously.
Several Councillors referred to the grave situation in connection with supplies of fuel in the County, and it was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy:
Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—Owing to acute position regarding Fuel Supply, the Government be asked to permit of the felling of trees for fuel, especially trees which are not of commercial value, and that the Department be asked to receive a deputation on the subject.

Passed unanimously.

The Council appointed a deputation of the following members:

Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.;
Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
Councillor W. Lawless;
Councillor P. McCarthy;
Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman,
and the County Manager.

Item No. 7—Loan for Purchase of Road Machinery.
The County Secretary stated that payments to the amount of £6,708 had been made in respect of Machinery purchased. Further items of plant delivered, but not yet paid for amounted to £4,780. He stated that the Department had indicated that sanction would be given to the expenditure being met by temporary Loan or Overdraft, repayable over a period of seven years.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the raising of a Loan of £10,000 (Ten Thousand Pounds) repayable over a period of seven years, for the purchase of Road Machinery.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Road Fund Grants, 1947/48.
The County Secretary read the following letter received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to Road Fund Grants for the year ending 31st March, 1948:—

ROINN RIALTAIS AITHUI AGUS SLAINTE POIBLI
(Department of Local Government and Public Health),
BOITHRE (Roads),
Teach An Chustium (Custom House),
Baile Atha Cliath (Dublin).
20 Samhain, 1946.

RGM/201/47/48.
A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to the special scale of Road Fund grants made available to County Councils during the current financial year to restore roads to a proper standard and to prevent further deterioration where road surfaces show signs of weakening, and to state that, while progress has been made this year with the work of restoration of the roads, a considerable amount of work, involving continued heavy expenditure, remains to be carried out. Accordingly, in order that Councils may be enabled to carry out the maximum amount of restoration work during the coming year, the Minister has decided to continue the special Road Fund grants during the financial year ending 31st March, 1948, on the basis notified in this Department's Circular of 26th February, 1946, i.e.:

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%

The County Surveyor's estimate should provide for the maximum amount of restoration that can be undertaken during the coming financial year.

As in the case of the current year it will be a condition of these special grants that increased provision made for the main roads will be at least commensurate with the increase made for county road expenditure. The grants will also be subject to the ordinary conditions governing grants from the Road Fund.

Misc, le meas.

J. COLLINS,

Rúnaí Cunta.

To the Secretary,
of each County Council.

The Council noted that Grants would be made available in the coming year on the same basis as allowed in the current year.

Item No. 9—Ballyknocken and Valleymount Sewerage Scheme.

The County Secretary read the following letter received from Dublin City Engineer and Surveyor:—

CORPORATION OF DUBLIN,

Engineer's Department,

Castle Street,

Dublin.

23rd November, 1946.

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

Dear Sir,

Ballyknocken and Valleymount Sewerage Scheme.

Further to your letter of the 20th inst., so far as the purity of the water in the Poulaphouca Lake may be affected by a sewerage scheme, I would point out that no advantage would be obtained by constructing a sewage works at either of above places. To ensure that the effluent from any such works is sterile would involve a cost out of all proportion to the value of the works, and so far as I am aware, it has never been attempted to completely purify sewage.

Accordingly, I am not in favour of the construction of any works at these places.

Plans and specifications are returned herewith.

Yours faithfully,

N. A. CHANCE,

City Engineer and Surveyor.

Councillor P. P. O'Reilly stressed the need for a Sewerage Scheme at Ballyknocken, and urged the Council to proceed with the work. The County Manager explained that it would appear from the City Engineer's letter that he considered there was no great danger of pollution of the Poulaphouca Lake by sewage, and that the provision of a Sewerage Scheme might worsen the position.

The County Engineer suggested that Dublin Corporation might be asked to indicate what type of Scheme would meet their requirements for this District. The Council directed that an inquiry on such lines should be made from the Corporation.

Item No. 10—University Scholarship Scheme, 1947.

The Council considered the draft University Scholarships Scheme, copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

The County Secretary directed the Council's attention to the following proposed changes in the Scheme:—

- (1) It is proposed to increase the value of the Scholarships from £70 to £100, having regard to the increase in University Fees over the period 1921 to 1946. (Fees increased by approximately 60% during that time).
- (2) Conditions of examination had also been amended, and provided that a candidate must present five subjects for examination, one of which should be Irish, and must obtain honours in three subjects and pass in the remaining two subjects. It was not essential that a candidate obtain honours in Irish.
- (3) The marks awarded for Irish were reduced from 600 to 400 in accordance with the Scheme approved by the University.

The Secretary referred also to an application received from the Wicklow Branch of the Irish Postal Workers' Unions, requesting an amendment in the Means qualification in the University Scholarship Scheme.

On the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor W. Hammond, the Council approved of the Scheme as submitted, subject to the following amendments:—

- (1) Value of Scholarships to be increased to £125 each;
- (2) The limitation in respect of Poor Law Valuation on Agricultural Land to be £150 in the case of families of three children or less, increasing by £25 to £225 in the case of families of six children or more. The limitation on Annual Income to be increased to £400 for families of three children or less, increasing by £25 to £475 in the case of families of six children or more.
- (3) Preference to be given in the allocation of one scholarship to a student pursuing a course for a degree in Agricultural Science. If no successful candidate intended to pursue a course for a degree in Agricultural Science, the Scholarship would be awarded for a course in any other faculty.

The Council also agreed that the increased rate of £125 for Scholarships should apply next year to the existing Scholarship holder. The Scheme as amended read as follows:—

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1947.

Wicklow County Council offer for competition three (3) Scholarships value One Hundred and Twenty-Five Pounds (£125) each annually tenable for three years at University College, Dublin (National University of Ireland) only, subject to the following conditions:—

1. Candidates, who shall not be more than nineteen (19) years of age, nor less than sixteen (16) years of age on the first day of January, 1947, must be children of parents or guardians, who have resided continuously in the County of Wicklow for five years previous to the 1st January, 1947.
2. 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) £150 in the case of families of 3 children or less;
 - (ii) £175 in the case of families of 4 children;
 - (iii) £200 in the case of families of 5 children.
 - (b) Derive an annual income from all sources not exceeding:
 - (i) £400 in the case of families of 3 children or less;
 - (ii) £425 in the case of families of 4 children;
 - (iii) £450 in the case of families of 5 children;
 - (iv) £475 in the case of families of 6 children or more.
3. Children referred to in this clause must be under 18 years of age. These University Scholarships will be awarded by Wicklow Co. Council on the recommendation of the Academic Council of University College, Dublin, on the results obtained by candidates

for such Scholarships at the Leaving Certificate Examination to be held in 1947 subject to the following conditions:—

- (a) Candidates must pass the examination generally and in addition must
 - (1) Pass in the subjects required for Matriculation in the National University of Ireland;
 - (2) Pass in the subjects required for Matriculation for the faculty in which they intend to pursue courses for a degree.
 - (b) Candidates must present five subjects for the examination, one of which shall be Irish. Candidates must obtain Honours in three subjects and pass in the other two subjects.
 - (c) The three Scholarships will be awarded to the candidates obtaining the highest total marks, reckoned as follows:

Marks obtained on Honours papers will count in full; marks on Pass papers will be divided by two, except in the case of Mathematics, when they will be divided by three.
4. The following are the recognised subjects and the marks therefor:

Mathematics	600
Irish, Latin, Greek, English, Physics, Chemistry, Botany	400
French, German, Italian, Spanish, History, Geography, Commerce, Applied Mathematics (with experimental treatment), Music and General Science	300
 5. Preference will be given in the allocation of one Scholarship to a student pursuing a Course for a Degree in Agricultural Science.
 6. The successful candidate must reside in the Collegiate Hostel, when possible, or other place of residence approved by the Deans of Residence.
 7. The sum of £5 will be advanced to the student, through the Bursar of the College, at the beginning of each Session.
 8. The County Council will pay over 50 per cent. of the Scholarship in November of each year to the Bursar of University College, Dublin, and the remaining 50 per cent. in the following February, to be disbursed by him. The Bursar will deduct from the Scholarship the fees due to the College, and will pay the balance to the holder in three instalments, one in each term.
 9. Applications for the renewal of the payments in respect of the Second and Third Year shall be made by each Scholarship holder, and no payment will be made in respect of the Second Year in the case of a Scholarship holder who fails to produce a Certificate that he, or she, has passed the first University Examination, and also a Certificate from the College or the duly authorised Officer thereof, of good conduct and satisfactory progress during the previous year, and no payment will be made in respect of the Third Year in the case of a Scholar who fails to produce such a Certificate of satisfactory conduct and progress in respect of the year previous to the application for renewal.
 10. Any Scholarship in respect of which no application for renewal is received within such time as may be fixed by the Council, of which Notice will be sent to each Scholar, or in respect of which the Certificate or Certificates, hereinbefore set out shall not be produced, shall be deemed to have lapsed.
 11. Applications from intending Candidates, accompanied by Birth Certificates, will be received up to 19th April, 1947, by the Secretary of the County Council, 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, should be submitted to the County Secretary, Courthouse, Wicklow, and if the application is approved, the applicant will, in due course, be notified to that effect.
 12. The Council reserves the right to exclude any candidate from competing for these Scholarships, and the Council's decision on all questions relating to this University Scholarship Scheme shall be conclusive and final.
 13. Students desirous of competing for these University Scholarships and who are not eligible for admission to the Leaving Certificate Examination by reason of their not pursuing an approved course of study as pupils of a Secondary School, may be admitted to that examination at the request of the Council for the purpose of competing for these Scholarships, but will not be eligible for the award of the Secondary Leaving Certificate. Application for admission to the Examination should be sent to the undersigned, accompanied by a Postal Order for 10/- payable to "The Secretary, Department of Education," in respect of the examination fee required.
 14. Any successful candidate for one of these Scholarships who has been
 - (a) A student in a Preparatory College, or
 - (b) Recognised as a Pupil Teacher, or
 - (c) Admitted to a Training College in preparation for the position of National School Teacher,
 is hereby reminded that under the Rules of the Department of Education, and in accordance with the undertaking signed by him and on his behalf by his parent (or guardian) in the event of his acceptance of the Scholarship any money expended by the State upon him must be refunded to the Department.

K. J. BRANGAN,
County Secretary.

County Council Offices,

Court House,

Wicklow.

Item No. 11—Payment to Carters.

Proposed by Councillor Seán Dunne;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:

Resolved—That we recommend that the pay of carters employed by the Council be substantially increased in view of the increased costs of upkeep of horses and carts and in consideration of the cost-of-living index.

Passed, Councillors J. J. Metcalfe and W. Hammond dissenting. Councillor Seán Dunne recommended that the pay of carters be increased to £1 per day.

Councillor Lawless, supporting the Motion, stated that it would be advisable that Carters should be employed where possible, on a piece rate basis.

The County Manager stated that he would give the Resolution consideration, but pointed out that the rates of payment to carters in Wicklow and adjoining Counties were as follows:—

Wicklow—14/- and 13/-.
Wexford—13/-.
Carlow—12/6.
Kildare—13/6.
Dublin—15/10.

The County Manager stated that an increase to £1 per day would be a substantial one, and he was doubtful if sanction would be obtained to the rate suggested.

Item No. 12—Oldcourt Park Road.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, Councillor Seán Dunne proposed that the Council should take over and maintain the road known as Oldcourt Park Road leading from Killarney Road, Bray, to Boghall Road, Bray.

He referred to the previous effort of the Council to have the road repaired by the Irish Sailors and Soldiers Land Trust, who had originally constructed this Road, and erected houses adjoining it. As the Council's efforts in this connection had been unsuccessful, and as the road was in a very bad condition, he urged that the Council should take it over.

Councillor H. J. Byrne, opposing the taking over of the Road, stated that in his opinion the Trust should be compelled to repair the Road, which was their property. He agreed that the condition of the Road was very bad, and suggested that the County Medical Officer of Health be asked to examine again the Road and to report as to whether its condition constituted a danger to public health.

The County Manager gave a summary of previous correspondence with the Irish Soldiers and Sailors Land Trust on the subject, in the course of which the Trust had stated that they had no funds which could be used for the repair of the road.

Proposed by Councillor Seán Dunne;
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That the County Medical Officer of Health be asked to submit a further report on the condition of the Oldcourt Park Road, as to whether its condition constitutes a danger to Public Health.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Woodenbridge-Shillelagh Railway Line.

Councillor Hammond urged that the Council should make strong representations to Coras Iompair Éireann to re-open the Woodenbridge-Shillelagh Railway Line, and referred to the effect the closing of the line had had on local fairs and trade generally.

The Council had made previous representations on the subject, and Councillor Hammond asked that a further effort be made to secure that the Line would be re-opened.

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

Resolved—That Coras Iompair Éireann be requested to re-open at the earliest possible moment the Shillelagh Woodenbridge Branch Railway Line, and that the Company be asked to receive a deputation from the parties interested.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Staff.

The Council considered the following Resolution forwarded by Carlow County Council:—

"That in view of the highly unsatisfactory experience of the Council in recent years, due to the recurrent resignations of senior officials in all branches of the Council's administration, the Council directs that the Co. Manager be requested to make suggestions to the Minister with relation to appointments of senior officers in the County with a view to securing some continuity of service with particular reference to the Engineering Section, and in this respect we suggest:—

- (1) That all appointments should be on a probationary period for, at least, one year, and
- (2) That the incremental increases for senior Officers should be so graded as to induce such officers to remain in the employment of one Local Authority for some substantial time;

and that copies of this resolution be circulated to all Co. Councils."

The Council decided to mark the Resolution "Read."
Councillor J. Everett, T.D., inquired from the County Manager whether he had received an application from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union for an increase of 40% in the salaries of officials employed by the Council, and whether he proposed to take any action thereon.

The County Manager stated that he had received this application, and had rejected it. In his view, the increase of 40% asked for was very substantial, and he did not feel that he should set an example to other bodies in accepting the proposal for so large an increase.

Councillor Everett, T.D., stated that the salaries paid to the clerical staff, and engineering staff, of the Council were very low, and urged that the Manager should grant a substantial increase in the salaries of all officials.

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

Resolved—That we recommend that the Manager review the scales of salaries to officials with a view to granting increases.

Item No. 15—Old Age Pensions.

The Council adjourned consideration of the Resolution forwarded by Cork County Council in relation to Old Age Pensions and Widows and Orphans Pensions, to next Meeting.

Item No. 16—County Manager's Orders.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to the Order of the County Manager made on the 30th Sept., 1946, allowing poundage to Rate Collectors on 50% of the Credit Notes issued, and to the provisions of the Bonus Scheme under which Collectors were required to lodge 65% of their Warrants by the 31st December to qualify for portion of their Bonus.

The County Manager explained that he had compared the earnings of the Rate Collectors in the previous year with what they would obtain on a similar collection in the current year, and stated that consequent on the substantial increase in the rate in the current year, Collectors would obtain, in nearly all instances, greater remuneration in respect of their collection when paid poundage on 50% of the Credit Notes.

The County Manager stressed the fact that the Bonus Scheme was designed as an inducement to Collectors to improve their collections, and should not be reckoned as part of their normal poundage. The Scheme had been instituted some years previous on the suggestion of the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

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

Resolved—That we recommend that the Manager allow payment of poundage to Rate Collectors in respect of the full amount of the Credit Notes issued, and full bonus, provided they have collected and lodged 65% of their Warrants by the 31st March, 1947.

Passed unanimously.

Turf Workers' Wages.

Councillor P. McCarthy referred to the Order made by the Co. Manager on 29th November, 1946, in relation to the wages of turf workers, in which the increased rate of wages, if sanctioned, would apply as from 1st December, 1946. He stated that a number of men had recently been transferred from works on roads to turf work, and had suffered a reduction in pay accordingly.

The County Manager stated that if Councillor McCarthy would submit the names of the men concerned he would give the matter consideration.

Baltinglass Hospital.

Councillor Metcalfe inquired whether sanction had been received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health to the proposed improvements to Baltinglass District Hospital.

The County Manager stated that he had made further inquiries from the Department, but had not yet received a reply. He stated he would again write to the Department and refer to the Council's concern at the delay in the matter.

Repairs to Labourers' Cottages.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe requested that a return be included in the Manager's Orders in relation to repairs to Labourers' Cottages carried out each month.

The County Manager stated that a Monthly Report was submitted to him on this subject, and that he would include it in his Orders in future.

Temporary Machinery Overseer.

Councillor W. Lawless, in reference to the Manager's Order granting an allowance to Overseer M. Turner for acting as Machinery Overseer, asked that the Manager would increase the allowance to £5 per week, the rate which would be payable to the permanent Overseer when appointed.

The Manager pointed out that the duties of the permanent officer, when appointed, would be much more extensive than those at present carried out by Overseer Turner. During the period since 1st April last machinery was being received, but the full amount ordered was not yet delivered. He agreed that Mr. Turner was carrying out the work satisfactorily.

Councillor W. Lawless asked that the County Manager would re-examine the position with a view to increasing the allowance to Mr. Turner.

Dumping Ground at Baltinglass.

Councillor Farrell referred to the need for a Dumping Ground at Baltinglass, and stated that he could recommend a suitable site.

The County Manager stated that consideration would be given to Councillor Farrell's recommendation.

Cottages at Castlefield, Killincarrig.

Councillor W. Lawless stated that the Road to the Cottages at Castlefield, Killincarrig, was in a very bad state, and asked that it be repaired.

The County Engineer was instructed to submit a report on the matter.

Lease of Ground at Murrrough.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That the Seal of the Wicklow County Council be affixed to the Lease granted by the Wicklow Urban District Council in respect of plot of ground at the Murrrough, on which the Council's Weighbridge has been erected.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 17—Housing Finance.

The Council adjourned consideration of letter from L.G.D. on this item to the next meeting.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 13th January, 1947.

The following members were present:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;
Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; Patrick Doyle, B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, John O'Reilly, P. P. O'Reilly, Peter Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. H'ckey, Sean Dunne, Liam O Laoighleis, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. O'Broin, C. W. Hudson, W. Clarke and Joseph Jacob.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, was in attendance. The County Engineer and Assistant Engineers J. P. Caffrey, A. N. Dillon, P. L. Foley and R. L. Farrell were also present.

