

WESTERN AREA.

Knockieran 11.—9 houses in progress; 1 completed, 2 houses completed except for painting and fire grates; 2 houses almost ready; painting and kitchen floors in progress; 2 houses plastered externally, interior plastering in progress. One outoffice completed; outoffices for other houses—walls built, plastered and sub-floors in.

Shraughan—1 house: walls erected to wall plate level.

Annalecky: 1 house and outoffices erected; roofed and felted, windows in.

Moneymore—1 house—walls and chimneys built.

Rathmoon—1 house—roofed and plastering in progress.

Tuckmill—2 house—roof in progress, plastering in progress.

Irishtown Park—1 house—walls completed (including outoffice) and ceilings in.

Kylebeg—1 house—foundations opened, gravel delivered.

Toclestown—1 house—foundations in.

Fencing carried out at Knockieran, Annalecky, Tuckmill and Irishtown.

Total Labour: 10 Skilled; 17 Unskilled.

Experimental House (O'Sullivan) at Killoughter.

Work on experimental house at Killoughter progressed satisfactorily until 24th August, when men working on the "Sullivan" house were withdrawn by the firm. The outside walls had been erected, together with one partition wall.

The firm has been requested to furnish a report on present position and reasons for withdrawing their technicians.

It is proposed, with the Committee's consent, to erect two further experimental cottages—one at Lott's Lane, Kilcool, and one at Killacoran, Aughrim.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Minutes of the meetings of the Housing Committee held on 10th August, 1949, and 6th Sept., 1949.

Passed.

With reference to the Minutes of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 6th September, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor G. Doyle;

Resolved—That we approve of the erection of a second experimental house with the "O'Sullivan" system, and agree to payment of a royalty and an amount for the hire of the equipment.

Passed unanimously.

Application for Loan Under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The Council considered particulars submitted in regard to the income of Mr. R. Dykes, Myross, Kilcoole, an applicant for Loan of £1,500 under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.

Proposed by Councillor Dr. Hickey;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the granting of Loan of £1,500 to Mr. R. Dykes, Myross, Kilcoole, under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.

Passed.

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

IN FAVOUR—Councillors T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Hammond, Senator J. J. McCrea, H. J. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Geo. Doyle, W. Lawless and C. M. Byrne—9.

AGAINST: Councillors B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, J. O'Reilly and J. Jacob—5.

The Motion was declared passed by nine votes in favour to five against.

Application for Loan Under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.

The Secretary submitted a further letter received from Mr. J. E. Meredith, who had applied for a Loan of £1,500 under the above-mentioned Acts.

Following a discussion, it was decided to refuse the application as particulars of income submitted were not considered satisfactory.

Item No. 23—Report of Committee appointed by Council to investigate Complaints made by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs.

The following report of the Special Committee appointed by the Council on 11th July, 1949, had been circulated to the members:—

Report of Special Committee appointed by the County Council on 11th July, 1949, for the purpose of investigating matters raised by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs.

The Committee consisted of the following members: Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman; Councillors T. Brennan, T.D.; Ed. Byrne, W. Hammond, J. J. Metcalfe, W. Lawless and P. McCarthy.

The Committee met on 25th July, 1949, 10th August, 1949, and 6th September, 1949.

At the Meeting held on 25th July, 1949, Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, attended and submitted a number of matters for investigation by the Committee. These matters were considered by the Committee at that Meeting and at the following Meetings, and the Committee's decision on the various points is submitted hereunder:—

Item No. 1—Whole-time Officials of the County Council Holding More than One Position.

The Committee considered—(a) a return showing persons in the employment of the County Council who held more than one position under local authorities, together with their remuneration for these employments; (b) statement showing amount of travelling expenses paid to County Engineer, Assistant Engineers and Clerk of Works during the year ended 31st March, 1949; (c) the opinion of the Council's Law Agent in regard to whole-time employment of officials.

The Committee decided to consider particularly the positions held by Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, Mr. J. P. Caffrey, Mr. W. C. Byrne and Mr. R. Kavanagh. The Committee noted that Mr. J. T. O'Byrne and Mr. J. P. Caffrey had held the positions of Town Surveyors to Wicklow and Arklow Urban District Councils for a number of years past with the permission of the Minister, and that the employment of whole-time Engineers by these two authorities would entail payment of salaries of from £600 to £800 per annum. The Committee noted also that Mr. O'Byrne did not hold any statutory position under the Wicklow Harbour Authority. The Committee noted the position in regard to the offices held by Mr. W. C. Byrne.

In regard to travelling expenses of Mr. R. Kavanagh, Clerk of Works, the Committee considered that there should now be no necessity for Mr. Kavanagh to visit the districts in which separate Clerks of Works are now available.

In regard to the Schemes for the erection of houses by Direct Labour in Bray, the Committee considered that the arrangement made with Bray Urban District Council should terminate as soon as the 18 houses now under construction were built.

Item No. 2—Housing Repairs: Delay in Execution.

The Committee considered reports of the County Engineer and Assistant Engineers in regard to repairs to cottages mentioned by Councillor J. Everett, T.D. The Committee also considered a statement giving details of the cottages in respect of which repairs were authorised during the quarter ended 31st March, 1949, and showing the dates on which these repairs had been carried out. The Committee noted that 109 cottages had been authorised for repair during these three months and that of this number 12 only had not been completed. In regard to some of these repairs in respect of cottages in the Western district, the Committee noted the Assistant Engineer's explanation that it had been necessary to divert tradesmen from cottage repairs in order to proceed with cottage building in that area, and that the more urgent repairs had been carried out. The Committee considered that periodic reports should be submitted to the Housing Committee showing the cottages actually repaired during the previous month.

Item No. 3—Preparation of Plans by County Engineer for Private Persons.

The Committee expressed the view that plans for private persons should not be prepared by Engineers in the whole-time employment of the Council.

Item No. 4—Delay in Giving Decisions under Town Planning Acts.

The Committee considered report of County Secretary in regard to an application for approval to the erection of a house for Mrs. Margaret Caddell at Kilquade.

Mrs. Giltsoff, Kilquade, attended the meeting of the Committee and Senator P. McCartan, Director of Kilquade Sand Co., also attended the meeting.

The Committee noted that the delay in granting final approval under the Town and Regional Planning Acts to the application mentioned, was due to the applicant's Architect not submitting particulars for the development of the land as requested by the Co. Engineer. The Committee noted that permission for the work was granted on the day after the receipt of the information required by the County Engineer.

In regard to the question of the erection of Nissen huts at Kilquade, the Committee noted that these huts were used only as stores in connection with the Kilquade Sand Company's business and were not used for human habitation. The Committee noted further that the Kilquade Sand Company, Ltd., intended to erect a Tile Factory and Gravel Washing Plant at Kilquade, which would provide considerable employment in the district. The Committee noted also that no workmen were disemployed due to any question of delay in regard to approval to the erection of the house.

Item No. 5—Employment by Co. Council of Sons of Foremen and Overseers, and Retention of such Persons in Employment While Married Men were Not Employed.

The Committee expressed the view that the services of two single men named Melia and Kavanagh, employed as unskilled labourers, should be dispensed with, if there were married men or single men with dependants seeking work in the Newcastle-Rathnw-Ashford area. The Committee noted, subsequently, that these men had been dismissed.

In regard to the apprenticeship of Reid and Kavanagh, whose fathers were employed as foremen by the County Council, the Committee noted that the matter of the employment of apprentices had been discussed at the Housing Committee, and that the Council could not compel tradesmen to accept any particular person as an apprentice. The Committee decided that there was no objection to the retention of Messrs. Reid and Kavanagh as apprentices, but registered

the members' disapproval of the attitude of the Unions to apprenticeship and pointed out that the Unions should not restrict entries to the trades. In considering the matter, the Committee examined a list of tradesmen employed by the Council during the month of June.

The Committee also considered a statement showing the number of overseers, assistant overseers, gangers and charge-hands employed by the Council at 30th June, 1949, together with details of mileage of main and county roads in each overseer's area, and particulars of men employed in each area at that date. The Committee agreed that the County Engineer's statements and explanations in regard to the matter were adequate, and, while certain supervisory workers were living in Ashford, their work was not confined to the Ashford district, and their districts radiated from Ashford. The Committee considered that surface men employed on edging and cleaning water tables should work according to a definite and pre-arranged schedule.

Item No. 6—Compensation Paid to Person for Injury Sustained on Roadway at Merrymeeting.

The Committee considered a cutting from "Wicklow People," dated Saturday, 29th May, 1948, giving report of case against the County Council in respect of an accident which occurred to Kathleen Twambley at Merrymeeting, Rathnew. The Committee expressed themselves as satisfied with the County Engineer's explanation, in which he pointed out that the road had been repaired properly, having regard to the nature of the damage and the particular type of road, and that all the Council workers were fully engaged at the time and for several weeks subsequently in extensive repair and restoration work on roads and bridges damaged by the exceptionally bad weather of that period. The Committee noted that the statement made in Court to the effect that no Engineer had inspected the work, was made by Richard Melia, and not by Thomas Kavanagh, and that the report of the Judge's comments did not contain a reference to main roads only being maintained by the County Council. It was noted also that the claim made against the County Council in this matter had been met by the Council's Insurers.

Item No. 7—Payment to Mr. Michael Fogarty for Damage from Blasting at Carrigmore Quarry.

The Committee noted that the original claim submitted by Mr. Fogarty amounted to approximately £123, and that the final settlement, which was made on the recommendation of the Council's Law Agent, was for £40 plus £3 3s. costs.

Item No. 8—Cottage Site at Bolarney, Wicklow, Notwithstanding Petition from Ratepayers.

The verbatim report of the Inquiry in regard to the sites at Bolarney, was submitted to the Committee. The Committee noted that the applicants had been approved by the Committee of the County Council and that Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor, attended the Inquiry on behalf of Richard Heatley and William Henry, and that Mr. John Reid, the third applicant, attended the Inquiry in person. The Committee noted that the names of the applicants were before the Inquiry and that Reid had actually given sworn evidence. The three applicants had been approved by the Committee of the County Council, and two of these applicants, namely, Richard Heatley and John Reid, were approved also by the Inspector at the Inquiry. It was noted that the third applicant, William Henry, was rejected by the Inspector.

Item No. 9—Employment of Richard Melia, Ganger, Taking Traffic Census at Ashford on Sunday, 3rd June, 1949.

The Committee was informed that Richard Melia had been employed by the Council for the purpose of taking a traffic census at Ashford, and that he had been paid double time in respect of this

work, since the census was taken on a Sunday. The Committee noted that it was considered desirable that a reliable person be employed on this work, and that the Dept. of Local Government had indicated that it was desirable that a census be taken of road traffic at certain intervals.

Item No. 10—Employment of Unmarried Men on Housing Scheme in Newcastle Area.

The Committee noted that this matter had already been fully discussed at a meeting of the Housing Committee, and subsequently at meeting of the County Council.

Item No. 11—Supply of Building Materials for Housing and other Works.

The Committee considered list of payments made to Builders Providers during the period September, 1947, to June 1949. The principal suppliers were as follows:—

Messrs. Brooks Thomas and Co., Ltd.	£3,412 13 10
John Deans, Glenealy	3,726 19 8
Dinan Dowdall and Co., Ltd.	2,985 11 7
John Duffy, Hacketstown	1,929 7 6
McNaughton and Sons, Dublin	983 11 1
S. V. Delahunt, Wicklow	407 2 0
D. H. Haskins, Wicklow	45 2 0

The Committee also considered particulars submitted as to type of material supplied by Messrs. Delahunt and Messrs. Haskins, and noted that 20 tons of cement only had been supplied by Messrs. Haskins, and 25 tons by Messrs. Delahunt. The Committee noted that the principal items supplied for cottage building by Messrs. Delahunt were ranges and mantle registers in respect of which this Firm had submitted the lowest quotation.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the report of the Committee appointed by the Council to investigate complaints made by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs.

Passed unanimously.

Examination For Clerk/Typists.

Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that he had not been in the Council Chamber when the Council had considered at the August meeting letter received from the Department of Local Government directing that another examination be held for clerk/typists. He considered that the persons who had qualified at the previous examination were not being fairly treated.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Resolved—That in regard to Clerk/Typists examination held in January, 1949, we request that the Minister reconsider his decision in regard to the matter and allow the results to stand for all candidates except the candidate whose father was engaged to read the shorthand test and that this candidate be rejected.

Passed unanimously.

Road Repairs—Barndarrig-Redcross Road.

The Council noted the following letter received from Wing-Commander V. J. Casey, Redcross:—
The County Manager, 20th August, 1949.

Sir,
The residents of the village have asked me to express, in writing, to the County Council their grateful thanks for the splendid manner in which the resurfacing of the village street and side-walks have been carried out; also the whole road between the village and the main road at Barndarrig is now a real pleasure to travel on,

The modern and highly specialised equipment used surprised us all; we were astonished at its efficient performance.

V. J. CASEY (W/Cdr. (Ret.))

(On behalf of residents).

Telephone Service.

The Council noted the following letter received from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs in response to the Council's representations in regard to delay in completing telephone calls between Bray and Wicklow and between other towns in the County.

Department of Posts and Telegraphs,
Dublin.

25 Lusana, 1949.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 9th instant concerning the telephone service in County Wicklow, with particular reference to delay on calls between Bray and Wicklow and Bray and Rathdrum, I am directed by the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to state that it is recognised that there is unfortunately delay on calls between these places due to their being insufficient outlets for the heavy volume of traffic, and I am to express regret for the inconvenience caused by the present conditions.

The problem of overloaded lines is general throughout the country as a result of the virtual standstill imposed on new construction work by stores shortages during the emergency period, aggravated by an unprecedented increase in telephone traffic. The Department is making very effort to overtake the heavy arrears of trunk construction work, but it will necessarily be some time before a general improvement can be effected.

Additional circuits in the Wicklow Area will be provided as soon as circumstances permit. In the meantime the Council may rest assured that every effort will be made to keep delay on calls as low as possible.

Mise, le meas,

Runai.

C. S. O Branagain, Uas.,

Runai,

Comhairle Conndae Cill Manntain.

Public Lighting, Redcross.

The County Secretary stated that a quotation had been received from the Electricity Supply Board for the provision of public lighting at Redcross. The terms of the quotation provided for charge of £38 10s. for the provision of the four lamps. A separate charge would be made for the actual electricity consumed. The Board would effect a mass replacement of four lamps twice yearly and clean all equipment once yearly at total annual charge of £2 8s. The quotation was subject to the Board's conditions for the supply of public lighting in rural areas dated 18th February, 1949.

The County Secretary pointed out that the Council at previous meeting had expressed disagreement with the conditions attaching to the supply of public lighting in rural areas as submitted by the Electricity Supply Board. Under the revised conditions it would be necessary for the Council to arrange for the switching on and off of lights.

The Council asked that inquiry be made from the Electricity Supply Board as to whether the Board could arrange for the provision of public lighting at Redcross under the conditions which formerly applied, namely, that the Board would arrange for switching on and off the lamps.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor C. W. Hudson and accepted by the Chairman:—

NOTICE OF MOTION.

"I hereby give notice that at the next meeting of the Co. Council I, or someone for me, shall move that the decision of the Council at the meeting held on 8th August, 1949, to have Dispensary

Doctor at Arklow appointed by Appointments Commissioners be rescinded, and that we now recommend appointment be made on promotion from doctors now practising in the County."

Councillor B. Farrell submitted the following matters which he asked should be investigated:—

1. Graveyard at Kilranelagh was in a bad condition, and Councillor B. Farrell stated that the caretaker had not attended to his duties and should be dismissed;
2. A Mr. White, tenant of County Council cottage at Knockieran had previously owned a farm, and owned the house at present rented to Mrs. Healy, Rate Collector.
3. The Rent Collector for Parkmore Cottages had obtained 25s. from tenant of cottage formerly occupied by Mrs. Vella, in respect of grate said to have been installed by former tenant. He had been asked for an explanation in regard to the matter and had subsequently refunded the sum of 25s. to present tenant. Councillor Farrell asked that this matter be investigated.

The Council decided that the matters raised by Councillor B. Farrell be investigated by a Committee of the Council who would report to the Housing Committee. The following members were appointed on the Committee: Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman; Councillors T. Brennan, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, W. Lawless, W. Hammond.

It was arranged that the Committee would meet in Baltinglass and that the Rent Collector and tenant be asked to attend.

Councillor C. M. Byrne drew attention to the condition of many of the old burial grounds in the County, and asked that a report on the condition of burial grounds generally be submitted to the Council. He suggested that the burial grounds which had been closed for many years should be maintained by the State.

The Council asked that the report in regard to the income of tenants of Council cottages, which was at present being completed, be circulated to all members of the Council.

Motor Race at Wicklow.

The County Manager stated that it was proposed to hold a motor race in Wicklow-Rathnew area in the coming year and submitted an ordnance sheet showing proposed route of the race.

The Council approved of the proposal.

Conference in Regard to Fire Fighting.

The Council decided that the Conference to be held between representatives of the Urban Councils and the County Council in regard to improvement in the Fire Fighting Services be held at the Court-house, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 19th Sept., 1949.

Wiring of Cottages at Dunlavin.

In reply to inquiry from members of the Council, the County Manager stated that tenders had been invited for the wiring of cottages at Dunlavin for electricity.

County Library.

The Council directed that the question of the County Library Headquarters and improved facilities for borrowers of books be included on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 10th October, 1949, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman;
Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; Patk. Doyle, Wm. Cleary, B. Barrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, Peter Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Ed. Byrne, Geo. Doyle, L. O. Laoighleis, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, W. Clarke and J. Jacob.
Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, attended.
Mr. R. L. Farrell, Deputy County Engineer, and Assistant Engineers J. P. Caffrey, B.E., C. J. Byrne, and M. Healy, B.E., were also present.

AGENDA:

1. To conform and sign Minutes of meeting held on 8th August, 1949.
2. Report on Burial Grounds.
3. Report of Architect and Chief Medical Officer re proposed County Clinic.
4. Purchase of site for County Hospital.
5. Application for purchase of Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic at Bray.
6. Notice of Motion in regard to appointment of Dispensary Medical Officer, Arklow.
7. Report of Conference in regard to improved Fire-fighting Service.
8. Report of County Engineer re application for provision of pumps at Brittas.
9. Water Supplies—West Wicklow District.
10. Correspondence in connection with County Library Headquarters.
11. Applications from Irish Automobile Drivers and Automobile Mechanics Union, and from Federation of Rural Workers in regard to increased wages for Lorry Drivers and Roller Drivers.
12. Application from Irish Transport and General Workers' Union for increase of 15s. per week in wages of workers employed on Drainage Schemes.
13. Petition from residents on back road from Kindlestown to Delgany in regard to condition of road.
14. Application from Department of Defence for permission to erect a hut for Forsa Conasta Aitiuill on Fair Field at Roundwood.
15. To authorise the affixing of the seal of the Council to the Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works in respect of the Loan of £3,000 to Arklow Harbour Commissioners.
16. Report of meeting of Housing Committee held on 7th Oct., 1949.
17. Report of meeting of Special Committee appointed by the Council to investigate matters raised by Councillor B. Farrell.
18. Resolution from Corporation of Sligo in regard to purchase of Ground Rents.
19. Inquiries arising out of County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

The County Secretary stated that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th August, 1949, had not been circulated to the members.

The Council decided to adjourn consideration of the Minutes to the next Meeting.

Carters in the employment of the County Council:

Councillor P. McCarthy inquired as to the rate of wages paid by the County Council to carters in respect of holiday pay.

The Chairman informed Councillor P. McCarthy that at a previous meeting the Council had been informed that Carters were paid at the road workers rate of pay in respect of holidays.

Councillor P. McCarthy stated he would hand in notice of motion in regard to the matter.

Item No. 2—Burial Grounds:

The County Secretary stated that, as requested by the Council, reports had been obtained from the Assistant Engineers in respect of the condition of the Burial Grounds in the County. The reports received were as follows:—

Report of Assistant Engineer C. J. Byrne, dated 27th April, 1949:—
VESTED.

Aghowle.—The entrance road to this graveyard is about 400 yards long and is in very bad repair, and will cost about £70 to put into a proper condition. The notice board requires repainting at a cost of £1 5s., otherwise the graveyard is well kept. Total cost £71.

Yew Tree, Balisland.—This cemetery is used only very occasionally, the entrance road is about 300 yards long and has no entrance gate, the gap being blocked up. The entrance is choked with bushes and the fence needs repairs. The cost of the work required would be, new entrance and gate, £12; cut bushes £3; repair boundary fence £5; repaint sign £1 5s. The cemetery is otherwise fairly well kept. Total costs, £21 5s.

Killavane Old.—This cemetery is also used very occasionally and the whole place is badly grown over with shrubs. The unused lower end is a mass of furze and quicks. The fence needs repairs and a new gate and notice board is wanted. The cost of the work would be—repair fence and lay hedge £10; new gate and sign £6 10s.; furze and quicks £20; trim shrubs £15. Some work would also have to be done the following year in removing young growths of quicks and furze. Total costs £51 10s.

Preban Old.—The entrance stile and fence needs repairs costing £2 10s., and the notice board needs repainting at £1 5s., otherwise it is in good repair. Total cost £3 15s.

Kilpipe.—There is no entrance to this cemetery and as far as I can gather it is no longer used. The fence needs repairs to the extent of £4 10s. and the notice board requires repainting and post £2 10s., otherwise its condition is fair. Total cost £6 10s.

Liscolman.—Some repairs are required to the fence which is being overturned by adjacent trees. Otherwise in good condition. Total cost £7 10s.

Knocklow.—There is no entrance to this cemetery which is about half a mile from the road and does not seem to have been used since 1936. There is no notice board (£2 10s.) and the fence needs some repairs (£2 10s.). Condition fair. Total cost £5.

Ballymacrow.—Stile and adjoining fence need to be rebuilt at £4 and sign needs repainting at £1 5s., otherwise in condition. Total cost £5 5s.

Knockenanna New.—This is a very new cemetery and is in good condition except the paths need gravelling at a cost of £7. Total cost £7.

Kilquigan New.—This is a new cemetery and is not yet used.

Ardoyne.—The wall needs repairs at a cost of £2 10s., otherwise in fair condition. Total cost £2 10s.

Crosspatrick.—There is no sign in this cemetery (£2 10s.), otherwise in fair condition. Total cost £2 10s.

Mullnacuffe.—The sign needs repainting at £1 5s., otherwise in good condition. Total cost £2 10s.

UNVESTED.

Kilcommon.—In good condition.

Killavane New.—In good condition.

Preban New.—In good condition.

Curraghawn (Kilpipe).—In good condition.

Askingap.—In good condition.

Moynes.—In good condition.

Knockanna Old.—In good condition.

Crosslow.—In good condition, but a few yards of boundary hedge need laying at £1.

Tomacork.—This cemetery is not in good condition at the moment as Father Kelly, P.P., is having some improvements carried out by knocking trees, etc.

Kilquigan Old.—In good condition.

Ardoyne.—In good condition.

Coolkenno.—In good condition.

Shillelagh.—In good condition.

Coolafancy.—In good condition.

Crosspatrick.—In good condition.

Carnew.—In good condition.

Report of Assistant Engineer J. P. Caffrey, dated 9/5/49:—

In general all Graveyards in the South Eastern Area are well kept, weeds and briars are kept down, and footpaths where there are any are well attended to. All Notice Boards need to be repainted and lettered.

Kilmagig.—In fair order.

Whaley Abbey.—In fair order.

Kilcommon.—In fair order. Some repairs needed to fences—about £3.

Rathdrum.—In good order.

Avoca.—In good order.

Barnarrig.—In good order.

Newbridge (Avoca).—In fair order. Repairs to fences needed—about £2.

Greenane.—In good order.

Arklow.—This cemetery is in good order. A couple of years ago we put waste from the mines on the paths and this has kept down weeds very well. About 16 tons more of this is needed and about 20 tons of quarry dust. An old drain also requires to be filled. About £30 would need to be expended.

Templrainey.—In good order. We did a big job on repairing the fences of this graveyard last year.

Templemichael.—In good order.

Glenealy.—In good order.

Three Mile Water.—This graveyard needs a lot more attention to weeds, grass and briars than it is receiving. The Caretaker should be instructed about this.

Castlemacadam.—In fair order, some briars and weeds need to be cut, and bushes and small trees in Old Church should be cut down.

Kilcarra.—Hedges should be trimmed back. Otherwise in fair order.

Ballintemple.—About 85 lin yds. of the old stone and sod fence is broken down on the outside and needs to be repaired. About 20 stakes and ¼ cwt. barb-wire are needed for the top of the fence. Cost of repairs, approx £25.

Rosbane.—In fair order. Some repairs to old stone and sod fence needed. About £8.

Macreddin.—Similar to Rossahane, cost £3.

Report of Assistant Engineer M. C. Kennane:—

BURIAL GROUNDS.

Location	Vested	Non-vested	Condition Good Fences need repair Good
	—	Non-vested	
Glencree	Vested		
Curtlestown			
Killager	—	Non-vested	
Enniskerry	—	"	"
Powerscourt	—	"	"
Churchtown	—	"	"

Calary	—	"	Good
Kilmacanogue (1)	—	"	"
Kilmacanogue (2)	—	"	"
Rathnew (Wicklow and Rathdrum Burial Board)			
Rathnew	Vested	—	Fair
Killoughter	"	—	Good
Newcastle	"	—	"
Killadreenan	—	Non-vested	Fair
Kilmurray New	Vested	—	Good
Kilmurray Old	—	Non-vested	Fair
Killiskey	Vested	—	Good
Kilfree	"	—	"
Derrylossery	"	Non-vested	"
Glendalough	Vested	—	"
Kilquade	"	—	"

Report of Assistant Engineer P. J. Foley, B.E.—

Tober Burial Ground.—This burial ground is fairly well kept, and the approach to it is all right.

Burgage Burial Ground.—This burial ground is not as good at all as it should be, and the side walks are poor. I think in this case that Mrs. Whelan is not able to look after it, and she does not pay a man to do it. I recommend that John Murray of Blessinggon be appointed as Temporary Caretaker (Estimate attached).

Dunlavin Burial Ground.—The walks are fairly well kept, and there is a reasonable amount of attention paid to it. The Caretaker should insist that graves are properly filled up, and not allowed to form depressions in the ground.

Tournant Burial Ground.—Could do with a certain amount of trimming of grass, etc., but it is not in a bad condition. The approach to it is, however, through a laneway, which is in bad condition (Estimate attached).

Ballycore Burial Ground.—Is in fairly good condition, but again I think the grass might be cut oftener in it.

Cranieran Burial Ground.—Is fairly well kept, the fence has got loose and required repairs (Estimate attached).

Donard New Burial Ground.—This ground has not been blessed, and it is ready for use. A Caretaker should be appointed.

Rathbran Burial Ground.—Is fairly well kept, but there are some bushes in it might be trimmed and the grass cut. The approach to it is in bad condition and requires repairs (Estimate attached).

Donard Old Burial Ground.—Is in a weedy condition and required some trimming and attention. The approach to it could do with a few loads of gravel.

Baltiboy's Burial Ground.—The grass in this case is running wild and requires to be trimmed up. The gates require to be painted (Estimate attached).

Templeboden Burial Ground.—This is in fairly good condition, but the grass is very long.

Kilbride Burial Ground.—All the bushes require to be trimmed, and some overhanging boughs cut. The approach to it about 150 yards long is in a very bad condition. A lock is required on the gate (Estimate attached).

Leitrim Burial Ground.—Except for the cutting of the grass it is in fairly good condition.

Kilranalagh Burial Ground.—The fences around this burial ground are very bad and on two sides at least a new fence should be erected to prevent trespass. The approach to it is also very bad (Estimate attached).

Baltinglass Burial Ground.—The side walks between the graves in this Burial Ground are grass grown and require to be cleaned up.

Councillor W. Hammond stated he considered some of the estimates submitted as being rather high. He referred to the estimate of £70 for the repair to the entrance road to Aghowle Burial Ground and suggested that suitable repairs might be carried out for a lesser sum. He mentioned that this Burial Ground was used only very rarely.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea stated that the Burial Ground at Yew Tree, Ballisland, was also very seldom used.

The Council decided that the County Engineer be asked to re-examine the estimates, and to submit detailed proposals for repairs to the Burial Grounds to the next meeting of the Council.

Councillor P. McCarthy asked that a Cross be provided at the cemetery at Arklow.

The County Manager pointed out that the cost of providing a Cross would be from £50 to £100. He stated that an estimate of the cost of providing a stone cross would be obtained.

Item No. 3.—County Clinic.

The County Secretary stated that the report of the Architect in regard to the proposed County Clinic had been circulated to the members of the Council prior to the previous meeting. At the previous meeting the Council had decided to adjourn consideration of the Architect's report pending the receipt of a report from the Chief Medical Officer. The County Secretary read the following report which had been received from Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, Chief Medical Officer:—
9th September, 1949.

County Manager, Rathdrum.

A Chara,

I have received a copy of the report of Mr. John P. Butler, Architect on the possibility of the conversion of the County Hospital, Wicklow, for use as County Clinic.

I agree with Mr. Butler that this project is inadvisable. Also, it could not be carried out until the new County Hospital is built.

I adhere to my opinion, expressed in my letter of 21st February, 1949, that the County Clinic should be incorporated with the new County Hospital, in order to avoid duplication of departments such as radiological, pharmacies and pathological laboratories. However, the geographical configuration of the County makes it almost impossible for a central clinic to serve the whole county.

I would refer you to the fourth paragraph of the same letter as regards these services in Bray.

If my suggestion about a new dispensary for Arklow are accepted (see my letter of 2nd September, 1949), the visiting specialists could use this building.

The present dispensary building in Wicklow Town is inadequate, but incapable of expansion. The present County Hospital could be used as a dispensary when it becomes available.

For the west of the County, the building of new dispensaries in Blessington, Dunlavin and Baltinglass would be essential.

Provision might possible be made for a clinic in the renovated Ballinglen District Hospital.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed)—DR. G. P. G. BECKETT.

The County Secretary added that in a subsequent report Dr. Beckett stated he did not agree with the opinion of the Architect that additional privacy would be available to patients attending the Clinic if it were located in Wicklow Town.

The Council decided to hear the views of the Chief Medical Officer, who was present at the meeting.

Dr. Beckett, Chief Medical Officer, referred to the difficulty of obtaining a suitable site for a Clinic, which would serve the entire County. He pointed out that due to the geographical configuration of the County the more important towns were located on the extreme

borders of the County. He stated that it would be more economical to locate the Clinic convenient to the proposed new County Hospital as otherwise there would be duplication of services. He suggested that in view of the particular difficulties of obtaining a suitable central site in County Wicklow, that the Council consider instead the improvement and extension of the existing Dispensaries at the principal towns. Dr. Beckett added that in any event a survey of the Dispensaries would be required as many of them were not of a proper standard.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey:

Resolved—That having considered report of the Council's Architect and Chief Medical Officer, in regard to the proposed County Clinic, we are of the opinion that a Central Clinic would not meet adequately the requirements of Wicklow County, and that we agree with the views of the Chief Medical Officer that a number of separate Clinics at which specialised services would be provided would be a more suitable Scheme. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—County Hospital.

The County Secretary read the following letter received from the Council's Law Agent:—

4 Church St., Wicklow.
17th September, 1949.

Site for County Hospital,
re: Mr. Percival Clements.

Dear Sir,

I have now heard from Mr. Augustus Cullen, Solicitor, for Mr. Percival Clements, the owner of the field which it is proposed to acquire as a site for the County Hospital.

The site forms part of a holding at Milltown North containing 95 acres 1 rood 14 perches, which is registered with two other holdings, one at Ballinalea containing 4 acres and 6 perches and the other at Milltown North containing 35 acres 1 rood and 34 perches on Folio 4902, Co. Wicklow, and subject to a Revised Land Purchase Annuity of £53 9s. 8d. payable out of the entire lands.

Mr. Cullen states that his client would prefer not to sell any portion of his lands, which requires in connection with his Dairy business, but he (Mr. Cullen) having advised him that the Council can acquire the lands compulsorily and having regard to the purpose for which the land is required, Mr. Clements is prepared to sell it to the Council for £2,500, the Council in addition to redeem whatever portion of the Land Purchase Annuity that may be placed on the field by the Irish Land Commission.

I return Map you sent me.

Yours faithfully,
J. BRAZIL.

K. J. Brangan, Esq., County Secretary,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Law Agent had estimated the cost of redemption of Land Purchase Annuity at £170 to £200. The County Secretary stated that a valuation of the site had been obtained from Mr. H. J. Byrne. Mr. Byrne had reported as follows:

5 Main Street, Bray.

I have to-day inspected the lands at Rathnew which it is proposed to acquire as a site for the new County Hospital, and I beg to report as follows:—

The area of the lands, which are coloured green on the Map is 21.63 statute acres, or 13.52 acres Irish Plantation Measure. The lane is coloured brown. My valuation is of the Fee Simple interest free from incumbrance.

Situation.—The lands are situated in the Village of Rathnew and from 70 to 150 yards from the Main Dublin-Bray-Wicklow road and approximately 200 yards from the Rathdrum road. The site is mostly elevated with a sharp decline in the North Eastern corner. There is

evidence of dampness from about the end of the last garden adjoining this land across the field to the bend in the Northern boundary fence, and also in the North Eastern corner. I believe that if the ditches were cleaned out and deepened that much of this dampness would disappear. Four small houses have been built on this field.

Soil.—The soil is of a light sandy substance.

Value as Agricultural Land.—As agricultural land it would be worth £135 per annum, landlord paying rates and maintaining fences and gates in order and cutting weeds.