BUSINESS:

- 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 Council's General Account, and (b) overdraft accommodation on the Turf Production Account for the same month.
- 3.—To consider circular from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to Housing Finance (adjourned from last Meeting).
- 4.—To confirm resolution passed at Meeting held on 14th October, 1946, guaranteeing the repayment of a loan of £3,000 to be raised by Arklow Harbour Commissioners.
- 5.—To authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to Deed of Mortgage for Loan of £6,500—Labourers' Acts.
- 6.—To authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to Deed of Mortgage for Loan of £2,000 for the construction of Bridges at Tourboy and Kilarney.
- 7.—To consider circular letter of 19th December, 1946, from Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding precautionary measures to be taken in dealing with any outbreak of Acute Poliomyelitis (Infantile Paralysis).
- 8.—To consider revision of remuneration of Nursing Staff as recommended by local Government Department, and necessary financial provision therefor.
- 9.—Water and Sewerage Schemes. To consider Preliminary Report of Consultant on proposed Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme, etc.
- 10.—To consider County Engineer's Report and recommendations regarding Works for preventing flooding of cottages at Boghall Road, Bray.
- 11.—To consider letter dated 5th December, 1946, from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to Road Surveys and employment of Engineering Staff therefor.
- 12.—To consider provisional Road Works Scheme for year 1947-48, as submitted by County Engineer.
- 13.—To consider Report from County Medical Officer of Health in relation to condition of Oldcourt Park, Bray.
- 14.—To consider Petition received in relation to the roadway from Newcastle Church to Tiglin on the Newcastle-Wicklow Road, and the County Engineer's Report thereon.
- 15.—To consider Resolutions from Cork County Council and Sligo Co. Council, requesting an increase in the present rate of Old Age Pensions and Widows' and Orphans' Pensions.
- 16.—To consider Minutes of Annual General Meeting of the County Council General Council.
- 17.—Inquiries arising out of County Manager's Orders.

Provisional Road Works Scheme.

Several members suggested that it would not be possible to consider the Provisional Road Works Scheme at the Meeting that day. The Council decided to hold a Special Meeting for the purpose of considering the Scheme, on Monday, 3rd February, 1947, at 12 o'clock noon.

Item No. 1.—Minutes:

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea.
Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle.
Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign the Minutes of Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on 9th December, 1946.
Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that he wished to be recorded as dissenting from the Resolution passed at the December Meeting approving of the County Engineer's report, on the ground that in his opinion the report in fact covered a period of years.
Councillor P. Ledwidge pointed out that his name and that of Councillor H. J. Byrne had been omitted from the list of members present at the last Meeting.
The Secretary stated that the names will be included, and apologised for the omission.

Carters:

Arising out of the Minutes Councillor McCarthy inquired whether Carters employed by the Council were insured under the Unemployment Assistance Act, and whether they received holidays with pay. He stated that he had been informed that in some cases Carters were not insured.

The County Manager explained that a distinction was made between Carters employed on an hourly or daily basis, and those employed by way of contract. The former were insured, and were allowed holidays in accordance with Holidays (Employees) Act. He stated that the position in relation to the employment of Carters would be reviewed.

In reply to Councillor S. Dunne's inquiry whether the Manager had come to any decision on the matter of increased wages for Carters, Road Workers and staff generally, the County Manager stated that he had the matter under consideration.

Fuel Supply:

The Secretary read a letter from the Department of Lands, Forestry Division, in reply to the Council's request that a deputation be received in connection with the issue of Tree Felling Licences in the County. The Department's letter stated that a Deputation would be received during that week and asked to be informed of the date and hour suitable to the members of the deputation.

It was decided to fix Wednesday, 15th January, at 11.30 a.m., as the time for receiving the deputation.

Item No. 2.—Overdraft Accommodation—General Account.

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Reilly.
Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge.
Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the County Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the month of February, 1947, shall not exceed £60,000.
Passed unanimously.

The Secretary stated that it was estimated that an overdraft of £55,000 would be required for the month of February. He pointed out that a sum of £38,445 remained payable to the Council in respect of Agricultural Grant. Rates outstanding on 31st December, 1946, amounted to £52,153 and application had been made to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for Road Maintenance Grant to an amount of £17,000.

Referring to the Council's decision to postpone consideration of the Provisional Road Works Scheme to a Special Meeting, the County Secretary stated that the County Engineer wished to arrange for the preparation of chippings and the purchase of tar for the coming year's Road Programme, and requested the Council to authorise an overdraft of an additional £5,000 for this purpose.
Overdraft Accommodation—Turf Production Account.

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Reilly.
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless.
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, 1947, shall not exceed £4,000.
Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe stated that in company with Councillor B. Farrell he had visited Ballinagee Bog since the date of the last Meeting. In his opinion no useful purpose had been served by bringing men from Dunlavin to work on the bog during the very bad weather experienced in November and December. The Co. Engineer in reply gave particulars of the quantity of turf saved by the Council in the current year, and explained that it was necessary for men to be employed during the months of October and November in clamping turf on the Bog in an effort to preserve it from deterioration during the Winter.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to the employment of men on Wicklow Gap Road, and stated that men who were available for employment in the Laragh and Glendalough District should be taken on for this work. The Co. Engineer gave particulars of the work, and stated that at a later stage men from the Glendalough District would be employed.

After further discussion the Council decided to proceed to the next business.

Item No. 3.—Housing Finance.

The County Manager referred to the circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, in relation to Housing Finance, copy of which letter had been forwarded to each member of the Council. The repayment period for Loans in respect of Labourers' Cottages was extended to fifty years, and the rate of interest applying would be 2½ per cent. The County Manager gave particulars of the financial effect of the reduction in the interest rate, and the extension of the repayment period, and pointed out that it would provide a reduction of £2 7s. 6d. per £100, in future loan charges. In relation to the fixing of rents for future Schemes the Department had indicated that regard should be had to increased rates of wages payable, and that a rent of 4s. per week inclusive of rates would appear to be reasonable.

The Manager submitted figures showing that the economic rent of a new cottage costing £600 to erect would be between 9s. and 10s. per week, and allowing for a State Grant towards Loan Charges the amount of 3s. 2d. per week would remain to be met from the Transition Development Fund and from Rates. No indication could be given at present as to the amount of Grant from the Transition Development Fund which would be dependent upon Tenders received for any new Scheme. Grants from the Fund would be available in respect of cottages erected since 1945.

In reply to Councillor W. Hammond's inquiry as to whether rates of interest at present payable by the Council for Housing, could also be reduced, the County Manager explained that monies were provided by the State for the Local Loans Fund by means of National Loans. The rate of interest chargeable on Loans from the Local Loans Fund depended, accordingly, on the rate of interest payable by the State on the National Loans. On the early issues of National Loans interest as high as 5 per cent. was payable, and accordingly it was necessary to charge a higher rate of interest on the issues from the Local Loans Fund at that time.

The County Manager stated that Rents for Housing Schemes were subject to the approval of the Minister, but that the Council would be consulted before a rent was submitted for approval in respect of new Schemes.

Item No. 4.—Loan Guarantee—Arklow Harbour Commissioners.

The Secretary referred to Resolution passed at the Meeting of the Council held on the 14th October, 1946, guaranteeing the repayment by Arklow Harbour Commissioners of a Loan of £3,000 from the Local Loans Fund for a period of fifteen years, for the purpose of carrying out improvement works at Arklow Harbour.

In accordance with the provisions of the Harbours Act, 1946, it was necessary for the Council to pass a further Resolution confirming the previous one.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy.
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Reilly.
Resolved—That in accordance with Section 133 of the Harbours Act, 1946, we hereby confirm the Resolution passed at our meeting held on 14th October, 1946, guaranteeing the repayment by Arklow Harbour Commissioners of a loan of £3,000 from the Local Loans Fund for a period of fifteen years for the purpose of carrying out the improvement works at Arklow Harbour.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5.—Loan of £6,500 for Labourers' Cottage Scheme.

The Deed of Mortgage in relation to Loan of £6,500 for the completion of the 1939 Cottage Scheme was submitted for sealing.
Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne.
Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly.
Resolved—That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £6,500 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Labourers' Acts, 1883/1936.
Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne.
Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly.
Resolved—That inasmuch as this Council does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Council but prefer to receive the same by instalments as the occasion may require, it is resolved that the requisition for each advance shall be initiated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Council for time being, countersigned by the County Secretary. And that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners and that all such advances shall be lodged to our Account in the Wicklow Branch of the National Bank.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Loan of £2,000 for construction of Bridges at Tourboy and Kilcarney.
 Deed of Mortgage for Loan of £2,000 for the construction of Bridges at Tourboy and Kilcarney was submitted for Sealing.
 Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
 Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
 Resolved—That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £2,000 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Ireland) Acts.
 Passed unanimously.
 Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
 Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
 Resolved—That inasmuch as this Council does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Council but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require. It is resolved that the requisition for each advance shall be initiated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Council for the time being countersigned by the Secretary. And that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of said Commissioners and that all such advances shall be lodged to our Account in the Wicklow Branch of the National Bank.
 Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis.
 The Council noted the circular letter, dated 19th December, 1946, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health concerning precautions taken in dealing with an outbreak of Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis (Infantile Paralysis); copy of the Circular had forwarded to each member of the Council.
Item No. 8—Revision of Scales of remuneration for Nursing Staff.
 The Secretary referred to letter dated 28th November 1946, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health in which the recommendations of the Minister for improvements in the standard of remuneration and conditions of employment of Nursing Staffs were set out.
 A copy of the letter had been forwarded to each member of the Council.
 The Secretary stated that the adoption of the Scales recommended would involve an increase on the current year's Estimate of £304, and in a full year an increase of £1,329.
 Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;
 Seconded by Councillor S. Dunne;
 Resolved—That we approve of the application of the revised scales for Nurses and Midwives as set out in the circular dated 28th November 1946 and we authorise an expenditure of £304 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's estimate to meet the cost of the increased scale.
 Passed unanimously.

Application for Employment as Carter:
 The Chairman read a letter received by him from Mr. James Duffy, Newtownmountkennedy, requesting employment as a Carter in the Newtownmountkennedy District.
 Following a discussion the matter was referred to the County Engineer, and the letter marked "Noted."
Item No. 9—Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes: Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme.
 The County Manager stated that a Preliminary Report had been received from the Consultant in connection with the proposed Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme.

The Manager submitted an outline of the Consultant's report. The Consultant had investigated all possible sources of supply in the neighbourhood of Wicklow, and considered that the most suitable supply could be obtained from the Vartry River or from Corporation of Dublin Supply at Roundwood.
 The cost of the necessary works to provide a supply from the Vartry River was estimated at £23,000. This supply would serve Ashford, Rathnew and Wicklow Town. The Consultant considered that a separate supply should be obtained for Glensally from the Barnbawn River—the cost of this supply being estimated at £4,000.
 The Manager pointed out that the supply to the town of Wicklow had proved to be insufficient in past years, and that an improved supply was required for Rathnew consequent on an increase in the number of houses to be served. The cost of the Regional Scheme would have to be apportioned between Wicklow Urban District and the County Health District. A difficulty remained with regard to the proposed use of the Vartry river since there was at present a discharge from the filtration works at Roundwood into this river, and the Dublin Corporation claimed certain rights over the Vartry River. This question is being investigated with the Corporation.

In referring to Water Supply Schemes generally the County Manager asked that the Council might review their decision in regard to a supply for Brittas. The Manager pointed out that District was being developed at the present time, there was a number of hotels in the area, and it is to be expected many more houses would be erected there in coming years.
 The Council noted the Consultant's Report on the Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme, and the Chairman directed that the question of a Water Supply for Brittas be made an item on the Agenda for the next Meeting.

Inquiries Arising out of Manager's Orders
Home Assistance.—Councillors C. W. Hudson and J. Everett, T.D., gave particulars of rates of assistance allowed in certain cases in the Wicklow District, and stated that the allowances granted were inadequate, whilst in some instances assistance had been discontinued.
 Councillor P. McCarthy referred to similar cases in Arklow District.

The County Manager stated that he examined carefully all applications for Assistance. Whilst taking into account the degree of want he had also to have regard to the funds available for assistance. In addition regard must be had to the total income to the household from all sources. Provisional Assistance could always be allowed by the Assistance Officer immediately in cases of urgent need. He stated that it was incorrect to say that any special instruction was issued to Assistance Officers recently to reduce the amounts allowed. If the names and particulars of the cases mentioned by the Councillors were submitted, he would have them investigated.

Kilcoole Dispensary.
 Councillor W. Lawless inquired whether a decision had been reached on a site for a new Dispensary at Kilcoole.

The County Manager stated that the Law Agent was making inquiries in respect of a proposed transfer to the County Council of a plot offered by the Representative Church Body for the purpose of building a Dispensary and a School.

Councillors W. Lawless stated that in his opinion the site suggested was unsuitable.

Tenders for the Supply of Potatoes.
 As suggested by Councillor W. Hammond the Manager stated he would arrange for quotations for the supply of potatoes in future to be at a rate per stone, instead of per barrel.

Milk Supply.

In reply to Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey in regard to the Department's letter giving particulars of the examination of samples of milk supplied from County Wicklow to certain Dublin firms, the County Manager stated that the Council had received complaints that cans used for conveying milk to city wholesalers and retailers, were often returned to the suppliers in a dirty condition. Under the Milk and Dairies Act, the cans should be cleaned before being returned. The Department had been informed.

Repairs to Cottages at Carnew.

Several Councillors referred to the high cost of repairs to cottages at Carnew, which had been completed in recent years. The Manager gave particulars of the cost of repairs to old cottages, and new cottages, which showed that the average cost of repairs to new cottages was reasonable.

The County Engineer was asked to report as to the reasons for the amount of repairs required to the cottages at Carnew.

Secondary and Vocational Schools Scholarship Scheme, 1947.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
 Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That, subject to the approval of the Minister, we adopt a scale of Means Test for the Council's Secondary and Vocational Schools Scholarship Scheme for 1947, similar to that adopted for the University Scholarship Scheme for 1947.

Passed unanimously.
 The Secretary submitted, for the approval of the Council the following list of applications received from Candidates under the Council's Secondary and Vocational Schools Scholarship Scheme for the year 1947.

The Secretary pointed out that five of the candidates did not comply with the requirements of the Scheme, as circularised, in regard to Means of parents or guardians.

Having regard to the resolution now passed, it was
 Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.;

Resolved—That we approve of the applications for permission to compete under the Council's Secondary and Vocational Schools Scholarship Scheme for the year 1947 as submitted to this Meeting.

SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, 1947. RURAL AREA.

Name	School Address	Home Address	Date of Birth	Observations of Co. Secretary
Brennan, James Michael	C.B.S., Greystones	2, Marine Tce., Greystones	30/11/34	
Brosnan, John Jeremiah	do.	Grove Cottage, Redford, Greystones	3/2/1935	
Cox, Patrick Gerard	Dunlavin N.B.S.	Dunlavin	2/5/1935	Baptismal Cert.
Callen, Charles V.	Rathcoyle Nat. S.	Killamoate, Rathdangan	23/1/1934	
Doyle, Robert Christopher	C.B.S., Greystones	95, Blacklion, Greystones	19/12/1933	
Garvey, Patrick Gerard	St. Joseph's N.S. Templaraine, Arklow	12, Upper Main St., Arklow	17/8/1933	No Birth Cert.
Hayden, John Patrick	C.B.S., Greystones	Novara, Blacklion, Greystones	30/3/1935	
Lavery, James Francis	B.N.S., Dunlavin	Dunlavin	13/9/1933	
Martin, James Joseph	C.B.S., Greystones	13 Mill Bank Cottage, Greystones	9/8/1933	
Murphy, Joseph Thomas	do.	17, Blacklion, Greystones	20/9/1933	
O'Neill, James Philip	Brittas Bay N.S.	Ennerelly, Arklow	6/12/1934	
Spellman, Kieran F. M.	C.B.S., Greystones	Marine House, Greystones	14/8/1935	
Timmins, Peter Patrick	Baltinglass N.S.	Baltinglass	10/3/1934	
Whiston, William P.	C.B.S., Greystones	Redford, Greystones	7/3/1934	
Ahearne, Nora Mary	Donard N.S.	Donard	2/2/1934	
Barron, Mary Clare	St. Therese's School Presentation Convent Baltinglass	Stratford-on-Slaney Grangecon	3/8/1933	Exceeds Means Test
Byrne, Mary Bridget	Dunlavin N.S.	Church Road, Dunlavin	22/2/1934	
Byrne Rebecca B.	Tyneclash N.S.	Borklemore, Kiltegan	17/9/1934	Baptismal Cert.
Byrne, Mary Monica	St. Mary's N.S. Blessington	Burgage, Blessington	3/5/1934	
Byrne, Bernadette Catherine	Rathcoyle N.S. Rathdangan	Tourboy, Blessington	31/5/1934	
Copeland, Bridget M. E.	Dunlavin N.S.	Uppertown, Dunlavin	10/5/1934	
Deering, Maureen Concepta	do.	Milltown, Dunlavin	3/12/1935	
Fleming, Bridget M.	do.	Tober Ln., Dunlavin	25/7/1934	
Field, Mary	Convent of Mercy N.S., Rathdrum	Ballyhad, Rathdrum	31/5/1934	
Keddy, Kathleen	St. Brigid's N.S., Greystones	Grove Cottages, Redford, Greystones	5/10/1934	
Lee, Aileen Teresa	Aughrim Girls' N.S.	Aughrim	24/1/1934	
O'Reilly, Mary, Concepta	St. Brigid's N.S., Greystones	Blacklion, Greystones	5/12/1933	Exceeds Means Test

SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, 1947. URBAN AREA.

Name	School Address	Home Address	Date of Birth	Observations of Co. Secretary	Decision of Co. Council
Crinnion, Patrick Joseph	St. Cronan's N.S., Bray	26, Boghall Road, Bray	15/11/1934		
Devin, Gerald	do.	do.	4/2/1934	No Forms or Birth Cert.	
Dillon, John	St. Patrick's Academy, Arklow	3, Lower Main St., Arklow	12/5/1934	Over Means Test No Birth Cert. No Med. Cert. No Reference	
Farrell, Leo James	St. Cronan's N.S., Bray	83, O'Byrne Road, Bray	15/10/1933		
Haughton, Gabriel F.	St. Joseph's College, Wicklow	Dunbur Road, Wicklow	3/9/1934		
Hayden, John	St. Cronan's N.S., Bray	do.	29/1/1934	No Forms or Birth Cert.	
Kehoe, Finbarr G.	St. Joseph's College, Wicklow	St. Enda's, Dunbur Rd., Wicklow	26/3/1934		
Kelly, James	St. Cronan's N.S., Bray	17, Wolfe Tone Sq., Bray	16/4/1934	No Birth Cert.	
Kennedy, Thomas C.	St. Patrick's Academy, Arklow	6, Beresford Tce., Arklow	9/10/1933		
McCabe, Uitan John	St. Patrick's Academy, Arklow	32, Ferrybank, Arklow	11/9/1933	Over Means	
McCarthy, Anthony Brian	St. Patrick's Academy, Arklow	do.	26/11/1934		
Mooney, John	St. Cronan's N.S., Bray	86, Rory O'Connor Place, Arklow	23/9/1933		
O'Brien, Seamus	do.	8, Wolfe Tone Sq. W., Bray	26/6/1935		
O'Brien, Maurice Chr.	do.	6, St. Aidan's Tce., Bray	15/8/1934	Baptismal Cert.	
O'Malley, Leonard	do.	1 Marine Villas, Bray	15/9/1934		
Phillips, Andrew	St. Joseph's College, Wicklow	4 Urban Vills, Wicklow	13/11/1933	Form not signed by parent	
Savage, Anthony	St. Cronan's N.S., Bray	do.	2/8/1934	No Forms or Birth Cert.	
Sherry, Christopher L.	do.	45, Wolfe Tone Sq. Nth., Bray	11/11/1934		
Toal, Robert Jerome	Presentation College, Bray	5a Quinsboro' Rd., Bray	30/9/1935		
Brierton, Isabel	St. Philomena's, Ravenswell, Bray	3, St. Kevin's Tce., Bray	26/8/1933		
Ivory, Elizabeth M.	do.	58, Connolly Square, Bray	6/12/1933		
Murray Eileen B.	Dominican Convent, Dun Laoghaire	30, Duncairn Avenue, Bray	27/1/1934	Over Means	
Murphy, Noelina C.	Loreto Convent, Bray	Aughrim	24/12/1933		
Pyke, Doreen	St. Philomena's, Ravenswell, Bray	53, Wolfe Tone Sq West, Bray	3/2/1934	No Birth Cert.	

The County Secretary stated he would forward the Council's Resolution amending the Scheme to the Department, and request that applicants complying with the amended Scale of Means Test be allowed to compete for Scholarships.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that applications be carefully checked to ensure that students attending schools in Rural areas were actually living in Rural Areas.

Cottages at Ballywaltrim.

Councillor W. Lawless requested that he be furnished with particulars of Doctors' recommendations on the applications for tenancy of cottages at Ballywaltrim.

The Manager stated he would make these particulars available to Councillor Lawless, or to any other Councillor who required them.

The Chairman inquired whether it would be possible to consult the Councillors in the respective areas prior to allocating cottages. The Manager stated that he would like to be in a position to comply with this request, but that where there was a large number of applications it might lead to some delay in letting. However, if at any time any members of the Council wished to make representations regarding particular applications they would certainly receive careful attention.

Tinahely Courthouse.

The Chairman stated the Parish Committee in Tinahely wished to make use of the Courthouse at Tinahely for the purpose of holding social functions. The Committee wished to know if the Council could lease the Courthouse to the Committee on the understanding that the Committee would maintain the premises in repair and have it available for holding Courts.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle;

Resolved—That the Manager investigate the possibility of leasing the Courthouse at Tinahely to a local parish Committee for parochial purposes.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10: Flooding at Boghall Road.

The Secretary read Report of County Engineer dated 27th December, 1946, in relation to the flooding which had occurred in the vicinity of Boghall Road, as a result of which the Council's cottages were flooded. The County Engineer stated in his report that, having regard to the extent of the recent flooding, he would recommend the construction of a larger Road Bridge to take the streams which concentrate at that point, during bad weather. He submitted a plan of the proposed drainage, including details of new reinforced concrete Bridge. He estimated cost of the Bridge was £500, and the estimated total all-in cost was £1,200.

The Chairman read letter received by him from Councillor H. J. Byrne regretting his inability to attend the Meeting on account of illness. In his letter, Councillor Byrne stressed the necessity for immediate action to abate the flooding of these cottages, and gave particulars of the damage caused by the recent flooding. Councillors P. Ledwidge and S. Dunne and the County Manager also referred to the urgency of the matter.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor S. Dunne;

Resolved—That we approve of the County Engineer's proposal for works to remedy flooding at Boghall Road, Bray, and authorize the raising of a loan of £1,200 to cover the cost of the works.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11: Roads Survey.

The Secretary read letter dated 5th December, 1946, received from the Local Government Department, referring to circular letter addressed to County Surveyors in regard to the giving effect to the recommendation contained in the Report on Standards for the Classification and Layout of Roads. The Department stated that a Report should be obtained from the County Engineer as to the temporary staff required for the carrying out of the survey mentioned in the circular. In the circular referred to, the County Engineer was directed to prepare a survey of a limited mileage of Main Roads for the purpose of estimating the cost of improving these Roads to the standard appropriate to their estimated 1970 traffic. A Survey was also necessary for the purpose of controlling the erection of new buildings which might obstruct new roads or road widenings.

The County Secretary stated that two temporary Engineers had been engaged on the preparation of Post-Emergency Road Schemes. One of these Engineers had recently resigned on obtaining an appointment as Assistant Engineer with another County. The County Engineer stated that he would be able to undertake the survey required if an Engineer were appointed to replace the officer who had resigned, and if the other temporary Engineer were retained for a further period.

The County Manager stressed the necessity of having such surveys completed without delay so that the Council might be in a position to avail of future Road Improvement Grants.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Resolved—That we approve of the employment of two temporary Engineers for the preparation of Road Surveys on certain Main Roads, as recommended by the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13: Road at Oldcourt Park, Bray.

The County Secretary read the following report received from the County Medical Officer of Health:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL—PUBLIC HEALTH SECTION.
County Home,
Rathdrum,
December 17th, 1946.

The County Secretary,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

A Chara,

I have received your letter of the 13th December, 1946, on the above subject, and to-day I inspected the road again. Its condition has deteriorated since my last inspection. The whole surface is broken and is covered with large potholes. At the bend towards the Killarney Road end, a small stream is running across the road, and about 100 yards from the Boghall Road end, there are several large semi-permanent pools.

To remedy these defects, it would not be sufficient merely to repair the road surface. It would also be necessary to widen the road (which is much too narrow) and to instal drains, culverts, etc., to carry away the rain water. This, however, is an engineering matter with which I am not competent to deal.

The amenities of the inhabitants would be greatly improved if the road were repaired, but I am unable to certify that the conditions I have described constitute a danger to public health.

Mise, le meas,

G. P. G. BECKETT,
County M.O.H.

Councillor S. Dunne stated he was not satisfied with the report of the County Medical Officer of Health, and that he proposed to raise the matter again at the Road Works Estimate Meeting.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.; seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe, the Council passed a Resolution congratulating Mr. J. Brazil, Law Agent, and Dr. Lyons, Medical Officer, Baltinglass District Hospital, on their recovery from recent serious illness.

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

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A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 3rd February, 1947, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of considering the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the year 1947/48.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors P. McCarthy, H. J. Byrne, Liam O Laoighle's, J. Everett, T.D.; C. W. Hudson, William Clarke, and Joseph Jacob. The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, was in attendance. The County Engineer and Assistant Engineers A. N. Dillon, J. P. Caffrey and R. L. Farrell, were also present.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors F. Ledwidge and S. Dunne.

Resolution of Sympathy:

Councillor P. McCarthy referred to the recent death of Ald. James Larkin, who was an outstanding figure in the Irish Labour Movement, and proposed a resolution of sympathy with his relatives.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That we, the members of Wicklow County Council, have heard with deep regret of the death of Alderman James Larkin, Trades Union Leader, and outstanding figure in the Irish Labour Movement, and we hereby extend to the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed unanimously.

Wicklow-Arklow Road:

Councillor P. McCarthy referred to Grant Works being carried out by the County Council at Ardinary, some five miles distant from Arklow Urban District Boundary, and stated that this Grant had been transferred from the Urban Council to the County Council. He pointed out that though men to be employed would be recruited from the Urban District they would not receive the appropriate Urban Rate of Pay.

The County Manager explained that this Grant had been allocated to the County Council, a condition of the Grant being that the men would be recruited from the Employment Exchange at Arklow. Arrangements had been made for the transport of the men by lorry from Arklow to the work.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That the Urban rate of wages be paid to workers from Arklow Urban District employed on Grant Works at Ardinary.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—In the event of Urban Workers of Arklow being called to work on the Arklow-Wicklow Road, we direct that it be conditional on the Urban Trade Union rate of wages being paid, and that the Urban Workers are brought by lorry to and from their place of employment.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager stated that he would inquire from the Department if the Urban Rate of Wages might be paid to workers engaged on this Grant.

Provisional Road Works Scheme:

The Council considered the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the year ending 31st March, 1948, and the following report, prepared by the County Engineer:—

COPY OF COUNTY ENGINEER'S REPORT ON ROAD WORKS SCHEME, 1947/48 TO COUNTY MANAGER.

The Provisional Road Works Scheme for the financial year ended 31st March, 1948, is herewith presented. The Scheme provides for the largest amount of Surface Dressing so far undertaken by the County Council; the programme estimated aims at completing almost twice the amount of Surface Dressing as was completed last year.

Your attention is directed to the following figures in regard to Road Milages in County Wicklow:—

Main Roads	261 miles	Tar Dressed—226 miles originally
County Roads	880 miles	Tar Dressed—96 "
Total	1,141 miles	Total—322 "

No surface dressing was carried out during the years 1941-45 inclusive, with the result that in 1946, all tarred surfaces were in urgent need of renewal and some were rapidly breaking up.

Despite very bad weather and a shortage of tar and machinery, we succeeded in restoring over 80 miles of the worst stretches of tarred surfaces in 1946. This year's estimate provides for a further 160 miles. With favourable weather and normal tar deliveries, about 75 per cent. of the Tarred Roads in the County should be renewed by October, 1947. The position will then be:—

(1) Tarred Surfaces still to be renewed	82 miles.
(2) Complete tarring of Main Roads	35 miles.
(3) Renew surfaces tarred in 1946/47	40 miles.
(4) Tar Dress important County Roads not yet tarred	152 1/2 miles.
Total	315 1/2 miles.

The Local Government Department has asked that complete restoration of all surfaces be carried out in two or not more than three years—1946, 1947 and 1948.

The following figures indicate the 1947 Programme briefly:—

Square yards Tar Dressing estimated	1,628,644 sq. yds.
Tar required for Tar Dressing and minor repairs	2,966 tons.
Chips required	33,000 cu. yds.

In the 1947/48 estimates, provision is made for Special Restoration Works and repairs as follows:—

North-East Area:

- (1) Sally Gap-Roundwood Road—Rolling 1 mile.
- (2) Ballyduff-Roundwood Road—Rolling 1 mile.

Those roads carry very heavy traffic, especially during the Turf Season.

- (3) Enniskerry-Glencree Road—Rolling 1 mile.

This is an important Tourist Road. I suggest it should be regarded as a Main Road.

- (4) Ashford-Glendalough Road—Rolling 1 1/2 miles.

This is also an important Tourist Route.

- (5) Rolling Roads in Rathnew Village—1 mile.
- (6) Kilcool-Newtown Road—Rolling 1 mile.

This County Road carries heavy traffic.

South-Eastern Area:

- (1) Re-alignment of two corners on Main Road at Rathdrum.
- (2) Widen 600 yards of Wicklow-Arklow Road South of Jack White's.
- (3) Ease corner at Ballymoney, Arklow, Wicklow-Arklow Road near Arklow.
- (4) Re-surface Gorey Road, Arklow town.
- (5) Widen 1/2 mile on Aughrim-Rathdrum Road. This is a new Bus Route.
- (6) Provide adequate drainage at Sheane.

Southern Area:

- (1) Restoration and reconstruction of the Aughrim-Tinahely Road, from Kilavaney towards Mucklagh.
- This road is in urgent need of repair and carries very heavy traffic since the closing of the Railway.
- (2) Rolling 1 mile of the Tinahely-Knockananna Road.
 - (3) Widening carriageway on Tinahely-Shillelagh Road; urgent in view of heavy traffic.
 - (4) Rolling Road No. 221—Carnew to Clonegal.
 - (5) Surfacing road at two corners on Shillelagh-Tullow Road.
 - (6) Restore surface at Kilquiggan.

Western Area:

In this area, a large programme of Tar Dressing is provided for. Provision is made in respect of special works for the Dunlavin-Grange Con Road (Loan of £2,000) and for the re-grading of the Dunlavin-Merginstown Road as a Main Road. An estimate for the reconstruction of this road is being prepared and application for a Road Fund Grant will be made in due course.

The Ballinagee-Wicklow Gap-Glendalough Road is at present being repaired. A special Road Fund Grant of £4,374 has been provided for portion of this Road.

The present policy of the Local Government Department in regard to road repairs, is that a special effort should be made to re-align corners, widen existing surfaces and endeavour to secure a high standard of road surface. Attention must also be given to the important County Routes where it is desirable that a dust-free surface be provided.

In 1946/47 the amount allowed for repairs was	£93,364
Grants totalled	£54,165
Amount levied on Rates for Repairs	£39,199
1947/48 amount estimated for Repairs	£152,655
Appropriate Grants on this amount	£103,656
Amount to be levied on Rates for Repairs	£48,999
This is, for an addition £9,800 on Rates, a further expenditure of £59,291 is possible.	

Improvements:

Provision is made for the usual contribution towards Employment or Improvement Grants already notified or anticipated.

Loan Repayments:

In this connection, I would like to bring to your notice the large increase in the Capital Charges over the last few years. In 1940/41, cost of Loan Repayments was only £464. The amount which has to be set aside in 1947/48 is almost 8 times the figure at £3,457. It would, therefore, seem that further Capital Expenditure should be deferred until some, at least, of the present Loan Charges expire.

Contingencies:

In 1946/47, Excess Expenditure had to be allowed due to the damage caused by flooding during August and September. Provision under this heading at £1,000 shows an increase of £400.

Wicklow-Arklow Road:

The Department has notified further Grants amounting to £2,726, subject to local contributions of £1,364 for the completion of the Ardarairey Section of this route. The figure £2,726 is made up of two parts, viz.: (1) Grant £1,126 notified on 19/10/1946, and (2) Grant £1,600 notified on 28/12/46.

The work on Grant £1,126 was started and the amount must be expended before 31/3/1947. As soon as this section is completed, further representations will be made and I believe, successfully, for financial assistance to complete the Silver Strand Section. The plans, Sections and Estimate (amounting to £20,500) have already been submitted to the Department.

General:

You will have noticed earlier in my report that almost 3,000 tons of tar are required for next year's Tarring Programme. It is desirable that at least 2,000 tons be on hands before April 1st, 1947, so as to ensure that no hold-up occurs in the programme of work. Last season progress was seriously hampered by shortage of tar during the latter part of June and July, no tar was available. Had tar been available at this time in sufficient quantities, we would have completed between 80 per cent. and 90 per cent. of the Tar Programme.

At 30th September, 1946, outstanding Orders for Tar with the Official Contractors amounted to almost 1,500 tons. During the past few months, supplies of Tar have been coming forward in a satisfactory manner and stocks are being accumulated throughout the county. I ask that the Council allow an over-expenditure of £7,000 for the purchase of tar before 1/4/1947.

As the amount of chips required for next year's Road Programme exceeds the capacity of the Council's Crushing Plant, it will be necessary to obtain supplies of chippings from Contractors in certain areas. Arrangements are being made to accumulate stocks of chippings in the Council's quarries, and I ask the Council's approval to an expenditure of £4,500 for this work. The excess expenditure of £12,000 this year will receive 90 per cent. Grants, leaving only £1,200 to be provided by way of rates.

There is still an outstanding item of £5,300 in connection with the Council's Harvest Scheme, and I ask that provision be made to deal with this account before the end of the year.

T. J. O'Byrne,
County Engineer.

1/1/1947.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D. inquired what provision was made in the Scheme for the payment of Road Workers, and stated that the Council should not consider the Scheme without further information on this point.

The County Manager, in reply, stated that he had considered the strong recommendations made by the Council for increases in wages of Road Workers. He pointed out that consequent on the revocation of the Emergency Powers Order controlling rates of wages, many applications had been received from Trade Union representatives for increased wages for workers generally. The Minister's sanction was still required as regards increases in remuneration to officers and employees of a local authority. It had been the policy to relate the wages of Road Workers to those of Agricultural Workers, and accordingly rates now paid to Road Workers were 47s. 6d. in one section of the County, and 44s. in the rest of the County, which rates correspond with the wages of Agricultural Workers in these areas.

The Rates of Wages payable to Council Workers in 1939 were: 37s. 6d. per week in Rathdown Area; 32s. 6d. and 30s. per week in other parts of the County. Having regard to the increases in the cost of living between 1939 and the present date, the County Manager stated he was prepared to recommend a rate of 52s. per week for Road Workers in Rathdown Area, and 50s. per week for Road Workers in the rest of the County. These rates represented increases of approximately 40 per cent. and 66 per cent. on the 1939 rates.

The proposed increases for other classes of employees were as follows:—

	1939 Rate	Proposed Rate
Carters ..	10s. per day	15s. per day.
Roller Drivers ..	60s. per week	90s. per week
Lorry Drivers ..	55s. per week	82s. 6d. per week.
Road Overseers ..	60s. per week	90s. per week
Charge Hands ..	5s. per week	7s 6d. per week
	(Allowance)	(Allowance)

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke;
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

Resolved—That we approve of the provision made in the Road Works Scheme for Main Roads and County Roads maintenance, as submitted by the County Engineer.

Passed unanimously.

The Council proceeded to discuss the sum to be provided for improvements to Main and County Roads.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D. referred to the necessity for reconstruction of footpaths from Newtown to Killadreenan, and in Wicklow Town, and for the easing of the corner at White Horse Inn, Newtownmountkennedy.

The Council decided, however, that improvement works should be limited in the coming year, so that full advantage might be taken of the substantial Grants at present available from the Road Fund towards maintenance of Main and County Roads.

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke;
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That we provide £1,521 for local contributions to Improvement Grants on Main Roads and £2,399 for local contributions to Improvement Grants, etc., on County Roads, and that we recommend that in submitting Schemes for which Special Grants will be made available, Councillors' proposals should be taken into account.

Passed unanimously.

University Scholarship Scheme:

Councillor J. Everett referred to the provision in the Council's University Scholarship Scheme for the current year, fixing an age not exceeding 18 years as the maximum age for children for the purpose of the Means Clause in the Scheme. He suggested that since children up to the age of 19 years were permitted to compete under the Scheme, the same age limit should apply for the purposes of the Means qualification.

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

Resolved—That we recommend that Clause 2 of the Scheme as adopted for the year 1947, be amended by the substitution of the words "under 19 years of age" for the words "under 18 years of age," in the definition of children referred to in the clause.

Passed unanimously.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 17th February, 1947.

The Meeting had been postponed from the previous Monday, 10th February, on account of the difficulty of travelling due to a snowstorm.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, Patrick Doyle, T. Brennan, T.D.; B. Farrell, Wm. Cleary, J. J. Metcalfe, John O'Reilly, P. P. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Edwd. Byrne, Seán Dunne, Liam O Laoighleis, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, W. Clarke and Joseph Jacob.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, was in attendance. The County Engineer, and Assistant Engineers J. P. Caffrey, B.E., P. J. Foley, B.E., A. N. Dillon, B.E., and R. L. Farrell, B.E., were also present.

The Estimates Meeting of the Council was due to be held on the same date, 17th February, 1947, and the Council decided to deal with the more urgent matters on the Agenda of the ordinary Meeting before proceeding with the Estimates Meeting.