Annual value as before	..	£135	0	0
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Deduct—Annual rates (pay) £15; cost of Repairs to gates, fences, cutting weeds, etc., per annum	..	£40	0	0
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Estimated annual profit rent	..	£95	0	0
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and Capital Value at 16 years purchase	..	£1,520	0	0
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Value as Building Land.—If the land is to be developed for building about 1,800 feet of roadway must be constructed with adequate sewers, footpaths, and curbs. I estimate the cost of this work at £4,500. There would then be approximately 60 sites available which if let at £7 each would realise £420 per annum which, if capitalised at 16 years purchase, £6,720, from which must be deducted cost of roads and sewers and net value £2,220.

I estimate that it would take 10 years to develop and let all the sites with an average delay of 5 years.

Therefore capital value to-day is £2,220, receivable in five years at 6 per cent. £2,220 x .7472582—£1,660.

I summarise the value of this land as follows:—

As agricultural land	..	£1,520	0	0
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As developed building land, less cost of development	..	£1,660	0	0
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Dated this 7th day of October, 1949.

HENRY J. BYRNE, F.A.I., F.R.I.C.S.,

Auctioneer, Valuer and Chartered Surveyor.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Architect, Mr. Vincent Kelly, had also submitted a report in regard to the purchase of this site. Mr. Kelly's report was as follows:—

7th October, 1949.

Copy.

The County Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Re: Erection of County Hospital.

Dear Sir,

I have carefully considered the comprehensive particulars and details set out in your letter of the 27th ult. in connection with the proposed County Hospital for County Wicklow.

I have noted that your Council propose to consider the acquisition of the lands illustrated in the map enclosed with your letter, which was reported on by me on 14th August, 1946. I presume that in the intervening period no more suitable sites have been offered or considered.

As reported by me in August, 1946, the site in question was the most suitable of all examined. The levels are not ideal, but these difficulties may be overcome. It is doubtful whether a completely level site having the required area, would be available in the district.

In my report, I have pointed out that the only entry from the main road would be at the north-eastern portion of the site. The construction of this entry, having regard to the levels of the ground, the existence of a small stream and the method of entry to the main road, would be costly and would require careful consideration.

It will be noted from the enclosed plan that it would be necessary to acquire additional small portions of adjoining owners' properties in order to provide a suitable entry with the maximum visibility, having regard to modern traffic conditions and regulations. It would also be

necessary, in my opinion, to acquire and demolish the Garage and adjoining cottage on the northern side of the entry.

In order to investigate whether the site would be capable of being developed to accommodate the various buildings referred to in your letter, I have prepared a draft lay-out, copies of which are enclosed herewith. This lay-out may not be ideal as no levels or contours have been taken. In a recent inspection of the site I formed the opinion that there should be no difficulty in formulating a scheme on the lines indicated.

The shape and location of the site in relation to the southern aspect necessitates the provision of an abnormal amount of internal road development.

It will be observed that on the basis of the development indicated on the plan the entire area is occupied by the various units leaving very little, if any, space available for future development.

A tentative location for the Central County Clinic has been indicated on the plan. If the building when planned, is larger than I have indicated, it may be necessary to locate same on the opposite side of the service road.

In conclusion, I wish to state (1) that the area of 21.63 acres is about sufficient to accommodate all of the buildings illustrated on the plan, and (2) that it would be desirable to acquire the entire area to provide for the future expansion of Health Services for the County.

Yours faithfully,

VINCENT KELLY.

The Council decided to adjourn the consideration of the acquisition of this site pending a further consultation with the Architect in regard to the entrance to the site and the Architect's suggestion that it would be necessary to acquire additional small portions of the adjoining owners' property in order to provide a suitable entry. It was the opinion of the Members that it should not be necessary to acquire such property or to acquire and demolish the garage and adjoining cottage.

Item No. 5—Application for Purchase of Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic at Bray.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. W. H. Cavey, Proprietor, Hoyal Hotel, Bray, for the sale to him of the plot of ground at the back of the Child Welfare Centre or alternatively the sale of the Child Welfare premises. Mr. Cavey had stated that the plot of ground would be a helpful extension to his kitchen and staff diningroom. The Secretary read the following report of the Chief Medical Officer in regard to the proposal:—

Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow,
26th Sept., 1949.

Staff Officer,
Health Section.

Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, Bray.

A Chara,

I have received your letter of the 24th September, with a copy of a letter from Mr. W. H. Cavey, Royal Hotel, Bray.

I am opposed to the sale of the plot of ground behind the child welfare centre.

As regards Mr. Cavey's postscript, I can think of no alternative accommodation in Bray. Therefore, if the centre were sold it would be necessary to build a new centre.

I am in favour of this being done, but the present building could not be handed over to Mr. Cavey until the new centre would be completed.

Mise, le meas,

G. P. G. BECKETT,

Chief Medical Officer.

The Secretary also read the following report of the County Engineer on the matter.

Court House, Wicklow.

County Secretary, 10th Oct., 1949.

Re: Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, Bray.

Dear Sir,

I wish to state that in my opinion the sale of the plot of ground at the back of 5a, Quinsboro Road, would cause great inconvenience to the Medical Staff who are using this building, as at present the out-offices at the back are used as stores for coal, etc. Furthermore, it has been suggested that the Relieving Officer's Office be removed from the Dispensary at Herbert Road to 5a, Quinsboro Road, in order to give more room at Herbert Road, where it is proposed to instal X-Ray apparatus. The entrance to the Relieving Officer's new Office would be through the plot of ground at the back of the Child Welfare Centre. Consequently, sale of the plot would cause inconvenience both at the Child Welfare Clinic and at the Dispensary at Herbert Road.

I enclose herewith original letter received from the Rathdrum Office.

Yours faithfully,

R. L. FARRELL,

For County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor Ed. Byrne;

Resolved—That having regard to the difficulty of obtaining alternative premises we are not prepared to dispose of the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, Bray, or plot of ground adjoining.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Appointment of Dispensary Medical Officer, Arklow.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, Councillor C. W. Hudston moved that the decision of the Council at meeting held in August, 1949, to have the Dispensary Doctor at Arklow appointed by the Appointments Commissioners, be rescinded, and that the appointment be made on promotion from doctors now practising in the County.

The following letter received by the Chairman from Dr. V. J. O'Sullivan, Dispensary Doctor, Aughrim, was read:—

Dispensary House, Aughrim.

7th September, 1949.

The Chairman,

Wicklow County Council,

The Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I was very disappointed to learn from the newspaper of the Council's decision at its last meeting requesting the County Manager to refer the filling of the position of Medical Officer of Arklow Dispensary District to the Local Appointments Commissioners.

I have been Medical Officer in Aughrim Dispensary District for the past eight years, and I had always hoped that when Arklow Dispensary became vacant I would be afforded a similar opportunity of applying for it by transfer as was accorded to the other Medical Officers applying for dispensaries in the County before me.

As the members of the Council are aware, it has been their consistent practice over a number of years to uphold the principle of promotion and where a medical Officer in the County has been suitable and eligible for a vacancy, they have invariably given him an opportunity of applying for it by transfer.

It is possible that when arriving at its decision, the Council was unaware that any eligible Medical Officer in the County was anxious to be a applicant, and under the circumstances I respectfully ask that you be good enough to place my letters before the members with my respectful request that they reconsider their decision.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

V. J. O'SULLIVAN.

In reply to inquiries from Councillor P. McCarthy, and Councillor L. Cleary in regard to the previous recommendation of the Council for the appointment of Dr. A. T. Byrne, Arklow, as temporary Medical Officer, the County Manager stated that Dr. O'Brien had been appointed as temporary Medical Officer when Dr. Hamilton became ill. At that time Dr. Hamilton had not indicated that he intended to resign at any particular date. The County Manager pointed out that there was no age limit in regard to the position of Dispensary Medical Officer. Subsequently Dr. Hamilton submitted his resignation, and the Council recommended that Dr. Byrne be appointed as temporary Medical Officer pending the permanent filling of the position. The County Manager stated that he was anxious to give effect to the recommendation of the Council, but had found that legally this could not be done, and that Dr. O'Brien's appointment could not be terminated.

At the meeting held on 8th August, 1949, the Council had discussed the appointment of the Dispensary Medical Officer for Arklow, and had recommended that the position be filled on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners.

The Co. Manager said that previously the Council had filled vacancies as Dispensary Medical Officers by promotion of permanent officers in their service under Section 5 (1) of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926. Recently, in May, 1949, the Minister for Health had made an Order defining the procedure to be followed in making appointments under this Section. The Order made by the Minister requires that the position be advertised and a Selection Board set up for the purpose of examining candidates. The Selection Board must include at least one person who is not resident in the County. The County Manager pointed out that applications were not restricted to Dispensary Medical Officers in the county and that any permanent Dispensary Medical Officer might apply for the position. The Co. Manager added that considerable difficulty had been experienced in connection with the recent appointment of Dispensary Medical Officer for Wicklow in obtaining a suitable Selection Board.

Having regard to the explanation given by the County Manager, Councillor C. W. Hudson decided to withdraw his motion.
Item No. 7.—Fire Fighting Service.

The following report of a Conference held between representatives of the County Council, and representatives of the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow, in regard to improvements in the Fire Fighting Services had been circulated to the members of the Council.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Conference re Fire-Fighting Services in County Wicklow.

A Conference between representatives of Wicklow County Council and representatives of the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow for the purpose of considering improvements in the Fire-fighting Services for County Wicklow, was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 19th Sept., 1949, at 2.30 p.m.

The following attended:—

Wicklow County Council: Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, Councillor Thos. Brennan, T.D.

Wicklow Urban District Council: Councillors J. Olanahan, C. W. Hudson and L. Sutton.

Bray Urban District Council: Councillors H. J. Byrne, D. Sayers, J. Temple and G. Doyle.

Arklow Urban District Council: Councillors W. Cleary, P. McCarthy, and T. J. Birthistle.

The Town Clerks of the three Urban District Councils also attended. The County Manager and County Engineer were present.

Senator J. J. McCrea, who presided, welcomed the representatives of the Urban District Councils to the meeting. He explained that the purpose of the conference was to consider the methods by which the fire-fighting services in the County could be improved, and in par-

ticular to consider whether all the fire brigade services should be combined under the control of the County Council.

The County Manager explained the proposals in regard to the fire-fighting services of the County Council which had been submitted to the previous meeting of the County Council. The Department of Local Government had recommended that the personnel of the brigades should be strengthened in certain instances, and that additional equipment should be procured. The Department had also asked that the Council consider the appointment of a County Fire Officer; and that Urban fire services be taken over by the County Council, and the costs of the fire brigades be met by a County-at-Large Charge. The County Manager explained the existing arrangements with the Urban District Councils under which the Urban District Council Brigades attended at fires in the rural districts adjoining the urban districts and the County Brigade was available to assist the Urban Brigades when required within the Urban Districts. The County Manager explained that the County Council at present had two mobile units at Rathdrum and Dunlavin, and in addition had five Trailer Pump units. There were also smaller crews in a number of villages which were equipped with hose and stand pipes.

The County Manager also referred to the necessity for the inspection of buildings in regard to fire precautions, and stated that inspections, and stated that inspections of hotels, guesthouses, and other places in respect of which there was high fire risk had been carried out by the County Engineer and his Assistants. The Department of Local Government had, as stated, suggested the appointment of a County Fire Officer who would be responsible for: training of personnel; the upkeep of equipment; reporting on the adequacy of water supplies and inspection of buildings throughout the County. The Department had also suggested that a new Fire Station should be provided at Arklow, and that Mobile Units should also be available in both Arklow and Wicklow. The County Manager stated that the re-organisation of the Fire Brigade had been carried out in Bray. A Mobile Unit had been purchased and the strength of the Brigade had been increased. The rotational system of duty for the personnel had been introduced. It was proposed to introduce this system in all major Brigades in the County. The County Manager referred to the system of call-out for the Brigades, and stated that sirens had been used previously in most cases. A system under which "buzzers" were installed in the houses of the members of the Fire Brigade and operated from a central point had been put into operation at Baltinglass, Blessington, Tinahely and Greystones. It was proposed to instal this system in Bray and Arklow.

The Co. Manager referred also to high fire risk in County Wicklow, having regard to the large number of hotels, and guesthouses in the County. He pointed out that there was a greater number of hotels and guesthouses in County Wicklow than in any other County in Ireland.

The County Secretary submitted the following particulars in regard to cost of the proposed improved Fire Brigade Service:—

Personnel: It was proposed to increase the number of men in the Rathdrum and Dunlavin Brigades from 10 to 16, and to introduce the two-platoon system. It was proposed also to revise the rates of remuneration for these Brigades. The total cost of the two Brigades was estimated at £384 per annum, as compared with present cost of £240 per annum. It was proposed to revise also the rate of remuneration for members of the Trailer Pump Crews at Greystones, Blessington, Tinahely, Carnew, and Baltinglass, and to introduce the two-platoon system at these places also. He estimated the cost of these Brigades would be £850 per annum, as compared with present charge of £190. The remuneration proposed was as follows:—

	Rathdrum and Dunlavin Bridges	Trailer Pump Crews
Station Officer	£30 per annum	£18 per annum
Sub-Officer	£24 per annum	£12 per annum
Driver	£18 per annum	£6 per annum
Fireman	£12 per annum	£6 per annum

In addition members of the Brigade would be paid at the rate of 10s. per week for those weeks on which they were on call: i.e., total remuneration to each member of the Brigade would be increased by £13 per annum over the above mentioned figures assuming that each member of the Brigade was on call 26 weeks in the year.

Chief Fire Officer: Provision was made in the new Scheme for salary of a Chief Officer for the Fire Brigade, at £700 per annum with travelling expenses at £300 per annum. Provision was also made for the salary of a Second Officer at £300 per annum.

Alarm Systems: £200 had been provided in proposed new Scheme for the installation of telephones to each Fire Brigade Station with extensions to the houses of the Station Officer and Sub-Officer. This had been recommended by the Department of Local Government.

Towing Vehicles for Trailer Pumps: Loan charges to cover purchase of five towing vehicles at estimated cost of £800 each, for purpose of towing trailer pumps, was also provided. The estimated amount for Loan charges was £740.

The total estimated cost of the revised service as regards the County Health District would be £5,200. If the costs of the Urban Brigades were added, the total cost of the County Fire Service would be approximately £6,388.

If the cost of the proposed new Fire Brigade system were apportioned over the County at Large in proportion of County Health District and Urban Districts, the estimated cost of £6,388 would be payable as follows: Arklow £217; Bray £920; Wicklow £185; County Health District £5,066. Total £6,388. The cost of the system, therefore, would be approximately 5d. in the £ in each area. The present charge on the County Health District amounted to slightly less than 2d. in the £.

Councillor J. Temple (Bray U.D.C.) inquired why it was proposed to pay 15s. per week to the members of the Brigade in Bray for standing by, and only 10s. per week to members of other Brigades.

Councillor H. J. Byrne (Chairman, Bray U.D.C.), stated that the Fire Brigade Service in Bray had recently been re-organised and that he considered it to be now on a proper basis. He agreed that the appointment of a Chief Officer for the County Fire Brigade was most desirable, particularly as such an Officer would be responsible for ensuring that water supplies in the various parts of the County were suitable for Fire Fighting purposes. He agreed also that it would be desirable that the Fire Brigades should be organised on a County basis.

Councillor L. O. Cleirigh (Chairman, Arklow U.D.C.), stated he agreed also with the proposal that Fire Brigade Services be administered under the control of the County Council as a County-at-Large Service. He referred, however, to the low rateable valuation of Arklow Urban District and pointed out that a County Fire Service might result in a heavy burden on the rates of the Urban Council.

Councillor J. O'Leahan (Chairman, Wicklow U.D.C.) agreed also that the Fire Services should be re-organised on a County basis, but referred to the extra burden on the rates which the Service might entail.

Councillor D. Sayers (Bray U.D.C.) considered that the proposed combination of the Services was an excellent idea, and stated that the Minister and Department of Local Government should be congratulated on the proposal. He was disturbed, however, to learn that the Department of Local Government was not prepared to sanction payments to personnel in respect of standing by, except in the case of Bray Urban District. He agreed that the service of a County Fire Officer was es-

sential in view of the expert advice which such an Officer would be able to afford to the Council.

It was proposed by Councillor L. O. Cleirigh;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That we, the representatives of Wicklow County Council, Arklow, Bray and Wicklow Urban District Councils agree that a unified Fire Brigade Service be established, the costs to be borne by the respective Councils in proportion to the valuations of the County Health District and Urban Districts, and we recommend that a County Fire Officer be appointed, who would be responsible for the training of personnel, upkeep of equipment, reporting on the adequacy of water supplies and inspection of buildings throughout the entire administrative County.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman, again thanked the members of the Urban District Councils for attending the Conference, and stated that the report of the Conference would be submitted to the next meeting of the County Council. The recommendations of the Conference will be forwarded to the Urban District Councils for their approval.

The County Secretary stated that following the recent inspection of Fire-fighting Services in County Wicklow carried out by Major Comerford, Departmental Inspector, the following letter had been received from the Department:—

Copy. Department of Local Government,
Custom House, Dublin.
21st September, 1949.

L. 6832/49.

A Chara,

With reference to the recent inspection of the Fire Fighting Services in County Wicklow, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to convey the following observations and suggestions for consideration:

Organisation:

A co-ordinated scheme of Fire Fighting Services for the whole area, under the control of the County Council should be provided as soon as possible on the lines of the County Manager's report of 8th July, 1949, on the subject.

Appliances:

- (1) A permanent towing vehicle should be purchased for location at Tinahely.
- (2) If improvements to the Carnew Water Supply are likely to be effected in the near future, the question of the necessity for the continuance of the location of a trailer pump and crew at the centre might be considered.

Fire Station:

1. The amenities for the personnel at Rathdrum centre could be improved by the provision of a Meeting and Lecture Room on portion of the yard space at the side of the present shed. Sanitary facilities, etc., should also be provided.

2. The possibility of an extension of the building in Tinahely to provide sufficient accommodation in the Appliance Room for a permanent towing vehicle, and a suitable sanitary annexe should be borne in mind in connection with any scheme of organisation adopted for the county as a whole.

3. The possibility of providing suitable modern amenities for the stations at Baltinglass and Blessington should be considered. A simple extension either to the end, or the side, of the existing building could provide a small Meeting Room for the crew, and sanitary facilities.

4. Having regard to the importance of Dunlavin as the principal centre in the west of the County and the present unsuitable station in use there, provision should be made in any permanent scheme of or-

ganisation for the erection of a modern Fire Station with the usual amenities to house appliances in this centre.

5. Special telephone for Fire Brigade purposes should be provided in the Fire Station itself in all centres, with double extensions to the houses of the Station Officer and Sub-Officer.

6. A 4 horse-power siren should be provided in Rathdrum and one horse power sirens should be provided for call-up purposes at all other centres where pumps are maintained.

Other Equipment:

1. Ladder equipment in the small centres should consist of one 16'30" and one 7'12" extension ladder.

2. Suitable hose drying facilities should be provided at all centres and in this connection simple type of hose drying arrangement for erection at each station was indicated to the Officials during the course of the inspection. It should be noted that without such hose drying facilities the hose is liable to rapid deterioration.

3. Battery trickle charges should be provided in all stations where mobile units are maintained.

4. In the smaller centres, where hose and ladders are maintained, suitable handcarts for carrying the equipment should be provided.

5. Half-inch diameter nozzles should be provided in the small centres.

Personal Equipment:

Issues to personnel of the new clothing and equipment should be completed in all centres as soon as possible.

Training:

A standard method of branch holding should be taught to the personnel and care should be taken that the pump operator puts on the pressure on the pump gradually. The pressure on the pump should not normally be put about 75 lbs. per square inch unless the Officer in charge so orders. There is always the danger that if the pump pressure is suddenly increased, without warning the branchman, serious injuries may result to the personnel.

Records:

Suitable records should be kept in each pump centre as follows:

1. A log book or occurrence book where all occurrences, while the station is open, are noted in sequence.

2. An attendance book for keeping a record of the attendance of personnel at drills.

3. A fire report book for notification of particulars in regard to Fire Calls or other emergencies and attendances at same.

Mise, le meas,

D. DEPAOR.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

The County Engineer had reported in regard to the Department's recommendations, as follows:—

Courthouse, Wicklow.
8th October, 1949.

re: Fire Brigades:

Dear Sir,

I have examined the proposals for providing lecture rooms and sanitary facilities at the existing stations in Rathdrum, Baltinglass and Blessington, and I estimate that the cost would be:—

Rathdrum, £200; Baltinglass, £200; Blessington, £150.

To construct a new Fire Station in Dunlavin with lecture room and sanitary facilities would cost £600.

Facilities for drying hoses are very important, and I would suggest that in each station there would be erected a 40-ft. pole complete with pulley block and rope, and I estimate that the supplying and cost of this would cost approximately £10 each.

There are five major services not including the Urban, and 12 minor services and if each is equipped with drying facilities the total cost would be approximately £170.

Yours faithfully,

R. L. FARRELL,
for Co. Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.:

Resolved—That having considered report of Conference held between representatives of this Council and of the Urban Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow, we approve of the appointment of a County Fire Officer, and of the amalgamation of the Fire Brigade Services for the Urban Districts and the County under the control of the County Council, the cost of the Services to be borne by the respective Councils in proportion to the Valuations of the County Health District and Urban Districts.

In reply to inquiries from members of the Council the County Manager stated that a heavy responsibility was imposed on the Council under the Fire Brigades Act, 1940. He referred particularly to the preventive aspect of the Fire Brigade Service and pointed out that it was necessary to arrange for the adequate and continuing supervision of hotels, boardinghouses, and places of public entertainment in the county. It was not possible to have such work efficiently carried out by the existing staff. He pointed out that in County Wicklow there was a particularly high fire risk on account of the large number of hotels, schools, etc., in the County.

Avote having been called for on the proposal, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

In Favour—Councillors T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, P. McCarthy, B. Farrell, H. J. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, Ed. Byrne, Geo. Doyle, Wm. Lawless and J. Jacob—(10).

Against—Councillors W. Hammond, Senator J. J. McCrea, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, J. O'Reilly, C. M. Byrne, and C. W. Hudson—(7).

The motion was declared carried by ten votes in favour to seven against.

The County Secretary stated that Bray Urban District Council had received a letter from the Department of Local Government conveying sanction to the payment of 15s. per week to members of the Fire Brigade when on call duty. The letter indicated that this additional payment would apply only to the personnel of the Bray Fire Brigade, and would not be extended to the personnel of other Fire Brigade Units in County Wicklow. The County Secretary stated that having regard to the Department's decision in relation to the payment of the personnel, it was suggested that the remuneration of County Fire Brigades should be brought up to the maximum of the rates which the Department had indicated would be approved. These rates were outlined in the Department's letter of 24th May, 1948. The County Secretary stated that the application of these rates from 1st July, 1949, would involve an additional expenditure of £520 in excess of the amount in the current year's Estimates.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.:

That we approve of the payment of members of the Council's Fire Brigades and Trailer Pump crews at the maximum of the rates set out in letter dated 24th May, 1948, Ref. G 386/48, from the Department of Local Government, with effect as from 1st July, 1949, and authorise expenditure not exceeding £520 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's estimates for the purpose of these payments.

The motion was declared carried on the same voting as in the previous resolution.

Item No. 8—Provision of Pumps at Brittas Bay.

The County Engineer submitted the following report, in regard to the application received for the provision of pumps at Brittas Bay:—
 Courthouse, Wicklow.

10th October, 1949.

re: Brittas Bay—Wells.

Dear Sir,

I am of the opinion that the construction of two wells in the Brittas Area would be completely inadequate as a water supply, and further, I wish to state that wells sunk by private persons ran dry this year.

This area is developing so rapidly that it will be necessary to construct a proper piped supply, and an estimate for such scheme was submitted to the Council some years ago.

Yours faithfully,

R. L. FARRELL,

for County Engineer.

The Council directed that the County Engineer submit a revised estimate of the cost of provision of a water supply to Brittas Bay area.
Kilcarra Water Supply:

Councillor P. McCarthy inquired when the well-boring plant would be available for the provision of a water supply at Kilcarra. The Chairman pointed out that the Council had agreed that the well-boring plant should be sent to Croneynhorn immediately after completing the pumps at Arklow Rock.

The Deputy County Engineer stated he was endeavouring to obtain supplies of piping for use in the wells, and that a second well-boring plant would be available for work shortly provided that the necessary piping could also be obtained.

Ballynulta Water Supply:

Councillor P. McCarthy submitted the following petition from residents at Ballynulta:—

"We, the undersigned residents, once more draw the attention of the Council to the Ballynulta water supply.

"We ask that the work be completed so that the water be available during the whole year, not as at present for the winter months only. The work had already been started by the Council, but was not carried to a conclusion.

The Water Diviner has confirmed that water is present in abundance and that little requires to be done in order to ensure a constant supply.

Signed—Rev. W. E. Carr, James Kearns, Thomas Southern Jas. Travers, Tobias Halpin, Thomas Clare, Chas. Carr, John Murphy, N. B. Hopkins, John Redmond, Pierce Kenny, Thomas Calary."

The Council directed that the County Engineer submit a report in regard to the matter.

Item No. 9—Water Supplies—West Wicklow District.

The County Secretary stated that a meeting of the Councillors for West Wicklow Area had been held at Dunlavin on 29th September, 1949.

The following decisions had been taken in regard to water supplies in that area:—

Boherboy (Dunlavin) Water Supply: Three solutions in relation to this supply were mentioned: 1, Provision of supply by means of a pump; 2, Provision of supply by pumping with Ram from nearby stream; 3, Taking supply from the existing Dunlavin Scheme.

It was decided that the first proposal would not be suitable, and regarding No. 2 the Assistant Engineer mentioned that he had the possibilities of using the stream with the aid of a Ram under examination for some time past. He stated that it was necessary that there would be an assurance that the volume of water in the stream would sufficient to provide an adequate supply, and allow sufficient head to

use a Ram. He stated that the gauging of the stream would furnish ample information by the end of October, and suggested that the decision as to the most suitable form of supply should be deferred until then. He, however, was of the opinion that it was unlikely that the use of this stream would afford an adequate supply, and he thought that the best solution would be to extend the existing water supply to the cottages in question.

Use of Boring Plant in West Wicklow: Members inquired as to the date it was expected the new boring plant would be available in West Wicklow. Mr. Farrell explained that whilst the plant required for boring purposes could be procured without undue difficulty, it seemed that there would be much difficulty and delay in procuring tubing, which is an essential in the sinking of wells by boring plant. He had made numerous inquiries regarding the tubing, and found that at present no definite information could be obtained as to when it would be available, consequently the use of the boring plant would be retarded until there was definite information as to the availability of tubing. Mr. Farrell undertook, to arrange, if possible, for the boring plant which the Council at present operates, to be sent to West Wicklow after the sinking of a well at Croneynhorn in South Wicklow has been completed.

Baltinglass Water Supply: Councillor B. Farrell represented that at present there was an acute shortage of water in Baltinglass. He suggested that in the first instance the Engineer should arrange for the restoration of two pumps in the Town. These pumps are situated at the Railway and at the Monument in Baltinglass. He thought that the putting into operation of these two pumps would materially ease the present acute shortage. Mr. Foley considered that two pumps might be provided at these places at a cost of £25 each, and the members asked that the work be undertaken as soon as possible. In addition, Mr. Foley stated that pumping from the river might be arranged. It was decided that the Fire Pump in Baltinglass should be used for this purpose, and that Mr. Farrell should arrange to have the chlorination plant in Arklow transferred to Baltinglass. The Engineer stated that the water from the river would be satisfactory if it were chlorinated. The provision of two pumps already referred to and by pumping from the river, the members thought that it would be possible to secure a sufficient supply for Baltinglass. They stressed that it was very essential that sufficient water should be available for the District Hospital.

Pump at Lemonstown.—Members referred to the necessity for a pump at this place. A number of County Council cottages at present had not sufficient or safe supply of water. Mr. Foley stated that there was a well at Lemonstown, and that a pump might be constructed over such well at cost of about £8. It was decided that Mr. Doody, who has carried out contract work for the County Council, should be asked for a quotation for the erection of this pump.

Pump at Three Castles.—It was mentioned that a well already had been sunk at Three Castles, but that an adequate supply of water had not been obtained at the depth to which the well has been sunk. Mr. Foley suggested that this well might be sunk a further 15 feet. It was decided to ask Mr. Doody to submit a quotation for deepening this well.

Baltiboy's Water Supply.—At present there is a supply from a pump at Baltiboy's, but the pump had not been working satisfactorily. It was decided that Mr. Farrell should arrange for an inspection of this pump by Mr. Mooney, Machinery Overseer. It was thought that repairs to the pump might render it suitable.

Castleruddery Water Supply.—The possibility of providing an adequate supply by means of a pump was discussed. Mr. Foley, however, suggested that a supply might be obtained from a spring in the vicinity. It was agreed that the Engineer should arrange for a supply from this spring with the aid of a Ram for pumping.

Blackhill Water Supply.—In this instance a well has been partly sunk. The question of the advisability of sinking this well further or of seeking a new source of supply was discussed. Eventually it was decided to wait until the boring plant would be available, and that then the well might be sunk to a greater depth.

Kylebeg Water Supply.—The suggestion of the Engineer that a stream should be filtered and a tank constructed at an estimated cost of £350 was accepted, and he was asked to prepare the details of such a scheme.

Oldcourt Water Supply.—On the recommendation of the Assistant Engineer it was decided that the best method of providing a supply in this instance would be to instal a filter plant and storage tank, and to lay a pipe from the latter to a tap on the road-side. The cost was estimated by the Engineer at about £200.

Water Supply for Cottages, etc., at Doody's Bottom.—It was considered that a pump should be provided at this place, and the members asked that a quotation for the sinking of a well and provision of a pump should be sought from Mr. Doody.

Ballinacrow (Stratford) Water Supply.—Mr. Foley indicated that a pipe line might be laid from the existing supply at Stratford to Ballinacrow, at an estimated cost of £400. The members approved of this proposal.

Barraderry (Kiltegan) Water Supply.—In this instance seven cottages require a supply. There is a well adjacent to the cottages. It was agreed that the Engineer's suggestion be adopted, which was to lay a pipe line from the well to the roadside and put a tap on the pipeline. The cost was estimated at £160.

Clough (Baltinglass) Water Supply.—It was submitted that a pump was required. It was decided that such a pump should be provided when the boring plant was available.

Fryanstown Water Supply.—The Members considered that a water supply was urgently required. It was decided that when the Council's present boring plant had completed work at Croneyhorn it should be transferred to West Wicklow for the purpose of sinking a well at Fryanstown. Mr. Farrell undertook to arrange for the transfer of the plant.

Granabeg National School and Togher.—Mr. P. P. O'Reilly drew attention to the necessity for pumps at these two places. It was agreed, however, that the provision of pumps in these instances should await the installation of supplies for the districts already mentioned.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That having considered report of the recommendations from meeting of Councillors for West Wicklow District, we approve of these recommendations and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided for in the current year's estimates for the purpose of implementing such recommendations.

Passed unanimously.

Carnew Water Supply:

The County Secretary submitted the following reports of the Deputy County Engineer in regard to Carnew Water Supply:

Courthouse, Wicklow.

8th October, 1949.

Carnew Water Supply.

Dear Sir,

I enclose copy of report from Mr. C. J. Byrne, B.E., Assistant Engineer, in which he suggests that an additional spring be piped to the present supply.

The supply at the moment is completely inadequate, but the addition of the supply from the well would give 23,000 gals/24 hours.

As the supply to Carnew fails every year, I would recommend Mr. Byrne's proposed be accepted.

Yours faithfully,

R. L. FARRELL,

for County Engineer.

Bridge Hotel, Arklow.

5th October, 1949.

re: Carnew Water Supply:

Dear Sir,

As you are aware, the existing supply to Carnew has proved completely inadequate in time of drought.

I have investigated a well in that vicinity known as St. Brigid's Well, which has a yield at present of about 8 gallons per minute. As the existing supply is only delivering about the same amount, it will be appreciated that this extra supply should make such improvement that the water needs of Carnew should be supplied for some years to come. At a total of 16 gallons per minute, the daily delivery would be about 23,000 gallons which would be about 30 gallons per head for the present population of 800. The figures for delivery are based on measurements made on 5th October, 1949, being the lowest in this exceptionally dry year.

The introduction of this new supply, and re-laying of some defective piping will mean laying a total of 450 lineal yards of 3-inch asbestos pipe. I estimate the cost at £375.

This work will in no way interfere with a proposal to rebuild the reservoir at a higher level to supply outlying high points in Carnew.

Owing to the continuance of the drought, I would be glad if the work could be expedited.

Yours faithfully,

C. J. BYRNE,

Assistant County Engineer.

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

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That having considered report of County Engineer dated 8th October, 1949, we approve of an additional spring being piped for Carnew Water Supply, and authorise expenditure of £375 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's estimates for the purpose.

Passed unanimously.

Wells at Ballymoneen, etc.

The County Secretary submitted the following report received from Assistant Engineer J. P. Caffrey, B.E.:

Courthouse, Arklow.

29th August, 1949.

re: Ballymoneen Well and General.

Dear Sir,

There have been several complaints about the need for a good well in this district, and I have investigated it previously. As we are building 5 new cottages in this district, the need for a well becomes more important.