BUSINESS:

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 March on the County Council's General Account, and (b) Overdraft Accommodation on the Turf Production Account for the same month.
3. To consider letter dated 4th February, 1947, from the Department of Lands re Fuel Supply.
4. Water and Sewerage Schemes:—
 - (i) To consider County Engineer's report and estimate of improvements to Annamoe Water Supply.
 - (ii) To consider provision of water and sewerage scheme for Brittas.
5. To consider report on the demolition of Shillelagh and Baltinglass Workhouses.
6. Provision of Tar and chippings for coming year's Roads Scheme at cost of £15,000. Authorisation of excess expenditure for this purpose.
7. To authorise the raising of a further Loan of £7,000 for the purchase of Road Machinery.
8. To consider Petition received in relation to the roadway from Newcastle Church to Tighlin on the Newcastle-Wicklow Road, and the County Engineer's Report thereon.
9. To consider Resolutions from Cork County Council and Sligo County Council, requesting an increase in the present rate of Old Age Pensions and Widows' and Orphans' Pensions.
10. To consider Minutes of Annual General Meeting of the County Council's General Council.
11. To consider appointment of three persons as members of Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.
12. To consider the Resolution from Aughrim Branch, Cothrom na Feinne, requesting a reduction in rents of labourers' cottages where sole income of the tenant is derived from Old Age Pension.
13. To consider Resolution from Cavan County Council in relation to cost of new public works.
14. To consider Circular letter No. 14/47, dated 24/1/47, from Department of Local Government re adoption of bye-law to control the use of loudspeakers, etc., in public places.
15. Inquiries arising out of County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign the Minutes of Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on the 13th January, 1947.
Passed unanimously.

Bread Rationing—Farm Workers.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;
Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle;
Resolved—That that farm workers be given an extra ration of bread under present rationing scheme.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Overdraft Accommodation General Account.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. 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., 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 March, 1947, shall not exceed £47,000.
Passed unanimously.

Overdraft Accommodation—Turf Production Account.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. 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., Wicklow, for such financial assistance by way of temporary overdraft hereby direct that the maximum amount for the month of March, 1947, shall not exceed £4,000.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Fuel Supply.

The following letter, received from the Department of Lands in reference to the recent deputation from the Council to the Department in connection with the supply of fuel for the County, and in particular for the Urban Districts of Wicklow and Arklow, was read:—

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS,

Upper Merrion Street,
Dublin.

4 Feabra, 1947.

A Chara,

I am desired by the Minister for Lands to State that he has made inquiries in regard to the steps that might be taken by his Department to deal with the representations made recently by a deputation consisting of the Chairman of your Co. Council, Deputies Brennan and Everett, and Mr. P. McCarthy representing the Arklow Urban District Council, who were accompanied by you, in connection with resolutions passed by the Wicklow County Council urging that timber fuel be made available in Co. Wicklow and especially for the Towns of Arklow and Wicklow.

The Deputation was informed that this Department was not preventing or delaying the grant of Felling Licences in respect of any genuine applications for the cutting of firewood timber in County Wicklow. In the past five years (up to 31st December, 1946), 2,050 Felling Notices were received by the Forestry Division from that County. 1,382 such Notices affecting 12,605 trees were passed unconditionally. 668 Notices affecting 222,677 trees were prohibited pending inspection, and licences were issued for the great majority of these. There are no recent instances in which felling was prohibited where the purposes of the felling were genuinely shown to be concerned with the provision of firewood from firewood timber. No difficulty or delay exists where only a small number of trees is concerned, and the Forestry Division is sympathetically disposed in the granting of licences for the felling of firewood timber required to meet the existing fuel situation.

The Forestry Division, as you are aware, has no statutory responsibility or function in regard to the provision of fuel. It could not give directions to owners of standing timber about the disposal of their property. The legislation administered by the Division requires the exercise of care and discretion in respect of the retention of shelter belts, the preservation of immature timber and scenic amenities, etc. Under the provisions of an Emergency Powers Order administered by the Department of Defence, trees growing within 30' of the centre of roads, avenues, etc., may not be felled. Outside these and other minor restrictions there is no insuperable barrier to the provision of firewood from growing stocks of suitable timber in private ownership, subject to compliance with the statutory requirement that Felling Licences are obtained in the ordinary course.

An immense amount of firewood fuel has already been provided as a contribution to the nation's fuel from the Department's own stocks of standing timber. Arising out of the representations made by the deputation, firewood blocks are now being made available for the Wicklow area from Rathnew Forest and for the Arklow Area from Woodenbridge. Extraction of the material from Rathnew was held up by a gap in the communicating road, but it is understood that an alternative way out for its extraction is obtainable from an adjoining land owner. A sawmill is accordingly being sent to Rathnew immediately and blocks will be available for sale in the Wicklow area at an early date.

It is suggested that the firewood logs that are being made available by the forester at Woodenbridge should be purchased either directly by or indirectly for the Arklow Urban Council. If the Council should notify the Forestry Division that they are prepared to purchase the logs and that arrangements will be made by the Council for their collection and distribution, there should be no delay or difficulty in arranging for the availability of the material exclusively for people in need of firewood in Arklow.

In regard to the County Wicklow generally, the Forestry Division is arranging, with the resources at its disposal, to put as much firewood fuel as possible on the local market.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed): W. F. NALLY.

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,
County Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

The Council approved of the results achieved by the deputation. Councillors H. J. Byrne and S. Dunne pointed out that the people of Bray were also experiencing difficulty in obtaining supplies of fuel.

It was proposed by Councillor S. Dunne;
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
Resolved—That people owning timber should help by making it available to persons requiring it urgently at the present time; and that we request the Minister of Defence to amend the regulation prohibiting the felling of trees within 30 feet of roads. Further, that we call on residents in towns and villages to set up Fuel Committees to make approaches to owners of woods for the purpose of making trees available.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Water and Sewerage Schemes.

The Council decided to adjourn consideration of these matters to the next Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 5—Shillelagh and Baltinglass Workhouses.

The Council decided to adjourn consideration of this matter to next Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 6—Provision of Tar and Chippings for 1947/48 Road Works Scheme.

The Secretary stated that the County Engineer wished to have authority to expend the sum of £15,000 before the 31st March, 1947, on the purchase of tar and the preparation of chippings for use in connection with the coming year's Road Works Programme. The cost of these items was provided for in the Road Works Scheme, as already submitted to the Council.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;
Resolved—That we authorise an expenditure of £15,000 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates for Roads for the provision of chippings and the purchase of tar in anticipation of the coming year's Road Works Programme.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Road Machinery—Loan £7,000.

The Secretary stated that the sum of £7,486 9s. 1d. had been spent on the purchase of machinery to date, and that it was estimated that a further sum of £9,385 would become payable before the 31st March, 1947. The Council, at Meeting held on 9th December, 1946, had authorised the raising of a Loan of £10,000 for this purpose, and authority to raise a further Loan of £7,000 was now requested.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle;
Resolved—That we authorise the raising of a Loan of £7,000 from the Council's Treasurer for the purchase of Road Machinery.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Roadway from Newcastle Church to Tighlin.

The Council considered a Memorial received from residents on and users of the roadway from Newcastle Church to Tighlin in connection with the condition of the Road.

The County Engineer reported that the road was not maintained by the County Council. He stated that it was approximately 1½ miles in length, and that for about half its length the surface was rather bad, the rest being fair. The road was badly overgrown with bushes and briars, and a stream approximately 10 feet wide ran across the lane, but was bridged for about half its width. It would cost approximately £250 to repair the Lane.

The County Engineer stated that the lane was formerly repaired under a Minor Employment Scheme, and he did not recommend that the road be taken over by the County Council.

Following a discussion on the matter, the Council directed the County Engineer to make representations to the Board of Works for the carrying out of work on this Road by way of a Rural Improvement Scheme.

Item No. 9—Resolutions from Cork and Sligo County Councils in regard to Increase of Old Age Pensions.

The Council considered resolutions from Cork and Sligo County Councils in regard to increases in the present rate of Old Age Pensions and Widows' and Orphans' Pensions. On the proposal of Councillor S. Dunne, seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea, the Council adopted the Resolution submitted by Sligo County Council with the substitution of 20/- for 15/- and of the word "modify" for "remove" in relation to the Means Test.

Item No. 10—Minutes of Annual General Meeting of County Councils General Council.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the County Councils General Council were submitted to the Meeting, and were approved. The County Council directed that copy of the Minutes be circulated to each Member.

Item No. 11—Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

The following letter received from the Clerk to Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, was read:—

Town Hall,
Bray,
16 adh Eanáir, 1947.

K. J. Brangan,
Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Court House, Wicklow.

BRAY OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

Dear Sir,

At last Meeting of Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee a report was submitted in connection with the attendance of Members for the year ended 31st September, 1946, which showed that Messrs. Sean Dunne, Edward Byrne and W. Lawless had not attended any Meeting during the period, and that Rev. R. H. Gilmore had resigned, and the Committee recommended that the following persons be elected on the Committee in their stead:—

Mr. John Duffy, Vevay Stores, Bray;
Mr. J. Kenny, Shankill View, Bray;
Mr. A. J. Stewart, Florence Road, Bray.

Yours faithfully,
P. DEVITT,

Clerk to the Committee.

Councillors S. Dunne and W. Lawless pointed out that they found it difficult to attend Meetings of the Sub-Committee since they were held during the early afternoon. The Council decided to re-appoint Councillors S. Dunne, E. Byrne and W. Lawless, and directed that the Clerk to the Committee be requested to arrange an alternative time for Meetings, which would be more suitable to members.

Item No. 12.—Resolution from Aughrim Branch, Cothrom na Feinne re Reduction of Rents of Labourers' Cottages.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;
Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle;

That we recommend the Department of Local Government to agree to a 50% reduction in the rents of cottages occupied by Old Age Pensioners.

A discussion followed in the course of which the Manager pointed out that rents fixed were subject to the sanction of the Minister, and varied from 1/3d. up to 2/6d. per week.

Councillor P. McCarthy having withdrawn his proposal, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett;
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Resolved—That we provide an additional sum in the Estimates for Public Assistance to cover extra allowances to Old Age Pensioners. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Resolution from Cavan County Council re cost of New Public Works.

On the proposal of Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea, the Council adopted the resolution received from Cavan County Council requesting "that each County Council prepare a statement on the same lines as that prepared by Cavan County Council, indicating the estimated cost of new Works to be undertaken, and that the statement so prepared be referred to the General Council of County Councils in order that the latter body may consider requesting the Department of Local Government and Public Health to make a greater contribution towards the capital costs of these necessary Public Works."

Item No. 14—Control of Use of Loudspeakers, etc., in Public Places.

The Secretary read the following letter from the Department of Local Government:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
Custom House,
Dublin,
24 Eanáir, 1947.

Circular Letter No. 14/17.
A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that the use of loudspeakers or other amplifying apparatus on premises and on moving vehicles for advertising and other purposes has on occasion given rise to justified complaints from members of the public, and has been the subject of comment in the public Press. The unrestricted use of such apparatus may lead to accidents by distracting the attention of pedestrians crossing streets, drivers of vehicles and cyclists.

Borough Councils are empowered by Section 125 of the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840, to make bye-laws with respect to the Good Rule and Government of the Borough, which may include a provision dealing with the control of loudspeakers. Similar powers are given to County Councils by Section 16 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1938. Bye-laws of the nature suggested may be made by the County Council in respect of urban districts.

The Minister accordingly recommends that each Co. Council and Borough Council should consider whether the growing practice of using loudspeakers in public places for advertising purposes should be controlled by the adoption of an appropriate bye-law. A model clause suitable for adoption is enclosed for the consideration of the local authority.

The procedure in connection with the making of this bye-law is set out in Section 126 of the Act of 1840.

The decision of the local authority in this matter should be notified to this Department in due course.

Mise, le meas,

J. GARVIN,

Rúnaí Cunta,
each County Borough,
To the Secretary of the County Council,
To the Town Clerk of each Borough.

The County Secretary also read the model clause referred to in the Department's letter.

**The Council decided to mark the letter "Read."
Secondary and Vocational Schools Scholarship Scheme, 1947.**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. R. Barron, Teacher, Stratford-on-Slaney, regarding the rejection of the application of Maura C. Barron for permission to sit for the Examination under the Council's Secondary and Vocational Schools Scholarship Scheme, 1947. Mr. Barron drew attention to the provisions of the Scheme, whereby the Council might 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 did not comply with the Means Conditions. He asked that the Council take into account the fact that the girl's mother died six years ago, and that provision for her secondary education which would have been made had to be abandoned (i.e., Educational Endowment Policy); further, that heavy medical and surgical expenses had been incurred over a long period of years, and no savings could be effected. Mr. Barron also stated that no facilities existed in the locality for her secondary education as a day pupil.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell;

Resolved—That, having considered the representations made by Mr. R. Barron, we allow Miss Maura C. Barron to compete for a Scholarship under the Council's Scheme for 1947, subject to the approval of the Minister.
Passed unanimously.

Snowstorm.

Councillors P. P. O'Reilly, J. O'Reilly, J. J. Metcalfe and B. Farrell referred to the condition of roads in the Western District of the County, following the recent snowstorm. Councillors P. P. O'Reilly and John O'Reilly stated they had found it necessary to engage men to assist in clearing certain roads, and asked that the Council should authorise payment to such workers.

Councillor S. Dunne referred to work which had been carried out on the road between Blessington and Dublin by persons in Tinode District.

The County Manager stated that an unusual crisis had arisen as a result of an exceptional fall of snow combined with frost. He explained that it was absolutely impossible for the Council with the limited resources at its disposal, to clear all the roads, and stated that the Council had concentrated on keeping Main Roads open, and clearing roads to towns and villages. The County Manager also pointed out that it had been difficult to keep in touch with the various districts, due to a breakdown in telephone communications.

The County Engineer and Assistant Engineer P. J. Foley gave particulars of the work done in clearing roads in the Western area of the County.

The County Council, after discussion, agreed that if it were necessary to incur expenditure in excess of the provision made in Road Estimates, for the purpose of clearing roads of snow, they would be prepared to authorise it.

A Memorial was received by the Chairman from ratepayers in the Ballyknocken District, requesting that the County Engineer inspect the road leading from the Main County Road to the Quarries at Ballyknocken, and to put the road in proper repair. The Memorial also requested that the County Road be extended where necessary, and the extension maintained by the Council.

The Council referred the matter to the County Engineer for investigation.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle;

Resolved—That the Agreement between the Wicklow County Council and the Authorities of Dr. Steeven's Hospital, Dublin, and Sir Patrick Dunn's Hospital, Dublin, in connection with the provision of free treatment of Venereal Disease be sealed.
Passed unanimously.

The Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 17th February, 1947.

The following Members were present:—
 Councillor J. J. McCreagh, Chairman;
 Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, Patrick Doyle, T. Brennan, T.D.; B. Farrell, Wm. Cleary, J. J. Metcalfe, John O'Reilly, P. P. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Ed. Byrne, Sean Dunne, Liam O'Loighis, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, W. Clarke and Joseph Jacob.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, was in attendance. The County Engineer and Assistant Engineers A. N. Dillon, P. J. Foley, J. P. Caffrey and R. L. Farrell were also present. The Council considered the following Statement prepared by the County Manager and circulated to each member:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Co. Council Offices, Wicklow.

8th February, 1947.

To: The Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council.

ESTIMATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1947/48.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,
 Estimates of Expenses and Receipts for the year ending 31st March, 1948, together with Tables giving explanatory details are attached.

The total expenditure estimated for the coming year is £443,910. Receipts are estimated at £195,071.

The nett amount to be provided from Rates is £248,839. The corresponding figures in the Estimates for the current year were:—

Gross Expenditure	£346,050
Receipts	£128,285
Nett amount to be raised from Rates	£217,765

The increase, therefore, in the net amount requiring to be met from Rates in the coming year is £31,074.

The Agricultural Grant, which for the coming year will be the same as that available this year, cannot be taken into account in determining the rate in the £; the Grant is applied towards the relief of Rates on Agricultural Land when the rates on each agricultural holding are being assessed. In the year 1945-46 the amount of Agricultural Grant available to Wicklow County was £42,831; in the present year the State increased it to £70,362, and a similar sum will again be available in the coming year. The Primary Allowance available under the Agricultural Grant on first £20 of Valuation is equivalent to an abatement in rates of 11s. 12d. The Employment Allowance is given in respect of each male person between the ages of 17 and 70 employed continuously during the year on an agricultural holding. This allowance is given on Valuations of agricultural land in excess of £20. It is allowed at a rate of 10s. in the £ on a valuation of £13 in respect of each qualified male person continuously employed. In addition a Supplementary Allowance at rate of 3s. 8 1/2d. is payable in respect of all valuations of agricultural land in excess of £20. Later in this statement examples will be given of the relief in rates on agricultural holdings afforded by the Grant on the basis of the suggested rate of 18s. 1d. in the £.

When the Rates Estimates were under consideration at this time last year, there might have been some reason to expect that the abnormal difficulties experienced since 1939, which led to continuous increases in expenditure, would abate somewhat in the immediate future. In the event, however, the contrary has occurred. The supply position has not eased and in many instances has even become more difficult. Instead of a reduction in the general price level and in living costs there have been progressive increases. Regarding future trends the outlook at present is uncertain, and there is no evidence that an improvement may be expected in the immediate future.

The foregoing conditions have affected the costs of materials and all supplies required for the maintenance of the services for which the Council is responsible, and are reflected in the Estimates now submitted. Such conditions especially have influenced the trend of the Rates for Services in which materials and supplies form a substantial part of the outlay, such as in the maintenance of Institutions. It is of interest to compare the pre-war costs of some of the services in which marked changes have occurred in the meantime. In 1939-40 the rate for Public Assistance was 2s. 10d.; in the Estimates now submitted the rate included is 5s. 8d. Mental Hospitals in 1939-40 required a rate of 1s. 2d. in the £; in the coming year the rate is 2s. 2d.

COMPARISON OF RATES

The rates in the £ proposed for 1947/48 compare as follows with those levied in the current year:—

SERVICE	RATES IN THE £.		INCREASE (+) Decrease (-)
	1947/48	1946/47	
Roads	4/9 1/2	4/1 3/4	+7 1/2d.
Public Assistance	5/8 1/2	5/1 3/4	+6 1/2d.
Mental Hospitals	2/2	1/11d.	+3d.
Health	2/2 1/2	2/3 1/4	-1d.
Housing	1/8	1/8 3/4	-3d.
General Purposes	1/6 1/2	1 1/4	+1 1/5 1/2d.
	18/1	15/4d.	+2 7/8d.

The actual increases in amounts under each heading chargeable against the County Health District are:—

Roads	£8,762
Public Assistance	£7,445
Mental Hospitals	£3,033
Health Charges	£957
Housing	£40
General Purposes	£7,077

The application of balances accounts for slight reductions in the rates for Housing and Health Charges. For the same reason, although the actual increase for General Purposes Charges is equivalent to about 8d. in the £, the rate levy shows an increase of 1s. 5 1/2d. In 1946/47 credits were applied to the Charges for General Purposes for the purpose of reducing the Rate. Moreover certain expenditure (Fire Brigades and Public Lighting) has in pursuance of the new Public Bodies Order been transferred from Health Charges to General Purposes Charges.