In general I would suggest that the following be put on the list of wells to be sunk when we have completed those already proposed:—

1. Ballymoneen;
2. Ballymoneen;
3. Ballygahan;
4. Ballinteskinn;
5. Johnstown Hill.

Yours faithfully,

J. P. CAFFREY.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Resolved—That having considered report dated 29th August, 1949, of Assistant Engineer J. P. Caffrey, we agree that wells be sunk at Ballymoney, Ballymoneen, Ballygahan, Ballinteskinn and Johnstown Hill: these works to be carried out when the wells already approved have been completed.

Passed unanimously.

Rathnew Housing Scheme:

By the permission of the Chairman, Councillor J. Jacob inquired when the Council would be in a position to proceed with the erection of cottages at Rathnew.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had made offers to certain persons in Rathnew for sites in the village, but that agreement for the acquisition of these sites had not yet been completed. He pointed out that until the persons concerned were prepared to agree to the Council's proposals the Council could not proceed with the building scheme.

Water Supply at Killiskey:

Councillor W. Lawless asked that a report be obtained from the County Engineer in regard to the water supply at Killiskey.

Item No. 10: County Library Headquarters.

The County Secretary stated that at the meeting of the County Council held on 14th February, 1949, the Council had considered a resolution forwarded from the Wicklow Urban District Council, in regard to the County Library Headquarters. The Urban Council pointed out that the Council was strongly of the opinion that the Library Headquarters should be situated in Wicklow Town, and that a building should be available for that purpose. The Council had suggested that the necessary accommodation might be provided by: (1) converting part of the Town Hall building into a Library Headquarters, or (2) purchase of a suitable building for the purpose.

In connection with the latter proposal the Council had suggested that the Assembly Hall, Bachelors Walk, Wicklow, might be available and asked if the County Council would be prepared to make an offer for these premises.

The County Council at the meeting held in February had referred the matter to the County Library Committee for their views.

A further resolution on the subject had been received from the Urban Council on 8th September, 1949.

The County Secretary read the following letter, dated 9th Sept., 1949, received from the County Librarian:—

County Library, Greystones.
9th September, 1949.

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,
County Secretary,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

re: County Library Headquarters:

A Chara,

In reply to your letter of the 8th instant, the County Library Committee considered:—

1. That from 1925-46 the County Library headquarters was situated in Wicklow town. During that period the Committee made every endeavour to secure proper accommodation in the town. They moved the headquarters six times from one rented premises to another. Failing to find adequate accommodation in any existing building, they had plans prepared for a new building, which proposal was adjourned sine die by the County Council in 1935. The last premises they occupied—Bellevue House, was admittedly the best accommodation offered yet here the County Library headquarters consisted of one small, cramped room, hardly big enough for the uses of a private office, yet which had to serve all the varied purposes of a County Library scheme. There Tenders for the Erection of Cottages.

is no doubt that lack of proper accommodation, the want of adequate floor and shelving space, and of essential facilities, crippled the Library scheme severely during the 21 years the headquarters was located in Wicklow. In 1946 when notice was served on the Committee to vacate Bellevue House, advertisements were inserted in the local press, seeking premises in Wicklow. There was no reply to these advertisements. Failing to find any accommodation in Wicklow, the Committee were obliged to move to the Library building at Greystones, erected specially for use as a Library.

2. In view of the fact that the present County Library headquarters affords much better accommodation free of charge than any given by rented premises over a period of 21 years, the Committee decided that:—

- (1) The County Library headquarters must be housed in a building specifically designed for Library purposes;
- (2) Any proposals for moving the County Library should offer at least as good, if not better accommodation than at present available;
- (3) The proposal of Wicklow U.D.C. to convert part of the Wicklow Town Hall building into County Library headquarters is impracticable, as it is understood that the one room offered is not only badly lighted and ventilated, but that the roof is beyond repair.
- (4) Discussion on the proposal of Wicklow U.D.C. to use the Assembly Hall, Wicklow, for the purposes of a County Library, if the premises came on the market, be adjourned sine die.

Mise, le meas,

B. REDMOND,

County Librarian.

The County Secretary also read the following resolution which had been received from Wicklow Urban District Council:— "That we reiterate our view that the headquarters of the County Library should be in the Town of Wicklow, and wish to indicate to the County Council that the use of the Library at Greystones as headquarters was a temporary arrangement only."

The following letter had been received from the County Library Committee in regard to the extension of the Library premises at Greystones:—

Mr. K. J. Brangan,
Secretary,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
A Chara,

County Library,
Greystones.
3rd Sept., 1949.

I am directed by the County Library Committee to send to you copy of the following resolution passed by the Committee at their last monthly meeting held on 30th August, 1949:—

Proposed by Senator J. J. McCrea, M.C.C.;

Seconded by Rev. J. Moran, C.C.:

Resolved—That, in view of the requirements entailed by the expansion of the County Library service and the need for packing accommodation at County Library headquarters, necessary for the efficient exchange of books between branches and centres, we recommend to the County Manager and to the County Council the desirability of providing an annexe for this purpose on the ground attached to the County Library at Greystones, which site is held by the Co. Council free of charge.—Passed."

Mise, le meas,

B. REDMOND, County Librarian.

The County Secretary stated that he had made inquiries in connection with the suggestion that the Assembly Hall, Wicklow, might be available as a Library Headquarters, and had been informed by the Secretary of the Committee in charge of the Hall that the premises were not at present for sale.

The Council decided that the County Engineer be requested to submit an estimate of the cost of providing the extension to the Library at Greystones.

Item No. 11—Wages of Lorry and Roller Drivers.

The County Secretary read the following letters received from the Irish Automobile Mechanics' and Automobile Drivers' Union, and the Federation of Rural Workers:—

Irish Automobile Mechanics' and Automobile Drivers' Union,

Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

9, Parnell Square East,
Dublin.

28th Sept., 1949.

Re: Wage Increase for Motor Lorry and Roller Drivers, etc.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 13th inst., re above, I am to confirm that our application was for a rate of £6 3s. 6d. per week, but we understand as indicated by your Council and stated in your previous communications, that they were not prepared to pay that rate.

The matter has been further considered by our members in your Council's employment, and, in the light of your letter, have instructed me to state that they are prepared to agree to a settlement on the basis of the rate now payable by the Dublin County Council, i.e., £5 15s. per week, retrospective to date.

I am also to refer to our letter dated 27th May, with regard to overtime for Ambulance Drivers, and to state since the receipt of your letter of the 31st May, we have not received any communication on the matter.

In view of this and the fact that this matter has been prolonged, we would appreciate your Council's general observations and trust to have their assurance that these matters will be finally disposed of to the entire satisfaction of all concerned and for which we thank you.

Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER MCGEE,
Organising Secretary,
Federation of Rural Workers,

21, Molesworth St.,
Dublin.

28th Sept., 1949.

The Manager,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Council Chamber,
Wicklow.
A Chara,

On behalf of our members who are employed by your Council as Lorry Drivers, I have to apply that their wages be increased to £5 15s. per week. Their wages at present are lower than those paid to men in similar employment, and we would ask that you receive a deputation at the next meeting of the County Council to allow us to state the case for an increase in wages for these workers.

An early reply will be appreciated.

Mise, le meas,

GEORGE POLLOCK, President.

The County Secretary stated that further inquiries had been made from the Counties Carlow, Meath, Dublin, Wexford and Kildare in regard to the rate of wages payable in these Counties to lorry drivers and roller drivers. The replies were as follows:—

	Lorry Drivers	Roller Drivers
County Meath	£4 12 0	£4 12 0
County Woxford	£4 14 0	£4 14 0
County Carlow	£5 0 0	£5 0 0
County Kildare	£5 9 0	£5 9 0

In the case of County Kildare, the County Secretary stated that the rate of wages of £5 9s. applied from 3rd January, 1949, the previous rate of wages being £4 14s. 6d.

The Council decided to receive a deputation from the Federation of Rural Workers at the next meeting of the Council in regard to the matter.

Councillor C. W. Hudson inquired whether arrangements had been made for the payment of overtime to Ambulance Drivers.

The County Secretary stated that a Scheme for the payment of overtime had been submitted for the sanction of the Minister for Health, but that sanction had not been received.

Item No. 12—Wages for Workers on Drainage Schemes.

The County Secretary read the following letter received from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union:—

Mr. K. J. Brangan,
Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
The Courthouse, Wicklow.

35, Parnell Square,
Dublin, C.16.
1st Oct., 1949.

Re: Wages—River Workers and Provision of Shelters.

Dear Sir,

We are to request that the wages of our members who are employed by the Wicklow County Council on river work should be increased by 15s. per week, as our members so employed are working under difficult conditions, and their present rate of wages is inadequate because of the heavy wear and tear of clothing, etc. We are also to request that proper shelters should be provided against adverse weather conditions.

Your early and favourable reply in this matter would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,
IRISH TRANSPORT & G.W. UNION,
per **WM. McMULLEN,**
General President.

Following a discussion, it was
Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;
Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

That, having considered application from Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, we recommend that the wages of workers employed on Drainage Schemes be increased by 15s. per week.

As an Amendment, it was
Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary;

That from 1st November, 1949, to 1st April, 1950, an increase of 10s. per week be allowed to workers employed on Drainage Schemes. A vote having been called for on the Amendment, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR: Councillors T. Brennan, T.D., W. Cleary, W. Lawless, C. M. Byrne, J. Jacob—5.

AGAINST: Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, Senator J. J. McCrea, B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, H. J. Byrne, Ed. Byrne, Geo. Doyle and C. W. Hudson—9.

The Amendment was declared defeated by nine votes against to five in favour.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors W. Cleary, P. McCarthy, Senator J. J. McCrea, B. Farrell, Ed. Byrne, G. Doyle, Wm. Lawless and J. Jacob—8.

AGAINST: Councillors T. Brennan, T.D., W. Hammond, J. J. Metcalfe, H. J. Byrne, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson—6.

The resolution was declared carried by eight votes in favour to six against.

In regard to the application for the provision of temporary shelters for workers employed on Drainage Schemes, the County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had been asked to arrange for the provision of such shelters where possible.

Item No. 13—Road from Kindlestown to Delgany.

The County Secretary stated that a petition had been received from owners and rated occupiers of lands and premises on the road known as "Back Road" from Kindlestown to Delgany. In connection with the condition of the road, the County Engineer had reported as follows:—

County Secretary.

Courthouse, Wicklow.

6th October, 1949.

Re: Roads—Upper Kindlestown-Delgany—Road No. 30.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of 27th ultimo, in above, I wish to report that this road is in a very bad state of repair, for a distance of 510 perches (12ft. wide). The middle of the road has been worn until the camber has been replaced by a hollow. Consequently, the surface water runs along the road causing severe furrows and ridges on the surface.

We have kept one man on this road throughout the Summer, and he has been attending to major pot-holes and cleaning side drains, etc. The road, however, is in such a state that minor repairs are of little or no use until the road has been rolled and the steepest hills tarred to prevent damage by surface water.

There are about 12 private houses and several labourers' cottages on this road. In addition, there are 12 to 14 property owners using the road as their direct route to Delgany. There is little motor traffic on this road except during the tourist season.

As sufficient funds are not available to carry out the work, I recommend that improvements to this road be carried out next year under the Road Works Scheme.

Petition returned herewith.

Yours faithfully,

R. L. FARRELL,

For County Engineer.

The Council agreed that this matter be considered in connection with the Road Works Scheme for the coming year, and asked if the County Engineer could arrange to carry out some repairs to the road during the present year.

Item No. 14.—Application from Department of Defence for Permission to Erect a Hut on the Fair Field at Roundwood.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Defence had inquired whether the Council would be prepared to make available a site on the Fair Field, Roundwood, 100ft. x 60ft., for the erection of a hut for the accommodation of An Forsa Cosanta Aitiuil. The County Secretary stated he had made inquiries from farmers' representatives, and had been informed by Councillor C. W. Hudson that he had consulted a few of the local farmers, and they were very strongly opposed to having any obstructive hut erected on the Fair Field.

The Council directed that further inquiries be made, and suggested that inquiries be made from the Local Labour Club, the Agricultural Club, the Fianna Fail Cumann, etc.

Item No. 15.—Arklow Harbour Loan Guarantee.

The County Secretary submitted for sealing by the Council Deed of Mortgage received from the Commissioners of Public Works in connection with the Council's guarantee of the loan of £3,000 to Arklow Harbour Commissioners.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Resolved—That the Corporate Seal of Wicklow County Council be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage dated 19th September, 1949, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £3,000 proposed by them to be advanced to the Arklow Harbour Commissioners under the Harbours Act, 1947.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16.—Housing Committee Report.

The following report of the Housing Committee of the Council was circulated to the members at the Meeting:—

A Meeting of the Housing Committee of the Council was held at the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Friday, 7th October, 1949, at 3 p.m.

The following members were present:—Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman; Councillors J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, W. Hammond, H. J. Byrne, P. McCarthy, W. Lawless and T. Brennan, T.D.

The Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant Engineers M. Healy, B.E., J. P. Caffrey and C. J. Byrne were present.

In the absence of the County Manager, due to illness, the County Secretary acted as Deputy Manager.

Progress Report: The Committee approved of the attached report of the County Engineer in regard to progress of Housing Scheme during the month of September.

In reply to inquiries from members of the Committee, the Chief Assistant Engineer stated that the cost of the cottages at Ballywahrim amounted to £6,704. The Deputy County Manager pointed out that here would be also administrative expenses in addition to the actual building costs.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor J. J. Metcalfe, in regard to the disemployment of Mr. T. Kirwan and other workers in West Wicklow, the Chief Assistant Engineer stated that the Council was now building cottages in mass concrete and that Mr. Kirwan was a mason and had been employed for the building of cottages by concrete blocks. He stated that Mr. Philip Doyle would be re-employed shortly and that additional houses would be commenced in the area.

Experimental House at Kilcoole: The Deputy County Manager stated that Building Plant Hire (On Site) Limited had informed the County Engineer that they were agreeable to hiring the plant to the Council for the erection of an experimental house at a charge of 8d. per foot super floor area, together with £10 for use of the plant, provided that the plant could be returned within about 14 days. The Firm indicated also that it would be necessary for one of the Firm's technicians to be present so that he could train and advise the men in the use of the machines, and that the Council would be responsible for the payment of this man's wages.

The Committee decided to adjourn the proposal to the meeting of the Council to be held on 10th instant, and directed the Chief Assistant Engineer to ascertain in the meantime the rate of wages which would be payable to the Firm's technician.

Employment of Clerk of Works: The following letter from the Deputy County Engineer was submitted.

Courthouse,
Wicklow.
7th October, 1949.

Re: Clerk of Works.

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith copy of letter from Mr. Caffrey, B.E., Assistant County Engineer, requesting a Clerk of Works to supervise Housing construction in his area.

At present the one Clerk of Works supervises the South and South-Eastern Areas which include 30 cottages in the South and 17 in the South-Eastern area, these are spread over a wide area.

This number of cottages is too much for one Clerk of Works to properly organise and supervise, and it is affecting the economy of the work.

I would, therefore, recommend that a Clerk of Works be appointed for Mr. Caffrey's area, provided that, not less than 25 cottages are

constructed in the South-Eastern Area within the financial year.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: R. L. FARRELL,
County Engineer.

The letter received from Mr. J. P. Caffrey, B.E., Assistant Engineer, was as follows:—

"Dear Sir,

"I will soon need the service of a full-time Clerk of Works. The building scheme is spreading out and it would be impossible for one Clerk of Works to look after both Mr. C. J. Byrne's and my areas.

"The same staff of workers must deal with building work and repairs, and a full-time Clerk of Works is essential to run all jobs economically.

"I am sure you will appreciate that I would need the same assistance in this matter as Mr. Healy and Mr. Foley, if I am to get over the programme quickly, and I trust you will put the matter to the Housing Committee.

Yours faithfully,

"J. P. CAFFREY,
Assistant Co. Engineer."

The Committee decided to recommend that an additional Clerk of Works be appointed to supervise the erection of cottages in the South-Eastern Area.

Tenders for Cottages: The Committee considered the attached list of tenders received for the erection of cottages. The Committee recommended that contracts be entered into for the erection of cottages as follows:—

Cottage No.	Tenderer.	Price per Cottage
160A (2)	P. G. Rice, St. Laurence's Rd., Wicklow	£795 0 0
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162	P. G. Rice, St. Laurence's Rd., Wicklow	£800 0 0
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54	John Farrelly, Dunalan Hotel, Bray	£789 19 6
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71	John Farrelly, Dunalan Hotel, Bray	£789 19 6
72-75A (8)	Augustine Hanney, 130, O'Connell Ave., off Berkley Rd., Phibsboro', Dublin	£790 0 0
290	Wm. T. Leeson, Mongnacool, Rathdrum	£798 0 0
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(10 cottages).

In the case of cottages on Sites No. 72 to 75A (8 cottages), the Committee recommended that the Tender of Augustine Hanney, 130, O'Connell Ave., off Berkeley Road, Phibsboro', Dublin, at £790, be accepted in view of the fact that Mr. Hanney undertook to complete the cottages in 10 months, whereas the lower tenderer, John Farrelly, Dunalan Hotel, Bray, at £789 19s. 6d., would require 24 months to complete these cottages and also other cottages.

Authorisation of Repairs to Cottages: The Committee recommended that repairs be carried out to cottage occupied by H. Barrett, Shraughan, Baltinglass, at estimated cost of £10.

The Committee adjourned consideration of the estimates for repairs to cottages as follows:—

Tenant:	Repairs:	Cost:
Philip Keane, Newcastle Middle	New range	£14 15 0
E. Lacey, Fassaroe	do.	£15 0 0
John Coffey, Killadreenan	do.	£14 15 0

The Committee asked that a more detailed report be submitted as to the need for the provision of new ranges in these cases.

The Committee decided that all estimates for repairs to cottages be submitted to the Committee in future. Where repairs were very urgent, the Committee agreed that they could be attended to and reported subsequently to the Committee.

Repairs Carried Out During Month of September: The Committee noted the attached report from the County Engineer on repairs carried out during the month of September.

Fencing of Cottages: Councillor J. J. Metcalfe referred to the Committee's recommendation at a previous meeting that thorn-quicks be provided for the fencing of cottages in addition to wire and post fencing. He asked that the Engineer's attention be directed to the necessity for providing these thorn quicks.

On the suggestion of the Chairman, supported by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe, it was decided that the County Engineer be asked to submit to the next meeting of the Housing Committee a report on the condition of the fences provided for cottages erected since 1939. Members of the Committee stated that in many cases the fences had deteriorated and should be replaced.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe also asked that consideration should be given to providing barbed wire for fencing in certain cases, and stated that fences were often damaged by livestock.

Application for Extra Room to Cottage: Councillor W. Lawless stated that a cottage was being built for him under the present Scheme. He stated that for health reasons he had been advised that he would require an extra room larger than the annex which it was intended to provide to the cottage. He asked if the Committee would recommend the construction of the extra room, and stated he would be agreeable to pay an increased rent to recoup the cost of the provision of the room. Alternatively, he stated he would be prepared to erect the room himself if the Council could make a grant to him for the purpose. The Committee decided to recommend that an extra room be provided for this cottage.

Wage and Price Variation Clause: The Committee noted the following letter received from the Federation of Builders, Contractors and Allied Employers of Ireland:—

28, Earlsfort Terrace,
Dublin.

The County Manager,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Co. Council Offices, Wicklow.

28th Sept., 1949.

Dear Sir,

Re Wage and Price Variation Clause

I am directed to inform you that in view of the fact that the various Local Authorities in Co. Wicklow are refusing to incorporate the Government Standard Wage and Price Variation Clause in their

contracts for building or civil engineering works, the Federation has very regretfully been obliged to issue instructions to all its members not to submit tenders for such projects.

I am to point out that by agreement between the Government's Contract Committee and the Federation, the Standard Clause is incorporated in all Government Contracts and in consequence, it is expected that Local Authorities will follow suit. In the absence of any alteration of the agreement between the Government and the Federation the latter could not agree to an exception being made in the case of any particular local body.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: C. J. BURGESS,
Director.

Application for Erection of Cottage on Site on Land of Patk. Burke, Dunlavin, in substitution for Cottage for Thomas Mitchell, Kiltegan.

The Deputy County Manager stated that at a meeting of local Councillors in Dunlavin an application had been considered from Mr. Joseph Byrne, Dunlavin, for the provision of cottage for him on site which he stated he could obtain by agreement from Patrick Burke, Dunlavin. It had been suggested that this site be substituted for site at Kiltegan, where a cottage was to be erected for Thos. Mitchell, Feddan, Kiltegan. Mr. Mitchell had stated he did not require the cottage. The Chief Officer confirmed that the cottage at Kiltegan was not required by Thomas Mitchell, and stated that if an alternative site could be obtained on Mr. Burke's land by agreement and the Engineer could certify it as equally good as the original site, the cottage could be substituted for the other cottage at Kiltegan. A figure of £12 10s. had been offered for the original site at Kiltegan. It was presumed that a similar price would be accepted for the alternative site at Dunlavin.

The Committee recommended that the alternative site be procured and the cottage provided for Joseph Byrne in substitution for the cottage which was not now required by Thomas Mitchell at Kiltegan.

The Committee noted the following letter received from Mr. John McNulty, 18, Brettenham Road, Walthamstow, E.17, London:—

Dear Sir,

I have previously written to you regarding housing accommodation in the vicinity of Enniskerry.

It has now come to my notice that Irish tradesmen in England are being given priority in this matter. If so, I would be grateful if you will let me know if I qualify.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed: JOHN McNULTY.)

Register of Cottage Tenancies: The following report of the Chief Officer was submitted:—

The register of Cottage Tenancies to the 31st October is now complete. This Register shows in respect of each tenant whether married, single, widow, widower; number of children under the age of 16 years; total number in family; occupation of the tenant; weekly wages; other incomes and the present weekly rent, inclusive of rates.

This Register, which is summarised for the County, is as follows:

No. of Single Persons occupying cottages with Income under £3 5s. weekly	..	206
No. of Single Persons occupying cottages with Income £3 5s. to £5 weekly	..	36
No. of Single Persons occupying cottages with Income over £5 weekly	..	15

TOTAL SINGLE TENANTS		257
Number of Families of 2-5 persons with Incomes under £3 5s. weekly	..	899
Number of Families of 2-5 persons with Incomes £3 5s. to £5 weekly	..	382
Number of Families 2-5 persons with Incomes over £5 weekly	..	112
No. Families over 5 persons with incomes of £3 5s. weekly or under	..	264
No. of Families over 5 persons with incomes of £3 5s. to £5 weekly	..	343
No. of Families over 5 persons with incomes over £5 weekly	..	158

It is suggested that if the Council propose to consider the question of increasing the rents of certain tenants with higher incomes that Meetings of Local Committees of Councillors similar to those for the purpose of recommending cottage tenants for vacant cottages meet on dates and times to be arranged for the purpose of going into the particulars of each tenancy in their respective Electoral areas.

The Committees decided to adjourn this proposal to the meeting of the Council to be held on 10th instant...

Applications for Loans under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.
The following applications were submitted to the Committee:—

Name and Address	Amount of Loan required:
T. Crossen, Brennanstown Lodge, Cabinteely	£1,100
Rev. Mr. Byrn, The Lodge, Enniskerry	£500
Philip J. Manweiler, 1, New Street, Wicklow	£1,500

The Committee recommended the granting of Loans under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts to the three applicants subject to their complying with the conditions of the Scheme.

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,

Wicklow.

To: The Chairman and Members,
Housing Committee,
Wicklow Co. Council.

4th Oct., 1949.

Re: Housing Progress Report—Sept., 1949.

Gentlemen,

During the month of September good progress was maintained on all cottages under construction by Direct Labour.

A further 6 cottages have been completed, making a total of 21 completed to date.

Work is proceeding on 91 cottages.

The number of men employed during month of September was as follows:—56 skilled, 108 unskilled.

The total net expenditure to date is £49,705, of which £25,367 was spent on wages.

Details of position of work on each site are as follows:—

NORTHERN AREA:

Ballwaltrim 10.—10 houses completed.

Cookstown 6.—Painting in progress: setting grates and ranges, erecting fences and gates. It is expected that these 6 cottages will be completed in mid-October.

Killincarrig 15.—15 in progress: plastering in progress on all; all roofs ready for felting, window frames fixed.

Knockroe 4.—4 in progress: building rising walls and out-offices.

Kilcoole 20.—10 in progress: seven cottages roofed: 1 ready for roofing: 2 cottages with foundations excavated.

Total Labour: 22 skilled, 31 unskilled.

SOUTH-EASTERN AREA:

- Aughrim: 10.—10 in progress: 7 roofed, 5 with roof timbers fixed; plastering in progress on 6 houses.
 Clash 5.—4 in progress: 2 with timbers fixed, and joinery in progress: 1 with roof timbers ready: 1 in course of erection.
 Clone 4.—4 in progress: 1 with roof timbers ready for fixing 2 with foundations excavated: site being prepared for 1 cottage.

Total Labour: 9 skilled, 22 unskilled.

SOUTHERN AREA:

- South 8.—6 houses completed (4 at Tinahely and 2 at Carnew): 2 roofed and plastered externally.
 Carnew 13.—12 in progress: 4 with roof timbers fixed: 3 with roofing in progress; 5 to wall plate level and ready for roof.
 Ardoyne 12: 10 in progress: 3 completed (except for painting and external doors): 3 with roof timbers fixed: 1 ready for roofing: 2 in course of erection, foundations in and walls being constructed; 1 with foundations excavated.
 Total Labour: 12 skilled, 34 unskilled.

WESTERN AREA:

- Knockieran 11.—5 completed: 4 in progress as follows: 2 finished except for painting which is almost completed; 2 partly plastered, with flooring, concrete floors and painting still to be done.
 Shraughan.—1 house: roofed.
 Annalecky.—1 house: roofed, external plastering (less dashing) completed, internal plastering done and windows fixed.
 Rathmoon.—1 house: roofed, plastered, windows in, doors, frames and joists in.
 Tuckmill.—1 house: roofed, external plastering complete and part internal plastering in progress.
 Irishtown.—1 house: walls erected and sills in.
 Moneymore.—1 house to wall plate level with chimney built.
 Toolestown.—2 houses in progress: walls completed.
 Kylebeg.—1 house in progress: walls to wall plate level.
 Donard.—1 house in progress: walls almost to wall plate level.
 Total Labour: 13 skilled, 21 unskilled.
 Tenders for erection of cottages have been received from 18 Contractors.

Details of such tenders will be submitted to next meeting of Housing Committee to be held on Friday, 7th October, 1949.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
 County Engineer.

REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF SEPT., 1949.

Name of Tenant	Address	Details of Repairs	£ s d
Byrne	Cronakip, Redcross	Slates and gables	4 17 4
Cullen	Rathnew	Lavatory cistern	7 6
Doyle	Milltown, Rathnew	Door and gate	3 12 0
K. Duffy	Ballybeg, Rathnew	New lock	12 9
Duffy	Ballybeg, Rathnew	Window sash	2 12 8
Connor	Merrymeeting, Rathnew	Tiles broken	1 5 8
Cox	Kindlestown, Delgany	Barges, tiles	5 9 7
Grimes	Monastery, Enniskerry	Lock on door	12 6
Darcy	Kindlestown, Delgany	Barges, Tiles, cracks	3 3 0
Greene	Kindlestown, Delgany	Cracks and gable	3 6 3
Gilbert	Ballywaltron, Kilbride	Slates	1 12 1
Curley	Kilquade, Delgany	Parts for range	1 7 6
Hennessey	Baltinanima, Roundwood	New frame and sheeted door	5 14 10
Smith	Baltinanima, Roundwood	New S.F. door and sash fasteners	4 6 3
Jameson	Rathnew	New lavatory pan	4 10 0
Jameson	Milltown, Rathnew	Windows, skirting and flooring, chimney pot	2 1 4
Kavanagh	Milltown, Rathnew	Ceiling, slates, gutter dashing	8 6 1
Gammell	Kilcoole	New lavatory cistern	4 17 6
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Kelly	Ballynerrin, Wicklow	Fencing	1 4 8
Kelly	Ballynerrin, Wicklow	New F. and S. door	4 12 7
McCarthy	Newtown	Locks	15 5
Newsome	Ballybeg, Rathnew	Steel sash rehinged	1 0 10
Duffy	Ballybeg, Rathnew	Range, chimney pot	18 0
Gill	Ballybeg, Rathnew	Ballcock for cistern	3 6
Thackaberry	Merrymeeting, Rathnew	Broken tiles	1 8 2
Brady	Kilpedder	Night latch, windows	17 6
Ovington	Killadreenan	Door style, etc.	1 6 2
O'Brien	Kindlestown	Cracks, gable, lock	3 19 4
Stafford	Ballyclough	Slates	2 1 7
Vacant	St. Patrick's Rd., Rathnew	Pane glass, range parts	12 9
Gorman	Kindlestown, Delgany	Tiles on roof	15 0
Dempsey		Chimney pot and roof	3 19 3
Byrne	Coolboy	Doors and window	1 14 1
Kenny	Ballunallis	Chimney pot	16 7
Finn	Coolmore	Doors, frames and windows	8 9 10
Deegan	Corballis	Set fire tiles	9 6
Reid	Tinnode	Slates and ceiling	3 10 0
Keogh	Butterhill	Gutters, floor and roof	12 10 0
Fleming	Crosscoolharbour	Plaster wall and chimney, slates, and floor, painted with Snowcem.	21 0 0
Morgan	Stratford	Slates and plaster repairs	2 0 0
Loughlin	Ballinacrow	Repairs to roof	1 0 0
Dwyer	Dunlavin	Tiles on out-offices	2 10 0
Barrett	Blackhill	Repairs to floor, roof and plaster	9 0 0
Leigh	Rathmoon	Slates and eave gutters reset	1 0 0
Glynn	Chapel Hill	Slates	2 0 0
Doyle	Rathmoon	Kitchen floor, ceiling plaster pointing	35 0 0
Martin	Tournant	Repairs to kitchen floor, tiles, front door.	12 10 0
Matheson	Dunlavin	General	3 0 0

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Experimental House—"O'Sullivan" System.

The County Engineer reported that he had been informed by Mr. James Carroll, of Messrs. Building Plant Hire (On Site) Ltd., that the weekly wages of a technician who would train and advise Council employees in the operation of the building plant would be approximately £12 for a normal week.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Resolved—That we approve of the erection of an additional cottage with the plant provided by Building Plant Hire (On Site) Ltd., and agree to the terms for the use of the plant by the Council for the erection of this cottage.

Passed unanimously.

Tenders for the Erection of Cottages.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the Tenders for the erection of 46 cottages as set out hereunder:—

Cottage No.	Tenderer	Price per Cottage
160A (2)	P. G. Rice, St. Laurence Rd., Wicklow	£795 0 0
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(10 cottages)

Passed unanimously.

At this point the Chairman, Senator J. J. McCrea, left the Chair, which was then taken by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe, in the absence of the Vice-Chairman.

Register of Cottage Tenancies.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Resolved—That we direct that copies of the Register in respect of each Electoral Area be prepared and forwarded to the members for the respective areas, and that meetings of the members be held subsequently for the purpose of examining the particulars of the tenancies and submitting recommendations to the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we adopt the Report of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 7th October, 1949, and approve of the recommendations made therein.

Passed.

In connection with the application of Councillor W. Lawless for the construction of an additional room at cottage on site at Cooldross, the County Manager and County Secretary indicated to the Council that the sanction of the Minister would be required to any departure from the plans already approved for the cottages.

Contracts for Erection of Cottages.

The County Secretary read the following letter, which had been received from the Department of Local Government:—

COPY/

Dept. of Local Government,
Custom House,
14th Sept., 1949.

N.6254/2/49.

Wicklow Co. Council.

COUNTY WICKLOW LABOURERS ORDER, 1946.

A Chara.

With reference to your letters of the 22nd August and 23rd July last, and enclosure on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he has sanctioned the acceptance of the following tenders for the erection of cottages under the above Scheme:—

(a) THOMAS KIRWAN, Dunlavin.

3 cottages on sites 544 and 545 @ £773 10 0 per cottage.

2 cottages on sites 613 and 543 @ £758 10 0 per cottage.

It is noted that Mr. Kirwan tendered for six cottages and the position in regard to tender for remaining cottage should be clarified.

(b) THOMAS O'CONNOR, Blessington.

11 cottages on Sites Nos. 573, 574, 575, 581, 597, 598, 599, 600 and 601 at £775 per cottage.

(c) E. O'CONNOR, Valleymount.

2 cottages on Sites Nos. 530 and 558 @ £775 per cottage.

(d) D. DOWLING, Ballymore-Eustace.

3 cottages on Sites Nos. 528, 553 and 558 @ £770 per cottage.

2 cottages on Sites Nos. 555 and 556 @ £730 per cottage.

In regard to the tender of Mr. P. Brennan, Carnew, for 9 cottages at £799 per cottage, it is noted that a Mr. J. J. Byrne, Tullow, tendered for 6 cottages of this same group at £749 13s. 4d. per cottage, exclusive of fencing, or £796 3s. 4d. including fencing. The Minister would be glad to have a fuller report indicating why Mr. Byrne's price for fencing was not accepted on the grounds that he should have tendered on the basis of a sum per cottage and not per perch as quoted. It is noted that some other tenderers who omitted to quote for fencing were subsequently asked to quote for this item and that quotations thus received were accepted. Furthermore, Mr. Byrne quotes 12 months for completion of contract against Mr. Brennan's time of 18 months, and in this connection it is stated in the form of tender that the time of completion will be taken into account in considering the acceptance or rejection of the tender. It is, accordingly, suggested that the proposals in respect of this group of cottages should be reconsidered.