INCREASE IN REMUNERATION.

At the outset it is necessary to explain that in the Estimates as now presented provision is made for increases in remuneration of all officers and employees of the Council. As already indicated to the Council, when the Road Works Scheme was under consideration, it

was proposed, subject to the sanction of the Minister, and to the agreement of the Council to increase the wages of Road Workers in the coming year. The proposed new rates, present rates, and rates paid in 1939, are set out hereunder:—

Class	Rates in 1939	Present Rates (inc. E. Bonus).	Proposed Revised Rates
General Workers	30/-	44/-	50/- per week
	32/6		
	37/6	47/6	52/- per week
Carters	10/- per day	13/- per day	15/- per day
Roller Drivers	60/- per week	69/6 per week	90/- per week
Road Overseers	60/- per week	78/6 per week	90/- per week
	70/- per week		
Lorry Drivers	55/- per week	64/6 per week	82/6 per week
	57/6 per week	67/- per week	
Charge Hands (Extra Allowance)	5/- per week	5/- per week	7/6 per week

The increases now proposed for Road Workers for a full year would be equivalent to a cost of £18,000 approximately. This increase, however, is not directly reflected in the Estimates. The result of the increases, if allowed would be that of the total sum provided for Roads in the coming year £18,000 more would be absorbed in Wages—that is, the outlay on Materials, etc., would be reduced by this sum. It would, of course, also result in a diminution of the area of road surfaces treated. The only manner in which such a reduction could be offset would be by an increased output from the workers. By greater attention to organisation, more expeditious delivery of supplies, and availing to the fullest extent of the additional and improved types of plant available, a certain amount of the loss might possibly be obviated.

The increases set out above would bring the wages of Road Workers above the level of those of Agricultural Labourers in the County. As the Council is aware it has been the policy to relate the wages of Road Workers to the rates of remuneration determined by the Agricultural Wages Board for Agricultural Labourers. In view of the great necessity for ensuring adequate food production it has been considered advisable to fix such rates of wages for Road Workers as would not lead to a diversion of labour from agricultural work. The securing of adequate production from the land is a matter of primary concern, and it is understandable that policy must be so framed as to prevent any diminution in output. The matter is one requiring delicate adjustment in many respects and it is evident that the wages rates will not only effect the level of agricultural production costs and the ultimate cost to the consumer, but also may have an important bearing on output. If differential rates of wages apply to agricultural workers and other workers in rural areas, then there may be a resultant diversion of labour from agricultural work. Again it is essential to avoid fixing Agricultural Wages at rates which might discourage production. If either of these situations were to arise the consequences for the community would be grave.

From details later given in this Report it will be evident that the greater part of the expenditure on Roads in the coming year will be met from State Funds as a result of very substantial subventions to Roads expenditure which are being made available. Consequently it is only to be expected that the central authority which provides such Grants should have a voice in determining the manner and the conditions under which they are to be spent. However, since it was the opinion of the Council that regard should be had to their frequent recommendations in this matter, it has been decided to submit for approval a revision of road workers wages in the manner set out above.

The Estimates also include provision for the remuneration of other staffs in the employment of the Council. Since the revocation last year of the Emergency Powers Orders controlling rates of remuneration continuous applications have been received from Officers and Employees Unions for increases. At its meeting on 9th December, 1946, the Council recommended that the scales of remuneration for officers in the employment of the Council might be reviewed with a view to making increases. In the meantime the salary scales of Nursing Staffs have been revised with the agreement of the Council. Having regard to this recommendation and to increases which have been allowed to other persons in public employment, and to increases which have been allowed by many statutory corporations, public companies and other employers, it has been decided to include in the Estimates now submitted for your consideration provision for increases to officers and servants of the Council.

Increases in remuneration are proposed on the following basis:

Class	Increase
Officers and employees with basic scales of remuneration the maximum of which is £300 or less	50%
Officers and employees with basic scales exceeding £300 but not exceeding £500	40%
Officers and employees with basic scales of remuneration exceeding £500 but not exceeding £700	33 1/3%
Officers and employees with basic scales of remuneration exceeding £700	25%

In computing the rates of increase to apply to part-time officers of the Council regard is to be had to: (a) Total income from all sources of employment; (b) proportion of total time devoted to service of Council.

The costs of these increases for a full year are included in the Estimates under the various charge headings, and are:—

Roads (other than Road Workers)	£341
Public Assistance	£4,515
Health	£1,935
Housing	£365
General Purposes	£1,783

The total cost, therefore, is estimated at £8,939 which is equivalent to a rate of about 7 1/2d. in the £. These increases are subject to the sanction of the Minister. In this connection again it must be borne in mind that some of the services to which the remuneration is chargeable are assisted by Grants from State Funds. It has been represented by the Unions in their applications for increases that such increases should be made retrospective, as they hold that increases thus far allowed by way of Emergency Bonus in recent years were inadequate to meet increased living costs. However, in view of the addition to the rate levy which such retrospective increases would entail provision for them has only been made as from 1st April next.

It is now necessary to give further details of the charges in the Estimates under the various headings, and to indicate variations between the demands for the coming year and expenditure in the current year.

ROADS.

The total cost of Main Road Repairs is £295,002, of which £75,340 will be recouped from the Road Fund. The provision for County Roads Repairs is £57,653, of which £28,317 will be met from State Grants. It is evident, therefore, that about 75% of the expenditure on Main

Roads, and about 50% of the outlay on County Roads will be met by State Grants. If it were not for this subvention from the central authority the expenditure on Main Roads would cost 6s. 8d. and on County Roads 4s. 9d.—a total of 11s. 5d. The actual rate levy for Roads, however, is 4s. 9d. The Roads programme now provided for will enable the Council to continue the Scheme of essential improvements which was initiated last year, and to overcome the deterioration which resulted from shortage of supplies and other causes in the war years.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

Apart from increases in remuneration of staff it has been necessary to provide for items of increases in institutional costs. As already mentioned the upward trend in the cost of supplies has continued. Provision for an increase of one-tenth in the cost of Home Assistance has been included.

During the present year the disused Workhouses at Shillelagh and Balinglass were demolished. The sale of materials from them has brought in a receipt of £1,217. It is suggested that this sum might be assigned towards the reduction of the capital costs of the conversion of the Marine Hotel, Wicklow, into a temporary Fever Hospital. The agreement of the Minister to such a course would be required.

MENTAL HOSPITALS.

The increase in the Demand for Mental Hospitals to £3,637 is equivalent to a rate of 3d. in the £. This increase is occasioned by the recent revision of the remuneration of Mental Hospitals Staffs and by continued additions to the costs of supplies.

HEALTH CHARGES.

There would have been a significant increase under this heading but for the transfer of the cost of Fire Brigades and Public Lighting to General Purposes.

Provision has been made in the costs of the Tuberculosis Scheme for certain improvements which were agreed to by the Council some months ago. Those improvements include additions to the County Sanatorium (included in Loan Charges) and further outlay on clothing, food and nourishment, for patients receiving treatment under the Scheme.

In the Loan Charges under Health a limited provision has been included for new water supply and sewerage schemes. In the coming years, however, a substantial increase under this heading may be expected if the Council's policy to provide additional and improved amenities of this type is to be carried out.

No indication has thus far been received of the revised public health arrangements which will become operative under the new Public Health legislation. Consequential improvements in public health measures may, however, be expected to lead to new demands on the rates.

During the present year the Local Government Department indicated that approval would not be given to the raising of a loan to defray the additional costs of providing concrete walls around the new Burial Grounds at Donard, Rathdrum, Avoca and Kilquigan, and that if the Council still desired to proceed with such a proposal the costs should be met from Revenue. The expenditure involved is £1,740, and is equivalent to a rate of 13d. if provided from Revenue in the coming year. Since the Council adhered to the previous decision to erect concrete walls it is suggested that it might be represented to the Minister that in view of the heavy immediate charges on Revenue which otherwise would result, he might reconsider his previous decision, and agree to a Loan.

HOUSING.

There is no material change in the costs for this service. A sum of £1,000 has again been included for Repairs. In the current year every effort was made to carry out repairs as expeditiously as possible. Whilst there has been an improvement in this, in the Western part of the County, the repairs, however, is still not altogether satisfactory. The rate of 1/8 represents the difference between total housing charges and the income from rentals. It is not expected that the new housing proposals of the Council will have reached the position in the current year which would require special provision to be made in respect of the Loan Charges on capital costs.

GENERAL PURPOSES.

This service now includes the costs of Public Lighting and Fire Brigades. In the coming year it is proposed to purchase a new self-propelled Fire Engine to serve the Western part of the County. The engine and Fire Crew stationed in Rathdrum have given very satisfactory service, but owing to distance, difficulties of communication, and the absence of direct routes it has been felt that the Western part of the County is not adequately served, and that in the event of a serious outbreak of fire the ensuing delay in getting the Brigade from Rathdrum might have serious consequences. It has, therefore, been considered advisable to procure a special self-propelled engine which would be stationed in Balinglass. The cost of purchase of this engine will not result in an increase on current year's costs of the Fire Service as the loan repayments on the capital costs of engine, etc., stationed at Rathdrum will be terminated at the end of the current year.

Provision has been made for certain additional public lighting costing £400.

Scholarships shows an increase of £762. Consequent on representations as to the inadequacy of the former allowances to meet increased schools and University fees, and the cost of maintenance of students, the Council agreed some time ago to augment these allowances.

Election Expenses.—Last year no provision was made as details of the costs of the local elections in 1945 were not available. It is to be expected that these costs will have to be met in the coming year.

Harbour Guarantees.—There was no expenditure for this purpose in the present year. In the coming year it is necessary to include £350 to meet charges on foot of Guarantees to Arklow and Wicklow Harbour Authorities.

Town Planning Expenses.—An amount of £400 has been included under this heading. This is mainly to meet the cost of fees for preparation of a Town Planning Scheme for the County Health District.

Lime Scheme.—There have been frequent applications to the effect that the Council should as authorised under Emergency Powers Order, arrange for production of lime in the Blessington Area. There are doubts as to whether the Council will be in a position to produce lime at a price which will be suitable to farmers wishing to take advantage of such a Scheme, as considerable capital costs will have to be incurred. The outlay of £1,000 is offset by a similar receipt. The entire question, however, requires further careful examination before a decision to establish the Scheme be finally taken.

Bank Interest.—In the current year a sum of £500 was included to meet this charge. This amount has, however, been found to be insufficient. The credits which had been available in former years to meet the cost of maintaining the Council's services in the early part of the year until moneys become available from current rate collection have been absorbed in their application towards effecting rate reductions. Consequently, the Council has had to obtain temporary

accommodation from the Bank. The amount necessary in the current year will be £1,200, and for next year £1,500 will be required. Apart from the absorption of credits the time lag in the receipt of Government Grants, especially the Road Grants and Agricultural Grants, has led to an increase in this interest charge.

Rates on Agricultural Land.—In the report on the Estimates for the year 1946/47, a comparison was instituted between the rates leviable on agricultural land in recent years. It was shown that in the year 1925/26 the average poor rate for the county was 3/3d. and the Agricultural Grant for that year was equivalent to a rate of 1/4d. in the £—the net rate payable on Agricultural Land, therefore, being 6/11d. Since 1925 the Agricultural Grant has been increased by progressive stages from £300,000 to its present figure of £2,370,000. The last increase in the Grant—£1,000,000—was made in the present year.

For your information there is set out hereunder a comparison of the rates leviable in the year 1940/41 and in the coming year (if the rate now recommended were accepted) on an actual holding of £51 Poor Law Valuation, on which two workmen are employed:—

	Val. 1940/41	Val. 1947/48
	(@ 12/5	(@ 18/6
	in £)	in £)
Gross Rate:	£31 13 3	£47 3 6
Primary Allowance: £20	5 16 8	£20 2 0
Employment do.: £25	7 5 4	£26 0 0
Supplementary do.: £6	18 3	£25 14 8
Total Abatement:	£14 0 3	£29 16 8
Net Rates payable:	£17 13 0	£17 6 10

All items in the Estimates now submitted for your consideration have been carefully checked and reviewed, and apart from proposals for increases in remuneration, the provision made for the various services is the minimum which is considered adequate and essential for their maintenance. The rate necessary for the purpose, as already indicated, is 18/1d.

I desire to take this opportunity of conveying to the Council my appreciation and thanks for the co-operation and assistance which have been readily afforded to me by the Members during the past year. Unfortunately, it is my unpleasant duty again to recommend an increase in the rate levy, but in the circumstances which at present obtain, and which are due to causes almost altogether outside the control of the Council, or its administrative staff, such a course has been inevitable.

Yours faithfully,
M. FLANNERY.

Councillor C. W. Hudson referred to the substantial increase in the rate proposed over that adopted in the current year, and stated that in his view the farming community would be unable to bear a rate of this amount. He referred to the comparison given in the Manager's Statement of the effect of the increase in the Agricultural Grant in the current year, and pointed out that rates of wages of farm workers and other production costs had increased considerably between 1940/41 and 1946/47.

Councillors W. Hammond and C. M. Byrne supported Councillor Hudson, and stated that in their view agricultural prices had not increased by 100% as regards County Wicklow.

Councillor S. Dunne objected to the insistence on relating Road Workers' Wages to the wages of Agricultural Workers, and maintained that increases proposed for Road Workers and lower paid officials were inadequate. In his view, since costs were increasing, it was inevitable that rates must also increase.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to the increase in the cost of maintenance of institutions, which resulted from general increases in the cost of living. He held that the wages of farm workers should be increased. In regard to the proposed increases in salaries of officials, he would recommend 60% increase to officials receiving up to £300 per annum, and lesser increases than those proposed by the Manager to those receiving more than £300; the salaries of Assistant Engineers should be levelled up, and he considered the salaries of Dispensary Doctors to be inadequate.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond:
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

Resolved—That we appoint the following Members of the Council to act on a Committee for the purpose of examining the Estimates, in detail, considering the question of increases in salaries of officials, and submitting a Report to the Council:—

Councillors J. J. McCrea, Chairman; J. Everett, T.D.; T. Brennan, T.D.; C. W. Hudson, Wm. Cleary, C. M. Byrne, S. Dunne, J. J. Metcalfe, H. J. Byrne, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, P. P. O'Reilly and W. Lawless.

Passed.

It was decided to hold a Meeting of the Committee on Monday, 24th February, at 1.30 p.m. at the Courthouse, Wicklow.

The Council adjourned the Estimates Meeting to Monday, 3rd March, 1947.

The Adjourned Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 3rd March, 1947.

The following Members were present:—
Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;
Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; B. Farrell, P. P. O'Reilly, J. J. Metcalfe, H. J. Byrne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Sean Dunne, Liam O Laoighleis, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, and W. Clarke.
The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, was in attendance.

BUSINESS:
To consider report of Committee appointed by the Council to examine the Estimates, and to adopt the Estimate of Expenses, and Determine the Rates in the Pound for the service of the year ending on 31st March, 1948.

Resolution of Sympathy:

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe.
Resolved—That we the Members of Wicklow County Council have heard with deep regret of the death of Mrs. McCarthy, mother of Councillor P. McCarthy, and we hereby extend to him and to the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed unanimously.
Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe.
Resolved—That we the Members of Wicklow County Council have heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. Pat Byrne, Milltown, brother of Miss Byrne, former Superintendent Assistance Officer, and we hereby extend to the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

The County Manager asked that the members of the staff and himself might be associated with the terms of the resolutions of sympathy.

Lime Scheme:

Councillor P. P. O'Reilly referred to the provision in the Estimates for the erection of a Lime Kiln at Blessington, and asked the Council to receive Col. Gilheany and Mr. J. Hamilton for West Wicklow District in connection with the matter.

The Council agreed to receive the deputation.
Col. Gilheany thanked the Council for receiving him, and stated that farmers in West Wicklow were anxious to know the decision of the Council on the matter of production of Lime in West Wicklow. He stated that there were unlimited supplies of limestone available in the district, which had been found by test to be of high quality. In stressing the necessity for Lime he pointed out that the wheat crop on Mr. Hamilton's land had failed, due to insufficient lime in the soil. He urged that the Council make provision in the Estimates for erecting a Kiln and producing Lime, and assured the members that the farmers in the district would avail of all the lime produced.

Many of the members present supported Councillor P. P. O'Reilly in urging the necessity for the Council's producing Lime.

The County Manager explained steps already taken in investigating the question of lime production, and pointed out that the Engineer had reported that it would cost approximately £4 per ton to produce lime. The loan charges based on production of 1,000 tons would be approximately 5s., but cost of coal and other production costs would be heavy.

Following a discussion the Council agreed that the Scheme should be proceeded with without delay.

Road Works at Ardara:

Councillor P. McCarthy referred to the question he had raised at a previous Meeting regarding the employment of men from the Urban District of Arklow on Grant Work at Ardara, and stated that a number of men, who had refused employment on this work, on the grounds that they would not receive the Urban rate of pay, had been disqualified from receiving Unemployment Assistance. This case was being considered before the Court of Referees on the following day, Tuesday, 4th March, 1947. He pointed out that it would be impossible for the men to attend and he asked that the County Manager or County Secretary would communicate with the Department of Industry and Commerce and explain the Council's attitude in the matter. The County Manager agreed to get in touch with the Department of Industry and Commerce and at a later stage in the Meeting informed Councillor McCarthy that he had been in communication with the Department and that the Council's views on the matter would be brought to the notice of the Court of Referees.

Spring Sowing:

The Chairman stated that as a result of the weather experienced during the previous months, Spring sowing would be delayed, and farmers would find it difficult to obtain sufficient labour to carry out the work within the limited period available. He asked that Council workers would be released to assist the farmers in this work when required—the workers to be paid the equivalent of their wages as Road Workers. The Council agreed with this suggestion.

Effects of Snow Storm:

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to the serious situation in many parts of the county as the result of the recent heavy falls of snow, and mentioned particularly the Roundwood and Moneystown Districts. He stated that in his opinion Assistant Engineers were not co-operating adequately with the County Engineer in the work of clearing the roads. The Chairman and Councillor P. P. O'Reilly stated that in their respective districts they were satisfied that everything possible was being done by the Council's Engineering Staff. The County Manager explained the action taken by the Engineers, and stated that the Council's Engineering Staff and workmen were doing all in their power to relieve the conditions existing in certain areas. The maximum number of men was being employed. Three snow-ploughs had been constructed and were in operation. The Army had been approached with a view to obtaining Bren-Gun Carriers for the purpose of getting in contact with the isolated areas, but it had been found that these Carriers would not be effective. The County Engineer was also endeavouring to obtain Bulldozers, and an Excavation Machine. He was satisfied that everything possible was being done to cope with the situation.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that at a recent Meeting of Roundwood residents criticism had been made in relation to the work of clearing the roads in the district. He stated that the Assistant Engineer for the district had not given adequate attention to the work, and it was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor B. Farrell—That the Council appoint a Committee of four members to investigate the position in Roundwood Area following on the recent storm.

The Co. Manager stated that he was satisfied that the Assistant Engineer in this district had done everything possible to alleviate conditions.

Following a further discussion, in which several members joined, Councillor J. Everett withdrew his Motion.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., handed in the following letter, which he asked should be included in the Minutes:—

Moneystown P.O.,
Roundwood, Co. Wicklow.
4/2/47.

The Manager,
Dear Sir
At a large and representative meeting of the people of Moneystown and surrounding districts held this evening it was decided to bring to your notice that all roads leading to Moneystown and Troopers-town are as a result of the snow storm impassable since February 2nd. No Bread Van has reached us since that date, and only for the generosity of the farmers who went out on horseback to meet the bread vans many poor people would have been hungry. Our stocks of flour are

completely exhausted, which means that those who have registered for flour only may go without until the next supply arrives. Not receiving any supplies of Kerosene for February a number of people are without light, and farmers are also at a great disadvantage by not being able to get oats crushed for feeding to their stock.

This storm coming after a very wet season in which sufficient fuel could not be saved and in many places the potato crops not lifted render it more necessary that flour and bread should arrive and kerosene which a number of households are depending on for cooking.

In putting the matter before you we are confident that you will give them your sympathetic consideration, and feel sure that you will do what you can to have the roads cleared to admit traffic and enable us to receive our supplies which in these days are more than ever essential.

Yours faithfully,
DESMOND FITZGERALD.

Bread Ration for Farm Labourers:

Councillor W. Hammond stated that some farm labourers who applied for extra ration of bread, when they had to work at a distance from their homes, had been refused.

Councillor S. Dunne stated that he understood that the Department of Industry and Commerce had the matter under consideration, and that it was likely that extra rations would be made available to Farm Labourers.

Estimates:

The Council considered the following report of the Committee appointed by the Council at the Meeting held on 17th February, 1947:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Committee appointed by the Council at the Meeting held on 17th instant for the purpose of examining the Estimates and considering the question of increases in salaries of officials of the Council, met at the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 24th February, 1947.

The following members of the Committee were present:—
Councillors J. J. McCrea, Chairman; H. J. Byrne, C. M. Byrne, T. Brennan, T.D.; J. Everett, T.D.; W. Lawless.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, was also in attendance. A letter was received from Councillor C. W. Hudson, apologising for his inability to attend on account of illness.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe wired to state that he was unable to contact the Dublin-Wicklow Bus in time to attend the Meeting.

Councillor S. Dunne also apologised for inability to attend. The Committee proceeded to examine the Estimates in detail, and queries raised by members were replied to by the County Manager.

The Committee recommended the following reductions in the Estimates submitted by the Manager at the Estimates Meeting:—

District Institutions—Repairs and Upkeep	£125	
Miscellaneous Expenses	£226	
		£351
Home Assistance—Provisional Assistance	£700	
Fuel Schemes and Other Expenses	£50	
		£750
Medical Assistance—Repairs, etc.		£100
Other Expenses—Postage, etc.		£50
		£1,251

PUBLIC HEALTH:
Maintenance of Water Supplies and Sewerage Schemes—Loan Charges

GENERAL PURPOSES:
Irrecoverable Rates

Balance of Election Expenses

Postage and Telephones

Stationery

Fire Brigades

Acquisition of Derelict Sites

Courthouse repairs and renewals

£1,600

The Committee then examined the Manager's proposals for increases in remuneration of officials.

Following a prolonged discussion the Committee agreed to recommend increases as follows:—

Officials on basis scales not exceeding £300 .. 50% increase.
Exceeding £300 but not exceeding £500 .. 40% increase.
Exceeding £500 but not exceeding £700 .. 33½% increase.
Exceeding £700 .. 15% increase.

The Committee considered specially the proposed increase for Assistant Engineers, and recommended that the following scale be applied:—

£500 per annum, increasing by annual increments of £15 to a maximum of £650 per annum.

Assistant Engineers A. N. Dillon, B.E., and R. L. Farrell, B.E., to enter on the scale at the appropriate points according to length of service; Assistant Engineers J. P. Caffrey, B.E., and P. J. Foley, B.E., to receive the maximum of this scale as an inclusive salary.

The Committee recommended that an increase of 25 per cent. should be allowed in the salaries of Dispensary Doctors.

The Chairman stated that the members of the Committee had spent from four to five hours examining the figures in the Estimates, and that he was satisfied that it would not be possible to effect any further reduction in the amounts.

Councillor S. Dunne inquired whether any correspondence had been received from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union, and the Engineers' Association, in relation to increases in salaries of officials.

The Secretary read the following letter, which had been addressed to the Chairman of the County Council:—

IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' UNION.
4, Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin.

J. J. McCrea, Esq.,
Chairman, Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,
It has been represented to my Union that it is proposed to grant to the officials of your Council salary increases considerably less in certain cases than those already granted to officials of several other County Councils, particularly those of the neighbouring Counties of Carlow, Kildare, Wexford and Dublin.

I enclose copy of a summary of the contents of a recent letter received from the Secretary, Department of Local Government, on the subject of a revision of the salaries of certain categories of Co. Council officials and would request your attention and that of your Council to the scales enumerated in paragraph 2. While my Union does not regard these scales as altogether satisfactory it is, however, prepared to accept them as the minimum scales which should be put into operation in any County.

In connection with this matter of the revision of officials' salary scales generally I wish to take this opportunity of expressing my Union's appreciation of your Council's favourable reception—as reported in the Press—of my representations of last November on the subject and to say that my members trust that your Council will now agree to provide a sufficient sum to enable the scales set out in paragraph 2 of the enclosed summary of the Department's letter, and adequately increased scales for all other categories of officials, to be put into operation in County Wicklow.

There is one other important matter to which I would request your earnest consideration, namely, that of the operative date for the introduction of the revised salary scales. You will be aware that the Stand-Still Order was revoked as far back as the 23rd September last, and it has been my Union's contention that all salary increases should have retrospective effect to the 1st October. It would appear, however, that most Counties have fixed 1st January, 1947, as the operative date (see paragraph 2 of the enclosed Summary), and whilst my

Union is not prepared to accept such decisions as being equitable, I am to express the hope that Wicklow County Council, which has the reputation of having always treated its officials fairly and in a manner which could not be regarded as less generous than that in which the officials of neighbouring County Councils were treated, will, on reflection, agree to provide a sufficient sum to enable the revised salary scales to be put into effect as from the 1st January, 1947, at the latest.

Yours faithfully,
J. J. O'DONOGHUE, General Secretary.
Paragraph 2 of the Department's letter referred to, reads as follows:—
"The scales of salary which the Minister has sanctioned or has expressed his willingness to sanction, are as follows:—
Clerk-Typist—£130—£10—£210.
Clerical Officer—£160—£15—£250, with efficiency bar at £250.
Library Assistant—£160—£10—£300.
County Librarian—£400—£10—£500
(where a County Manager has proposed a scale of £450 to £550 for the position of County Librarian this scale has been sanctioned).
Staff Officer—£450—£10—£550.
Accountant—£550—£15—£700.
Secretary—£750—£15—£900.
The following letter had been received from the Engineers' Association:—

THE ENGINEERS' ASSOCIATION,
1-3, Westmoreland St., Dublin.
9th January, 1947.
Michael Flannery, Esq.,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
A Chara,

At a Meeting held on the 2nd January, 1947, at which representatives of the County Surveyors' Association and the Assistant Co. Surveyors' Association were present, it was decided to bring to your notice the growing volume of discontent amongst the Engineering staffs of your Council, due to the inadequacy of the present rates of remuneration.
The salaries attached to Engineering appointments under Local Authorities have always compared very unfavourably with positions of similar responsibility both inside and outside State controlled departments.

It is considered unnecessary to stress the reduction in the purchasing power of the salaries attached to the various positions as it is felt that you will be aware of the situation. The fact that the basic salaries were always too low, combined now with the reduction in the purchasing power of these salaries, makes it imperative that you will immediately review the whole matter and take such steps as are necessary to adjust existing scales to meet present-day requirements.

It is recognised that the Engineering staffs of local authorities have always given excellent service to their employers and to the State, and it is felt that any depreciation in this service would react seriously on the community.
The Meeting had before it salaries paid in similar positions in Government Departments requiring similar professional qualifications, experience and ability, and were dismayed to learn that the salaries paid were greatly in excess of those paid to the corresponding rank in the Local Authorities Service.

The following are the scales for the different grades of the service which the Meeting considers to be the lowest which might be termed reasonable in all the prevailing circumstances:—
1.—County Surveyors:
Class I—£1,200—£50—£1,500
Class II—£1,050—£50—£1,350
Class III—£900—£50—£1,200
(Exclusive of any fees which may be payable).

2.—Chief Assistant Co. Surveyors:
£750—£25—£900
3.—Assistant Co. Surveyors:
£600—£20—£750

(Special additional remuneration to be paid in certain counties).
We have been authorised to request that you will immediately put into effect the salaries scales as above set out.
For your information we attach details of scales of salaries paid to Engineers in various services. A comparison with these scales will clearly indicate the unreasonably low scale of salaries paid to Local Authority Engineering staffs, particularly in the case of Assistant County Surveyors, which position in recent years demands very high professional qualifications and experience.

It must be further pointed out that the prospect of promotion of these officers in the service of local authorities is extremely remote whereas in State services promotion is practically automatic.

Mise, le meas,
P. J. TIERNEY, Chairman,
Central Council, Cumann na nInnealtóirí.
The County Manager gave particulars of the scales of salaries paid to Engineers in Post Office, Electricity Supply, Board, Office of Public Works, and the Army, as forwarded by the Engineers' Association.

Following a discussion it was proposed by Councillor W. Lawless; Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne; Resolved—That we adopt the recommendations put forward by the Committee of the Council at the Meeting held on 24th Feb., 1947. As an amendment it was Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy; Seconded by Councillor W. Clarke;

That we recommend the adoption of the scales of salaries as proposed by the Irish Local Government Officials' Union, the scales to be applied as from 1st January, 1947.
That we also recommend the adoption of the scales for Engineering Staff as proposed by the Engineers' Association to be applied as from 1st January, 1947.

A vote having been called for on Councillor McCarthy's Amendment, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—
In Favour—Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, B. Farrell, S. Dunne, J. Everett, T.D.; W. Clarke—(6).
Against—Councillors W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. Metcalfe, H. J. Byrne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, W. Lawless and C. M. Byrne—(7).
The Amendment was declared defeated by seven votes against to six votes in favour.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea; Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne; Resolved—That we adopt a General Rate of 17/10d. in respect of the service of the year ending on the 31st March, 1948.
Passed unanimously.
Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea; Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell;

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 Poor Rate for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1948, as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Nature of Service, Rate in the £. Rows include Roads (4/9d), Public Assistance (5/7d), Mental Hospitals (2/2d), Health (2/2d), Housing (1/8d), General Purposes (1/5d).

Councillors W. Lawless, McCrea, Farrell, Dunne, J. Everett, T.D., W. Clarke were all in favour of the same motion

Table with 3 columns: No. in Separate Charges Register, Name, Particulars and Area of Separate Charge, Rate in the £. Rows include Wicklow Harbour (3d), Ballyglass Union Loans (5d), Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board (4d), Criminal Injury (4d), Burning of Cottages (4d).

Passed unanimously.
Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea; Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell;
Resolved—That we hereby in accordance with the Estimates on Form E.1 and the Valuation Lists, do determine the amounts to be demanded from each Urban District Council in respect of the financial year ending 31st March, 1948, as follows:—

Table with 3 columns: Roads, Public Assistance, Mental Hospital, Health Charges, General Purposes Charges, Separate Charges. Sub-columns for Arklow, Bray, Wicklow with monetary values.

Passed unanimously.
The following Certificate, in accordance with the Public Bodies Order, was thereupon signed by the Chairman, and countersigned by the Secretary:—

I hereby certify that at an Adjournment of the Estimates Meeting of the Wicklow County Council held this 3rd day of March, 1947, the Council did by Resolution adopt the Estimate of Expenses set forth in Tables A, B, C, and D, and did also by Resolution determine, in accordance with the said Estimates, the Rates set forth in column 13 of Table C and column 15 of Table D to be the Rates in the Pound to be levied for the several purposes specified in the said Estimate for the financial year ending 31st day of March, 1948.
(Signed)—J. J. McCREA, Chairman.
(Countersigned)—K. J. BRANGAN, Secretary.

Copy of the Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Local Financial Year ending on the 31st March, 1948, showing the figures on which the rate of 17/10d. in the £ is based, is attached.
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Table explanatory of the Estimates for the local Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1948.

ROAD SERVICES. AMOUNT ESTIMATED.

Table with 4 columns: Purpose of Expenditure, To which Urban Areas Contribute, From which Urban Areas are exempt. Rows include Ordinary Road Works, Special Grant Works, Road Fund, Other State Grants, Other Purposes, Salaries, etc., of Co. Engineer and Assistants, Travelling Expenses of Co. Engineer and Assistants, Salaries and Travelling Expenses of temporary Engineers, Salaries: Clerical Staff, Co. Surveyor's Office, Retiring Allowance—Ex-Co. Surveyor, Printing, Stationery and Advertising, Office Equipment, Postage and Telephones, Stamp Duty—Paying Orders, Miscellaneous (including E.L. Claims).

ROAD SERVICES. AMOUNT ESTIMATED.

Table with 4 columns: Nature of Receipts, In which Urban Areas participate, In which Urban Areas do not participate. Rows include Road Fund—Maintenance Grant, do. Other Grants, Other State Grants, Other Receipts:—Estate Duty Grant, Contributions to cost of Public Works, Insurance Broker's Commission, Road Openings and other Refunds, Miscellaneous Receipts (inc. refund of Insurance Claims), Prop. of Salaries and Travelling Expenses of County Engineer and Assist. Engineers chargeable to Assistance, Health and Housing Services, Refund of Road Fund Bonus.

GENERAL PURPOSES. Purpose of Expenditure.	AMOUNT ESTIMATED.			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas are exempt.	
	Estimated by Manger £	Adopted by Council £	Estimated by Manger £	Adopted by Council £
Money supplied to Committee of Agriculture ..			4,028	4,028
Public Libraries ..			1,600	1,600
Town and Regional Planning Acts ..			500	500
Tourist Development ..	200	200		
Scholarships: Secondary University ..	2,015	2,015		
Other Purposes:—				
Salaries and Travelling Expenses ..	1,990	1,990	4,198	4,198
Cost of Rate Collection ..			5,500	5,500
Irrecoverable Rates, Discounts and Remissions ..			1,500	1,000
Tramway Employees' Pensions ..			985	985
Pensions: Late Union Officers ..	868	868		
Late R.D. Council's Officers ..			128	128
Co. Officers ..	834	834	683	683
Franchise and Jurors Lists ..	1,450	1,450		
Bal. of Election Expenses ..	500			
Valuation ..	175	175		
Legal Expenses ..			40	40
Coroners and Inquests ..	200	200		
Postage and Telephones ..	100	100	250	200
Stationery, Printing and Advertising ..	100	100	537	387
Assessments:				
(i) Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act ..	180	180		
(ii) Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act ..	220	220		
(iii) Neutrality (War Damage to Property) Act ..	105	105		
GENERAL PURPOSES. Nature of Expenditure:				
Fire Brigades ..			1,720	1,470
Acquisition of Derelict Sites ..			50	
Drainage of Land ..	100	100	1,693	1,693
Public Lighting ..				
Reformatories and Industrial Schools ..	1,800	1,800		
Conveyance of Prisoners ..	200	200		
Weights and Measures ..	340	340		
Food and Drugs ..	60	60		
County Analyst ..	200	200		
Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme ..	3,500	3,500		
Lime Scheme ..			1,000	1,000
Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Expenses ..	130	130		
Diseases of Animals:—				
Veterinary Inspectors ..	350	350		
Sheep Dipping Scheme ..	1,400	1,400		
General Cattle Diseases Fund ..	318	318		
Compensation: Bovine T.B. Order ..	60	60		
Courthouses and Offices:—				
Repairs and Renewals ..	600	500	100	100
Rents and Expenses ..	280	280	70	70
Courtkeepers and Office Attendant ..	88	88	146	146
Loan Charges:—			592	592
Expenses of Pounds ..			45	45
Audit Fees ..			120	120
Insurance Premiums ..	6	6	7	7
Travelling Expenses, County Councillors ..	500	500		
Harbour Guarantees ..	350	350		
Interest on Overdraft ..			1,500	1,500
Miscellaneous ..	70	70	182	182
Materials Expense (Bal.) ..				
Machinery Expense (aBl.) ..				
TOTALS ..	19,801	19,201	27,164	26,146
GENERAL PURPOSES. Nature of Receipts:				
Contributions to Retiring Allowances ..	68	68		
Licence Fees:—				
Poison ..	4	4	6	6
Cinematograph ..				
Fines under Food and Drugs Act ..	14	14		
Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme ..	3,475	3,475	1,000	1,000
Lime Scheme Receipts ..			120	120
Public Libraries ..				
Recoupments:				
Franchise & Jurors Expenses ..	362	362		
Prosecutors and Witnesses' Expenses ..	130	130		
Diseases of Animals Acts:—				
(a) General ..	175	175		
(b) Sheep Dipping ..	700	700		
(c) Compensation: Bovine T.B. Order ..	60	60		
Fees refunded by Co. Sec.:				
(1) Franchise and Jurors ..	270	270		
(2) Motor Registration ..	280	280		
(3) Valuation Certificates ..	4	4		
(4) Diseases of Animals ..	115	115		
Proportion of Law Agent's Salary chargeable to Assistance, Health and Housing Services ..			375	375
Proportion of Analyst's Salary chargeable to Assistance and Health Services ..	100	100		
Bounty in lieu of Rates ..			2,200	2,200
Miscellaneous ..	40	40	30	30
TOTALS ..	£5,797	£5,797	£3,731	£3,731

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CO. COUNCIL SEPARATE CHARGES EXPENDITURE	To which Urban Areas contribute		From which Urban Areas are exempt	
	Estimated by Manger	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manger	Adopted by Council
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board ..			111	111
Wicklow Harbour Loan ..	2,667	£2,667		
Repayment of Loans raised by late Boards of Guardians ..	31	31	80	80
Pensions: Ex-Officers of Co. Council ..			48	48
Compensation for Criminal Injury to be levied over the former Rural District of Rathdown No. 2 ..			65	65
Vocational Education Committee:				
Demand ..	5,487	5,487		
Repayment of Loans ..	467	467		
Retiring Allowances:—	166	166		
N. Ponder: £106 17 1				
Miss I. M. Tarrant 59 4 3				
Total Separate Charges ..	£8,818	£8,818	£304	£304
RECEIPTS				
Recoupment from Dept. of Education — One half Expenses of Loans for Vocational Schools ..	234	234		
Recoupment proportion of Pensions:				
Department ..	£82			
Leitrim ..	£7			
Sligo ..	£5			
TOTALS ..	£328	£328		

CALCULATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND FOR COUNTY CHARGES.
NET AMOUNTS CHARGEABLE TO DISTRICTS.