With regard to the omission of the Price Variation Clause, I am to state that the Draft Clause which accompanied Circular H9/48 of 27th January, 1948, was agreed upon in 1947, between the Government Departments concerned with building works and the Federation of Builders for use in State Contracts. While building costs were rising, the Clause did, of course, have the effect of increasing final costs. At a time of stable prices no additions to the tender figures are involved. It is not apparent, therefore, why it was decided to omit the Clause on the grounds that "there should now be sufficient stability in prices." Furthermore, as you are aware, the terms of the Clause provide in effect for a reduction in the tender sum in the event of prices falling. Such evidence as is available indicates that movements in the price of building materials will be downwards rather than upwards. The present is, accordingly, not an opportune time to drop the Price Variation Clause and the Minister suggests that the matter should be reconsidered.

The original tenders are returned herewith.

Mise, le meas,

The Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

G. A. MEAGHER.

The County Secretary read the following report of the County Engineer in regard to the points mentioned in the Dept's. letter:—

Courthouse, Wicklow.

23rd Sept., 1949.

CO. WICKLOW LABOURERS ORDER, 1946.

A Chara.

With reference to the Department's letter of 14th instant, Ref. N.6254/2/49, may I offer the following observations:—

- (1) Mr. P. Brennan tendered for 9 cottages at £799 per cottage in strict accordance with Specification and to include fencing: a Price Variation Clause was attached and the Tender was not accepted pending a withdrawal of this, which was subsequently done and then the Tender was accepted.
- (2) Byrne submitted a Tender for 6 cottages (included already in Brennan's Tender above) at £749 13s. 4d., but stated fencing would be extra at 35s. per perch, plus £11 5s. per cottage for gates. On calculating the quantity of fencing to be done, it was found that the price per cottage, inclusive of fencing and gates, would be £796 3s. 4d.
- (3) In view of the fact that the Tender of Brennan was for nine cottages, and not six, and because he withdrew the Price Variation Clause and because the tender was in accordance with the Specification, it was accepted.
- (4) The fact that some other tenderers were asked to quote for fencing afterwards has no bearing on the Tenders submitted by Brennan and T. J. Byrne, because the same cottages were not involved.
- (5) The time for completion was considered, and when it was found that Byrne undertook to do 6 cottages in 12 months, and Brennan undertook to build 9 cottages in 18 months, there did not appear to be any difference, and in any event, if the six cottages were given to Byrne, Brennan could not be expected to carry out 3 of his group of 9 for the same price, especially as the 3 cottages are sited on isolated plots, and the 6 cottages are grouped on one field.

In connection with Mr. Kirwan's tender; Original tender was for 6 cottages, Nos. 613, 543, 544 and 545. He misread the list of cottage sites supplied to him in the first instance and assumed that—

544 was for two houses (semi-detached)

545 was for two houses (semi-detached)

613 was for one house.
 543 was for one house; whereas:—
 544 for two houses (semi-detached)
 545 for one house
 613 for one house
 543 for one house.
 Total: 5 houses.

The accepted Tender therefore should be:—Site Nos. 544 (2 houses, (semi-detached) at £758 10s. 0d.; and Nos. 613, 543 and 545 (3 single houses) at £773 10s. 0d.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
 County Engineer.

The Council directed that the Department of Local Government be informed of the reasons for the acceptance of the Tender of Mr. P. Brennan, as outlined by the County Engineer in his report.

University Scholarship:

The County Secretary stated that application had been received from Mr. Andrew A. Mescal, University Scholarship holder, for the suspension of his Scholarship for one year, in order to enable him to obtain one year's practical experience in agriculture at the Albert College, Glasnevin.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor G. Doyle:

Resolved—That, having considered letter dated 6th October, 1949, from Mr. Andrew A. Mescal, Rathdrum, University Scholarship holder, we approve of his Scholarship being suspended for one year to allow him to acquire one year's practical experience in Agriculture.

Passed unanimously.

Public Lighting, Blessington.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant Engineer, Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., had recommended the provision of an additional public lamp near the Schools at Blessington.

Proposed by Councillor B. Farrell;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of an additional public lamp near the schools at Blessington.

Passed.

Item No. 17—Report of Meeting of Special Committee Appointed to Investigate Matters Raised by Councillor B. Farrell.

The County Secretary stated that a meeting of the Special Committee had been held at Baltinglass on Thursday, 6th October, 1949. The report of the Committee was not yet available.

The Council decided to adjourn this item and the remaining items on the Agenda to the next meeting of the Council.

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

NOTICE OF MOTION

By Councillor P. McCarthy:

"That I hereby give notice that I will move at the next statutory meeting of the Wicklow County Council that we, the Wicklow County Council, do hereby agree to grant to Carters employed by the County Wicklow Council the full rates of pay for holidays and Bank holidays, instead of the present rate whereby no allowance is made for his horse."

NOTICE OF MOTION

By Councillor P. McCarthy:

"I hereby give notice that I will move at the next statutory meeting of the Council—that we, the Wicklow Co. Council, do hereby rescind the resolution passed by this Council refusing to incorporate the Government's Standard Wage and Price Variation Clause."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11 a.m. on Monday, 14th November, 1949.

The following members were present: Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman; 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, Peter Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Edward Byrne, L. O Laoighleis, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, W. Clarke and J. Jacob.

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant Co. Engineer and Assistant Engineers C. J. Byrne, B.E., P. J. Foley, B.E., J. P. Caffrey, B.E., and M. Healy, B.E., were present.

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

BUSINESS:

1. Minutes of Meetings held 8th August, 1949, and 12th September, 1949.
2. Renewal of University Scholarships.
3. University Scholarship Scheme, 1950/51.
4. Renewal of Licence under Cinematograph Act, 1909.
5. Filling of vacancy on County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee.
6. To authorise increases in certain Superannuation Allowances.
7. Letter from Irish Local Government Officials' Union in regard to office hours of staff.
8. Report of results of examination for Clerk/Typists.
9. Application from Bray Urban District Council for agreement to extension of urban and county boundary for housing purposes.
10. New County Hospital—Report of Architect following further inspection of site at Rathnew.
11. Letter from Committee of Agriculture in regard to estimate for year 1950/51.
12. Letters from Department of Local Government conveying approval to certain Drainage Schemes. Alternative estimate for Scheme No. C.2 submitted by County Engineer.
13. Application from Federation of Rural Workers for wage increase of 15s. per week for carters employed on Drainage Schemes.
14. Application from Bray and District Branch of Irish Transport and General Workers' Union for allowance of £1 per week to Overseers in respect of duties relating to Drainage Schemes.
15. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy regarding payment of carters for holidays.
16. To receive deputation from Federation of Rural Workers regarding wages of Lorry Drivers and Roller Drivers.
17. Application from Department of Defence for site for hut at Fair Green at Roundwood.
18. Recommendation of County Engineer regarding estimates for repairs to Burial Grounds.
19. Quarterly Report of County Engineer in regard to Engineering Services.
20. Report regarding repairs and improvements to St. Colman's Hospital.
21. Notification of grant from Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote towards cost of new Water Main to Newcastle Sanatorium. Letter dated 26th Oct., 1949, from Dept. of Health regarding allocation of vacancies in Newcastle Sanatorium for patients from County Wicklow.
22. Correspondence with Depts. of Health and Local Government regarding provision of chalets.
23. Letter from the Dept. of Health regarding Dispensaries.

24. Letter from Dept. of Health regarding offer of Countess of Wicklow to provide Nurse's Residence and Child Welfare Centre at Arklow.
25. Letter from Dept. of Health regarding skilled building operatives for hospital construction work.
26. Report of Special Committee of Council regarding complaints made by Councillor B. Farrell.
27. Letter from Dept. of Local Government regarding Silver Strand Road.
28. Application for loan under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.
29. Application for approval under the Town and Regional Planning Acts.
30. Report of meeting of Housing Committee held on 3rd Nov., 1949.
31. Circular from Dept. of Local Government regarding diversity of accommodation and grading of rents for housing schemes.
32. Erection of cottages on derelict sites at Rathnew.
33. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy regarding Prices Variation Clause.
34. Report on Tenders received for Aughrim Water Supply Scheme.
35. Water and Sewerage Scheme for cottages at Boghall.
36. Extension of water supply to six cottages at Kindestown.
37. Letter from Dept. of Local Government regarding application for supplemental Grant for extension of water supply and sewerage services to cottages at Kilcoole and Blacklion.
38. Water supply at Brockagh.
39. Water supply at Ballynulta.
40. Report of County Engineer regarding road works and drainage in Knockananna District.
41. Letter from Manor Kilbride Development Association regarding works required in the district.
42. Letter from Coras Iompair Eireann re bus service from Stratford-on-Slaney, Donard and Glen of Imaal.
43. Resolution from Corporation of Sligo re purchase of Ground Rents.
44. Resolution from Kerry County Council regarding Partition.
45. Resolution from Waterford County Council re grants and loans for Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes.
46. Resolution from Castleblayney Urban Council re period of repayment of Housing Loans.
47. Resolution from Roscommon County Council regarding use of Irish coal.
48. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Road from Whitestown Bridge to the Glen of Imaal.

The County Secretary stated that the following letter had been received from the Department of Defence:—

Parkgate, Dublin.
8th Nov., 1949.

3/3967.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 20th April, 1949, relative to the public road leading from Whitestown Bridge to the Glen of Imaal, I am directed by the Minister for Defence to state that representatives of this Department will meet members of your Council's Engineering Staff and of the County Council to discuss the question of the repair of the road. Accordingly, I am to request you to be good enough to nominate a date, time and place for the proposed conference.

Mise, le meas,

P. B. HEFFRON,
a.s. Runai.

The Co. Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

It had been agreed with the members of the Council for the West Wicklow Area to hold a meeting with the representatives of the Dept. of Defence on Wednesday, 23rd Nov., 1949, at 2.30 p.m. at Whitestown Bridge.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting of Co. Council held on 8th August, 1949.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Renewal of University Scholarships.

The County Secretary read the following letter received from University College, Dublin:—

University College, Dublin.

Secretary's Office.

14th Oct., 1949.

The Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

The following are the Autumn Examination results of students holding Scholarships from your Council in this College during Session 1948-1949:—

Kavanagh, Michael—Rejected in the subject Experimental Physics at the First Engineering Examination. Must present for examination again in the two subjects, Experimental Physics and Mathematical Physics. Recommend that this Scholarship be withheld during session 1949/'50.

MacCathmhaoil, Iobhar—Rejected at the Second Engineering Examination. Must repeat the Second Year Courses, therefore recommend that the Scholarship be withheld for the session 1949/'50.

Mescal, Andrew—Passed the Second Agricultural Science Examination. Renewal of Scholarship recommended.

Nolan, Anne V.—Passed the B.Comm. Degree Examination with Second Class Hons. If Miss Nolan applies for extension of her Scholarship in order to proceed to a Post-Graduate Degree, the extension is recommended.

Yours faithfully,

A. J. O'CONNELL,

Secretary and Bursar.

The County Secretary also read the following letter received from Mr. M. J. Kavanagh:—

The Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Wicklow.

24 Chelmsford Road,

Ranelagh,

Dublin.

Dear Sir,

I beg to apply for the renewal of the Scholarship awarded to me in 1948, for to enable me to pursue Courses of study for the Degree of Bachelor of Engineering.

I intend to study for Degrees in Arts and Commerce instead of Engineering as before intended. As Science was not included in the curriculum of the last School attended by me, I found myself faced with an unfair disadvantage, and it is evident that Arts and Commerce is a natural continuation of my school studies.

Permission has been granted by the Louth County Council to Mr. McCabe, to make a similar change, he being in similar circumstances as myself.

I would very much appreciate the Council's favourable consideration of this matter, as means would not allow me to continue studies without the aid of this scholarship.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: MICHAEL J. KAVANAGH.

The County Secretary stated that under Clause 8 of the Council's Scholarship Scheme, it was provided that the Council would not make a payment in respect of a subsequent year unless the Scholarship holder had qualified at the University Examination of the previous year. Unless the Council's Scheme were amended, it would not be possible to renew these Scholarships in respect of the year 1949/50. e

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That, having considered application from Mr. Michael Kavanagh and letter from University College, Dublin, dated 7th Nov., 1949, we approve of the renewal of the University Scholarship for Mr. Kavanagh in respect of the year 1950/51, provided that Mr. Kavanagh has passed his First Arts and First Commerce Examinations before 1st October, 1950.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That, having noted that Mr. Iobhar MacCathmhaoil was rejected at the Second Engineering Examination in Autumn, 1949, we decide to withhold the Scholarship for this student for the year 1949/50. Passed.

In reply to enquiries from members, the County Secretary stated he understood that the Council could amend the University Scholarship Scheme if desired, so as to allow of renewal of these particular Scholarships.

Councillor W. Clarke handed in the following Notice of Motion, which was accepted by the Chairman:—

NOTICE OF MOTION.

I hereby give notice that I, or somebody on my behalf, will move that the University Scholarships held by Michael Kavanagh and Iobhar MacCathmhaoil for the year 1948/49 be renewed for the year 1949/50, and that the Council's University Scholarship Scheme be suitably amended, if necessary, in order to permit of such renewal.

Item No. 3—University Scholarship Scheme, 1950/51.

The County Secretary submitted a draft Scheme for University Scholarships for the year 1950/51. He stated that the following changes were proposed in the Scheme:—

1. On the recommendation of the Professor of Agriculture it was proposed to include a paragraph in the Scheme directing attention to the fact that the special examination for Agricultural Science would include a practical test and that it would be necessary for candidates, accordingly, to have had practical experience of farm work;
2. In accordance with the decision of the Council at previous meeting, and as recommended by General Council of County Councils, it was proposed to amend the residence qualification, and allow candidates to compete whose parents or guardians had been bona fide resident in County Wicklow on 1st April, 1950;
3. In accordance with a previous decision of the Council, 150 marks would be allotted to Honours Irish and Honours Mathematics, and 100 marks to each other Honours Subject; the minimum number of marks for the award of a Scholarship would, therefore, be increased to 250 marks.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the University Scholarship Scheme for the year 1950 as submitted to this meeting, subject to the following amendments:—

- (i) That the residential qualification of 3 years be continued;
- (ii) That the income limit under the means qualification be raised by £25 for each child in excess of 6 children.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Cinematograph Licences.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell;

Resolved—That we hereby grant renewals of Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, to the following applicants and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to these Licences, provided that satisfactory reports in regard to these applications are submitted by the County Engineer:—

John Cunningham, Imaal Hall, Dunlavin;

Edward Bradley, Baltinglass.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Filling of Vacancy on Co. Wicklow Vocational Education Committee.

The County Secretary read the following letter received from the Chief Executive Officer, Co. Wicklow Vocational Education Committee:

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,

Technical School,

Co. Secretary,

Wicklow.

Courthouse, Wicklow.

6th Oct., 1949.

A Chara,

I beg to inform you that Canon W. E. Vandeleur, M.A., has retired from parochial work and is leaving Wicklow. He is compelled to resign from the Co. Wicklow Vocational Education Committee.

I am instructed to request the Wicklow Co. Council to elect a member to fill the vacancy caused by his resignation.

Mise, le meas,

H. PAINTING,

Chief Executive Officer.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Rev. Alfred Kingsmill-Palmer, M.A., B.A.I., as a member of the Co. Wicklow Vocational Education Committee in place of Rev. Canon W. E. Vandeleur, M.A., retired.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Increases in Certain Superannuation Allowances.

The County Secretary referred to resolution of the Council at the October meeting authorising increases in certain superannuation allowances, and stated that provision had not been included for payment of superannuation allowances in respect of certain officers whose pensions were paid from the Rathdrum Office. A further expenditure of £152 15s. 6d. would be required to allow of increases in superannuation allowances to these officers.

Proposed by Councillor B. Farrell;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure of £152 15s. 6d. in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates for the purpose of granting increases in Superannuation Allowances of officers who retired before 1st July, 1943, in accordance with the terms of letter dated 8th August, 1949, from the Department of Local Government.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Office Hours.

The County Secretary read the following letter which had been addressed to the Chairman of the County Council:—

J. J. McCrea, Esq.,
Chairman,
Wicklow Co. Council.

Irish Local Government Officials' Union,
23, Lower Ormond Quay,
Dublin.

Dear Sir,

I have been asked by the Wicklow Branch of my Union to bring the matter of the County Manager's extension of the hours of attendance of the office staff to your notice, and that of the members of your Council, with a view to having the staff's long-standing grievance in this matter remedied.

As far back as 1899, and as amended by the Wicklow Co. Council in 1936, the following office hours were approved:—

"Office hours to be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the first five days of the week and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the sixth day of the week."

The hours fixed by the Council in 1899 (with this minor but much appreciated alteration in the Saturday closing time), remained in operation until 1947, when they were substantially, and we claim, unjustifiably extended—not, we realise, by the County Council, but by Managerial Order. The circumstances of the extension were as follows:

Early in 1947 the County Manager approached Mr. L. Wolohan, then Chairman of the Wicklow Co. Council Branch of this Union, stating that it was his opinion that this year was likely to be very exceptional, that the abnormal conditions prevailing would mean that additional work would be required in all sections and that he was contemplating extending the office hours by one hour per day.

A meeting of the officers concerned was held on 19th March, 1947; the matter was fully considered, and it was agreed that it should be referred to the Central Council of the Union.

Following consideration of the matter by the Central Council, a letter was addressed to the County Manager stating that the Union could not agree to the contemplated worsening of the conditions of employment of its members.

There the matter appeared to rest until October, 1947, when the County Manager made an Order extending the hours of attendance by three-quarters of an hour per day. It was clearly understood at that time that the extension was a purely temporary arrangement to meet the allegedly abnormal conditions mentioned by the County Manager, in particular, the then existing shortage of staff, and that the new hours would come up for review within a few months.

On 28th July, 1948, the County Manager was asked if he were prepared to agree to the old hours fixed by the County Council, to which letter he replied as follows on 3rd August, 1948:—

"I desire to refer to your letter of 28th July, 1948, and to state that, having regard to the volume of work to be discharged, it would not be desirable in the interests of administration to alter the working hours of the staff as at present settled. Moreover, by comparison with the hours of duty required in the service of other statutory undertakings (e.g., Electricity Supply Board, etc.), I do not think that the present working hours of the County Council staff can be regarded as unreasonable."

The Union's attitude to the comparison with the Electricity Supply Board is indicated by the following paragraph from a letter addressed to the County Manager on 6th August, 1948:—

"Candidly, I fail to see the validity of a comparison with the Electricity Supply Board. Indeed, it would be difficult to accept the comparison seriously without asking you to be logical and accept the argument that our clerical officers, for example, should be granted the same salary as that enjoyed by clerical officers on the staffs of the Electricity Supply Board, namely, a scale running to £570 per annum."

The whole matter was the subject of further correspondence and discussions with the Manager, culminating in a discussion which took place on 11th February, 1949, when the Manager informed the representatives of my Union that he was not prepared to agree to revert to the old hours fixed by the County Council, but that if the County Council thought that there should be a revision, he would have no objection.

There is little need to mention that it is an elementary principle that the conditions under which an employee accepts an appointment shall not be arbitrarily, and without compensation altered to his detriment. My Union has done all it could do to bring the Co. Manager to see the justice of the case of the officers concerned, but to no avail; officers are still forced to work hours substantially longer than those accepted in their conditions of employment. Hence, this appeal to the members of the Wicklow County Council, in the hope that the Council will stand by the hours fixed by itself in 1899 and continued in operation throughout the years since, until changed by Managerial Order in 1947.

In the interests of contentment among the staff, my Union trusts that your Council will confirm the hours fixed for it in 1899, and that you will kindly use your good offices to this end.

Yours faithfully,

J. J. O'DONOGHUE,
General Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that the number of hours at present worked by the staff of Wicklow County Council per week was 42. From inquiries made from other County Councils, it was found that six counties worked 38 hours per week, eight counties worked 40½ hours per week, five counties 41 hours per week; three counties worked 43 hours per week; three counties worked 43½ hours per week; and one county worked 44 hours per week.

Particulars of the hours worked by the various counties were as set out hereunder:—

**OFFICE HOURS OF CO. COUNCIL STAFFS
NOVEMBER, 1949.**

No. of Hours worked per week (in- cluding luncheon interval)	County	Hours worked	
		(i) Normal day	(ii) Half day
		a.m.	p.m.
38	Cavan	10.00—5.00	
	Clare	10.00—1.00	
	Limerick	do.	
	Meath	do.	
	Tipperary S.R.	do.	
40½	Galway	10.00—5.20	
		10.00—1.00	
	Carlow	10.00—5.30	
	Laoighis	10.00—1.00	
	Louth	do.	
	Kildare	do.	
	Kilkenny	do.	
	Sligo	do.	
	Tipperary N.R.	do.	
	Dublin	9.30—5.00	
41	Cork	9.30—12.30	
		9.30—5.00	
		9.30—1.00	
	Kerry	do.	
	Monaghan	do.	
42	Offaly	do.	
	Waterford	do.	
	Wicklow	9.45—5.30	
43	Mayo	9.45—1.00	
		10.00—6.00	
	Roscommon	10.00—1.00	
43½	Wexford	do.	
		9.30—5.30	
	Donegal	9.30—12.30	
		9.30—5.30	
44	Longford	9.30—1.00	
	Westmeath	do.	
	Leitrim	do.	
		9.30—5.30	
		9.30—1.30	

Luncheon interval of one hour, except in Donegal (1½ hours) and Galway (1 hour, 20 minutes).

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

Resolved—That, having considered letter from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union, we recommend that the office hours of the staff of this County Council be as follows:—10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Examination for Clerk/Typists.

The County Secretary submitted the results of the Examination for Clerk/Typists which had been held on 21st and 22nd October, 1949.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION FOR CLERK/TYPISTS 21st/22nd OCTOBER, 1949.

Name and Address	Examina- tion No.	Order of Merit	Total Marks	A. Qualifying Irish (300)	English (300)	Arith- metic (300)	B. Competitive Type- writing (700)	Short- hand (700)	Inter- view (300)
Woodcock, Ann C., Enniskerry	17	1	1,335	124			610	500	225
12, County Book, Enniskerry									
O'Neill, Rosaleen T., Clonerkinn, Rathdrum	11	2	1,230				498	567	165
Walsh, Mary 25, Court St., Enniscorthy	15	3	1,229	125		225	579	500	150
O'Toole, Mary Josephine Main St., Rathdrum	12	4	1,220				628	352	240
Byrne, Anne Philomena Monkton Row, Wicklow	1	5	1,070				515	285	270
McConnell, Yvonne, M., Melrose, Putland Road, Bray	4	6	1,036				579	307	150
O'Brien, Ann Deirdre St. Mary's, Kilmacanogue, Bray	10	7	1,032				512	370	150
Finn, Catherine M., Highland View, Naas	2	8	1,015				480	335	200
Goggin, Mary, Wentworth Villa, Wicklow	3	F	728				383	(230)	(115)
McCauley, Mary, Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow	5	F	999	(37)	(114)	(0)	581	(158)	260
McNamee, Maureen C., Cakestown, Kells	6	F	936				511	(245)	180
Mason, Maire, Ballinahinch, Ashford	7	F	1,120	(20)	(145)	(73)	568	392	160
O'Callaghan, Margaret M., Medubeg, Taghmon	9	F	567	(12)	(71)	(5)	442	(0)	(125)
Pearse, Margaret Ballinastraw, Rathdrum	13	F	1,207	(75)	(110)	(73)	556	521	(130)
Stapleton, Catherine, Moate Park, Ballyragget, Co. Kilkenny	14	F	1,017	197		(88)	512	430	(75)
Wilson, Josephine M., Main Street, Rathdrum	16	F	1,140	(62)	225	155	530	460	150

Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;
 Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson:
 Resolved—That we hereby approve of the results of the Examination for Clerk/Typists as submitted to this meeting.
 Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Application from Bray Urban Council for Extension of Urban and County Boundary for Housing Purposes.

The County Secretary read the following letter received from Bray Urban District Council:—

Bray Urban District Council,
 Town Hall,
 Bray,
 Co. Wicklow.
 4th Nov., 1949.

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,
 County Secretary,
 Wicklow.

Re: Housing Schemes Sites.

Dear Sir,

As intimated in previous correspondence, the Urban Council has been endeavouring to prepare a Scheme under the Housing Acts which will provide for the erection of more than 200 houses to meet the acute housing shortage which exists in the township. After careful examination, it has been found that there is no land available within the Urban District for the erection of the number of houses which are urgently required. It has been found necessary, therefore, to acquire land outside the Urban Boundary for the erection of houses.

In this connection the Council, at its meeting held on the 20th ultimo, having had before it a Report of Mr. Desmond Fitzgerald, Consultant Architect, decided to acquire a parcel of land which is shown shaded on the attached map. The lands are at Upper Dargle Road and are outside the Urban District.

The land in question is situate in the administrative area of Dublin County Council and I have communicated with that Council in connection with this matter. The addition of the land to the area of the Urban District would also, of course, extend the boundary of the administrative County of Wicklow.

I set out hereunder the terms of the resolution adopted by the Council at its meeting on the 20th instant, applying to your Council, under Section 10 of the Local Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1936, for an Order altering the boundary of Bray Urban District by the addition of the lands shown shaded on the Map. It is also requested that your Council would apply to the Minister for Local Government for an Order under Article 25 of the Application of Enactments Order, 1898, altering the boundary of County Wicklow by the addition to the administrative area of the land already mentioned and shown on the Map.

You will recollect that the original proposal of the Council in relation to boundary extension included two fields adjoining the Upper Dargle Road, to the West of the land shown on the Map herewith. One of these fields, that measuring 9 acres, 2 roods approximately, is being excluded from the boundary extension. I have marked it No. 2 in pencil on the Map.

Yours faithfully,
 E. J. FENNELL,
 Town Clerk.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
 Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey:
 Resolved—That we hereby authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to the Petition to the Minister for Local Government for an Order altering the boundary of the County of Wicklow, so as to include the lands at Upper Dargle Road, Bray, as shown on the Map

attached to the Petition, which are required as building sites by Bray Urban Council.

Passed unanimously.

The Council's Seal was accordingly affixed to the Petition as set out hereunder:—

PETITION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF WICKLOW TO EXTEND THE BOUNDARY OF THE COUNTY OF WICKLOW.

The Bray Urban District Council made representations to the Wicklow County Council to take the necessary steps to extend the boundary of the Bray Urban District, so as to include lands at Upper Dargle Road, Bray, in the County of Dublin, as shown on the attached Map and described as follows:—

"All that and those the land and other hereditaments enclosed by a line from the point at which the existing boundary of the administrative area of the Urban District Council meets the existing boundary of the administrative area of Dublin County Council, immediately above the Weir in the Dargle River and proceeding along the existing boundary of County Dublin across the Wicklow Road to a point approximately 35 yards from the centre of said road; thence in a north-easterly direction along the existing fence or ditch to the south-west corner of the field in which the ruins of Palermo Lodge are situated; thence along the field fence or ditch of this field in a northerly, north-westerly and north-easterly direction, respectively, to the south-westerly corner of the 9.434 acre field; thence northerly along the boundary of this field to the north-west corner of the said 9.434 acre field; thence along the boundary of this field in an easterly direction to the south-west corner of the 6.593 acre field; thence along the boundary of the latter field in a northerly direction to the north-west corner of same field; thence in a north-easterly direction along the northern boundary of the 6.593 acre field to the lane boundary; thence in a northerly direction to Old Connaught Avenue along the eastern boundary of th 13.397 acre field; thence along Old Connaught Avenue to meet the existing boundary of the Urban District at Palermo Gate Lodge; thence in a southerly and westerly direction along the existing Urban District boundary to the point first mentioned, and all of which is situate within the Parish of Little Bray, Barony of Rathdown, Townland of Old Connaught, and measuring in all approximately 95 acres."

The lands are situate outside the Urban boundary, but are immediately adjoining same. There is an acute housing shortage in said Urban District, and there are no suitable building sites available. It is proposed to build two hundred houses on said land.

Wicklow County Council, in pursuance to said representation, hereby petitions the Minister for Local Government for an Order altering the boundary of the County of Wicklow, so as to include the above-mentioned lands.

Dated this 14th day of November, 1949.

Present when the Seal of the Council of the County of Wicklow was hereunto affixed:

.....
 Chairman

.....
 Co. Secretary

To: Wicklow County Manager.
 The Minister for Local Government,
 Custom House,
 Dublin.

Item No. 10.—Site for Proposed New County Hospital.

The County Secretary read the following letter received from the Council's Architect, Mr. V. Kelly:—

The Acting Co. Secretary, 87, Merrion Square,
Wicklow Co. Council, Dublin,
Courthouse, Wicklow. 12th Nov., 1949.

Re: Site of Proposed County Hospital, Rathnew.

Dear Sir,

In accordance with your request my representatives revisited the proposed County Hospital site at Rathnew and subsequently discussed the question of a suitable entrance with the County Engineer. I had no previous information as to the proposal to run a Bye-pass Road through portion of the site. In consequence, the draft lay-out already submitted to you will require suitable amendment.

It was agreed with the County Engineer that an entrance on the main Dublin Road (Tighe's Avenue) would not be suitable owing to its remoteness from the Village.

It was also pointed out that the development of the existing roadway, known as Charvie Lane, which would require considerable improvement, would not be suitable as an approach to the Hospital Buildings. The Department of Health do not approve of traffic in front of the Ward Blocks, which must face south.

The proposed bye-pass, as indicated by the Town Planning Consultant's lay-out, would definitely seriously interfere with the arrangement of the Hospital Buildings. It was agreed with the Co. Engineer to amend the lay-out of the bye-pass so that an entrance to the Service Roads of the Hospital could be planned accordingly.

I have prepared a revised lay-out plan, two copies of which I enclose herewith. It will be noted that it is still possible to accommodate the various buildings on the site and providing the necessary Service Road suitably to the proposed Bye-Pass.

If and when the proposed County Hospital is proceeded with, it will only be necessary to provide the portion of the Bye-Pass between the points A and B on the plan.

I consider that the revised lay-out incorporating the proposed Bye-Pass as illustrated on the enclosed plans, would be a satisfactory solution. Certain details, however, such as the provision of a roundabout at the entrance to the Bye-Pass and the extent of road widening necessary would require further investigation.

Yours faithfully,

VINCENT KELLY.

The plan enclosed with Mr. Kelly's letter was submitted to the Council.

Following a discussion, it was decided that an offer be made to the owner of the site in accordance with the valuation placed on the site by the Council's Valuer, and as submitted to the October meeting of the Council.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J.J. Hickey;

Resolved—That, having considered letter dated 17th Sept., 1949, from the Council's Law Agent in regard to the purchase of site at Rathnew from Mr. Percival Clements, and reports of Architect and Valuer, we direct that an offer of £1,660 be made for the site.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Agricultural Rate, 1950/51.

The County Secretary stated that the following resolution passed at a meeting of the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, held on 27th Sept., 1949, had been submitted: "That we request the County Council to increase the rate for the County Agricultural Schemes by ½d. in the £.

The Council directed that provision be made accordingly in the Estimates to be submitted to the Council in respect of the year 1950/51.

Item No. 12—Drainage Schemes.

The County Secretary stated that the total estimated cost of works submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval in respect of the current financial year, was £83,178. Of this amount, Schemes estimated to cost £55,278 had been sanctioned and grants allocated in respect thereof. The Department had asked that amended schemes be submitted in respect of the following three works: Scheme No. A.32, estimated cost, £3,200; Scheme No. A.37, estimated cost, £3,300, and Scheme No. C.2, estimated cost, £8,800.

Detailed surveys were required in respect of the following Schemes:

Scheme No.	Estimated Cost
A 63	£5,400
B 17	£2,600
B 18	£4,000
D 28	£600
	£12,600

In regard to Scheme No. C.2, the County Engineer had submitted the following report:—

Courthouse, Wicklow.

27th Oct., 1949.

County Secretary.

Re: Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 19th instant, with which you enclosed copy of letter RPA/33, dated 15 Deire Fomhair, 1949, from the Department of Local Government regarding alternative estimate for Work C.2.

The original estimate for this work was £8,800 and the distance proposed to be done was 2,400 perches. The necessity for machinery for use on this river was accepted, and I have now arranged for two ½-yard Dragline Excavators from the Board of Works; the cost of the hire of these machines up to 31st March, 1950, will amount to £270.

When the scheme was first submitted, the number of men proposed to be employed was 60, but I have had to engage a further 70, and the full number from now to 31/10/50 will be about 150.

The total length of the main River in County Wicklow, apart from tributaries, is 3,680 perches, approximately. The total area of catchment is 55,000 acres approx. The distance which will have been drained by 31/3/1950, employing 150 men and with Drag-line Excavators, is estimated to be 3,000 perches lineal, and this includes underpinning of Bridges, gulleys, etc.

The total estimated cost for 150 men for the remainder of the year, and adding the amount already paid on the work (£2,450), together with the cost of machines (10%) is now given as £17,720, which is £8,920 in excess of the original proposal.

Very useful work is being carried out, and indeed had we not already proceeded with the work on this River, there would have been very much more flooding of roads and bridges to-day and yesterday as a result of the sudden break in weather conditions.

The number of employees cannot possibly be reduced until the end of March, 1950, and consequently, it is more necessary to have the machines on the work to assist during the Winter months.

So that definite plans for the work may be set going, I would be obliged, therefore, if you would ask the Department to authorise the proposed expenditure of £17,720 on this Scheme immediately.

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

The County Secretary stated that he wished to bring the following letter to the notice of the Council:—

To: No. 2, Wexford District Board
of Conservators,
Rainsford Lodge,
Newtown,
Wicklow.
The Co. Engineer,
Co. Engineer's Office,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

It has been reported to the Board that you are proposing to clean up the river Derry under the Local Authorities Works Bill, during the Winter.