CALCULATIONS OF NET SUM REQUIRED TO BE RAISED.

Nature of Service.	Estimated Gross Expenditure of the County on each Service for the ensuing Financial Year.		Estimated Receipts of the County in respect of each Service during the ensuing Financial Year other than those included in the Rate Account (Notes 1 and 2)		Net Expenditure on each Service, being the difference between the sums in Columns 2, 3, and 4, 5.		Urban Districts (Col. 8) (Note 7).				Estimated Balance (if any) in favour of Health District	Estimated Balance (if any) against Health District	Amounts Leviable off Health District	Rates in the £ s. d.				
	Chargeable to the whole County or to an Area including any Urban District.	Chargeable to the Health District only	Applicable for the whole County or for an Area including any Urban District (Note 7)	Applicable to the Health District only	Chargeable to the whole County or to an Area including any Urban District (Note 7)	Chargeable to Health District only	Urban Districts of Arklow Valuation £10,014		Urban District of Wicklow Valuation £8,806	Health District Valuation £241,583 (9)					(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
							(8a)	(8b)	(8c)									
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8a)	(8b)	(8c)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)				
Roads ..	110,686	69,065	86,318	31,073	24,368	37,992	810	3,289	713	57,548		300	57,848	8 s. d.				
Public Assistance ..	92,887		19,003		73,884		2,438	10,492	2,144	58,810		8,900	67,710	4 9 1				
Mental Hospital ..	35,239		2,500		32,739		1,080	4,649	950	26,060			26,060	2 2				
Health ..	15,037	15,830	7,597	2,270	7,440	13,560		245	1,056	19,483	15,600	6,700	26,183	2 2				
Housing ..	56,550		5,797	3,731	36,782	22,433	442	1,904	389	19,768		400	20,168	1 8				
General Purposes ..	19,201	26,164			13,404					33,102			17,502	1 5 4				
TOTALS ..	£274,901	£169,009	£121,215	£73,856	£153,686	£95,153								17 10				

Several Members referred to the difficulties which ratepayers would have in meeting the demands for rates as a result of the weather conditions. The Council asked that the Minister for Local Government be requested to extend to the 30th April, 1947, the period for the collection of the rates for the current year.

The County Manager pointed out that in accordance with provisions of Public Bodies Order, Rate Collections were required to be closed at 31st March each year, but stated the views of the Council would be forwarded to the Department of Local Government.

The Council decided to hold the next Meeting on Monday, 24th March, 1947.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 24th March, 1947.

The following members were present:—
Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.
Councillor P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; Patk. Doyle, B. Farrell, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, Peter Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Seán Dunne, Liam O'Loaighleis, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, W. Clarke and Jos. Jacob. The County Engineer, and Assistant Engineers P. J. Foley, B.E.; J. P. Caffrey, B.E.; A. N. Dillon, B.E., and R. L. Farrell, B.E., were in attendance.

The County Secretary stated that the County Manager regretted he was unable to attend the Meeting until the afternoon as he was engaged in completing the estimates for Bray Urban District Council. A telegram was received from Councillor J. J. Metcalfe regretting his inability to attend owing to illness.

BUSINESS:

AGENDA:

- To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of 3rd February and 17th February, 1947.
- To pass the usual Resolutions in connection with the Council's application for (a) Overdraft Accommodation during the Quarter ending 30th June, 1947, on the County Council's General Account, and (b) Overdraft Accommodation on the Turf Production Account for the month of April, 1947.
- To authorise expenditure in excess of the amounts provided in the current year's estimates in respect of the Council's services, as follows:—

Roads	£10,000
Assistance	£5,500
Health	£1,000
Housing	£700
General Purposes	£1,500
- To consider letter, dated 13th March, 1947, from the Department of Local Government, regarding the supply of labour for farm work during the present Tillage Season.
- Water and Sewerage Schemes:**
 - To consider County Engineer's report and estimate of improvements to Annamoe Water Supply.
 - To consider provision of Water and Sewerage Scheme for Brittas.
- To consider report on the demolition of Shillelagh and Baltin-glass Workhouses.
- To appoint a Nominee to represent the Council at General Meetings of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Assurances, Ltd.
- To consider resolution from Carlow County Council in relation to application for Membership to United Nations Organisation.
- To consider resolution from Leitrim County Council regarding the sending of food to European Countries, etc.
- To consider letter from the Secretary, Irish Farmers' Federation in relation to derating of agricultural land.
- Inquiries arising out of County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle;
Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of Wicklow County Council held on 3rd and 17th February, 1947. Passed, Councillor J. Everett, T.D., dissenting.

Item No. 2—Overdraft Accommodation—General Account.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had intimated that application for overdraft accommodation might in future be made to cover quarterly periods instead of monthly periods as at present. During the month of June, 1946, an overdraft of £55,000 had been required, and having regard to the reduction in the Council's credit balance, and the more extensive Road Works Scheme adopted for the coming year, it was anticipated that an overdraft of £70,000 would be required for the quarter to the 30th June, 1947.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
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 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 for the quarter ending 30th June, 1947, shall not exceed £70,000.
Passed unanimously.

Overdraft Accommodation—Turf Production Account.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle;
Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of 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 April, 1947, shall not exceed £4,000.
Passed unanimously.

Turf Bank at Aughavannagh.

Councillor McCarthy referred to an application made by employees of Messrs. Fogarty, Aghrim, for turf bank at Aughavannagh, and asked that this firm should be facilitated in the matter. The County Engineer explained that the Council would require the Aughavannagh Bog to meet its own requirements, but that a turf bank at Farbreaga Bog could be made available. If it were possible to meet the request of Messrs. Fogarty, he would endeavour to do so.

Turf Supplies at County Hospital.

Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and C. W. Hudson referred to a recent visit made to the County Hospital, and stated that the quality of the turf supplies was very poor and unfit for use. The County Secretary stated that a limited supply of coal and timber was available at the County Hospital for cooking and laundry purposes. The quality of the turf produced in the current year had been poor, but it was necessary to have a supply of turf available.

Item No. 3—Authorisation of Excess Expenditure.

Roads.—Consequent on heavy snowfalls and blizzards during late January and the month of February, it had been necessary to incur expenditure in excess of the Estimate on the clearing of roads of snow. The County Engineer had also suggested that savings in

the sums provided for Improvement Works might be allocated to maintenance and repair, and so qualify for additional grants to the amount of £7,246.

The County Engineer stated that expenditure on clearing roads of snow to date amounted to approximately £6,400.

Assistance.—The County Secretary stated that it had been necessary to incur expenditure in excess of the Estimates as a result of increases in costs of maintenance of institutions—cost of foods had increased substantially during the year.

Additional Grants under Special Food Voucher Scheme, and Supplementary Allowances Scheme had been made available on condition that additional contributions would be made by the Council, and the cost of extern hospital treatment had also increased.

Health.—Excess expenditure had been incurred in erecting concrete walls to burial grounds to an amount of over £500.

Costs of Fire Brigades had increased by over £300 as the result of an abnormal number of fires occurring during the period.

It was anticipated that an excess expenditure of over £400 would be incurred in respect of Tuberculosis Scheme on provision of food and clothing.

Savings under other headings would amount to approximately £200.

Housing.—It is anticipated that expenditure to an amount of £700 in excess of the Estimate will be incurred on housing, which would be offset by increased receipts to an amount of approximately £200.

General Purposes.—Excess expenditure had been incurred to an amount of £830 in respect of overdraft interest.

The cost of rate collection, etc., had increased by over £300, and additional expenditure of approximately £300 was required on Courthouses.

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

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure in excess of the amounts provided in the current year's estimates in respect of the Council's services as follows:—

Roads	£10,000
Assistance	5,500
Health	1,000
Housing	700
General Purposes	1,500

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Release of Road Workers during Tillage Season.

The County Secretary read the following letter received from the Department of Local Government:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,

Custom House (Roads),

Dublin.

13th March, 1947.

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A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that the Department of Agriculture is concerned with the position in regard to the supply of labour for farm work during the present tillage season. The season this year has been most unfavourable for tillage and an extensive programme remains to be carried through within a short period. Up to the 1st May next arrangements should be made for the release of turf and road workers according as they are required for agricultural work. As notified in a separate circular letter, in regard to turf production an absolute priority in the matter of labour should be given to turf production after the 1st May.

Spare copies of this Circular are enclosed for the use of the County Surveyor's Staff.

Mise, le meas,

J. COLLINS,

Rumal.

To each County Manager.

An advertisement had been inserted in the daily papers informing farmers that if they required additional labour they should make application to the County Engineer, Assistant Engineers, or the local Road Overseer for the release of road workers or turf workers employed by the Council. A Conference had been arranged to be held following the Council Meeting, which would be attended by the Chairman of the County Council, the Chairman of the County Committee of Agriculture and officers of both authorities for the purpose of organising assistance to farmers.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., suggested that the Council should pay the wages of workers released to farmers, as had been done in the Harvest Campaign.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Doyle;

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Resolved—That the Council pay half the wages of Road Workers or Turf Workers released to farmers for the tillage campaign.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendations of the County Committee of Agriculture in relation to the appointment of local committees for the purpose of organising the tillage campaign, and that men and horses released by the Council for tillage work should be paid by the Council in cases recommended by the local committees; and that the Council's views be considered at the Committee Meeting to be held this evening for the purpose of organising the tillage campaign.

A vote having been called for on Councillor Brennan's Amendment, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

FOR THE AMENDMENT: Councillors J. J. McCrea, T. Brennan, T.D.; B. Farrell, John O'Reilly, P. Ledwidge, S. Dunne, W. Lawless, C. M. Byrne, W. Clarke—10.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT: Councillors P. McCarthy, P. Doyle, P. P. O'Reilly, J. Everett, T.D.; C. W. Hudson and J. Jacob—6.

The Amendment was declared carried by ten votes in favour to six votes against, and was accepted as a Motion on the same voting.

Item No. 5—Water and Sewerage Schemes.

Annamoe Water Supply.—Following a report from the Dispensary Medical Officer for the District to the effect that there was danger of the Water Supply to Annamoe becoming infected through rats obtaining entrance to the pipes, the County Engineer was asked to investigate and report on the matter. In his report of the 22nd January, the County Engineer submitted an estimate in the sum of £1,100 for improvements to the Supply which provided for a new Intake Tank and Service Reservoir and pipe line to the village of Annamoe. The existing arrangement, he stated, was open to two sources of contamination:—(1) through rats entering the existing masonry conduit; (2) the fact that this conduit at one point passed near the Sheep Dipping Bath at Laragh House.

The Council decided to place the Scheme on the list of works to be undertaken in the future.

Brittas Bay Water Supply.—The County Manager asked that further consideration might be given to the inclusion of a Water Supply for Brittas Bay in the Schemes to be carried out by the Council. He submitted particulars of the valuation of the area to be served, and stated that the County Medical Officer of Health recommended the provision of a Water and Sewerage Scheme in this district having regard to prospective development of the area.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that no representations had been made to the local representatives for a Water and Sewerage Scheme in this District.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle:

Resolved—That the proposed Water and Sewerage Scheme for Brittas Bay be not proceeded with.

Passed unanimously.

Revision of Rates of Remuneration of Officers, etc.

The Chairman stated that Mr. John J. O'Donoghue, General Secretary to the Irish Local Government Officials' Union was present, and wished to be permitted to address the Council.

The Council agreed unanimously to suspend Standing Orders for the purpose of hearing Mr. O'Donoghue.

The following letter, which had been received by the Chairman from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union was read by the County Secretary:—

21st March, 1947.

Proposed Salary Increases to Officials of the
Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 1st March on the above subject, I wish to say that my Union, while regarding the proposals agreed to by your Council as generally satisfactory, has noted with keen disappointment—from Press reports of the proceedings of the Council at its last meeting—that the proposal to make the increases in the salaries of the officials retrospective to the 1st January, 1947, was defeated by one vote out of a total of thirteen members present. The Council may not have been aware that the payment of the revised salaries as from a date not later than 1st January, 1947, has been agreed to by every Council in Eire with the exception of Wicklow, Longford and Westmeath; in particular, I wish to mention the Counties adjoining Wicklow, namely, Wexford, Kildare, Carlow and Dublin, and also to remind you that Bray Urban District Council at its last meeting decide that the revised salaries should operate as from 1st January, 1947. You will agree that it would be quite an anomaly to have the revisions operate as from 1st January in the case of the officials of the Bray Urban District Council and only as from 1st April in the case of their colleagues on the staff of the County Council.

The attention of the Council is further requested to the fact that retrospective increases in the salaries of Teachers, Garda Síochána, Civil Servants, Electricity Supply Board Staffs and Mental Hospitals' Officials has been given effect to as from varying dates, some as far back as nine months, but none later than 1st November, 1946.

I trust that on consideration of these representations your Council will, at next Monday's meeting, show the same generous attitude to its officials as was in evidence at its December meeting when my Union's original application in this matter was considered, and agree to provide the money necessary to give effect to the revised salaries as from 1st January, 1947.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed): J. O'DONOGHUE,
General Secretary.

Mr. O'Donoghue thanked the Council for allowing him to speak, and referred to the revocation of the Stand-Still Order on the 23rd September, 1946, and pointed out that during the operation of the Order no adjustment of salaries, apart from emergency bonuses, had been allowed. He expressed appreciation for the Council's reception of the Union's representations considered at the December Meeting of the Council. He pointed out, however, that the revised rates of remuneration would only apply as regards Wicklow County from 1st April, 1947, whereas in most other districts provision had been made for payment of revised rates as from 1st January, 1947. He stated that the Minister for Local Government had indicated that where the necessary funds were provided by a local authority, application of the increases from 1st November, 1946, would be considered. The officials in Wicklow, however, were applying for the increased rates from 1st January, 1947, only. He urged the Council to reconsider its action in the matter, and make provision for the payment of revised rates as from 1st January, 1947. Mr. O'Donoghue also asked that the Council adopt the scales of salaries proposed by the Union, which he considered would be accepted by the Minister.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor P. McCarthy, and accepted by the Chairman:—

NOTICE OF MOTION.

"I hereby give Notice that I shall move at the next Meeting of the Council that Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of considering the adoption of a Resolution approving of the scales of salaries proposed by the Irish Local Government Officials' Union for all officers, and that such scales be operative as from 1st January, 1947, and that this resolution will also include Road Workers."

Item No. 6—Demolition of Shillelagh and Balinglass Workhouses.

The County Secretary stated that tenders were invited by public advertisement for (a) demolition of the buildings and clearance of site; or (b) purchase of the buildings and clearance of the site in the case of both Shillelagh and Balinglass Workhouses.

The Tender of Messrs. Roche Bros. for the purchase of the buildings at Shillelagh and the clearance of the site, in the sum of £1,750 the Contractors to retain all materials except stone—had been accepted.

No Tender was received for the purchase of Balinglass Workhouse, and the Council accepted the Tender of James McGarry for the work of demolishing the building in the sum of £1,230, the Council to retain all materials. The materials available from Balinglass Workhouse had been sold by public auction and had realised £402.

The financial result, therefore, of the demolition of both Workhouses was as follows:—

Sale of Shillelagh Workhouse—contractor's price ..	£1,750
Sale of materials from Balinglass Workhouse ..	402
Estimated value of Stone at Shillelagh Workhouse ..	200
Value of materials retained by Council at Balinglass Workhouse ..	47
	£2,399
Deduct amount payable to Contractor for demolition of Balinglass Workhouse ..	£1,230
	£1,169

The facts had been reported to the Department of Local Government with a request that the moneys available might be allocated towards the cost of erection of concrete walls to four new Burial

Grounds at Donard, Rathdrum, Avoca and Kilquiggan, or alternatively be made available towards the cost of the conversion of the Marine Hotel, Wicklow, into a temporary Fever Hospital.

The Council noted the action taken in the matter.

Item No. 7—Appointment of Nominee to represent the Council at General Meetings of the Irish Public Bodies' Mutual Insurances, Ltd.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle;

Resolved—That in accordance with the Local Authorities (Mutual Assurance) Act, 1926, we hereby appoint the following member of this County Council as our nominee on the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance 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 1947.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Resolution of Carlow County Council re Application of the Government for Membership of U.N.O.

On the proposal of Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea, the following resolution received from Carlow County Council was marked "read":—

"That we, the Carlow County Council, protest against the action of the Government and Parliament of the Twenty-Six Counties in applying for membership of U.N.O., thus committing our people to participation in all future wars for the setting up of false gods and false ideologies."

Item No. 9—Resolution from Leitrim County Council re the Sending of Food to European Countries, etc.

On the proposal of Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea, the following resolution received from Leitrim County Council was marked "read":—

"That in view of the serious food situation here at home, and of the fact that we are now living on half rations ourselves, we feel that our continued aid to certain countries in Europe, while depriving our own people of the full necessities of life, is uncalled for and does not (as was hoped) appear to be helping our efforts to gain entry into U.N.O. We are, therefore, of the opinion that it is high time that the Government considered (1) withdrawing the Food Gift Scheme to Europe; (2) restricting the Tourist Trade during the coming months, and (3) withdrawing our application for entry into U.N.O., and we hereby call on them to do so."

The County Secretary read the following letter received from the General Secretary, Irish Farmers' Federation:—

Springfield, *W. Lala*
Kilbride,

CAN WE HAVE DE-RATING?

Sir,

In the Dáil on 13th November, 1946, during the Second Reading of the Rates on Agricultural Land Relief Bill, which was passed, Mr. MacEntee, Minister for Local Government, said: "Every acre of Agricultural Land would be rated, but the rates would be paid by the Community as a whole—De-rating of Agricultural Land meant shifting the burden to somebody else. The present measure gave no concession to the demand for de-rating or partial de-rating. The small farmer was entitled to all the relief that could be afforded to him."

We Farmers know only too well that any increased taxation placed on other sections of the Community finally come back to be taken from the farmer in either prices for all he needs to buy (which includes wages) or lower prices for what he has to sell.

Recently, I understand from reports in the daily Press, a series of tables have been issued by the Government showing the trend of Local Taxation and the expenditure of Local Bodies over a number of years from 1st April, 1932, to 31st March, 1944. One table in the series shows the amount of Rates collected by each rating authority. There was between 1933-1944 an increase of £3,000,000.

Now the gross indebtedness of local authorities on 31st March, 1944, was stated to be 37½ millions. In the past two years we know this figure must have increased.