The Board view this with great concern, as the Derry is one of the main spawning tributaries of the Slaney. They urge that the project be not started before 1st June, 1950.

Yours faithfully,

J. R. BOOTH.

The County Secretary stated that the advice of the Council's Law Agent had been requested in regard to the letter from the No. 2 Wexford District Board of Conservators. The Council's Law Agent had replied as follows:—

4, Church St.,
Wicklow.
10th Nov., 1949.

Re: Drainage of River Derry.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant, I would require further details before I would be in a position to advise fully herein. Perhaps you would let me know the nature of the work proposed to be executed by the Council and if the County Engineer considers such work is urgent. If the latter matter can be established beyond any doubt, it is difficult to see how any legal liability could be imposed on the Council. Unless, however, the matter is urgent, it would appear to be more prudent to leave over the doing of this work until June next.

Yours faithfully,

J. BRAZIL.

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,
County Secretary,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

The County Engineer stressed the urgency of the works, and stated that roads and streets in Shillelagh had been flooded on numerous occasions. He referred to the danger to bridges arising from floods, and also to the flooding of lands which had occurred.

The Council, having considered the Engineer's Report, agreed that the works on Derry River could not be postponed, as otherwise there would be danger of flooding of roads and streets in Shillelagh.

Members of the Council pointed out, furthermore, that it was essential that these works should proceed, as otherwise a large number of men might be disemployed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Resolved—That, having considered the report of the Co. Engineer dated 27th October, 1949, we approve of the additional Scheme for Works No. C.2, estimated to cost £17,720.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager stated that a letter had been received from Grangegorman Parish Guild of Muintir na Tire urging that work be commenced on the river at Grangecon. The County Secretary stated that this Scheme was included in the general list of Schemes approved by the Council, but had not been included in the Schemes to be carried out during the current financial year.

On the proposal of Councillor J. J. Metcalfe, seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly, it was agreed that this Scheme be carried out during the current financial year, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

Item No. 13—Application for Wage Increase for Carters Employed on Drainage Schemes.

The County Secretary read the following letter received from the Federation of Rural Workers:—

The Manager,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Wicklow.
21, Molesworth St.,
Dublin.
27th Oct., 1949.

Dear Sir,

I am instructed to request that carters employed by your Council on drainage work should be paid a wage increase of 15/- per week, similar to that recently agreed to in respect of road workers.

I am sure that the Council will see the justice of this claim and will not hesitate to meet the wishes of the men in this connection.

Yours faithfully,

SEAN DUNNE,
General Secretary.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That, having considered application from Federation of Rural Workers, we recommend that Carters employed by the Council on drainage work be granted an increase of 15s. per week in wages. Passed unanimously.

Provision of Shelters for Drainage Workers.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

COPY/
County Manager.
Courthouse, Wicklow.
9th Nov., 1949.

Re: Drainage, 1949.

Dear Sir,

The question of providing shelters for workmen employed on Drainage has been under consideration for some time. I have given the matter careful attention, and from enquiries I am of the opinion that only Portable Shelters would prove suitable.

At present, there are 377 employees engaged on 17 Drainage Schemes throughout the County, and as this figure is likely to be maintained during the Winter Months, I am of the opinion that 30 shelters would be required.

Enquiries were made for the supply of 30 shelters made of steel scaffolding which would be enclosed with canvas covers.

Messrs. Hendron Bros., are prepared to supply such shelters at £22 3s. 6d. each, and Messrs. M. Coleman, Ltd., will supply 30 Green Waterproof Canvas covers at £6 15s. 0d. each.

I recommend, subject to your approval, that above tenders be accepted.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the total cost of providing 30 shelters would amount to £867 15s.

In reply to inquiries from members, the County Secretary stated that it was unlikely that the cost of providing such shelters would be recouped from the grants in respect of the Drainage Schemes.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That, having considered report of County Engineer, dated 9th Nov., 1949, we approve of the provision of shelters for

workers employed on Drainage Schemes at estimated cost of £867 15s. and authorise expenditure in excess of the estimate of this sum for the purpose of providing the shelters.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Application for Allowance to Overseers in Respect of Duties Relating to Drainage Schemes.

The following letter, received from Bray and District Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, was submitted:—

No. 5, Wolfe Tone Square West,
Bray.

17th Oct., 1949.

Re: Overseers—Rate of Page at Drainage Schemes.

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,
Co. Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
A Chara,

Our members employed in the above positions by Wicklow County Council, and who are at present in charge of the above schemes, have requested that in view of the large number of men who may be employed on this work, thus adding considerably to the amount of supervision which they must already give to their own work as Road Overseers, that we should request the County Council to grant to them an increase of £1 per week, as compensation in respect of the extra work they must undertake.

I should be grateful if you would place this request before the Council at your earliest opportunity, and favour me with an early reply.

Mise, le meas,

JOHN TEMPLE,
Runaidhe.

The County Engineer submitted the following report:—
County Secretary.

31st Oct., 1949.

Re: Drainage Work, 1949.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 19th inst. regarding application received from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union for the payment of an additional £1 per week to road overseers who are responsible for supervising Drainage Schemes, I consider that overseers are fully deserving of this small additional remuneration to compensate them for all the worry, trouble and overtime involved in carrying out these Schemes.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That, having considered application from Bray and District Branch of Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, we recommend that Road Overseers be allowed an increase of £1 per week in respect of additional duties in connection with Drainage Works.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Payment of Carters in Respect of Holidays.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

That we hereby recommend that carters employed by the Council be paid in respect of Bank Holidays and Annual Holidays at the rate of pay appropriate to Carters, including the allowance for the horse.

As an Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

That carters be paid for Holidays at the same rate as road workers.

As a further Amendment, it was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Reilly;

That carters be paid 4/- per day over ordinary road workers' rate as a special allowance.

A vote having been called for on Councillor T. Brennan's amendment, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR—Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, J. J. Metcalfe, J. O'Reilly, P. Ledwidge, C. M. Byrne and W. Clarke—7.

AGAINST—Councillors W. Hammond, P. McCarthy, Senator J. J. McCrea, B. Farrell, P. P. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Ed. Byrne, W. Lawless and J. Jacob—10.

The Amendment was declared defeated by ten votes against to seven votes in favour.

A vote having been called for in respect of Councillor W. Hammond's Amendment, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR—Councillors W. Hammond, P. P. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, Dr. J. J. Hickey and W. Clarke—5.

AGAINST—Councillors T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, P. McCarthy, Senator J. J. McCrea, B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, J. O'Reilly, P. Ledwidge, Ed. Byrne, Wm. Lawless, C. M. Byrne and J. Jacob—12.

The amendment was declared defeated by twelve votes against to five in favour.

Councillor P. McCarthy's Motion was then put to the meeting, and a vote having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR—Councillors P. McCarthy, Senator J. J. McCrea, B. Farrell, P. P. O'Reilly, Ed. Byrne, W. Lawless and J. Jacob—7.

AGAINST—Councillors W. Hammond, H. J. Byrne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, and W. Clarke—4.

The Motion was declared carried by seven votes in favour to four against.

Item No. 16—Wages of Lorry Drivers and Roller Drivers.

The County Secretary referred to the application considered by the Council at the October meeting, from the Federation of Rural Workers, for an increased wage of £5 15s. per week for lorry drivers. The Council, at the October meeting, had agreed to receive a deputation from the Federation of Rural Workers at the November meeting. The County Secretary stated he had been informed that Mr. Sean Dunne, T.D., General Sec. of the Federation, was unable to attend that day, but that another representative would attend in his place. It was found, however, that no representative from the Federation was at the meeting.

A representative of the Irish Automobile Drivers' and Automobile Mechanics' Union attended the meeting, and was received by the Council.

The County Secretary read the following letter, which had been received from the Irish Automobile Drivers' and Automobile Mechanics' Union:

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,
County Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

9, Parnell Square East,
Dublin.

7th Nov., 1949.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 12th ult. was the subject of a Special Meeting of our members (employed by the Council) to consider its terms. The meeting was well attended, and in the course of discussions it was revealed that a general degrading system of workers was in operation in their various jobs, i.e., when a lorry is broke down, the driver is adapted to another category at a lower rate of pay, likewise other

semi-skilled workers of long standing in the job. The hardships roller drivers endure by being reluctantly compelled to live in caravans which by no means have any of the amenities of home life, together with the attitude adopted by the Engineer with regard to overtime, was also referred to.

These matters have given rise to unrest and resentment, so much so that the following resolution was unanimously passed:—

"That no motor lorry or roller driver employed by the Wicklow County Council is to present himself for work before or after the normal working day, until they are assured of payment for overtime in accord."

The resolution is to be implemented on the 21st inst., and in the meantime, having regard to our claim for wage increase being so long outstanding, we have been urged to send representatives to the next meeting of the Council, and, while we appreciate the Council have extended their courtesy to our representatives in this respect on two former occasions, we feel, in view of the statement contained in your letter with regard to other Labour representation, that the presence of our representatives will afford them an opportunity of finally disposing of our claim as suggested in our letter dated 28th Sept.

In these circumstances, they shall be pleased to clarify any matter which the Council may deem necessary.

Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER MCGEE,
Organising Secretary.

The representative of the Union addressed the Council and stated that the rate of wages paid by the Council to lorry drivers and roller drivers was inadequate, and compared very unfavourably with rates of wages paid in other counties. He also referred to what was described as the degrading system of workers, and submitted the following letter, which he asked to be read to the Council. The County Secretary read the following letter handed in by the representative of the Union:—

To: The Secretary,
Automobile Drivers' and Mechanics' Union
Parnell Square,
Dublin.

Diesel Roller No. 5,
West Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I hereby wish to lodge a complaint with you re my pay last week. I am employed as a driver of Diesel Roller No. 5 with the Wicklow County Council, and for the past week I have been standing idle at Hollywood. Previous to that the roller was standing idle at Dunlavin owing to shortage of work. I asked Mr. Bourke, who was deputising for Mr. Foley, District Surveyor for Wicklow, how long I was to be standing by, but he could not give me any information. Mr. Farrell, Assistant County Surveyor, asked me to work with the men doing road work, and even told the Overseer to bring along a shovel for me. I refused to do this. My weekly pay is £5 6s., and for the fortnight I was standing by at Dunlavin my ordinary time sheet was sent in to the office. It was returned with instructions to send in a labourer's time sheet for me instead, which would mean a reduction in my weekly wage of something like £2 5s. I refused to accept this until I had consulted my Union. I was also cut a half-day's pay while in Dunlavin, because I went to see Mr. Foley at Blessington to ascertain how long the roller was to be standing by. I am now seeking your opinion on the matter and trust you will give it your kindest consideration.

I remain,
Yours faithfully,

RICHARD DONOGHUE.

In the course of the discussion which followed, the Chairman, Senator J. J. McCrea, pointed out that at a previous meeting, at which a deputation from the Union had been received, the Council had before them particulars of wages paid to lorry drivers and roller drivers in other counties, from which it appeared that in only five cases did the rate of wages exceed that paid in Wicklow, and in two instances the extra wages paid amounted to only 6d. per week. At the October meeting of the Council details of wages paid to lorry drivers in adjoining counties had been submitted. The wages paid were as follows:—

Dublin—£5 15s. from 3rd January, 1949.

Kildare—£5 9s. from 3rd January, 1949.

Carlow—£5 from 4th April, 1949.

Wexford—£4 14s. from 3rd January, 1949.

Meath—£4 12s. from 7th April, 1949.

From these figures, it appeared that the rate of wages paid by Wicklow County Council compared favourably with the rates prevailing generally in other counties.

Following a discussion, the Council decided that a conference should be held between officials of the Council and representatives of the Union with a view to reaching an agreement in regard to the matters submitted by the Union.

Item No. 17—Application for Site for Hut at Fair Green, Roundwood.

The County Secretary stated that the following replies had been received to inquiries addressed to representative groups in Roundwood in regard to the application from the Department of Defence for a site for a hut at the Fair Green, Roundwood:—

Togher (Roundwood), Co. Wicklow,
Agricultural & Industries Committee.
2/11/49.

Mr. K. J. Brangan,
Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 25th October, re erection of Hut on Fair Green at Roundwood, at the last meeting of the above Committee this matter was discussed, and all the Committee object in the strongest manner to the erection of hut or any other building on the Fair Green, and trust that your Council will not give permission for same.

Yours faithfully,

W. S. DOYLE,
Hon. Secretary,
St. Loran's,
Roundwood.
11/11/49.

Mr. Brangan,
Co. Secretary,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
Dear Sir,

Your letter of October 25th, 1949, re erection of hut on the Fair Green, Roundwood: I had the letter read at our monthly meeting on the 7th November, 1949, and there is no objection to the erection of this hut.

Yours faithfully,

MARGARET TIMMONS,
Hon. Secretary,
Roundwood Fianna Fail Cumann,
Irish Transport and G.W. Union,
Roundwood Branch,
12/11/49.

Sir,

Reference to your letter dated 25th October, 1949, re the erection of hut on the Fair Green at Roundwood, I have got the views of National Labour in the district, and they have no objection whatever to its erection, provided it is not in the centre of the Fair Green. They would also be very pleased if erected to have same for

Labour meetings, when not in use by Defence Forces if required.
It would also be an advantage to the town by giving employment to unemployed in the area.

Yours faithfully,

THOMAS TIMMONS.

The Council decided that the County Engineer be asked to examine the site, and that the Council's Law Agent be asked to advise as to the Council's powers to lease a site on the Field.

Item No. 18—Repairs to Burial Grounds.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
County Secretary. 11th Nov., 1949.

Re: Burial Grounds.

In reference to your communication of 12th ultimo in connection with above, I now submit herewith revised estimates for repairs to various Burial Grounds where such repairs are considered necessary. The total estimate amounts to £508 4s.

SOUTH AREA.

Aghowle: The entrance road to this graveyard is about 400 yards long and is in very bad repair, and will cost about £58 10s. to put into proper condition. The Notice Board requires repainting at a cost of £1 10s. Otherwise, the graveyard is well kept. Total cost £60 0 0

Yew Tree, Ballisland: This cemetery is used only very occasionally, the entrance road is about 300 yards long and has no entrance gate, the gap being blocked up. The entrance is choked with bushes and the fence needs repairs. The cost of the work required would be: new entrance gate, £12; cut bushes, £3; repair boundary fence, £5; re-paint sign, £1 5s. The cemetery is otherwise fairly well kept. Total cost £21 5 0

Killaveney (Old): Used very occasionally and the place is very badly overgrown with shrubs; lower part is a mass of furze and quicks; repairs are needed to fence and new gate and notice board is required. Total cost £38 0 0

Preban Old: The entrance stile and fence need repairs costing £2 10s. 0d., and the notice board needs repainting at £1 5s. Otherwise, it is in good repair. Total cost £3 15 0

Kilpipe: There is no entrance to this cemetery and, as far as I can gather, it is no longer used. The fence needs repairs to the extent of £4 10s. 0d., and the notice board requires repainting at a cost of £2 10s. Otherwise, it is in fair condition. Total cost £6 10 0

Liscolman: Some repairs are required to the fence which is being overturned by adjacent trees. Otherwise in good condition. Total cost £7 10 0

Knockloe: There is no entrance to this cemetery, which is about half a mile from the road and does not seem to have been used since 1936. There is no notice board (£2 10s.) and the fence needs some repairs (£2 10s.). Condition fair. Total cost £5 0 0

Ballymacrow: Stile and adjoining fence need to be rebuilt at £4, and signs need repainting at £1 5s. Otherwise in good condition. Total cost £5 0 0

Knockananna New: This is a very new cemetery and is in good condition, except the paths need gravelling at a cost of £7. Total cost £7 0 0

Ardoyne: The wall needs repairs at a cost of £1 10s. Otherwise in fair condition. Total cost £2 10 0

Crosspatrick: There is no sign in this cemetery (£2

10s.); otherwise in fair condition. Total cost £2 10 0
Mullinacuffe: The sign needs repainting at £1 5s.
Otherwise in good condition. Total cost £2 10 0
Crosslow: In good condition, but a few yards of boundary hedge need laying at total cost £1 0 0

South: Total Cost £162 15 0

SOUTH-EASTERN AREA.

Kilcommon: In fair order; some repairs needed to fences cost about £3. Total cost £3 0 0

Newbridge, Avoca: In fair condition. Repairs needed to fences, £2. Total cost £2 0 0

Arklow: This cemetery is in good order. A couple of years ago we put waste from the mines on the paths and this has kept down weeds very well. About 16 tons more of this is needed and about 20 tons of quarry dust. An old drain also requires to be filled. About £30 would need to be expended. Total cost £30 0 0

Ballintemple: About 85 lin. yds. of the old stone and sod fence is broken down on the outside and needs to be repaired. About 20 stakes and $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. barred wire are needed for the top of the fence. Cost of repairs approx. £25. Total costs £25 0 0

Rosbane: In fair order. Some repairs to old stone and sod fence needed; cost about £8. Total cost £8 0 0

Maccreddin: In fair order; some repairs to old stone and sod fence needed. Cost about £3. £3 0 0

South-Eastern Area: Total Costs £71 0 0

WESTERN AREA.

Blessington: Main walk should be covered with tar macadam for approximately 600 yds. Total cost £65 0 0

Tourant: In fairly good condition. Approach through a laneway in bad condition. 100 cubic yards gravel needed and gates painted. Total cost £77 0 0

Cranieran: Repairs to fence using concrete posts and stiffeners. Total costs £6 0 0

Rathbran: In fair condition; approach is in bad repair. Made up roadway to this ground, £75. Total cost £75 0 0

Baltboys: Grass required trimming and gates should be painted. Gravel needed for paths. Total cost £16 4 0

Kilbride: General trimming of bushes and trees required; bad approaches to ground about 150 yards long, needs gravel, £27. Lock for gate and painting of gates and general trimming, £8 5s. Total costs £35 5 0

West: Total Costs £274 9 0

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

The Council decided to adjourn consideration of the County Engineer's report pending the submission of further particulars regarding the Burial Grounds at Kilranelagh, Leitrim and Dunlavin.
Item No. 19—Report of County Engineer in regard to Engineering Services.

The following report of the County Engineer had been circulated to members of the Council:—

To: County Engineer's Office,
Court House,
Wicklow,
10th Nov., 1949.
The Chairman and Members
of Wicklow Co. Council.
Report on Engineering Services to 31st October, 1949.

Dear Sirs,

I beg to report on the progress in the various Engineering Services up to 31st October, 1949.

Roads: The long spell of fine, warm weather enabled work on Roads to be continued at full pressure up to the end of October, and allowed for the completion of all the Special Grant Works on both Main and County Roads, with the exception of the easement and superelevation of corners on the Wicklow-Bray Road which are now being carried out.

As a result of the policy of the Department to provide more money for the County, it was possible to reconstruct and surface dress 14½ miles of important County Roads, and, in addition, surface dress 6 miles of County Roads already rolled.

A summary of the works carried out is as follows:—

Main Roads:

Reconstructed and surface dressed	2.75 miles
Strengthened, widened and surface dressed	2.25 miles
Strengthened and widened	1.75 miles

County Roads:

Reconstructed and surface dressed	14.5 miles
Surface dressed	6.0 miles

The 790 tons of Tar used was transported hot from Dublin in the two Tar Tankers straight to the tarring plant in operation, at an estimated saving of £1,200. Two other tankers were converted into Water Tankers, as great difficulty was experienced in providing water for use in the construction of Water-Bound Macadam, and these were of immense value.

The total amounts allowed in the Road Works Scheme, including Grants, are:—Main: £68,075; County: £56,577.

Up to the end of October, the following expenditure was incurred: Main: £40,010; County: £24,213.

The number of men employed on Road Works during this period was:—July, 621; August, 492; September, 486; October, 347.

Ashford Bridge: The Contractor, Mr. Lee, Arklow, has advised that the steel reinforcement has now arrived and work will commence on the construction of the Bridge early in the New Year.

E.S.V. Schemes, 1949/50: The Department of Local Government has allowed £675 under these Schemes, and has approved of the following proposals:—

Road No.	Description of Work.	Amount
277	Strengthen and resurface Road from Redwells towards Holdenstown	£225 0 0
97/66	Easement of corners at Milltown, Rathnew	£195 0 0
227	Strengthen and resurface Road from Coollattin Row towards Tomacork	£255 0 0
	Total	£675 0 0

The average number of men to be employed on this Scheme is estimated at 52.

Housing: Good progress has been maintained on the construction of cottages under Direct Labour. To date, 28 cottages have been completed and 86 are under construction.

The number of men employed is as follows:—Skilled, 56; Unskilled, 103.

Water Supplies: The position of water supplies throughout the County is under review, and a special Meeting was held in Dunlavin, at which the local Councillors and the County Manager attended to consider Water problems in that area.

The very dry Summer seriously affected water supplies, and pumping from rivers and streams had to be resorted to in many cases, especially in Blessington, Baltinglass and Kilcool.

The Well Boring Plant purchased by the Council has now completed three wells; two in Arklow Rock and one in Croneyhorn, Carnew. A second Boring Plant has been purchased for West Wicklow, and at the moment a man is being trained to work this plant. The difficulty of obtaining 3-inch galvanised piping and 6-inch liners still exists.

Every effort has been made to obtain a supply of piping, and advertisements have been inserted in the Press without results. Four to six weeks seems to be the earliest delivery which can be expected.

Town and Regional Planning: 28 applications have been received and investigated since 1st July, 1949.

Public Health: A complete inspection of all Graveyards has been carried out, and Estimates submitted for necessary work to be carried out on them.

Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949: Very good progress has been made on Drainage works carried out under this Scheme. Proposals for works amounting to £91,098 have been submitted to the Department for approval, and to date, sanction has been received to schemes amounting to £72,978; the remainder of the schemes is being revised. A survey of the Derry River is being carried out and full details will be submitted to the Department in a few days.

This river, which drains an area of approximately 56,000 acres, presents many difficult problems, and to carry out the work satisfactorily, and to ensure that work can be continued on this river throughout the Winter months, it is essential that machinery be employed, similar to equipment used by the Board of Works and the Department of Agriculture on similar schemes.

So far, one Dragline is on hire from the Board of Works, but this is of small capacity, and a second of larger capacity will be required in the near future. If machinery is available, larger numbers of men can be employed to cut banks, screen gravel, stones, etc.

It is very gratifying to note that, from reports received after the recent rains, the drainage already carried out reduced and even prevented flooding in many places.

The following are the Schemes already in progress:—

Northern area: No. of men employed—81.

County Brook (A6); Dargle River (A8); Glencree River (A13); Rathnew River (A35); Tiglin (A60); Sallygap (A67).

Total No. of Schemes in progress—6.

South-Eastern area: No. of men employed—64.

Newbawn River (B2); Owe River (B13); Aughtim River (B13); Redcross River (B8).

Total No. of Schemes in progress—4.

Southern area: No. of men employed—163.

Derry Water (C1); Derry River (C2); Dereen River (10).

Total No. of Schemes in progress—3.

Western Area: No. of men employed—69.

Holdenstown River (D5); Raheen River (D4); Bessina or Rathdran (D26); Bessina River or Goldenfort (D31); Carrigower River (D15).

Total No. of Schemes in progress—5.

The expenditure to date on all schemes is £9,566, and the total

number of men employed to date is 377. This number is increasing daily as work develops.

The total number of men employed on all County Works is 883.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

19(a) Purchase of Dragline Excavator.

With reference to a section of the report dealing with Drainage Schemes, the County Engineer pointed out that the machine at present on hire from the Board of Works was of small capacity, and that a much larger machine would be desirable. He stated that the rivers were too deep for the men to work in, and asked the Council to consider the purchase of a Dragline Excavator. Particulars of the machine which he recommended were submitted to the members of the Council.

Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That we approve of the purchase of a Dragline Excavator at a cost of £4,700 for use on Drainage Schemes, and authorise the raising of a Loan of £4,700 from the Council's Treasurer to cover the cost of the machine.

Passed unanimously.

19(b) Building of Houses by "O'Sullivan On-Site System."

Councillor P. McCarthy referred to the experimental house recently completed at Aughrim and suggested that it would be desirable that additional houses be built with this method.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we approve of the erection of a further 4 houses near Aughrim by the "O'Sullivan On-Site System" of construction.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 20—Repairs to St. Colman's Hospital.

The County Manager referred to the report of the Visiting Committee following the last inspection of St. Colman's Hospital, in which the Committee had recommended that certain repairs be carried out to the Institution. He stated that it appeared desirable that the following repairs should be done:—

Repairs to Roof	£100
Painting Windows, etc., in body of house ..	£139
New Lead Valley (Female Block)	£110
Painting, etc., in Office	£30
Repairs to South Gable	£60
Recreation Hall Repairs	£82
Ceiling and Plastering (body of house) ..	£120
Painting, etc., in Convent	£80
Repairs to St. Joseph's Ward	£240
Painting St. Anne's Maternity Ward	£97

Total .. £1,058

The amount included in the Estimates for repairs to County Institutions was £450 and certain works had been carried out up to this limit. He asked if the Council would agree that the remaining items of repairs be carried out during the present year, and stated that the cost of such repairs would be recoupable from the Health Grant.

Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That having considered details of repairs required to St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, we approve of repairs being carried out in the order recommended by the County Manager, and authorise expenditure of a sum not exceeding £700 in excess of the current year's estimate for the purpose of carrying out portion of the work.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager suggested that members of the Visiting Committee might again visit St. Colman's Hospital to inspect the work which had been carried out there recently. It was decided that the Visiting Committee would inspect the institution on Friday, 18th November, at 2 p.m.

Fire Escape—St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.

The County Secretary stated that tenders had been invited by public advertisement for the provision of Fire Escape at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum. The lowest Tender received amounted to £1,984 16s. The County Manager considered that this figure was rather high, and had asked the county Engineer whether it would be possible to carry out the work by Direct Labour. The County Engineer agreed that the work could be done by Direct Labour at an estimated cost of £1,200 for a somewhat modified design.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of the erection of Fire Escape to St. Colman's Hospital being carried out by direct labour at an estimated cost of £1,200, and authorise the raising of Loan of £1,200 from the Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of 10 years, for the purpose of meeting the cost of the provision of the Fire Escape.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 21—Water Main to Newcastle Sanatorium.

The County Secretary referred to the discussion at the October meeting of the Council in regard to correspondence with the Department of Health concerning the Council's application for a Special Grant from the Hospital Authorities towards the cost of the provision of a new water main to Newcastle Sanatorium. The Council had urged that the cost of this main be defrayed by means of a grant from the Hospital Authorities and a substantial grant from State sources. The County Secretary stated that the following letter had been received from the Department of Local Government:—

Dept. of Local Government,

Custom House, Dublin.

L.8233/49.

A Chara,

26th Oct., 1949.

With reference to previous correspondence relative to the provision of an improved water supply to the Newcastle Sanatorium, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that the maximum grant which can be made available for this work from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote will be 33½% of the total cost.

Mise, le meas,

N. DE PAOR.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

The following letter had been received from the Dept. of Health:

Department of Health,

Custom House, Dublin.

P.H.35/328.

26 De're Foghthair, 1949.

A Chara,

The Minister for Health has asked me to let you know that having regard to the large number of patients awaiting institutional treatment under the Wicklow County Tuberculosis Scheme, he recently requested the Board of the Royal National Hospital for Consumption for Ireland to give special consideration to such patients in the allocation of vacancies in their Sanatorium at Newcastle, County Wicklow. In response to the Minister's request the Board has agreed to allocate to Wicklow Council patients one half of the vacancies arising for health authorities' patients.

Mise, le meas,

A. A. KIRWAN.

Runai,

Comairle Contae Chill Manntain.

The Council noted with approval that the Board of the Royal National Hospital for Consumption for Ireland had agreed to allocate to Wicklow County Council patients one half of the vacancies arising for health authorities' patients.

It was proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That having considered letter dated 26th October, 1949, from the Department of Local Government, in regard to Grant from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote towards the cost of providing an improved water supply to the Newcastle Sanatorium, we again request the Minister for Health to recommend the allocation of a substantial grant by the Hospital Authorities towards the cost of the work, and we request the Minister to receive a deputation from the Council to discuss the matter.

Passed unanimously.

The Council appointed the following persons to act on the deputation: Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, Councillors C. M. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, W. Lawless, P. Ledwidge, L. O'Gleirigh, T. Brennan, T.D.; J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, and P. Cogan, T.D.

Item No. 22—Provision of Chalets.

The County Manager stated that the Council had been providing chalets for persons undergoing treatment for tuberculosis. The chalets had been provided under the Housing (Extra Rooms) Order, as it had been found that the applicants were not prepared to undertake the work. The Council had provided 19 chalets constructed by Direct Labour and had received recoupment of the cost of providing these chalets. The following letter had been received from the Department of Health:—

Custom House, Dublin.

A Chara,

20 Deire Fomhair, 1949.

The Minister for Health has asked me to refer to your letter of the 30th ultimo on the subject of chalets to be provided for persons undergoing treatment for tuberculosis, and to explain that there is no statutory power to include in health expenditure for the purposes of the Health Services Grant any items of a capital nature. The exclusion of such items follows from an express provision in the Health Services (Financial Provisions) Act, 1947, and, it is regretted that there can be no departure from the decision conveyed in this Department's letter of the 23rd ultimo.

Mise, le meas,

M. DOWLING.

An Runai,

Comhairle Contae Chill Mannta'n.

The County Manager stated that the Chief Medical Officer was of opinion that the provision of these chalets had very materially assisted in the measures being taken to provide adequate treatment for persons suffering from tuberculosis and in spreading the disease. From the terms of the Department's letter, it would appear that the cost of construction of additional chalets would not be allowed to rank for recoupment from the Health Grant.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That having considered correspondence with the Department of Health and the Department of Local Government in regard to the provision of Chalets, for persons undergoing treatment for tuberculosis, we ask that the Minister consider the introduction of amending legislation so as to allow for the provision of chalets by the County Council and the recoupment of the cost of the provision from the Health Grant.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 23—Dispensaries.

The following circular from the Department of Health in regard to the condition of Dispensary buildings had been circulated to the members of the Council:—

Dept. of Health,

Custom House, Dublin.

Circ. No. P. 79/49.

5 Samhain, 1949.

A Chara,

1. The Minister for Health desires me to refer to previous Circulars regarding the condition of dispensary buildings and to say that he has now received reports from his Medical Inspectors who have recently inspected the dispensaries throughout the country. Relevant extracts from these reports will be forwarded to Public Assistance Authorities in due course.

2. The Minister is concerned to note from the reports that while, in some areas, efforts to remedy defects are proceeding, progress is generally very slow and that the majority of the dispensaries still fall far short of reasonable requirements. The main defects reported are unsuitable premises, unsatisfactory waiting accommodation and examination rooms, lack of equipment, heating, washing and water-heating facilities, broken windows, inadequate arrangements for cleaning and unkempt grounds.

3. It is essential for the success of any development of the health service that those entitled to avail of them will be prepared to attend the local dispensary for medical examination and treatment (This applies particularly to the case of expectant mothers and children). They should not be expected to sit for long periods on hard benches in cold, dirty or cheerless waiting rooms or to accept treatment in badly equipped and inadequate examination rooms. If any real progress is to be made in the improvement of local authority medical services the first essential is adequate and satisfactory dispensaries.

4. The minimum requirements are:—

- (a) adequate waiting accommodation which must be bright, clean, properly heated in winter and contain proper seating;
- (b) a satisfactory examination room properly equipped with couch and essential medical appliances. It should be well lighted and heated and provided with adequate washing facilities for the doctor, including a hot water supply system, the nature of which will, of course, depend on local circumstances;
- (c) a nurses' room which might also serve as a records room or for other purposes as required.

5. It is useless providing good premises unless they are kept scrupulously clean. Slip-shod caretaking and cleaning should not be tolerated and Public Assistance Authorities should take a very serious view of any shortcomings in this direction. The Minister suggests that members of the Public Assistance Authority should take pride in the condition of dispensaries and should interest themselves specially in the dispensaries in their local area. The Minister suggests that County Managers, when travelling through the county, should make a habit frequently to visit and inspect any dispensaries in the particular district in which they may happen to be.

6. It appears from reports received from County Managers, in recent months that the unsatisfactory condition of many rented dispensaries is due to the failure of landlords to carry out necessary repairs. The Minister feels that the time has now arrived when Public Assistance Authorities must take measures to build dispensaries or dispensary depots to replace these unsatisfactory premises. Elaborate buildings are not necessary. If they contain the minimum requirements outlined in this Circular, it will be possible to provide a decent medical

service in them. The Minister invites Public Assistance Authorities to submit proposals for the provision of new buildings to replace existing unsatisfactory premises without delay.

7. The Minister's attention has been drawn frequently to the hardships imposed upon persons entitled to Medical Assistance by reason of the fact that the dispensary doctor resides outside his area. The reason generally advanced is that a suitable house is not available in the dispensary district. The Minister cannot be expected to condone indefinitely this unsatisfactory position. Dispensary Doctors who are not residing in their districts should be warned that they must take steps to secure accommodation within their districts as soon as possible. In order to avoid hardship the Minister will defer action on this matter for twelve months. At the end of that period he will review the position and only in every exceptional circumstances will he consent to a proposal that a dispensary doctor should be permitted to continue to reside outside his district. Public Assistance Authorities are empowered to provide dispensary residences in their administrative area and should do so in any dispensary district in which they are satisfied that it is not possible for the dispensary doctor to obtain reasonably suitable accommodation otherwise.

8. The Action taken upon this Circular should be reported to this Department in due course.

Mise, le meas,
P. O'CONNOR.

Secretary, Public Assistance Authority.

The following report of the Chief Officer was submitted:—

Copy Wicklow County Council.
Public Assistance, Public Health and Housing Sections,
Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow.

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,
County Secretary,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

A Chara,

With reference to Circular No. P. 79/49 from the Department of Health in connection with provision of Dispensaries in the County where the present Dispensaries are found to be inadequate, I have discussed this matter at length with the County M.O.H. to-day and we have concluded that Dispensaries are required in Avoca, Baltinaglass, Blessington, Shillelagh, Dunlavin and Rathdrum. In the case of Arklow, Dr. Beckett informs me that what is proposed by the Countess of Wicklow is, to provide a residence for the Jubilee Nurse with two rooms attached for Maternity and Child Welfare work. The actual accommodation, therefore, required is a Poor-Law Dispensary and Waiting Room, T.B. Dispensary Room, Room for Specialists, that is, Dentist, Gynaecologist, Ophthalmic Surgeon, and General Surgeon, Medicine Store, and Lavatory accommodation for Doctors and Patients.

In the case of Wicklow it is proposed to provide these amenities in the proposed new County Hospital with the exception of the ordinary Poor Law Dispensary. Dr. Beckett is of the opinion that the present dispensary for this purpose is unsuitable and inadequate. Therefore, are: Seven Dispensaries of Uniform Type and one better class Dispensary, to cover the services set out above for Arklow. I attach estimated cost, etc.

Dr. Beckett agrees with me that at least for the present there is no necessity for the provision of Dispensary Depots as patients requiring special treatment could attend in the principal dispensary; at a later stage it might be possible to induce persons from whom rooms are rented as dispensary depots to effect some necessary improvements even if this necessitated a small increase in the rent of such depots.

Mise, le meas,
T. BYRNE, Príom Oifíeach.

The County Secretary stated that the cost of providing seven dispensaries was estimated at £1,500 each, equal to £10,500. The cost of providing a dispensary at Arklow was estimated to cost £2,500. The total cost of providing eight dispensaries would, therefore, be £13,000, and the annual loan charges in respect of a loan of £13,000, repayable over a period of 25 years, would be £763 9s. 7d.

Councillor W. Hammond stated that in his view a new dispensary was not required at Shillelagh.

Councillor W. Lawless referred to the necessity for providing a new dispensary at Kilcoole.

The Council decided to adjourn consideration of the matter pending a report from the County Engineer as to the necessity for new Dispensaries in the places mentioned, and a more detailed estimate of the cost.

Item No. 24—Offer of Countess of Wicklow to provide Nurses' residence and Child Welfare Clinic at Arklow.

The County Secretary stated that the Countess of Wicklow was prepared to provide a Nurse's residence and Child Welfare Clinic at Arklow as a memorial to her late husband. The following report on the matter had been received from the Chief Medical Officer:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL—PUBLIC HEALTH SECTION.

County Home, Rathdrum.

The Staff Officer,
Health Section,
2nd November, 1949.

Nurse's House and Maternity and Child Welfare Centre at Arklow.
A Chara,

I have received your letter of 1st November enclosing copy of a letter A.126/6 dated 29th October from the Department of Health.

Lady Wicklow has informed me of her proposal to build a house for the Arklow Jubilee Nurse with two extra rooms for use as a Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic.

The provision of a house for the Nurse is one of urgency, and it is impossible for the Urban Council to allocate a Council house owing to the long waiting list of prospective tenants.

The Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic is at present held in very unsuitable premises, and the success of the clinic is, in a large measure, due to the personal help of Lady Wicklow. Her financial help to the Nursing Association has also been very great.

I think her very generous offer is one which should be accepted.

Some weeks ago a meeting was arranged at which Lady Wicklow, Dr. Dunlevy, Assistant Chief Medical Officer; Mr. J. P. Caffrey, Engineer for Arklow Urban District, and myself attended. The matter was thoroughly discussed, and a site in Upper Main Street which has been tentatively offered, was inspected.

The County Manager is familiar with my proposals as regards a new dispensary and Clinic in Arklow. These would be slightly modified if Lady Wicklow's offer is accepted.

Mise, le meas,
G. P. G. BECKETT,
Chief Medical Officer.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That we accept the offer of the Countess of Wicklow for the provision of a Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic in a house to be erected by her at Arklow for the Nurse attached to the Arklow District Nursing Association, and we record our gratitude to the Countess of Wicklow for her very generous offer. Council's Law Agent to prepare the necessary agreement.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 25—Skilled Building Operatives for Hospital Construction Work.
The following letter received from the Department of Health was submitted:—

H.C./ 73/49.

Department of Health,
Custom House, Dublin.
5 Deire Fomhaire, 1949.

A Chara,

The Minister for Health has asked me to write to you on the subject of the skilled building operatives needed for hospital construction works. As you are aware, there is at the present time a shortage of such men owing to the large scale Government-sponsored building programme and it is essential that all possible steps be taken to ensure that building works are not held up for want of skilled men in the building trades.

As a first step, a publicity campaign, designed to induce Irishmen working in the building industry outside Ireland to return home, will be initiated very shortly. This campaign—embodying press and other publicity in Britain and Radio publicity here—will, it is hoped, induce skilled building trade workers in Britain to apply for employment at home. The details of a scheme whereby applicants for jobs on building work here can be introduced to the vacancies are being worked out, and in due course every Local Authority will be asked to fall in with the scheme and to guarantee the fullest co-operation so as to secure the maximum benefit from it. What is contemplated at the moment is that every Local Authority will, when the scheme gets under way, guarantee that contractors for both housing and hospital construction schemes will furnish to a central Government bureau appropriate particulars of the numbers of men needed in the building trades—the bureau to undertake the task of supplying the Contractor with names and addresses of men in England seeking work here, and of keeping a live register of men available in the various building trades.

The outline scheme is not yet ready for implementation, but in the meantime the Minister desires, in order to have before him a picture of current needs for skilled workers for hospital building, that you will send to this Department a return showing the following particulars in respect of each hospital and kindred building work in progress in your administrative:—

Trade	Nos. Needed	When Needed	Probable duration of employment
Carpenter			
Bricklayer			
Plasterer			
Plumber			
Fitter			

The return should be sent to this Department not later than 12th October, 1949.

A further letter will be sent to you in due course about the Scheme referred to in the second paragraph of this letter.

Mise, le meas,

P. CINNEIDE.

To County Secretary,
Wicklow County Council
Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Resolved—That we agree to co-operate with the Department of Health, in the Scheme designed to induce Irishmen working in the building industry outside Ireland to return home in order that skilled building trade workers may be available for housing and hospital construction works.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 26—Report of Special Committee appointed by the Council to investigate complaints made by Councillor B. Farrell.

The following report of the Sub-Committee of the County Council appointed to investigate complaints made by Councillor B. Farrell, had been circulated to the members of the Council:

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Report of Special Committee of the County Council appointed to investigate complaints made by Councillor B. Farrell.

Meetings of the Special Committee were held at the Courthouse, Baltinglass, on Thursday, 8th October, 1949, and at the Council Offices, Wicklow, on Thursday, 3rd November, 1949.

The Committee consisted of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, Councillors T. Brennan, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, W. Lawless and W. Hammond. All the members of the Committee attended both meetings, with the exception of Councillor C. M. Byrne, who was unable to be present at the second meeting.

The following matters were considered by the Committee:—

1. Collection by Collector P. Kinsella of £1 5s. from tenant G. Loughlin, and subsequent refund of this amount following instructions from the Council's officers.
2. Tenancy of cottage at Knockieran—the tenant J. White was stated to own a farm and a house which was let to Mrs. M. Healy, Rate Collector.
3. Condition of Burial Ground at Kilranelagh—statement that the caretaker had not attended to his duties.
4. Serving by Collector P. Kinsella of Civil Bill on tenant Andrew Piggott.
5. Complaint that Collector P. Kinsella did not call to certain cottages to collect rents, and that certain tenants were expected to pay the rent to Mr. Kinsella at his office.

In connection with the matters complained of the Committee interviewed Councillor B. Farrell, Mr. P. Kinsella, Rent Collector, Mr. J. Byrne, Assistance Officer and Sub-Sanitary Officer; G. Loughlin, tenant, J. Simpson, Caretaker, Kilranelagh Burial Ground, and Mr. Kinsella, Junior.

Item No. 1—Collection of £1 5s. from tenant in respect of Grate and subsequent refund to tenant:

The Committee found that Mr. Vella, the tenant of a cottage at Parkmore, Baltinglass, had purchased and installed a grate in the cottage in place of a range provided by the County Council. On giving up possession of the cottage to the subsequent tenant, Mr. Loughlin, Mr. Vella had indicated that he was prepared to leave the grate in the cottage, if the incoming tenant paid to him £1—the cost of the grate—plus 5s. cost of erection. If the incoming tenant did not wish to have the grate Mr. Vella would remove it and replace the range.

Whilst there was a conflict of evidence as to whether Mr. Kinsella, Rent Collector, had received on behalf of Mr. Vella the sum of £1 5s. from Mr. Loughlin or not, it was the opinion of the Committee that he had received it. The Committee considered that whilst the action of the Rent Collector did not appear to be one calling for any disciplinary action by the Council, it could be held that he had gone outside his duties in being associated with an arrangement of this character.

Item No. 2—Tenancy of Cottage at Knockieran—J. White.

In a letter dated 19th September, 1940, Mr. P. Kinsella recommended that the cottage previously occupied by Mary White, deceased, at Knockieran, Blessington, be let to Brigid White, her daughter-in-law, as she had resided there for the previous ten years. This letter was submitted at the meeting of the Board of Health and Public Assistance held on 23rd September, 1940, and the Board accepted Brigid White as tenant of the cottage at a rent of 1s. per week, plus rates.

In the Register of Cottage Tenants recently compiled on information supplied by Mr. Kinsella, Rent Collector, the tenant was described as Brigid White, wife of John White. It was stated that there were five in family, and the tenant's occupation was given as school teacher with weekly wage of £4, and other income of 10s. The husband of the tenant was described as a small farmer.

It was the opinion of the Committee that the Rent Collector should have furnished more detailed information regarding the circumstances of Brigid White and her husband, J. White, when submitting the recommendation to the Board of Health for the letting of the cottage. The Committee consider that the rent of the cottage should be reviewed when the Register of Cottage Tenancies for the area is being examined by the members of the Council for the District.

Item No. 3—Kilranelagh Burial Ground.

The Committee accepted the explanation of Mr. J. Simpson the Caretaker of the Burial Ground to the effect that he had not all the tools necessary for keeping the Burial Ground in order. The Committee directed that the tools required by Mr. Simpson be provided and that since the Burial Ground was now in proper order payment be made to Mr. Simpson for the third cleaning.

Item No. 4—Service of Civil Bill on Tenant Andrew Piggott.

Mr. P. Kinsella, Rent Collector, had written to the Chief Officer, County Council Offices, Rathdrum, stating that he had been informed by a number of tenants in No. 1 District, that they had been advised to withhold rent until the last day of September, and that one tenant stated that this advice had been given to him by Councillor Farrell. Mr. Kinsella pointed out to the Committee that it was necessary for him to have the rents collected and lodged before the end of the month, and that as Mrs. Piggott's rent was in arrear he had served a Civil Bill on her.

The Committee agreed that Rent Collectors must be in a position to take appropriate and effective action for the collection of rents. The Committee appreciated Mr. Kinsella's efforts for the collection of rents in this District. They were of the opinion, however, that his action in serving a Civil Bill on Mrs. Piggott could scarcely be regarded as reasonable having regard to the hitherto satisfactory record of this tenant in the payment of rent.

Regarding the statement by Mr. Kinsella that the Tenants had been advised to withhold rents, Councillor Farrell denied that he had made any such suggestion to tenants. An inquiry was addressed to a tenant of a Council cottage in relation to the statement made by Mr. Kinsella, but no reply has been received.

Item No. 5—Complaint that Collector P. Kinsella did not visit Cottages to Collect Rents.

Mr. P. Kinsella, Rent Collector, denied emphatically that he had insisted on tenants calling to his house to pay the rent.

Whilst the evidence in regard to this complaint was regarded as inconclusive the Committee desire to emphasise that Rent Collectors are bound to call to cottages for the collection of rents and for the purpose of checking if cottages are being occupied in accordance with the terms of the letting agreements and also to ascertain their condition.

In forwarding the Special Report to each member of the Council, the County Secretary had also submitted the attached letter:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Courthouse, Wicklow.

10th November, 1949.

To Each Member of the County Council.

A Chara,

Attached is copy of Report of Special Committee appointed by the County Council to investigate complaints made by Councillor B. Farrell.

In relation to complaint made regarding the tenancy of the cottage at Knockiernan (Item No. 2) it was ascertained subsequent to the last Meeting of the Committee that an inquiry had been addressed to all the Rent Collectors on the 4th April, 1941, asking for particulars of cottages occupied by School Teachers in the County. In reply to this inquiry Mr. P. Kinsella, Rent Collector, submitted a report dated 7th April, 1941, stating that there were two Schoolteachers, who were tenants of Labourers cottages, namely:

1. Mrs. Bridget White, Knockiernan, Blessington.
2. Mr. P. Callaghan, Baliboys, Blessington.

Mr. Kinsella's report came before the Board of Health and Public Assistance on 21st April, 1941, and it was proposed by Mr. P. Doyle, seconded by M. Timmons, that these cottages be taken up. The Board made an order adjourning the matter until next meeting. From an examination of the subsequent Minutes of the Meetings of the Board of Health and Public Assistance it would appear that the matter was not subsequently considered by the Board.

Mise, le meas,

K. J. BRANGAN, Co. Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that subsequent to sending out the report to the members of the Council, the following letter had been received from Mr. Daniel Moore:—

Woodfield, Baltinglass,

Co. Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

Just to tell you that I got your letter. I was surprised to hear that there was trouble about us not paying the rent. Well that is not true. No one told us not to pay the rent. There is no truth in that. We were not advised by anyone not to pay the rent. We gave no trouble in paying it to the rent man and I wonder why there was complaints about us.

Well sir, I will see further about this. The rent man could say nothing to us about the rent. We always pay the rent when it is due, and you know that is not true. The rent would have to be paid and that is all about it. Well, please believe me it is not true.

I remain, Yours sincerely,

DANIEL MOORE.

The County Secretary stated that the following letter and statement had also been received from Mr. Thomas F. Millett, Solicitor: The letter enclosed statement made by Daniel Moore.

Baltinglass, Co. Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

10th November, 1949.

I act for Mr. Patrick Kinsella of Weaver's Square, Baltinglass, rent collector to the Wicklow Co. Council. Mr. Kinsella wrote to you on the 27th September this year, setting out therein an account of his interview with one of your tenants, Mr. Daniel Moore, Woodfield, Baltinglass. Mr. Moore has attended at this office and has made a statement regarding this interview with your rent collector. I enclose herewith a copy of the statement for your information.

Yours faithfully,

The Secretary, Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

THOMAS F. MILLETT.

Statement of Daniel Moore, Woodfield, Baltinglass, County Wicklow.

I, Daniel Moore, of Woodfield, Baltinglass, in the County of Wicklow, farm labourer. I remember the 28th day of September, 1949. I was approached by Mr. Patrick Kinsella, rent collector, on that date at my home, when Mr. Kinsella demanded from me the rent due to the Wicklow County Council, of my cottage. I had not the rent on me, and I said to Mr. Kinsella, in the presence of his son, Enda Kinsella, that Mr. Benjamin Farrell, County Councillor, had instructed me not to pay the rent until the last of the month.

I made this statement to Mr. Kinsella out of the way of no harm. I had no such instructions from Mr. Farrell at any time. I did not think when I made that statement that I was doing wrong, but I definitely gave Mr. Kinsella the impression that Mr. Farrell had instructed me to make that statement.

Dated this 10th day of November, 1949.

Signed—DANIEL MOORE.

Witness: John Morris,

Law Clerk, Baltinglass.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Report of the Special Committee of the Council in regard to complaints made by Councillor B. Farrell, as submitted to this meeting.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 28—Silver Strand Road.

The following letter received from the Department of Local Government was submitted:—

Department of Local Government—Roads,

R/RU/33.

Custom House, Dublin.

A Chara,

21 Deire Fomhair, 1949.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 10th August last relative to the proposed new Coast Road at Silver Strand, Wicklow, and to state that as you have already been informed, the heavy commitments which the Road Fund is required to meet preclude him from allocating a grant therefrom for road works of this type. This scheme will be borne in mind for favourable consideration as soon as funds for works of this nature are available.

In regard to the suggestion that an undertaking had been given that a grant for this work would be available, I am to point out that in 1939 when it was under consideration the work was estimated to cost £12,345. At the same time the Council were also considering the Ardnary-Sallymount Road Work, the estimated cost of which was £4,176 and proposed to carry out both works concurrently over a period of two years and to expend £8,250 or approximately half the aggregate cost in each year. On the assumption that this course would be adopted a grant of £5,500 in respect of expenditure to be incurred in the first year only was to have been available. No promise was given in respect of a grant for subsequent expenditure. As you are aware, this two year's programme was not undertaken and the cost of the work at Silver Strand is now estimated at £19,782, or £27,031 depending on the type of surfacing used. In view of these circumstances, therefore, the Minister cannot agree that the conditions under which the grant of £5,500 was to have been made available are now applicable.

At the same time I am to point out that grants totalling £4,686 have been made available for the Ardnary-Sallymount section which was originally put forward in the joint scheme.

In view of these considerations the Minister must reiterate his view that no useful purpose would be served by the attendance of the proposed deputation.

Mise, le meas,

B. NOLAN.

The Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That having considered letter dated 21st October, 1949, from the Department of Local Government in regard to the new Coast Road at Silver Strand, Wicklow, we request that the Minister give favourable consideration to the allocation of a Grant for the purpose of completing the Wicklow section of this road in the coming financial year.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 28—Application for Loan under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts:

The County Secretary submitted application from Mr. Bernard Clarke, Blessington, for Loan of £300 in respect of the erection of a house at Blessington.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell;

Resolved—That we approve of the grant of Loan of £300 to Mr. Bernard Clarke, Blessington, under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts, provided that he complies with all conditions of the Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 29—Applications for approval under Town and Regional Planning Acts:

The County Secretary read the following letter received from Mrs. E. T. C. Dillon, "Sans Souci," Rock Valley, Kilmacanogue, Co. Wicklow:
Dear Sir, 8th October, 1949.

I beg to ask your kind permission to erect, temporarily, a small one-roomed shack on a piece of ground adjoining "Yarra Yarra" on North Beach, Greystones.

If permission is given I propose to rent this site from Mrs. Ludlow at £8 per annum, together with the use of her sanitary convenience at rear of her house. The shack is sectional, about 12 x 10 feet x 9 feet with a small erection at the back to house an Elsan.

This erection will be used only for week-ends and short periods.

Mrs. Ludlow has promised not to allow any other erection of any kind on the strip of beach recently purchased by her from your Council.

My reason for wishing to have a spot in Greystones is that I feel cut off from Church Services on the Sundays.

I might mention that I know Mr. H. J. Byrne for many years, who can vouch for my integrity. I am also known by Rev. Mr. Lyle, the Presbyterian Clergyman.

If I am granted permission by your Council, I will undertake not to sublet, commercialise or part with possession of said erection.

I am quite satisfied to pay rates.

I trust my application will be favourably considered.

Yours faithfully,

ETHEL T. C. DILLON.

The County Secretary submitted the following report received from the County Engineer:—

8th November, 1949.

Erection of Shack at Greystones.

With reference to the application of Mrs. Dillon, "Sans Souci," Kilmacanogue, Bray, for permission to erect a one-roomed shack on a piece of ground adjoining "Yarra Yarra" on North Beach, Greystones, I consider that permission should not be granted as structures of these types are unsightly and in my opinion unhealthy.

Signed—J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That we refuse permission for the erection of a temporary one-roomed shack on a piece of ground adjoining "Yarra Yarra," North Beach, Greystones, for Mrs. Dillon, Sans Souci, Kilmacanogue.

Passed.

The Co. Sec. stated that an application had been received from Messrs. Hurd and Squire, Architects, on behalf of Mr. K. Densmore, Avoca, for approval to the erection of a Lock-up Shop at Avoca. The plan of the proposed building and site plan showing the location of the proposed shop were submitted.

The Council decided to refuse permission for the structure.

Item No. 30—Minutes of Meeting of Housing Committee held on 3rd November, 1949.

The following minutes of meeting of the Housing Committee held on 3rd November, 1949, had been circulated to the members of the Council:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of the Housing Committee of the Council was held at the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Thursday, 3rd November, 1949, at 3 p.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman; Councillors H. J. Byrne, W. Hammond, J. J. Metcalfe, P. McCarthy, P. P. O'Reilly and W. Lawless. The County Engineer, Chief Assistant Engineer, and Assistant Engineers J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley, and M. Healy were present. The County Manager was in attendance.

Progress Report: The Committee approved of the attached report of the County Engineer in regard to the progress of the Housing Scheme during the month of October.

The following details in regard to the cottages at Carnew had been omitted in error from the report as circulated.

Carnew 13: 12 cottages in progress—3 with roofing almost complete; 4 ready for roofing; 3 ready for plastering; 2 with tiling in progress; 8 piggeries erected, and seven sites fenced.

Cottage Repairs: The Committee noted the attached list of repairs carried out during the month of October, 1949.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe referred to a house at present being built at Donard, and stated that the plasterer had been held up for some while awaiting material. Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., Assistant Engineer, stated that there had been some difficulty in procuring lime.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor J. J. Metcalfe regarding the erection of a cottage for Mr. Lindsay, at present living in an unfit house, the Assistant Engineer stated that this house could be built after the cottage being built for Mr. Darcy had been completed.

Repairs to Cottage at Tournant: Tenant—Martin: Councillor J. J. Metcalfe stated he had inspected this cottage and had found that repairs had not been completed, and that further repairs were required. He stated that the sum of £12 10s. had already been spent on repairs to this cottage. Assistant Engineer P. J. Foley, stated that repairs to this cottage had been included in list of cottages to be repaired by contract. Subsequently it was found that the contractor was unable to complete the contracts and it was decided to carry out the repairs by direct labour. The repairs to the floors had not been included in the original specification when that was prepared. The floor was not at that time badly damaged. The repairs which had been authorised had been carried out.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe stated that the cottage should have been inspected immediately after the repairs had been carried out.

Supply of Paint to Cottages in West Wicklow: Councillor J. J. Metcalfe stated that paint had not been supplied to any cottages in West Wicklow. Assistant Engineer P. J. Foley, in reply, stated that paint had been supplied two years previously, and that the Rent Collector was responsible for the issue of paint to any tenants who required it.

Authorisation of Repairs: The County Secretary stated that at the last meeting of the Committee, a special report had been requested in relation to the application for ranges for cottages at Fassaroe, Newcastle Middle and Killadreenan. The following report had been obtained from the Clerk of Works:

17th October, 1949.

re: Cottage Repairs.

Dear Sir,

I return herewith three reports in connection with Leacy's cottage, Fassaroe, Philip Keane, Newcastle Middle and J. Coffey, Killadreenan.

1. **Leacy's Cottage.**—This cottage was first occupied by a tenant named Lawless, and Mr. Leacy got possession two years ago. The range would require extensive repairs to be put right, and to do so it would be necessary to take it to the yard. I would suggest that a range, which we have in the stores, be repaired and put in this cottage, and the existing range be taken back to the stores for repairs.

2. **Keane's Cottage.**—In Keane's case the range was taken away when the cottage was occupied by H. Deitrich, who took it out during the emergency, and we installed it in another cottage. Mr. Keane, who has a large family, is anxious to get a range, as due to the fact that he can get no timber in his district, he is obliged to burn coal in an open fire-place, which he claims he cannot afford.

3. **Coffey's Cottage.**—During the emergency the range was taken out and installed in another cottage. Here again Mr. Coffey is forced to burn coal in an open fire-place, and as the chimneys are constructed for a range the flues do not suit an open fire-place.

In view of the above facts, I recommend that both Keane and Coffey get new ranges.

Yours faithfully,

Signed—R. KAVANAGH,
Clerk of Works.

The Committee authorised the carrying out of repairs as follows:—

Rental No.	Tenant and Address	Amount	Nature of Repairs
493/6	P. Gammell, Kilcoole	£1 19 6	Repairing cracks in walls.
175/6	J. Gammell, Kilcoole	£15 0 0	New range.
107/6	A. Gormley, Newcastle	£2 7 6	Locks, window sashes, repairs to cracks.
91	Mrs. McGowan, Kindlestown	£2 0 0	Repairs to range.
52/4	D. McDonald, Rathdown	£4 17 6	New fireplace, repair cracks.
292	J. Shannon, Newtownboswell	£3 15 0	Remove barge.
134/11	J. Hollingsworth, Merry-meeting	1 6	Adjust lock.
302/6	P. Hayden, Charlesland	£3 17 6	Repairs to wall, chimney flashings, repair kitchen floor.
60/11	Vacant, Rossanagh	£2 4 0	2 panes glass, repairs to windows & range.
505/6	J. Lambert, Cronakeary	15 0	Repair range.
407/8	P. Kennedy, Ballygannon	12 6	Repair range.
414/8	J. Manley, do.	£5 18 6	Repair Range & floor.
153/8	J. Jordan, do.	£6 0 0	Repair roof, range and crack in wall.
397/8	D. Kinsella, do.	£5 2 0	Replace tiles.
65/6	E. Byrne, Priestnewtown	£10 15 0	Repair floor, gate, window and fence.
230/8	Wm. Hennessy, Baltinanima	£8 12 6	Repair chimney, floors.
395/8	W. Kenny, Ballygannon	£1 10 0	New tiles.
392/8	Mrs. Murphy, do.	£3 10 0	Repair cracks.
404/8	Mrs. Greene, do.	15 0	Repair range.
396/8	Wm. Burns, do.	£2 7 0	Repair range.
197/8	Mrs. Gahan, do.	£3 8 0	Repair windows.
157/11	Vacant, Ballybeg	£5 7 6	5 panes glass, night latch, paint gutters, window, door.
	Denis Franey, Ballybeg	£2 5 0	Repair hinges.
	M. O'Hara, Drumgoff	£2 6 0	New tiles.
	G. Toole, Conary	£9 10 0	Fencing, repair windows.
	John Martin, Kilmagig	£6 5 0	Repair range and windows.
	T. Fitzpatrick, Ballyrogan	£3 0 0	Repair window and henhouse.
	Margt. Pine, Conary	£10 5 0	Repair windows, roof.
	Mr. Moore, Tigrony	£63 11 0	Repair plaster.
71/11	P. Doyle, Glebe	7 6	Chimney pot.
503/6	M. Delaney, Ballinroe	£1 12 6	Repair range.
74/11	J. Thompson, The Glebe	7 6	New ashpan.
488/6	J. Frawley, Kilcoole	£1 4 0	Repairs to ceiling.
407/6	B. Clarke, Ballynerrin	£1 5 0	Repair door bottom rail.
17/11	Jas. Franey, Ballybeg	3 6	1 Ball for cistern.
181/11	Jas. Murphy, Rathnew	3 6	1 Ball for cistern.
49/6	Denis Moore, Kilcoole	£2 6 0	Repair cracks in gable.
206/6	J. Coffey, Killadreenan	£14 15 0	New range.
259/6	P. Keane, Newcastle	£14 15 0	New range.
	E. Lacey, Fassaroe	£15 0 0	New range.

The Committee disallowed applications for new ranges for cottages occupied by C. Hennenstall, Rathdown Upper; J. Kearns, Kilmartin, and Wm. Hennessy, Baltinanima. The Committee agreed that concrete barge be removed from the cottage of James Shannon, Newtownboswell at an estimated cost of £3 15s. in lieu of estimate of £1 10s. for repairing the barge. The Committee disallowed the provision of four panes of glass in the cottage of J. Hollingsworth, Merry-meeting.

Assistant Engineer J. P. Caffrey was asked to submit a special report in regard to the estimate submitted for repairs to the cottage occupied by Mrs. Priestly, Ballinvalley, at an estimated cost of £105 15s.

Alternative Sites for Cottages where original applicants had indicated that they did not require Cottages.

The County Secretary referred to the decision of the Committee at meeting held on 11th March, 1949, to abandon certain sites for cottages. The Department of Local Government had indicated that there would be no objection to erecting cottages on alternative sites to be obtained by agreement. The County Secretary asked if the Committee wished to suggest alternative sites for these cottages.

Councillor P. P. O'Reilly referred to the cottage on Site No. 577 at Monaspick, and stated that the applicant, Luke McVeigh, had returned to the district, and was anxious to have the cottage provided for him. He asked that this cottage be built on the original site. The Committee agreed that a cottage be provided for the original applicant on this site.

The Chief Officer stated that since his previous report he had been informed that in a number of other instances the original applicants for the cottages did not now require them. The Committee decided that the County Engineer be asked to submit a list of suggested alternative sites in all such cases.

Cottages to be erected on Sites Nos. 259 and 412:

Site No. 259.—The original applicant, James Kelly, Kilcarra, no longer requires this cottage, having since secured suitable housing accommodation. The Couising Committee for the Arklow Electoral Area recommended that Mr. Wm. O'Neill be substituted for James Kelly on the grounds that this family at present resides in a trapper's hut on the Glenart Estate—two small apartments.

Site No. 412.—The original applicant, Thomas Brennan, Cronyehorn, did not now require the cottage which was nearing completion. The Housing Committee for the Arklow Electoral Area recommended that the applicant, John Priestly, for cottage on site No. 416 at Cronyehorn (lands of Mr. Edwin Hammond) be given the tenancy of the cottage on Site No. 412, and that the cottage on Site No. 416 be advertised when completed.

The Committee approved of the recommendations of the Housing Committee for Arklow Electoral Area in regard to these sites.

Proposal to erect additional cottage on land acquired from Patrick Kearns, Lett's Lane, Kilcoole.

Mr. Patrick Kearns, Lett's Lane, Kilcoole, was stated to be the owner of about 3 acres of land at Kilcoole, one half an acre of which was being acquired by the Council under the 1946 Scheme for Mr. Patrick Kearns. The Council had intended to provide an additional house on this site in view of the great demand for houses in the area. Mr. Kearns objected to the placing of an additional cottage on the site.

Councillor W. Lawless pointed out that Mr. Kearns owned only 3 acres of land and that it would not be fair for the Council to provide an additional house on this land.

The Committee agreed that only one cottage be built on this site.

The Chief Officer had reported that it had not yet been possible to circulate particulars relating to all cottage tenancies in the county. He proposed, however, to bring before each local Housing Committee particulars of cottages occupied by single persons. At the meeting of the Housing Committee for the Shillelagh Area, a list of 41 cases of cottages occupied by single persons had been considered. The local Housing Committee had decided that in all cases except three, the existing tenants should not be displaced, mainly on the grounds that these were old cottages, which had been built especially for these persons, or for their parents. In three cases the tenants were given one year in which to get married or vacate their cottages.

The County Manager referred to the recommendation of the local Housing Committee for letting of cottage to Mr. John Murphy at Ballybeg, Ballinglen, and pointed out that the applicant was a single man. The Committee confirmed the recommendation of the Housing Committee, but agreed that Mr. Murphy be given six months only to get married.

Pembroke Estate Site:

The County Manager submitted a report in regard to the proceedings in the High Court in relation to the site owned by the Pembroke Estate, which the Council had included in the Compulsory Purchase Order. The Council had intended to erect 15 cottages on this site, and this number had subsequently been increased to 20. The County Manager stated that the High Court had granted an Injunction to the Pembroke Estate to restrain the Council from acquiring the land. It was stated by the Judge that the Injunction was granted in order that the parties might endeavour to agree on an alternative site. The Co. Manager pointed out that the Council had made every effort to meet the Pembroke Estate in regard to this matter, but that the alternative site offered by the Estate had been leased to Mrs. Darley Miller and accordingly could not be made available. The Pembroke Estate had been prepared to withdraw their objection to the Council's acquiring the original site, provided that the Council built a 10-ft. wall around the site. The County Manager pointed out that the Council could not agree to such a course.

The County Manager stated that the only alternative was for the Council to appeal to the Supreme Court, or to make a new Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of this site only.

Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that Mr. Cartwright, the owner of Fairy Hill House, which adjoins the site proposed to be acquired by the Council, was aware when he purchased the site that the Council intended to acquire the adjoining land. He stated that the Earl of Pembroke owned extensive lands in the vicinity of Bray, and stated that persons desiring to acquire sites on his estate had experienced considerable difficulty. He considered that the Council should appeal against the decision of the High Court.

The County Manager pointed out that it would be necessary to consult the Council's Law Agent in regard to the action to be taken, and suggested that possibly it might be more suitable for the Council to proceed to make a new Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of this particular site.

REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1949.

Name of Tenant	Address	Details of Repairs	£	s	d
Deegan	Athgraney	Floor, plaster, gutter.	11	0	0
Meade	Crosscoolharbour	Floor.	4	10	0
Murphy	Barronstown	Window	3	5	0
Norton	Monamuck	Window sashes	2	5	0
Acton	Ballybeg	Water connections, lavatory	2	4	0
Doyle	Kilcoole	Joist and floor	16	2	3
Ellis	Killadreenan	Installed new range	1	1	0
Kiernan	O'Neill Park	Range installed	16	13	7
Murphy	Kindlestown	Floors installed	5	6	6
Kennedy	Merrymeeing	Floors and range installed	14	10	0
Gibb	Merrymeeing	Range installed			

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe asked that the house to be built for Mr. Lindsay at Dunlavin be commenced immediately. The Assistant Engineer, Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., stated that he would arrange to start work as soon as possible.

Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., asked that a definite date be fixed for the holding of the meetings of the Housing Committee, and he stated that he was unable to attend the last meeting which had been held on a Thursday.

The Council decided that meetings of the Housing Committee be held in future on the last Friday in each month.

In reference to the proposal to erect a cottage on an alternative site on lands owned by Mr. P. Burke, Mr. Burke had agreed to accept the same compensation in respect of this site as had been offered for the original site.

In reference to the Committee's recommendation that only one cottage be built on the land acquired from Mr. Patrick Kearns, Lott's Lane, Kilcoole, Councillor W. Lawless stated that Mr. Kearns owned only one acre of land, and not three acres as stated in the Minutes of the Housing Committee Meeting.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe referred to the difficulties which contractors were experiencing in obtaining Fidelity Guarantee Bonds in respect of their contracts for the erection of cottages, and asked that personal sureties be accepted by the Council.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell:

Resolved—That we approve of the report of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 3rd November, 1949.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 32—Erection of Cottages on Derelict Sites at Rathnew:

The County Secretary stated that difficulties had been experienced in arriving at agreements in regard to derelict sites at Rathnew.

Miss J. Byrne, who owned Nos. 55, 56, 57, 58, had been offered £20 compensation by the Council. She had pointed out that she could not see her way to give up the sites as she would have no place for her pigs and fowl. The County Engineer had suggested that the Council should build an extra cottage for Miss Byrne on Sites Nos. 45/46/47, the property of the Council on the outskirts of the village, where a plot could be made available and a piggery provided. Miss Byrne, however, had refused to accept this proposal. Miss Byrne stated that she would allow the Council to enter on the plots, provided that only one house be built on the land.

Mr. J. Marah, who owned Plots Nos. 21a, 22 and 23, had been offered compensation of £20, but insisted that the Council should provide a shed 10 ft. x 12 ft. with fire place to be erected on the plot at the back of his cottage for use as a workshop. The Council had agreed to provide the materials, concrete blocks, etc., but Mr. Marah was not prepared to accept this.

The County Manager pointed out that the Council could not proceed with the Scheme for the erection of the six cottages on derelict Sites in Rathnew in view of the refusal of these persons to co-operate. He suggested that the Council might serve Notice to Quit on Miss Byrne and Mr. Marah.

The Council agreed to this suggestion.

Carnew Sewerage Scheme—Loan of £1,135.

The County Secretary submitted draft Deed of Mortgage received from the Commissioners of Public Works in respect of Loan of £1,135 for the Carnew Sewerage Scheme.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Draft Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works in respect of Loan of £1,135 for the provision of a Sewerage Scheme for Carnew, and 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 at which they become due, viz.: 1st May and 1st November in each year.

Passed unanimously.

Plot at Newtownmountkennedy.

The County Secretary read the following letter, which had been handed in at the Meeting:—

Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow.
Monday, 14th November, 1949.

To: The County Manager and
Council of the Wicklow County Council.

Sirs,

It is our belief that there is, at the moment, a plot in the village of Newtownmountkennedy, the property of the Wicklow Council (known as Kennedy's Bog) which, with your Council's consideration we would greatly appreciate it being made available, at whatever date specified, to our Gaelic Football Club, as a playground, and pitch.

As you are aware, we have had great difficulty in this matter, even to the point of some of our local boys being prosecuted for trespass.

If your Council would consider this matter in the light of the above-mentioned, we assure you it will be greatly appreciated.

You will recall a promise re the site known as O'Neill Park, which is not now available and this site (Kennedy's Bog) appears a solution to this tedious problem.

I personally will guarantee the rent or rates of playground.

Signed—DANIEL DUNNE,
Chairman, Newtown Gaelic Football Club.

The Chief Officer stated that this plot was at present let to Mr. Kinsella. The permission of the Minister would be required to the disposal of the plot.

The Council recommended that the plot be made available for the Newtown Gaelic Football Club.

Repair Work at St. Colman's Hospital.

Councillor P. McCarthy inquired why two labourers, who had been assisting plasterers at repair work at St. Colman's Hospital, had been dismissed. He stated that he had been informed that inmates of St. Colman's Hospital had been utilised in place of these workers.

The County Manager stated he would investigate the matter.

Payment of Workers in respect of Church Holiday.

Councillor P. McCarthy stated that four workers employed by the Council on Drainage Scheme in the Shillelagh District had not been paid for the Church Holiday on 1st November, because of the fact that they had not reported for work with the Council on the day following the Holiday. He pointed out that these workers had been asked by a farmer on the night of the Holiday to assist him at his threshing, and that they were under the impression that they should assist a farmer at such work when requested. They had not an opportunity of informing the Overseer until they returned to work on the second day after the Holiday. Councillor P. McCarthy asked that in the circumstances payment for the Holiday be made.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman, confirmed that these workers had assisted a farmer at threshing on the day in question, and urged that the workers be paid for the Holiday.

The Council recommends that the workers be paid in respect of this Church Holiday.

The Council decided to adjourn the remaining items on the Agenda to a Special Meeting to be held at the Courthouse, on Monday, 21st November, 1949, at 2 p.m.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2 p.m. on Monday (21st November, 1949) for the purpose of dealing with the remaining items on the Agenda for the Meeting of 14th November, 1949.

The following members were present:—Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman; Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, William Cleary, B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, Peter Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Ed. Byrne, Liam O Laoighleis, C. M. Byrne, Wm. Clarke and J. Jacob.

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant Co. Engineer and Assistant Engineers P. J. Foley, J. P. Caffrey, M. Healy and C. Byrne were present.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, attended.

31. Circular from Department of Local Government regarding diversity of accommodation and grading of rents for housing schemes.
32. Erection of cottages on derelict sites at Rathnew.
33. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy regarding Prices Variation Clause.
34. Report on Tenders received for Aughrim Water Supply Scheme.
35. Water and Sewerage Scheme for cottages at Boghall.
36. Extension of water supply to six cottages at Kindlestown.
37. Letter from Department of Local Government regarding application for supplemental Grant for extension of water supply and sewerage services to cottages at Kilcoole and Blacklion.
38. Water supply at Brockagh.
39. Water supply at Ballynulta.
40. Report of County Engineer regarding road works and drainage in Knockananna District.
41. Letter from Manor Kilbride Development Association regarding works required in the district.
42. Letter from Coras Iompair Eireann re 'bus service from Stratford-on-Slaney, Donard and Glen of Imaal.
43. Resolution from Corporation of Sligo re purchase of Ground Rents.
44. Resolution from Kerry County Council regarding Partition.
45. Resolution from Waterford County Council re grants and loans for Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes.
46. Resolution from Castleblayney Urban Council re period of repayment of Housing Loans.
47. Resolution from Roscommon County Council regarding use of Irish coal.
48. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the motion of the Chairman, Senator J. J. McCrea, a resolution was passed conveying the Council's sympathy to Councillor J. J. O'Reilly on the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. O'Rourke.

Item No. 31—Diversity of Accommodation and Grading of Rents for Housing Scheme.

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

Copy/ Dept. of Local Government,
Custom House,
Dublin.
26th Oct., 1949.

Circ. 59/49.

DIVERSITY OF ACCOMMODATION AND GRADING OF RENTS FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING SCHEMES.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to this Department's Circular of the 18th October, 1948 (No. H56/1948)

on the subject of diversity of accommodation in housing schemes being formulated by housing authorities and to enclose, for your information, extract from a speech recently made by the Minister on this aspect of the planning and layout of housing estates.

Particular attention is also directed to the Minister's comments in regard to the question of fixing graded rents.

Mise, le meas,

G. A. MEAGHER.

To: Each Housing Authority.

Copy/
EXTRACT FROM SPEECH MADE BY
THE MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The three bedroom house is the most useful all-purpose house which local authorities can build. It provides for the need of quite a large family, while in the case of smaller families, it leaves a margin of accommodation which in normal circumstances is desirable. The floor area of the houses is 800 sq. feet, and it is generally accepted that a three bedroomed house with bathroom and living room cannot, without the sacrifice of standards of health and comfort, be built to a lesser floor area. At a time of high building costs, there is the temptation to try to effect economies by reducing the flooring areas of houses. Any such policy is false economy, if, in fact, it is any economy at all. It is ultimately anti-social policy. Houses which cost £1,000 and over in which successive families must make their homes for up to 100 years should provide decent standards of accommodation. The Department's standards issued in 1947 are not elaborate. On the contrary, they represent the minimum to which normal family houses should conform.

A certain proportion of the people to be rehoused by any local authority form small family units. Young married couples and families whose children have grown up and have gone to homes of their own can be most economically accommodated in a house consisting of a living room and two bedrooms. A certain proportion of houses of this type should be provided in every large housing scheme. At the other end of the scale there will be families who cannot be accommodated even in the normal house of three bedrooms, and the provision of some four bedroomed houses will be found advisable in certain cases. It is in this direction of building types of houses that the best interests of local authorities would be served. Old people and young married couples could be given accommodation sufficient for their requirements for a few years and the special problem of the large family—who in this country deserve every consideration—would also be catered for.

I would, therefore, like to see a policy of diversified accommodation adopted by all urban authorities. Ultimately, it should be the aim of housing administration to secure that every family is provided with a house suited to its accommodation needs.

Regard must also be had to the family's rent paying capacity. It is my view that a family who badly needs a house should get it, irrespective of their poverty. In other words, the State and local contributions which are made towards housing schemes should be used to subsidise the rents where it is established that such subsidies are really justified. The right to receive subsidies towards rent creates the duty to prove the need for subsidies. When building costs are high, the case for considering the application of this principle to housing schemes is all the more urgent. In the initial stages, a simple system of grading rents to correspond with the wage categories found in every working class community would suffice. Eventually it may be found possible to establish a formal system of differential renting under which the individual tenant's rent is related to his

income, subject to periodical review. It is unnecessary to say more at this stage than to make the point that tenants should welcome such a system of rent fixing. The rents being flexible and subject to review, inability to pay rent due to illness or other misfortune can also be provided for under this system.

In relation to the question of diversity of accommodation in new housing schemes, the County Manager stated that this might be met by providing a type of house which would accommodate one family in the upper storey and one in the lower storey. This type of house was referred to as a duplex house. It would be necessary to investigate the cost of a house of this type.

In regard to the grading of rents, the County Manager pointed out that the Council had discussed this matter on a number of occasions, but that no final decision on the subject had been reached.

Many members agreed that a grading system should be introduced by which the rent payable by a tenant would be related to his income. The County Manager stated that a scheme of this character had been prepared, and could be submitted to the Council.

Councillor P. Ledwidge supported the introduction of a system of grading of rents, and also urged that landlords should not be permitted to allow houses to fall into disrepair.

Councillor P. McCarthy stated he was not in favour of altering rents on existing tenants.

Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

That we request the Housing Committee of the Council to examine and report on the proposed scheme for grading of rents as submitted to this meeting.

Following a further discussion, Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey agreed to withdraw his motion, and it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Reilly:

That a special meeting of the Council in Committee, be held for the purpose of considering the circular from the Department of Local Government in regard to diversity of accommodation and grading of rents.

Passed unanimously.

The Council decided to hold the special meeting in committee on Monday, 28th November, 1949, at 11 a.m.

Item No. 32—Erection of Cottages on Derelict Sites at Rathnew.

The County Secretary referred to the report in relation to Derelict Sites in Rathnew, which had been submitted to the Council at meeting held on 14th Nov., 1949, and stated that it had not been possible to reach agreement in respect of some of the Derelict Sites. He stated that the County Engineer had suggested that a site at Rathnew which had been originally provided as a playground might be utilised for the erection of six cottages, and that two cottages only be erected on Derelict Sites, which could be acquired. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Jacob;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:

Resolved—That we approve of the utilisation of the site at Rathnew, originally intended as a playground, for the erection of six houses.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 33—Prices Variation Clause.

In accordance with notice of motion, Councillor P. McCarthy moved that the Council rescind the resolution previously passed refusing to incorporate the Government's Standard Wage and Price Variation Clause.

At the request of Councillor P. McCarthy, the County Secretary read the letter of 28th Sept., 1949, received from the Federation of

Builders, Contractors and Allied Employers of Ireland, and which was considered by the Council at meeting held on 7th October, 1949.

In the course of the discussion which followed, the Co. Manager explained that the Council, when considering tenders for the erection of cottages, had decided not to accept a tender which included a Wage and Price Variation Clause on the grounds that such tender could not be compared with tenders in fixed sums. The County Manager stated that the Council had not made any ruling that tenders which included Wages and Prices Variation Clauses should not be accepted. The County Manager stated that it was not proposed in future to include a Wages and Prices Variation Clause in the Council's General Conditions of Contract. There was, however, no objection to tenderers submitting tenders with such clauses attached, and such tenders would be considered by the Council.

Councillor P. McCarthy asked, and it was agreed, that the Federation of Builders Contractors and Allied Employers of Ireland be informed of the Council's attitude in the matter.

Item No. 34—Aughrim Water Supply.

The County Secretary stated that the following three tenders had been received for the Aughrim Water Supply Scheme:—

Messrs. Eastwood and Hastings, Ltd., Ballymount Works, Walkinstown, Dublin—Cast Iron Pipes, £10,936 19s. 7d.; Asbestos Pipes, £12,436 19s. 7d.; Messrs. Wood and Co., Contractors, Ltd., Dublin—Cast Iron Pipes, £11,438 3s. 9d.; Asbestos Pipes, £10,113 4s. 9d.; The Western Contracting Co., Ltd., Galway—Cast Iron Pipes, £10,459 5s. 4d.; Asbestos Pipes, £8,998 17s. 4d.

The Consulting Engineer had examined the tenders and recommended the acceptance of the tender of the Western Contracting Co., Ltd., which was the lowest in each case. The Consulting Engineer further recommended that the tender of this Firm be accepted, subject to a decision as to the use of cast iron or asbestos pipes, conditional on the times of delivery of each class of pipe. The Consulting Engineer stated that the prices of the three tenders were reasonable and close to the estimate.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we recommend that the tender of the Western Contracting Co., Ltd., Henry St., Galway, for the Water Supply Scheme at Aughrim, be accepted.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 35—Water and Sewerage Scheme for Cottages at Boghall.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

Courthouse,
Wicklow.

County Secretary, 12th Nov., 1949.

Re: Proposed Water and Sewerage Scheme at Boghall.

Dear Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence in above-mentioned subject, I wish to report that the works involved in this scheme are being examined and Draft Outline Plans are prepared. It will be necessary to employ a Consultant Engineer to complete the necessary documents in connection with this scheme.

The scheme is an unusually difficult one in so far as that the levels are against the grade and there would appear to be only two outlets—(1) to instal a lift pump from the proposed purification works which would deliver effluent into the Bray Urban District Council main system and thence to sea, or (2) continuation of pipe through very heavy ground and cuttings to deliver into Dargle near E.S.B. Power Station. This latter proposal would involve heavy expense

which would not be in proportion to the number of houses to be served. (Whatever way the matter is viewed, however, Bray Urban Council would need to come in with Wicklow County Council, as both the rural and urban areas would be developed. I understand that proposal No. 1 above does not meet with approval of Bray Urban District Council).

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Seconded by Councillor J. Jacob;

Resolved—That, having considered report of County Engineer, dated 12th November, 1949, we approve of the appointment of a Consultant Engineer for the purpose of preparing a sewerage scheme for the Boghall neighbourhood.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 36—Extension of Water Supply to Six Cottages at Kindlestown.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

Courthouse,
Wicklow.

County Secretary, 14th Nov., 1949.

Re: Water Supplies—Kindlestown (Bellevue).

Dear Sir,

The four cottages referred to are situated at Bellevue, Kindlestown. For many years, the tenants have used the water from a spring which is in front of the cottages.

This spring is now being contaminated by surface water from the road and by dirty water from a gullet in the adjoining field.

A small concrete settling tank could be built and impure water could be diverted to enter the stream at a point downstream from this tank. The cost of this work would be £25.

To provide piped water from the Main Pipe at Delgany to the 14 cottages would cost £880, and I would recommend this Scheme as the more economical in the long run.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

Members of the Council pointed out that this scheme was not on the priority list, which had been prepared by the Council. The Chairman stated that it would be necessary to hand in Notice of Motion in connection with the Scheme. Councillor W. Lawless stated that he would hand in Notice of Motion at that meeting.

Item No. 37—Extension of Water Supply and Sewerage Services to Cottages at Kilcoole and Blacklion.

The County Secretary read the following letter which had been received from the Department of Local Government:—

Dept. of Local Government,
Custom House,

Dublin.

10th Oct., 1949.

L.213/17/49.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 15th ultimo relative to the extension of water supply and sewerage services to cottages at Kilcoole and Blacklion, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that no objection will be raised to the proposal to have the work carried out as an extra on the contract for the Greystones-Killincarrig and Kilcoole Schemes.

Having regard to the fact that the scheme will be carried out as an extra on the existing contract, the Minister is not prepared to recommend to the Minister for Finance the allocation of a supple-

mental grant towards the cost of the Scheme from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote.

I am to add that the Council's application for the sanction of the Minister to the raising of a loan of £1,700 to defray expenditure on the work is receiving attention.

Mise, le meas,

Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow.

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Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;
Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That, having considered letter dated 10th October, 1949, from the Department of Local Government, we request the Minister to reconsider his decision not to recommend to the Minister for Finance the allocation of a supplemental grant towards the cost of the extension of water supply and sewerage services to the cottages at Kilcoole and Blacklion.

Passed.

Item No. 38—Water Supply at Brockagh.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
24th Sept., 1949.

Re: Provision of Water Supply at Brockagh.

I have investigated the position regarding water supply in Brockagh District, and I cannot recommend the well in McMahon's field as being suitable. The tenants of the five cottages have to travel a considerable distance for water, and under the circumstances I would recommend that a well be sunk in the vicinity of these cottages.

Signed: J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

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

Resolved—That a well at Brockagh be included in list of Wells to be provided by the Council.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 39—Water Supply at Ballynultagh.

In reference to a memorial received by the Council at the previous meeting from residents at Ballynultagh in relation to the Water Supply, the County Engineer had submitted the following report:—
14th November, 1949.

Water Supplies—Ballynultagh.

This supply consists of a piped supply from a spring in a field. In 1947 the supply failed and the pipes were taken up and found to be choked with roots which were taken out and the pipes re-laid. On completion the supply was quite good. This year, however, the supply has failed and in my opinion it is due to the abnormal dry weather which has affected springs all over the country. This is borne out by the fact that at the moment there is a supply of water available in Ballynultagh.

The work carried out in 1947 consisted only of cleaning the pipes and this was done; no work was contemplated at that time.

Signed—J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

The Council noted that the work carried out in 1947 had been completed and that a supply of water was at present available at Ballynultagh.

Item No. 40—Report of County Engineer in regard to Road Works and Drainage in Knockananna District:

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
Wicklow County Council,
Corry.

Courthouse, Wicklow.
10th November, 1949.

County Secretary.

Item No. 40—Agenda Meeting 14/11/1949.

Dear Sir,

As requested, I visited Knockananna on 24th October, 1949, accompanied by Mr. Farrell, Chief Assistant Engineer, and John Keffy, Overseer. Also present, Senator McCrea, Chairman, Wicklow County Council; Mr. Thos. Brennan, T.D.; Mr. Patk. Doyle, M.C.C.; Mr. P. Foley, Secretary of the Knockananna District Development Association, and Mr. N. O'Toole made representations to us regarding their requirements.

1. **Road Drainage:** Necessity for improvements in outlets to take water from cross roads alleged to be caused by flooding. A back drain runs inside the ditch and wall, and it is the responsibility of land owners to clean up. Two road gulleys will be opened up and cleaned if necessary, but drains on lands must also be done. Much flooding at the Post Office is due to all the water being delivered in direct pipes from the church and graveyard on to the public road. The roadside water table will also be cleaned up lowed down towards Hacketstown to help take surplus water.

2. The County Road through the village and to County Carlow Bounds is sound and was rolled some years ago, but is rough and in need of Tar (Estimate £400).

The Road from Knockananna to Moyne and Ballinglen is fairly sound except in one place where it crosses a soft bog; we were informed that a heavy lorry sank in that place on one occasion, when the wheels moved in to the side. The total length of this route is 6 miles, and to steamroll it and strengthen it would cost £8,400.

The County Road leading from Crossbridge (Tinahely) to Knockananna has been rolled and tarred for a distance of two miles, within the past few months, and it is proposed to continue this work into the village next year if funds are available at a cost of £2,800.

A very dangerous corner and road junction near Moyne Village was pointed out to us and the cost of easement of same is estimated to be £550. The work would involve re-alignment and raising of the approach road from Knockananna.

3. **Drainage:** A new gully or small bridge is very necessary on Road No. 257 over the Kilcarney stream at Knocknaguilky. We quite agree with the local opinion that many people in the mountain district are liable to be completely cut off from the lowlands if floods occur in the stream. I estimate the cost to be £450.

Near Kilcarney crossroads and on Road 259, the River Dereen is undercutting the road and it will be necessary to re-align the river from the Bridge down. I estimate the cost of the work at £1,100 and I am submitting a Scheme under the Drainage Act.

A general review of this river, however, further down and into Co. Carlow, reveals the fact that a much larger job is required there which would probably cost between £3,000 and £4,000 in strengthening the River Channel and tributaries and generally relieving flooding of lands. This work should, perhaps, be carried out by the Department of Agriculture, but in any case I can put it up as a Scheme for next year's Drainage Programme.

4. **Village Pump:** An examination of this indicated that the rod and sucker had become disconnected; a man was sent up to repair it on the next day and it is now in working order.

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

The Chairman stated that he and other members of the Council had attended a public meeting at Knockananna. He referred to work which has been carried out by the Council in the district during the present year, and stated that the County Engineer's proposals would be considered by the Council at the next Estimates Meeting.

The Council noted the report of the County Engineer.

Item No. 41—Letter from Manor Kilbride Development Association.

The Co. Sec. stated that following receipt of request from Manor Kilbride District Development Association, members of the Council for West Wicklow area, together with the County Manager, the Assistant Engineer for the District and Mr. T. Byrne, Chief Officer, Housing Section, had met a deputation from the Association on 12th November, 1949.

The following report of the meeting was submitted:—

**MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCILLORS FOR WEST WICKLOW
HELD AT BLESSINGTON ON SATURDAY, 12th NOV., 1949.**

Councillors Present: Messrs. J. J. Metcalfe, B. J. Farrell, P. P. O'Reilly and J. J. O'Reilly. The following were also present: M. Flannery, County Manager; P. J. Foley, B.E., Assistant Engineer, and T. Byrne, Chief Officer, Housing Section.

Manor Kilbride District Development Association.

The Committee received a deputation from the Manor Kilbride District Development Association. The representatives of the Association were Rev. Fr. Matthews, C.C.; Sean Newman, B.A.; W. Crawl, Jos. Hamilton and P. Doyle, Secretary.

The following matters were dealt with by the Deputation:—

1. Condition of Roads in the District.
2. Water Supply for Kilbride Village, 5 Cottages near Kilbride, Cottage at Three Castles and at Kilbride School.
3. Condition of Kilbride Burial Ground.

Mr. Newman referred to the condition of the following Roads:—

1. Road from Lamb to Kilbride and on to Blessington.
2. Kilbride to Blessington via Oldcourt and Knockieran.

Mr. Newman stated that the C.I.E. had been requested to provide a 'Bus Service on these roads, but on inspection of the roads by the Company's Officials the request was turned down because of the unsatisfactory condition of the roads for 'Bus Service.

The Road from near Post Office to Kilbride Camp via The Dowry was described as nearly impassible. Water tables were not kept clean with result that in heavy rains the water flooded the road, which is on a steep gradient, causing the road to be torn up.

Road from Oldcourt to Ballysmutton (26 houses) was described as being in a deplorable condition, rocks stood over the surface of road and as in case of Dowry Roads, water tables were not kept clean with same results. Cars could only travel in second gear.

The deputation favoured the maintenance of certain County roads in the area by the Contract System.

References was made by Mr. Doyle to the fact that a lorry of stones were unloaded on the Oldcourt Road and subsequently carted away. Mr. Foley explained that the stones were as was the practice dumped at a convenient depot and later carted where it was required by the Council's Carters.

Mr. Doyle further stated that certain men engaged on cutting snow drifts on the road were never paid. Mr. Newman referred to lack of tarring of certain roads (County) in the district, although in some cases they were rolled. Mr. Foley explained that part of the Oldcourt road was rolled but it was again in a bad condition. He had estimated a sum of £3,000 for this road, but it was not passed in Estimates.

Reference was also made by the Deputation to the fact that the late Board of Health had approved of a piped water supply for Oldcourt District and that plans, etc., had actually been made, but the work was never carried out. It was explained by the Chief Officer that that was so, but the L.G.D. refused to sanction the Loan on grounds that the population to be served by the supply did not warrant a large expenditure.

Sanitary Accommodation.

A further reference was made to lack of proper lavatory accommodation in labourers cottages in the District, the present system of lavatory buckets being antiquated. Mr. Foley explained that in rural houses dry closets were the only provision that could be made.

Main and County Roads.

The County Manager gave particulars of numbers of miles of main and county roads in the County, and amounts allowed from rates and grants for maintenance of roads. Mr. Foley, B.E., gave particulars of works carried out on roads in the district and explained that the bad condition of the roads mentioned was due to insufficient money being provided from Rates. The County Manager assured the Deputation that he would try and get provision made in the coming year's Estimates for roads in the district over which the proposed 'Bus Service will travel.

Water Supplies—Three Castles.

Mr. Foley stated that he had submitted estimates for this work and it would be ready for County Council Meeting in the near future.

Water Supply at Kilbride.

It was stated by Fr. Matthews that the number of Householders to be served was about 10. The County Manager explained that a loan would not be sanctioned for a piped water supply for such a small number of people. It was agreed that Mr. Foley explore the possibility of providing a fountain for the Village to be fed from well supplying the Presbytery and situated on the lands of the GlenHeste Hotel Co.

Water Supply to Kilbride School.

Mr. Newman stated that there was no drinking water for the 40 pupils attending the School within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. Mr. Foley agreed to investigate the possibility of taking a $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. pipe from a well at back of School. Mr. Newman also referred to the flooding of Kilbride in the vicinity of the School and Hall. Mr. Foley explained that water cuts were probably filled with leaves or some other obstruction and he would have it seen to immediately.

Burial Ground.

The deputation referred to the unsatisfactory condition of the approach road, also that gates, hedges and shrubbery needed attention. The Chief Officer referred to a Circular sent to the Clergy in 1941 in which they were asked to request their parishioners and set aside a particular day in each year to trim and dress the graves of their relatives in each graveyard in their parish. Mr. Foley was requested by the Manager to submit a report on the condition of Graveyards and Approach Road.

Blessington Deputation.

Messrs. J. C. Miley, T. Hennessey and S. Miller drew attention to the fact that having regard to the camber of the Main Street of Blessington consequent on the raising of the old Steam Tram Lines the water on the southern portion of the Street was piped only for a few yards through Mr. Miley's yard into an open drain dividing Mr. Miley's and Mr. Hennessey's gardens from this drain it flowed on to Mr. Miller's land. Dr. Clearkin, who was present, stated that this condition of affairs constituted a nuisance. It was mentioned by Mr. Foley and admitted by Mr. Miley that the lavatory in Mr. Miley's yard also discharged into this drain. Having regard to the fact that Miley's yard

was below level of main sewer in the street and draining of this yard could not be connected with it. Mr. Foley undertook to submit proposals and estimate of cost for dealing with the matter. Mr. Foley, however, indicated that the pumps on the Sewerage Farm would not be capable of dealing with the street water flowing through the drain and it would be necessary to instal an additional pump. The County Manager pointed out that the cleaning up of the drain was hardly a work which could legally be undertaken by Council.

Flooding of Market Square and Tyrrell's Yard and Millar's Bakery.

Attention was drawn to the flooding of these yards from the portion of the street known as the Market Square in the vicinity of the Courthouse. Mr. Foley undertook to submit proposals for the draining of the water into the manhole near the gable of Power's Hotel, the cost, he stated, would be in the vicinity of £40.

Cottages.

Two prospective tenants for new cottages being erected at Knockieran attended and complained of the delay in getting possession of cottages. The tenants agreed to accept possession of cottages and to complete their agreements pending the completion of fencing and erection of gates. Mr. Foley promised to hand over keys to Council within a week.

Cottages (Blessington—1936 Scheme).

Mr. Michael Byrne complained of the condition of the roadway leading to the 13 cottages provided under the Scheme and also to the necessity of an alternative roadway leading through Mr. Clarke's land on the Kilbride road near the Dispensary. Mr. Foley undertook to have existing roadway repaired.

The Council noted the report submitted, and agreed that provision be made in the Estimates to be submitted for the consideration of the Council for the coming year in respect of the roads referred to in the report.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe stated that the provision of a supply of water to the school at Manor Kilbride was urgent and asked that the Assistant Engineer give the matter immediate attention.

The Council asked that the Assistant Engineer for the West Wicklow area submit a report in regard to water supplies in that area for the next meeting of the Council.

Item No. 42—Bus Service from Stratford-on-Slaney, Donard and Glen of Imaal.

The Secretary read the following letter received from Coras Iompair Eireann:—

Traffic Department,
59 Upper O'Connell St., Dublin.
4th October, 1949.

K. J. Brangan, Esq., A.C.A.,
County Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

'Bus Service from Stratford-on-Slaney, Donard and Glen of Imaal.

A Chara,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 3rd inst. setting out terms of resolution passed by your Council regarding the provision of a 'bus service in the Stratford-on-Slaney district, and in reply have to advise you that the morning service from Tullow to Dublin was inaugurated in order to provide a substitute service for the districts formerly served by the Rail Branch Line between Sallins and Tullow. As you are aware, the road through Grangecon, which had been served by the Branch Line was, until recently, unsuitable for use by our 'buses, and it was only for this reason that the service operated via Stratford-on-Slaney.

In the circumstances, I feel your Council will agree that as a result of the repairs to the road being carried out, my Company had no option but to re-route the 'bus to serve Grangecon.

I may add that the possibility of providing an earlier service from the area to Dublin has been very carefully examined, but having regard to the services already in existence, it is considered that the potential traffic offering would not justify the operation of a new service.

Mise, le meas,

J. B. MARTIN, Manager.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe suggested that a 'bus service could be provided via Stratford-on-Slaney on three days of each week and via Grangecon on the remaining three days.

The Council decided that Coras Iompair Eireann be requested to receive a deputation composed of the members of the Council for West Wicklow District to consider proposals for improvements to 'bus services in the District.

Item No. 43—Purchase of Ground Rents.

The Council adopted the following resolution received from the Corporation of Sligo in regard to the purchase of Ground Rents:—
"That we the Corporation of Sligo, view with very grave concern the Government's delay in introducing legislation for the purpose of purchasing for the tenants at a reasonable figure the title to Ground Rents the payment of which is at present being made to persons residing outside Eire and whose predecessors surreptitiously acquired those properties. We consider that this system whereby Irish people are obliged to pay Ground Rent to British Landlords for the ground upon which their houses are built is not compatible with our National Outlook and that it is the vestige of Landlordism as our forefathers knew it, and that this system should be abolished forthwith and the properties vested in rightful owners: the Irish people, who are subjected at present to the rack-rents imposed on them.

It is also decided by the Corporation of Sligo that copies of this resolution be sent to An Taoiseach, and the Minister for External Affairs, our Dail representatives, and all other Councils throughout Eire for their adoption and that they also be requested to enlist the active support of their Dair representatives in this matter."

Item No. 44—Resolution from Kerry County Council regarding Partition.

The Council adopted the following resolution received from Kerry County Council:—

"That we the Kerry County Council at a special meeting summoned for the purpose, congratulate Senator Murray of Montana, U.S.A., and the other members of both Houses of the United States' Congress on their stand against the imposition and maintenance by the British Government of the unjust partition of our Country.

"That we convey to Senator Murray and the other members of the Congress above referred to, the sincere gratitude of the Irish people for their friendly interest in the question of the unjust partition of Ireland, and for bringing it to the attention of the people of the United States of America.

That we request the Minister for External Affairs to send copies of this resolution to Senator Murray and the American Press."

Item No. 45—Resolution from Waterford County Council re grants and loans for water supply and Sewerage Schemes.

The Council adopted the following resolution received from Waterford County Council:—

"That this Council request the Minister to give an increased grant up to 50 per cent, and an extension of period of repayment up to 50 years, on water and sewerage schemes and to receive a deputation from the Council, and that copies be sent to all County Councils in Eire."

Item No. 46—Resolution from Castleblayney Urban Council re period for repayment of Housing Loans.

The Council decided to mark "read" the following resolution received from Castleblayney Urban Council:—

"That the Government be requested to pass legislation extending the repayment period of loans raised for Housing purposes to 75 years, thus reducing the annual loan charges and enable local authorities to let houses erected under the Housing Acts at weekly rents which will be within the capacity of tenants of the working classes to pay.

That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government and all housing authorities in Eire."

Item No. 47—Resolution from Roscommon Co. Council regarding use of Irish Coal.

The Council decided to mark "read" the following resolution received from Roscommon County Council:—

"That no coal but Irish coal be burned in our Institutions or Road Plants, and that no foreign coal be advertised for."

Carnew Sewerage Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that the Mortgage in respect of Loan of £1,135 for the sewerage scheme at Carnew, had been received from the Commissioners of Public Works:—

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

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 One Thousand One Hundred and Thirty-five Pounds (£1,135) proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1948.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 48—Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders. Employment of Inmates in St. Colman's Hospital.