Can we have De-rating for all? Now I ask every ratepayer, no matter whether he is a farmer, a shopkeeper, professional man or a labourer, to carefully study the following facts and then unite in a demand to put a stop to such usury.

We should demand that each County Council, Urban Council and City Corporation should publish officially the following information: (1) the amount of Local Bank Loans; (2) the amount of Interest collected through the Rates each year paid on these Loans. Then let us all demand that "all Local Bank Loans be converted into non-interest-bearing Loans." You would find that the present high Rates would be reduced to about half.

You may ask how can this be done, or would it be fair to the Banks which lend the money.

The fact is that the Banks do not lend money belonging to their shareholders or depositors. Under the present Financial system Banks create money out of nothing, using as securing the credit of the people, their ability to produce.

Large borrowings, such as Loans to Public Bodies, are conducted under the provisions of the 1694 and 1844 Acts, the money is created by entering a credit in a Bank Ledger and cheques are drawn on these entries, thus enabling the Nation, Public Bodies or clients to spend money when they could not do so before the entries were made. People must realise the difference between borrowings in Cash and borrowings by Credit.

For all Public Works, the people of Ireland should get the Government to instruct the Banks to create the money free of Bank-debt, paying to the Banks a fee through the rates of half of one per cent. for the book-keeping services rendered, but not Interest.

Our present Minister for Finance is to be congratulated for his first advance to this problem when he decided to make money available to Public Bodies at 2½ per cent., but he should not interfere with the poor man's savings; he can do much better by an Act of Parliament which won't hurt anyone.

We ask the Secretaries of each County Council, Urban Council and City Corporation to place this letter before their Councils for consideration at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

ELIZABETH F. BOBETT,

General Secretary.

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It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

Seconded by Councillor Hammond:

That we request the Government to introduce legislation providing for the de-rating of agricultural land.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors J. J. McCrea, W. Hammond, B. Farrell, P. P. O'Reilly, C. W. Hudson and W. Clarke—6.

AGAINST: Councillors P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D.; P. Doyle, J. O'Reilly, P. Ledwidge, S. Dunne, W. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne and Joseph Jacob—10.

The Motion was declared defeated by ten votes against to six in favour.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF MEMBERS.

The County Secretary read the following letter received from the Department of Local Government:—

21st March, 1947.

A Chara.

With reference to previous correspondence in regard to the payment of travelling expenses to members of County Councils, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he has considered the resolution of the Council regarding rate of 1/3d. to be paid to members of the Council under Section 67 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1946, and, having fully considered the matter in the light of the resolutions adopted by the great majority of Co. Councils, and in view of the fact that the maximum mileage rate approved by the Department of Justice for hired cars is 1/- a mile, he finds himself regretfully unable to accede to the view of the Council that the mileage rate should be as high as 1/3d. I am to add that the Minister would, however, be prepared to give his sanction to the payment under Section 67 (2) of a mileage rate not exceeding 1/-.

Mise, le meas.

R. O MORCHU.

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Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Following a discussion, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we decide to pay to each member in respect of travelling expenses incurred in attending Council meetings a rate of 1/- per mile, with an allowance of 4/- per hour to cover waiting time for hired cars.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Inquiries arising out of County Manager's Orders.

Public Assistance.—Councillor P. McCarthy referred to a number of workers in Arklow who had refused to accept employment on Grant Works at Ardinary unless they were paid at the Urban Rate of pay. As a result these workers had been disqualified from receiving Unemployment Assistance. Consequent on an appeal and following receipt of approval to the payment of the Urban Rate of pay to workers from the Urban District employed on the Works at Ardinary, the Unemployment Assistance which had been withdrawn was allowed to the workers. They were, however, at a loss as regards Food Vouchers, which would have been received by them during the period. Home Assistance had been granted to these workers pending a decision on their appeal, and the Council had claimed a refund of the full amount allowed to the Workers. Councillor P. McCarthy asked that the Manager would withdraw Council's claim for the refund of the Assistance allowed. The County Manager stated that the Council was obliged to apply for refunds of Assistance granted in such circumstances, but that he had given instructions that the Council's claim be reduced by the value of the Food Vouchers which the men would have been entitled to.

Ennis Lane.

Councillor P. Ledwidge referred to the County Manager's Order of the 20th February directing that Notices to Quit be served on tenants of the Council's cottages at Ennis Lane, Greystones, who had refused to pay rates on their cottages, pending the making of a new roadway. He asked that the Notices to Quit be withdrawn, and wished to know what immediate steps the Council would take in regard to providing a proper roadway. The County Manager explained that when these cottages were being built, it was necessary to keep the cost within certain limits and apparently this was the reason a satisfactory access road had not been provided. Some repairs had been carried out to this roadway during the current year, and it was intended to carry out further repairs. Councillor W. Lawless stated that he had been making inquiries with a view to having a new road constructed under a Rural Improvement Scheme. The County Engineer had been in touch with the Office of Public Works on the matter. The Manager stated that further inquiries would be made immediately to ascertain if a Grant could be obtained for providing a new roadway under such Scheme.

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

NOTICE OF MOTION.

"I propose that all correspondence received from Secretary and Chairman of Roundwood Parish Committee be considered at next Meeting in connection with the unnecessary delay in clearing their roads."

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 14th April, 1947.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; Patk. Doyle, B. Farrell, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Edward J. Byrne, Seán Dunne, Liam O Laoighleis, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, W. Clarke and Joseph Jacob.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, was in attendance.

The County Engineer, and Assistant Engineers P. J. Foley, B.E.; A. N. Dillon, B.E.; J. P. Caffrey, B.E., and R. L. Farrell, B.E., were also present.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors H. J. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, P. Ledwidge, and J. J. Metcalfe.

BUSINESS.

- To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd March, 1947.
- To pass the usual Resolution in connection with the Council's overdraft accommodation on the Turf Production Account for the month of May, 1947.
- To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy:—
"I hereby give Notice that I shall move at the next Meeting of the Council that Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of considering the adoption of a Resolution approving of the scales of salaries proposed by the Local Government Officials' Union for all Officers, and that such scales be operative as from 1st January, 1947, and that this Resolution will also include Road Workers."
- To consider letter, dated 27th March, 1947, from the Department of Local Government, in relation to the revision of salary scales.
- To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:
"I propose that all correspondence received from Secretary and Chairman of Roundwood Parish Committee be considered at next Meeting in connection with the unnecessary delay in clearing their Roads."
- To consider Petition received from occupants of labourers' cottages at Eoghall Road, Bray, in regard to recent flooding.
- Inquiries arising out of County Manager's Orders.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we the Members of Wicklow County Council have heard with deep regret of the death of Mrs. Metcalfe, mother of Councillor Metcalfe, and we hereby tender to him and to the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager asked that the members of the Staff and himself might be associated with the terms of this resolution.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle;

Resolved—That we the Members of Wicklow County Council have heard with deep regret of the death of Mrs. John Howard Parnell, and we hereby tender to the members of her family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 1—Minutes.
The Secretary stated that the Minutes of the Adjourned Estimates Meeting held on 3rd March, 1947, had not yet been received from the Printers. The Minutes of this Meeting contained details of the amounts provided in the Estimates, and the Printers had stated that a considerable amount of extra work was involved in preparing these tables.

The Council adjourned consideration of the Minutes to the next Meeting.

Arising out of the Minutes, Councillor W. Hammond referred to the Resolution passed by the Council at previous Meeting extending to the 30th April, 1947, the time for the collection of the Second Moiety of Rates. He stated that notwithstanding this Resolution, some Rate Collectors had pressed for payment of the balance of rates before 31st March, and one farmer was obliged to sell his seed oats to meet the rates demand.

The County Manager explained that since 1942 there was no legal authority for extending the period of time for collection of Rates. The Council's Resolution had, however, been forwarded to the Department of Local Government for consideration, but no reply had been received.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Resolved—That we express our regret that no reply was received to the Council's representations in regard to the extension of time for the payment of rates, and we urge that no action should be taken against ratepayers who were unable to meet their liabilities for rates before the 31st March, 1947.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Overdraft Accommodation: Turf Production Account.

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 to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for such financial assistance 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 May, 1947, shall not exceed £5,000.

Passed unanimously.

TURF WORKERS' WAGES.

Councillor S. Dunne inquired whether it was intended to increase the wages of Turf Workers in the coming season.

The County Manager stated that Turf Workers were employed mainly on piece work, but that he understood that the question of revision of wages of turf workers was under consideration by the Department of Local Government.

Several Councillors urged that the Council should produce a greater quantity of turf in the coming season.

The County Engineer stated that the Council had received no instructions in regard to the production of turf, apart from the obligation to produce sufficient turf for the Council's own institutions. He explained the difficulties of producing any considerable quantity of turf in County Wicklow. A number of turf banks would be let to private producers for the production of turf.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor W. Clarke;

Resolved—That we request Fuel Importers, Ltd., to arrange to establish a turf depot at Wicklow or Arklow to serve the needs of County Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Suspension of Standing Orders for the Purpose of Reconsidering Revision of Remuneration of Officers and Employees.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;
Seconded by Councillor S. Dunne;
Resolved—That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of reconsidering the revision of remuneration of officers and employees of the Council.

Passed unanimously.
The County Secretary read the following Letter from the Department of Local Government on the matter of salary scales:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
Custom House,
Dublin.

G.4339/2/47. 27th March, 1947.
I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 6th inst., and to state that in view of the fact that the County Council is prepared to provide for the necessary extra expenditure involved in granting increased remuneration to the staff of the Council, he is prepared to approve of increases within the limits of the increases recently approved by the Government for Civil Service Staffs.

With particular reference to the proposed salary scales for the clerical and administrative staff set out in schedules which accompanied your letter, the Minister would be prepared to approve of the following scales:—

Clerk-Typist £130 x £10—£210.
Clerical Officers £160 x £15—£450 with an efficiency bar at £250 per annum.
County Librarian, £400 x £10—£450 per annum.
Library Assistant, £130—£10—£210 per annum.

The Minister sanctions a salary of £450 per annum for the Assistant Accountant, and a salary of £375 per annum for the Rate Inspector. He has fixed a salary scale of £750 x £15—£900 per annum for the County Secretary. The Chief Officer (Public Health and Assistance) may be placed on the maximum scale, £450 x £10—£550 per annum, and the County Accountant may be placed on a strictly personal salary of £560 per annum.

Officers who are placed on the salary scales outlined above should not enter at points which represent a number of increments on the new scales greater than the number of increments which their present salaries represent on the scales appropriate to their posts: for example, a Clerical Officer in receipt of a salary of £170 per annum which represents eight years' service in that grade, should enter the revised scale for Clerical Officers at a point not exceeding £280 per annum, which represents eight increments on that scale.

Payment of emergency bonus should cease as from the date of coming into operation of the revised scales and any payments of emergency bonuses made subsequent to that date should be regarded as advances on the revised scales. The scales outlined above apply only to permanent officers who are not in receipt of fees or other monies in addition to their usual salary. Particulars of such officers, together with the fees and monies payable to them, should be submitted. The salaries and salary scales sanctioned above will be subject to review within a period not exceeding two years. A further communication will be sent to you in connection with the officers referred to in the schedule transmitted with your letter and not dealt with herein.

Mise, le meas.

R. O. MORCHU.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Following a discussion on the applications received from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union, and from the Engineers' Association, in regard to the adoption of salary scales for clerical, administrative and engineering staffs, and their application as from 1st January, 1947.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;
Seconded by Councillor S. Dunne;
Resolved—That we recommend the application of the salary and wage scales recommended by the Irish Local Government Officials' Union and the Engineers' Association as from 1st January, 1947, and that we authorise expenditure in excess of the estimates for the year 1947/48 to an amount of £2,300 in respect of such increases.

As an amendment, it was proposed by Councillor W. Hammond, seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey:

That we defer for three months consideration of the application of the revised salary scales from 1st January, 1947.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors W. Hammond and Dr. J. J. Hickey—2.
AGAINST: Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D.; P. Doyle, B. Farrell, P. P. O'Reilly, J. O'Reilly, Ed. Byrne, Séan Dunne, Wm. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, Wm. Clarke, and Joseph Jacob—14.

The amendment was defeated by 14 votes against to 2 in favour, and the Resolution was passed by the Council, Councillor W. Hammond dissenting.

The Secretary stated that the application of the Scales suggested by the Department of Local Government in their letter of 27th March, would involve a net increase in cost of £274 10s. If the scale for Assistant Engineers and for the County Engineer, recommended by the County Engineers' Association, were adopted, the additional amount required would be £783.

The County Secretary stated that a deputation from the Society of Medical Officers of Health had been received by the Minister, and that it had been indicated that a salary of £1,000 per annum for the County Medical Officer of Health would be approved. The amount provided in the Estimates based on 15 per cent. increase in the salary of the County Medical Officer of Health would bring his remuneration to £920.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;
Seconded by Councillor S. Dunne;
Resolved—That we agree to the adoption of the salary scales for clerical and administrative staff as set out in the letter dated 27th March, 1947, from the Department of Local Government, and authorise the expenditure necessary for this purpose.

Item No. 5—Correspondence from the Secretary and Chairman of Roundwood Parish Committee, etc., re Clearing Roads of Snow.

The County Secretary read the following letters received from the Chairman and Secretary of Roundwood Parish Committee:—

Roundwood,
Co. Wicklow,

The Wicklow County Manager,
County Offices,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,
At a meeting representative of the people of Roundwood and District held on the 19th February, 1947, it was decided to call your attention to the difficulties and hardships experienced from the continued blocking of the roads, following on the snowfalls of three to four weeks ago.

The main road to Roundwood and Glendalough via Calary has been completely blocked to traffic during all this time (and is likely to remain so, until the Spring sunshine melts the snow), and had it not been for the efforts on the part of private individuals to open up the Roundwood-Ballyduff-Ashford road, this district would still be completely cut off except for foot traffic.

Whilst it is fully realised that this district was not alone in suffering hardship due to the weather conditions, and that the Council staff have had many problems to cope with, may we suggest the more mountainous districts of the County, such as Roundwood, should be provided with special facilities for the clearing of roads from snow, and the following suggestions are put forward for your earnest consideration.

It is of the greatest importance to clear falls of snow as soon as possible before freezing takes place or further falls occur, and the use of snow ploughs is the quickest and most effective means of doing so. Owners of suitable tractors in the district (the later models with large rubber-tired rear wheels are specially suited to snow conditions) should be provided with snow ploughs and authorised to clear the more important roads as soon as possible after snow has fallen, and farmers owning two or more good horses should be given similar ploughs and be charged with the task of keeping certain less important roads open.

In addition, we consider that the Assistant County Surveyors should be empowered to engage help immediately a fall occurs in clearing deep drifts, spreading sand on hills, etc.

The meeting would like to stress the importance of keeping the Kilmacnogue—Calary—Roundwood—Glendalough road open to traffic at all costs.

In conclusion, may we assure you that any action on your part in carrying out the above suggestions will meet with the grateful thanks and heartiest co-operation of the people of the district.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

(Signed): JOSEPH HEALY, P.C.
Chairman.

Roundwood,
Co. Wicklow,
1st March, 1947.

The County Manager,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

A meeting representative of all classes of the people in this locality was held here on 21st ult., and it was proposed to bring the following complaints to your notice:—

1st.—There is in the precincts of the village a woman who is an alleged fever hospital case and is being attended by the local M.O. for some three or four weeks past. An ambulance came here on the 13th inst. to take this patient to Hospital; it got within 1,000 yards of the patient's home. Volunteers offered their services to carry the patient from her home to the ambulance, but that was ruled out owing to the woman's condition. A local car owner offered to take the patient in his car to the ambulance, but the driver said that could not be done with a fever case except the car was disinfected in Rathdrum or Wicklow first, otherwise the patient could not be conveyed in the Ambulance. Then volunteers offered their services to clear the road for the ambulance, but the driver said he could not wait for that to be done, as he had to be on another job and was already too long delayed here, so the alleged fever patient was left just where she was.

The meeting take a serious view of this case, of leaving an alleged fever patient, who might be a potential danger to the health of the inhabitants, and ask that some suitable action be taken to place responsibility wherever it lies.

2nd.—A man living about four miles from here had the misfortune to fracture a limb as a result of falling on the frosted ground. A neighbour came to the local M.O. and asked him to come to the poor man's relief as quickly as he could, the man being in great pain for some time. The Doctor, it is stated, said he could not get there by motor car—he, in fact, could not, as the road (the main road to Dublin) was blocked by snow. The neighbour who came on horseback, offered his horse to the Doctor, but the Doctor would not go to the man suffering from a fractured limb and in great pain.

The meeting is of opinion that this is a most glaring incident to occur in a civilised community and has left the M.O. open to the severest censure.

3rd.—The roads question, in addition to the letter under separate cover, drawn up at a meeting on the 19th ult., the meeting wish to protest against the main road from Glendalough via Roundwood to Dublin being left unopened for a period of over four weeks and no effort being made to clear it. This road is still closed. There is a tract over which one-way traffic can operate, and then only by adventurous vehicle drives, that is via Ballyduff and Ashford, and entails travelling an extra 20 or 25 miles. This route was opened almost entirely by the efforts of a local carrier in order to maintain the collection and deliveries of essential goods for the district, and, after five weeks, it is still a one-way traffic route, as no two vehicles can pass except there are men to dig either one out.

(Signed): M. J. BRENNAN,

Sec. Parish Council.

The Secretary also read the County Manager's reply of 6th March, addressed to the Chairman of the Roundwood Parish Committee:—

Courthouse,
Wicklow.

Joseph Healy, Esq., P.C.,
Chairman,
Roundwood Parish Committee,
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6th March, 1947.

In connection with efforts to clear the roads of snow in the Roundwood area, I should like to mention that the County Engineer and myself have all along appreciated the gravity of the situation, and, in fact, we have made every effort with the resources at our disposal to clear the roads.

The Engineering Staff and the County Council's Overseers were authorised to employ all available men on this work. It was found, however, that manual labour was not sufficient to cope with the difficulties. Consequently the Engineering Staff designed and had constructed a snow-plough in order to endeavour to speed up the work. The County Engineer has repeatedly applied for Army help and equipment but was not successful. In addition, we have tried to procure mechanical equipment (such as excavators, etc.) from any source whatsoever. We find, however, that there is a shortage of such type of equipment in this country, but have succeeded in procuring an Excavator from Messrs. Hydro-Electric Development, who have been working for the E.S.B. We are still pursuing the matter of procuring further equipment, and in fact the County Engineer and myself are proceeding to-day to Dublin in the hope that we may be able to arrange for some more Excavators.

I should like you and the members of your Committee to understand that the Engineering Staff and the Council Road Workers have been doing everything they humanly can to cope with this abnormal situation, and we are grateful for the co-operation we have received from the residents of your District.

Whilst the immediate problem is to relieve the present situation, we shall bear in mind your useful suggestions regarding the provision of effective means for dealing with such a situation in future. It is