Councillor P. McCarthy asked the Co. Manager whether he had received a report in regard to the termination of the employment of two labourers at St. Colman's Hospital.

The County Manager stated that the following report had been received from the Clerk of Works:—

14th November, 1949.

Repairs to St. Colman's Hospital.

In reply to yours of the 12th instant re complaint from Mr. J. Kinsella, Ballygannon, Rathdrum, I would like to point out that the plastering of the recreation hall, St. Joseph's and St. Mark's Wards, was completed, and therefore, two labourers were sufficient to attend on the two plasterers so Messrs. Kinsella and Waterion were let off.

It would appear that there was some agreement with the Matron to get the inmates to hack off the wall in the Hallway so as to have it plastered, this work was commenced after my visit on last Wednesday.

With only two plasterers now working on St. Colman's Hospital there is only necessity for two labourers as the heavy work is now finished.

Signed—R. KAVANAGH,

Clerk of Works.

Councillor P. McCarthy contended that the employment of inmate in this instance had led to dismissal of two workers. Councillor P. McCarthy asked that the workers be re-employed.

The County Manager, in reply, pointed out that the work was now completed, and added that the Council were obliged to keep able-bodied inmates usefully employed.

Sureties for Contracts.

Councillor W. Clarke stated that small contractors frequently found it difficult to obtain two sureties as required by the Council in respect of contracts with the Council. He suggested that the Council should reduce the amount of the Bond required to the minimum.

The County Manager stated that in recent years local authorities in general had insisted on Fidelity Guarantee Bonds with Insurance Companies rather than personal sureties. He referred to the position of the Contractor for the reconstruction of Ashford Bridge, who had requested that personal sureties be accepted. The Manager stated that having regard to the fact that the Contract exceeded £10,000 and that the period for its completion was 15 months he felt it desirable that a Fidelity Bond with an Insurance Company be obtained.

Appointment of Rent Collectors:

Councillor P. McCarthy asked whether the appointment of Rent Collectors would be made by the Manager, or whether it would be referred to the County Council.

The County Manager stated that the appointment of Rent Collectors was an executive function, and added that it was not practicable to consult the Council of the candidates' qualifications and experience.

Councillor W. Hammond suggested that the Shillelagh Rural District, which consists of Districts Nos. 9 and 10, should be divided into two Rent Collection Districts.

The County Manager pointed out that the Council had already decided on the Rent Collection Districts, and that if this area were sub-divided the separate Districts would scarcely provide sufficient remuneration for a whole-time officer. The Rent Collectors' positions had already been advertised.

The Chairman asked if the time for receiving applications for the positions of Rent Collectors could be extended.

On the recommendation of the Council, the County Manager stated that the period for the receipt of applications for these positions would be extended for a further week.

Public Lighting.

Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman, asked that an additional public lamp be provided opposite the Technical School at Carnew.

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

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Councillor W. Lawless:

"That this Council raise a Loan of £380 for extension of Water Supply to Cottages at Bellevue."

By Councillor J. O'Reilly:

"That I or some Councillor for me will move at the next meeting that the Manager will reconsider his Order closing Donard Old Graveyard."

By Councillor C. M. Byrne:

"That I hereby give notice that I will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the resolution passed by the Council fixing the area for Rent Collection be rescinded and new districts fixed, and that No. 9 and No. 10 Districts be treated as separate Collection Districts."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 28th November, 1949, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of considering Circular No. 59/49, dated 26th October, 1949, from the Department of Local Government in regard to diversity of accommodation and grading of rents for local authority Housing Schemes.

The following members were present:—

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman; Councillors: P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; B. Farrell, Wm. Cleary, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, Peter Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Liam O Laoighleis, C. M. Byrne, and Joseph Jacob.

The County Manager, and Mr. T. Byrne, Chief Officer, were in attendance.

The County Secretary referred to the discussion at the meeting of the Council held on 21st November, 1949, in regard to the circular from the Department of Local Government concerning diversity of accommodation and grading of rents for housing schemes, and stated that the Council had decided that the matter should be discussed at a special meeting of the Council held in committee. A copy of the circular dated 26th October, 1949, had been circulated to each member of the Council. The following suggested scheme for the grading of rents had been circulated to the members:—

Total	1 dep.	2 depts.	3 depts.	4 depts.	5 depts.	6 depts.	7 depts.	7 depts. or more
£2 or under	2/-	2/-	2/-	2/-	2/-	2/-	2/-	2/-
£2 to £2 10s.	2/6	2/-	2/-	2/-	2/-	2/-	2/-	2/-
£2 10s. to £3	3/-	2/6	2/-	2/-	2/-	2/-	2/-	2/-
£3 to £3 10s.	4/6	3/-	2/6	2/6	2/-	2/-	2/-	2/-
£3 10s. to £4	6/-	5/-	4/-	3/-	3/-	2/6	2/6	2/6
£4 to £4 10s.	8/-	6/-	5/-	4/-	4/-	3/-	3/-	3/-
£4 10s. to £5	10/-	8/-	6/6	6/6	6/-	5/-	5/-	5/-
£5 to £5 10s.	11/-	11/-	8/6	8/-	8/-	7/6	7/6	7/6
£5 10s. to £6	12/-	12/-	11/-	10/6	10/-	9/-	8/6	8/6
£6 to £6 10s.	13/-	13/-	13/-	12/-	11/6	11/-	10/-	10/-
£6 10s. to £7	14/-	14/-	14/-	14/-	14/-	12/-	11/-	11/-
£7 to £7 10s.	15/-	15/-	15/-	15/-	15/-	13/6	12/6	12/6
£7 10s. to £8	15/-	15/-	15/-	15/-	15/-	15/-	14/-	14/-
Over £8	15/-	15/-	15/-	15/-	15/-	15/-	15/-	15/-

Councillor P. P. O'Reilly queried whether the Council had any authority to increase rents generally. He agreed that rents might be revised in the case of incoming tenants.

Councillor John O'Reilly supported Councillor P. P. O'Reilly and indicated the difficulties which might be met with in the adjusting of rents consequent on temporary unemployment or sickness.

Councillor W. Hammond stated that diversity of accommodation in housing schemes was not so important in rural areas. He agreed that there would be difficulty in the grading of rents, and suggested that a tenant's record of payment should also be taken into account.

Councillor P. Ledwidge welcomed the proposal to introduce a system of graded rents, and stated that to his knowledge many tenants would be in a position to pay the full economic rent.

Councillor W. Cleary supported the principle of the grading of rents. He inquired why the maximum rent was shown in the suggested scheme as 15s., and stated that he did not think the economic rent of the Council's houses would reach that figure.

The County Manager, in reply to Councillor W. Cleary, stated that the economic rent of Council houses built between 1932 and 1949 was about 15s. He pointed out that in that period the rate of interest on Housing Loans varied from 5½ per cent. to 4½ per cent., and that the maximum period of repayment was 35 years. Under the present scheme, the period of repayment was 50 years and the rate of interest 2½ per cent. These two factors affected the economic rent of the house. The County Manager pointed out that the economic rent was the rent which would cover the full cost of provision of the house, excluding any subsidies from the State or from Rates. For example, the economic rent for 1946 Scheme was made up as follows:—

Subsidy under 1932 Act	2/5d.
Transition Development Fund Grant	3/11d
Rates	1/-
Rent	4/-
	Total	11/4d.

It would be seen, therefore, that of the total economic rent of 11/4d. 6/4d. represented the State contribution and 1s. the contribution from rates.

Councillor W. Cleary stated he was prepared to support an increase in rents to cover the loss to the rates, but not such an increase as would also cover the amount of the Grant received from the State.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea stated he was not prepared to support the proposed scheme. He agreed that certain tenants should pay an economic rent.

Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., in reference to the question of diversity of accommodation, suggested that it would be desirable in village schemes to consider the provision of different sizes of houses. He asked whether it would be possible to utilise the savings resulting from an increase in rent to effect a reduction in the rates.

Councillor McCarthy pointed out that if a system of graded rents were introduced, it might become necessary to reduce certain rents, as well as to increase rents.

Councillor W. Lawless agreed that certain rents might have to be reduced and stated that he agreed with the scheme in principle. He suggested that tenants should be encouraged to purchase their cottages.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe pointed out that the income of tenants only should be considered, not the age of the cottage, and pointed out that there was a moral obligation on local authorities to introduce some system of this type.

The County Manager thanked the Council for their mature consideration of the Scheme. He stated that the scheme submitted was rather involved, but he thought it desirable that the Council should be aware of the many difficulties arising in the scheme. It would be necessary to revise the rents under such a system periodically, and he suggested every half year. He pointed out that such a scheme could not be confined to new lettings. The County Manager suggested that possibly the Council might consider introducing a simpler scheme, and suggested that where the income of the household did not exceed £4 10s. the rent might be left unaltered. He pointed out that in considering the income of a household, regard should be had to the certainty of such income.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

That we approve in principle of the scheme of graded rents submitted to this meeting.

At the suggestion of Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey, supported by Councillor W. Lawless, Councillor Ledwidge agreed to amend his motion to read:

That we approve in principle of a scheme of graded rents subject to its application only to income exceeding £4 10s. per week.

As an amendment it was proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;

Seconded by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.:

That the adjustments in rents proposed under the system of graded rents be confined to such amounts as will cover the contribution made towards the rents from the rates.

The County Manager stated that the Council had provided in the current year from rates an amount of approximately £27,000; the rate in the £ for housing being 2s. 2½d. The County Manager added that any alterations which might be made in the rents as a result of the introduction of a system of graded rents would not amount to any sum of this nature. Such saving as would be made would be available, however, to reduce the rate in respect of housing.

Having regard to the County Manager's explanation, Councillor W. Cleary withdrew his amendment.

As a further amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell:

That the local housing committees examine the particulars and circumstances of the tenants in their respective areas and submit recommendations to the Council for the adjustment of rents.

Following a further discussion, the Council agreed that this amendment be read in conjunction with Councillor P. Ledwidge's resolution, and accordingly approved of the system of graded rents, subject to its application only to incomes exceeding £4 10s. per week, and to the adjustments in rents being made on the recommendation of the local housing committees, following their examination of the particulars of the circumstances of the tenants in their respective areas.

Mr. T. Byrne, Chief Officer, stated he would arrange for meetings of the local housing committees to be held.

He would submit to the committees full particulars of the circumstances of the tenants in the various areas. Arrangements would be made to have the Rent Collectors present at these meetings.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11 a.m. on Monday, 12th December, 1949.

The following members were present: Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman; Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, W. Cleary, B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Liam O Laoighleis, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson and Joseph Jacob.

The County Engineer and Assistant Engineers P. J. Foley, J. P. Caffrey, C. J. Byrne and M. Healy were present.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, attended.

BUSINESS:

1. Minutes of Meeting held on 12th September, 1949.
2. Authorisation of overdraft on General Account for quarter to 31st March, 1950.
3. Scholarship Scheme for Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1950.
4. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor W. Clarke for amendment of University Scholarship Scheme to allow for renewal of certain Scholarships.
5. Circular letter dated 25th November, 1949, from Department of Local Government regarding Production of Road Materials (Copy attached).
6. Acquisition of premises at The Mall, Wicklow, for road widening.
7. Petition from residents of Barton St., Tinahely, in regard to cleaning of street and footpaths.
8. Report of meeting of Councillors for West Wicklow district and officials of the Department of Defence regarding road to Glen of Imaal.
9. Drainage Schemes under Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949
10. Letter from Council's Law Agent in regard to proposed acquisition of site at Rathnew for County Hospital.
11. Report of Visiting Committee on inspection of St. Colman's Hospital, and St. Kevin's Sanatorium, Rathdrum.
12. Report of conference with Union representatives in regard to wages and conditions of employment of lorry drivers, roller drivers and machinery attendants.
13. Report of Meeting of Housing Committee held on 2nd December, 1949.
14. Application to Minister for Local Government for Order to allow Council to let plot at Kilmacullagh, Newtownmountkennedy, for use as playing-field to Gaelic Football Club.
15. Report on Cottage Rent Collection for half-year to 30th Sept., 1949.
16. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C. M. Byrne, that resolution passed by Council at meeting held on 14th March, 1949, fixing Rent Collection Districts, be rescinded and that Districts Nos. 9 and 10 be treated as separate Districts.
17. Circular dated 29th November, 1949, from Department of Local Government re development of Housing Sites.
18. Authorisation of additional loan of £10,000 for purposes of Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.
19. Report of County Engineer on Draft County Plan as submitted by Town Planning Consultant.
20. Estimates for repairs to Burial Grounds.
21. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor John O'Reilly in respect of the closing of Donard Old Graveyard.
22. Circular letter dated 3rd October, 1949, from Dept. of Local Government regarding sanitary facilities in towns and villages, and report of Chief Medical Officer of existing and proposed water supplies and sewerage systems.

23. Letter dated 2nd Dec., 1949, from the Dept. of Local Government regarding the Council's application for Grant towards the cost of extension of water supply and sewerage services to cottages at Blacklion and Kilcoole.
 24. To approve of Draft Deed of Mortgage for Loan of £1,700 for extension of sewerage and water supply to cottages at Blacklion and Kilcoole.
 25. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Lawless for raising loan of £880 for extension of water supply to cottages at Bellevue.
 26. Improvements to Carnew Sewerage Scheme.
 27. Water Supply for eight cottages at Fassaroe, Bray.
 28. Resolution from Leitrim County Council in regard to the provision and maintenance of Courthouses.
 29. Resolution from Bray Urban District Council in regard to amendment of Road Traffic Act.
 30. Letter from Macra na Feirme, Baltinglass, re construction of public Loading Bank for cattle at Baltinglass and for provision of public Weighbridge.
 31. Resolution from Cairde na Gaedhile, Limerick, protecting against the use of words "Republic of Ireland" in the English language on the new issue of postage stamps.
2. Inquiries arising out of County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
 Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson;
 Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of meeting held on 12th September, 1949.
 Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Overdraft: General Account.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
 Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson;
 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 31st March, 1950, shall not exceed £85,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1950.

The County Secretary stated that in letter dated 26th November, 1949, from the Department of Education, the approval of the Minister to the Scheme submitted by the Council had been conveyed, subject to certain minor corrections in the wording of the Scheme.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;
 Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;
 Resolved—That we hereby determine to carry into execution the scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1950, as approved by the Minister for Education in letter dated 26th Nov., 1949.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the January meeting of the Council would be held on 16th January, in order that applications from candidates desiring to compete under the Council's Scholarship Scheme could be submitted to the Council.

Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman, asked if an Examination Centre could be fixed for Baltinglass to serve the western section of the County. The County Secretary stated that he would apply to the Department of Education in connection with the matter.

Item No. 4—University Scholarship Scheme.

In the absence of Councillor W. Clarke, Councillor P. McCarthy moved that—"The Council's University Scholarship Schemes be amended to allow for the renewal of Scholarships for Mr. Michael Kavanagh and Mr. Iobhar MacCathmhaoil."

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Law Agent had advised that the Council had power to amend the Scheme so as to allow of the renewal of these two Scholarships.

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

Resolved—That, having considered explanations received from University Scholarship Holders, Michael Kavanagh and Iobhar MacCathmhaoil, we hereby amend the University Scholarship Schemes for 1947 and 1948, so as to allow Mr. Michael Kavanagh to attend the First Year Course in Arts and Commerce, with a view to obtaining degrees in these faculties, and to allow Mr. Iobhar MacCathmhaoil to repeat the Second Year Course for a Degree in Engineering, the renewal of these Scholarships in subsequent years to be subject to the usual conditions of the Schemes.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that since Mr. Iobhar MacCathmhaoil had not attended the University during the period September to December, 1949, only two-thirds of the value of the Scholarship could be paid in his case.

In regard to the Council's University Scholarship Scheme for 1950, the County Sec. read the followings letters received from University College, Dublin:—

President's Office,
 Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin.

5th Dec., 1949.

Dear Sir,

I enclose copy of a circular setting forth the minimum conditions for the award of a County Borough and County Council Scholarships in this College. Provided you amend your Scheme to comply with these regulations, it will meet with the approval of the Academic Council.

Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL TIERNEY,
 President.

The Secretary,
 Wicklow Co. Council,
 Courthouse, Wicklow.

University College, Dublin,
 Registrar's Office,
 24th Nov., 1949.

Dear Sir,

The Academic Council has laid down the following minimum conditions for the award of County Borough and County Council Scholarships on the result of the Leaving Certificate Examination:—

Any five subjects which are recognised Matriculation subjects may be taken into account for the award of Scholarships.

Of these, at least four must be Honours subjects and Honours must be obtained in at least three, with at least a Pass in the remaining two.

The maximum mark for each Honours subject will be 100; for the fifth subject, if a pass subject, 50.

Those regulations will be strictly enforced for the award of Scholarships to this College in 1950 and after.

Yours faithfully,

REGISTRAR.

The Secretary,
 Wicklow Co. Council.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That, having considered letters dated 24th Nov., 1949, and 5th Dec., 1949, from University College, Dublin, we hereby amend Clause 4 (3) of the Scheme for 1950 to read as follows:—

Candidates must present five subjects for the examination, one of which must be Irish.

Any five subjects which are recognised Matriculation subjects may be taken into account for the award of Scholarships.

Of these, at least four must be Honours subjects and Honours must be obtained in at least three, with at least a Pass in the remaining two.

The maximum mark for each Honours subject will be 100; for the fifth subject, if a pass subject, 50.

We hereby amend Clause 4 (4) and fix 225 marks as the minimum required for the award of a Scholarship.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Production of Road Materials.

The Council noted the following letter received from the Department of Local Government in regard to the production of road materials, a copy of which had been circulated to each member:—

Dept. of Local Government,

Roads,

Custom House,

Dublin.

25 Samhain, 1949.

IR/217.

PRODUCTION OF ROAD MATERIALS.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he has had under his consideration various representations and complaints regarding the methods in use in different counties for the production of road material. In some counties road workers have objected to the purchase of stone by County Councils from contractors. In other counties there has been objection to the introduction of modern machinery and methods for the production and haulage of materials by direct labour. As the various interests affected may have some misunderstanding as to official policy in these matters, the Minister considers it desirable to outline certain general principles which are intended for the general guidance of local authorities, their officers and employees.

It is essential that the best possible value should be obtained for the money spent on roads, and to this end it was pointed out in the Department's circular letter (RGM/201/C) of the 16th June, 1948, that each local authority engaged on substantial road works should provide an engineering organisation, equipment and personnel sufficient to enable the normal works programme to be carried out by direct labour. This policy does not exclude the purchase of material or the hire of machinery in exceptional circumstances, nor of the carrying out by contract of certain road works, particularly those of a specialised or abnormal nature, but any continued recourse to such methods in the execution of a normal works programme would clearly indicate serious deficiencies in the local engineering organisation. Recent investigations have shown that some local authorities felt justified in making large purchases of chippings and similar materials from contractors because the cost was much lower than the Council's own production cost. It is obvious that the contractor's lower price (which includes his own profit) is due to the use by him of modern machinery and methods and to a contrary practice on the part of the Council. Such a Council should immediately consider the production by machin-

ery of materials at central quarries and sandpits and the use of lorries where the use of other transport would be uneconomic or impracticable. In counties where such an organisation is found feasible but which might entail a temporary or permanent redeployment of certain road workers, it would be necessary to introduce changes gradually and with the maximum consideration for the livelihood and interests of those involved.

On the general question of the complaints mentioned at the beginning of this letter, the Minister has had the position in several counties investigated by his Engineering Inspectors and this circular letter is intended to represent the Minister's general views arising out of these investigations. The Minister does not propose to enter into any further detail on the position in particular areas, as it is his general policy that responsibility should be restored to the elected Members of local authorities and such responsibility may usefully extend to the general aspects of local road administration and the investigation of complaints. These duties might best be undertaken by a Committee of members such as the Council is at present empowered to set up under Section 58 of the Local Government Act, 1925. The members of such a Committee would be familiar with local conditions and difficulties and would be mediating authority in cases where conflict arises between the workers and other interests, and could advise as to what methods of work should be adopted in particular areas. The Minister feels that such an arrangement would eliminate such misunderstanding and friction and promote efficiency and economy in road administration.

The Secretary,

Wicklow Co. Council.

Mise, le meas,

B. NOLAN.

Item No. 6—Acquisition of Premises at The Mall, Wicklow, for Road Widening.

The County Manager stated that he had had discussions with the Solicitor for the owners of the houses at The Mall, Wicklow, which it was proposed to acquire for the purpose of road widening. He understood that the owners were prepared to accept the sum of £200 as compensation for the premises, to include the Vendor's legal costs.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That, having considered correspondence in connection with the proposed purchase of the premises at The Mall, Wicklow, owned by the Phillips Estate, and the site of which is required for road widening purposes, we recommend that a sum of £200 compensation be paid to the owners, this sum to include the vendors' legal costs.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Petition from Residents of Barton St., Tinahely, for Cleaning of Street and Footpaths.

The following Petition received from residents of Barton Street, Tinahely, was submitted:—

To: The Co. Manager,
Wicklow.

Barton St.,
Tinahely.

Sir,

We the undersigned respectfully beg to bring under your notice the fact that this street, Barton Street, formally Barrack Street, has not been cleaned for the past twelve months.

It is the through bus route from Carnew to Rathdrum, and travelling strangers are disgusted to see it after a fair, especially a horse fair. While the other streets are cleaned, this street is left to the householders to clean before their doors. Also footpaths need attention.

Thanking you in anticipation in having this matter attended to,
We remain:

Elizabeth C. Tyrrell, N.T.; G. J. Sherlock; Messrs. H. Pasley (Tinahely), Ltd.; Anne Hopkins; Annie Byrne; K. Clements; E. M. Kinsella; Michael Nolan; Robert Cleary; A. Byrne; Mary Annie Hilliard Michael Cuddihy; L. O'Toole; Margaret Doyle; Edwd. Pierce; Michael Hunt; Thomas Bookey; John Morton; Mary Toole; Michael Byrne.

Councillor W. Hammond suggested that the cleaning of the streets in Tinahely after fairs should be put under the control of one overseer.

The County Engineer was instructed to arrange for the regular cleaning of the streets in Tinahely and also in Carnew, following fairs.

Item No. 8—Road to Glen of Imaal.

The County Secretary stated that a conference had been held between members of the County Council for West Wicklow District, the County Manager, County Engineer and representatives of the Dept. of Defence in connection with the Council's application for a Grant from the Department towards the cost of repairing the road from Whitestown Bridge to the Glen of Imaal. The Department's representatives had indicated that the Minister would be prepared to consider meeting from State Funds one-half of the cost of repairs to the road, provided that the cost involved was not excessive. The Assistant Engineer was arranging to submit a specification of the repairs and an estimate of the cost to the Department.

Item No. 9—Drainage Schemes: Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had approved of the following Schemes:—A 32—from The Breaches to Kilpedder; A 37—from Ashford to Killiskey; A 62—Knockaphrompa Lane, Roundwood. Schemes in respect of drainage—(1) at Lemonstown to County Kildare Bounds; (2) from Grangecon to Bessina, and (3) at Putland Road, Bray, had also been submitted to the Department.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

Resolved—That we approve of the following Drainage Schemes submitted by the County Engineer to be carried out under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949, during the current financial year:—

Scheme No.	Location.	Estimated Cost.
A 32 (Amended)	Breaches to Kilpedder	£2,100
A 37 (Amended)	Ashford to Killiskey	£2,250
A 21A	Sidmonton and Putland Roads, Bray	£500
A 62	Knockaphrompa Lane	£500
D 53	Lemonstown to Co. Kildare Bounds	£500
D 54	Grangecon-Bessina	£200

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Site for County Hospital.

The County Manager stated that the Council's Law Agent had conveyed an offer of £1,660 for the site at Rathnew, to the Solicitor for the owner. The Law Agent had submitted copy of letter received from Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor, for Mr. Percival Clements, the owner of the site, in which he pointed out that he was not prepared to accept a lesser sum than £2,500. The County Manager stated that the Department of Health had been informed of the figure proposed by the owner of the land and of the Council's offer, and had been requested to give their views on the matter. A reply had not yet been received from the Department.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter pending the receipt of the Department's views in regard to the price to be paid for the site.

Item No. 11—Report of Visiting Committee on Inspection of St. Colman's Hospital and St. Kevin's Sanatorium.

The County Secretary stated that Councillors W. Hammond and Dr. J. J. Hickey had visited St. Colman's Hospital and St. Kevin's Sanatorium on Friday, 18th Nov., 1949. They had submitted the following report:—

"We inspected St. Colman's Hospital principally relative to improvements carried out recently. Considered work completed well, and creditably done; the ceilings and new windows being a very great improvement. We also visited the wards where, as on the last occasion, all was scrupulously clean and in order. Did not receive any complaints and consider that the Sisters and staff are kind and most efficient and worthy of every amenity that has been afforded."

The Council noted the satisfactory nature of the report.

Councillor W. Cleary stated that an ambulance had been sent recently to Arklow to remove a patient to hospital, and that no attendant had travelled with the ambulance. In this particular case, he stated he considered that an attendant should have been available.

The County Manager stated he would investigate the complaint.

Councillor P. McCarthy referred to his previous request for stationing an ambulance at Arklow.

The County Manager said that this matter had been investigated previously, but it had been calculated that it would cost approximately £1,000 per annum to provide a special ambulance for Arklow.

Councillor Dr. J. Hickey asked as to the number of patients taken from Arklow each year in the ambulance.

The County Manager stated that he would obtain the information requested by Councillor Dr. Hickey.

Item No. 12—Wages of Roller Drivers, Lorry Drivers and Machinery Attendants.

The County Secretary stated that as arranged at the last meeting of the Council, a conference had been held between representatives of the Federation of Rural Workers and the Irish Automobile Drivers' and Automobile Mechanics' Union and officials of the Council, in regard to the Unions' application for increased wages for lorry drivers.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

The Co. Secretary. 12th Dec., 1949.

Re: Lorry Drivers' Wages.

A Chara,

With reference to the application from the Irish Automobile Drivers' and Mechanics' Union, and the Federation of Rural Workers' Union, for increase in lorry drivers' wages, etc., having given the matter careful consideration, I find that our Council drivers are at a higher rate than County Dublin, if the appropriate wage is compared with the rates paid to ordinary workers in each case. Also, the wages paid to our men compare favourably and in most cases are above those paid in this county by other concerns, and a check in this regard has been made in the Principal Labour Exchanges in the area.

The present rate payable to Wicklow County Council drivers is £4 19s. 6d. per week of 48 hours, with an allowance of 7s. 9d. for time spent in cleaning and greasing lorries, making a total of £5 7s. 3d. per week. The cost of an increase in the wage to £5 15s. would amount to £678 per annum, and this would not include overtime, which at present reaches the sum of £582 per annum.

The Wicklow County Council pays overtime to lorry driver when men are being transported, but it has been agreed that overtime should not be paid when vehicles are only travelling empty to or from the place of work. It was not unreasonable to expect the driver to be at his work at the starting time in the morning, and not leave it before the

other workers cease in the evening, having regard to the fact that other workers have to be present themselves on their work at the regulation hours.

The question of the rate of wages to be paid to one of our workers who is described by the Union as a blacksmith has also been considered. It is contended that his wage is not in accordance with the Union rate. The particular man referred to was engaged as an assistant to the compressor man and is described as a "compressor attendant." This man and others in a similar capacity are required to keep the compressor in working order and sharpen the "bits," but do not work the "Jack" hammer. It is obvious that the services of such employees, as indeed those of most of our men engaged on or in the vicinity of machinery are of a purely temporary and seasonal nature, and as such they cannot expect to be engaged all the year round. In order, however, not to dispense with them entirely, alternative employment is offered in a different grade, usually as an ordinary worker, and is accepted generally. It does not seem possible to pay the same rate of wages if he is employed on a lower type of work, when his original employment will have ceased.

Living Vans:

No complaint has been received by me from employees regarding temporary accommodation provided by using living vans. As far as I am aware, similar vans are in existence in several counties for the past thirty years. In view of the fact that roller drivers, by the nature of their work, are obliged to travel constantly from place to place, it would be very difficult for them to obtain lodgings for short and indefinite periods. Living vans are kept clean, painted regularly, and bed-clothes are laundered and all equipment provided, including heating.

Mise, le meas,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the following letter had been received from the Irish Automobile Drivers' and Automobile Mechanics' Union:—
The Co. Manager,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Re: Wages and Status of Motor Lorry, Roller and Ambulance Drivers, Etc.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the conference held in the Courthouse on Thursday, 1st December, between representatives of the Council and representatives of this Union re above, I am directed to state we would appreciate your confirmation of discussions and agreement to submit the following subjects to your Council at their next meeting to be held on the 12th instant, for their recommendation and sanction:—

1. Wage increase as set out in ours of the 28th Sept., 1949, with retrospection to the 1st January, 1949;
2. Status for all our members employed by the Council, i.e., conditions are not to be worsened. Blacksmith included;
3. Roller drivers' subsistence allowance in lieu of caravans and an increase on the existing subsistence allowance (which is inadequate) for all drivers away from home;
4. Overtime for ambulance drivers as submitted by your Council for the sanction of the Minister for Health, i.e., time and a quarter from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., time and a half from 8 p.m. to 12 p.m., and double time from 12 midnight to 8 a.m.;

5. Ambulance Driver O'Rourke to be paid extra as in the past for serving the Fever Hospital.

In conclusion, I am to state we would appreciate your Council's recommendations at this appropriate season in full settlement of the aforesaid long outstanding matters.

Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER MCGEE,
Organising Secretary.

In reply to inquiries from members of the Council in regard to remuneration of ambulance drivers, the County Secretary stated that the ambulance drivers were paid at the rate of £5 per week, plus 11/- per week bonus.

The Council had agreed to pay ambulance drivers overtime, and a Scheme for the payment of overtime had been submitted for the approval of the Department. The sanction of the Minister to the payment of overtime to ambulance drivers had not yet been received.

Councillor P. McCarthy suggested that special consideration should be given to the ambulance driver in Wicklow, who was also responsible for the Fever Ambulance.

Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That, having considered report of County Engineer following conference with Union officials, we approve of the County Engineer's report.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That Ambulance Driver O'Rourke be allowed £30 per annum in respect of duties in regard to the Fever Hospital.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Report of Meeting of Housing Committee held on 2nd December, 1949.

The following Report of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 2nd December, 1949, had been circulated to the members:—

A Meeting of the Housing Committee of the Council was held at the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Friday, 2nd December, 1949, at 3 p.m.

The following members were present: Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman; Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne and L. O Laoighleis.

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant Co. Engineer and Assistant Engineers J. P. Caffrey, C. J. Byrne and M. Healy were present. Assistant Engineer P. J. Foley was absent owing to illness.

The County Manager was in attendance.

Item No. 1—Progress Report.

The attached report of the County Engineer on the progress of the Housing Scheme during the month of November, 1949, was considered.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe inquired whether the cottages at Knockieran had been let.

Mr. T. Byrne, Chief Officer, stated that these cottages were now occupied by the tenants.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe suggested that in future monthly reports, mention should be made of the cottages which had been occupied.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe also inquired concerning the building of a cottage on an alternative site on the lands of Mr. P. Burke at Dunlavin. It had been agreed at a previous meeting of the Com-

mittee that the cottage would be built as soon as possible. The Co. Engineer stated that he had examined the suggested site with Mr. Foley and considered that it was not suitable as it was damp. It was agreed that the County Engineer would again inspect the field with Mr. P. J. Foley, Assist. Engineer, to obtain a more suitable site.

Councillor W. Lawless pointed out that there was a certain delay in progress on the houses at Killincarrig.

The County Engineer explained that difficulties had been experienced in procuring plasterers to complete the cottages, and that there also had been a shortage of cement. Difficulties had also been experienced in obtaining wire. Councillor W. Lawless referred to the provision of wooden gate posts for the cottages, and suggested that, instead, 18-inch block piers might be provided. The Committee agreed that 18-inch block piers would be more suitable than wooden gate posts.

Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., inquired regarding the plastering of cottages in the area were being plastered by contract, as it had not cottages in this area were being plastered by contract, as it had no, been possible to obtain plasterers.

On-Site System.

The County Manager stated that the Building Plant (On Site) Hire Co., Ltd., had submitted a schedule of plant and material with the relative charges in respect of them. They had confirmed that the fee per foot floor space would be 6d. Previously the figure quoted had been 8d. The cost of the moulding required would be £94 10s., and the cost of scaffolding £190 4s. 1d. The total cost, therefore, of the plant would be £284 14s. 1d., and the Council would be liable for a charge of 6d. per square foot of floor space in respect of the use of the plant on cottages.

The County Engineer stated that he had carefully examined the proposal to utilise this method of construction, and was now prepared to recommend it to the Council. He calculated that there would be a saving of approximately £23 per house, due to the use of the O'Sullivan System. The County Engineer stated in reply to inquiries that the system could be utilised for about 100 houses under the present Scheme. The cost of the purchase of the equipment, spread over 100 houses, would, therefore, be about £3. The charge for a Licence Fee at 6d. per square foot, would be from £15 to £17 per cottage. The County Engineer added that the equipment would last for a very considerable time, and would be available for use in connection with future Schemes.

The County Manager read the following letter which had been received by Mr. J. P. Caffrey, B.E., Assistant Engineer, from the Secretary of the Ancient Guild of Incorporated Brick and Stone Layers' Trade Union:—

49 Cuffe St.,
Dublin.

Dear Sir,

15th Nov., 1949.
Further to our correspondence of Saturday last, regarding the employment of our members on houses directly controlled by the Wicklow County Council, and with particular reference to those houses constructed by the O'Sullivan On Site System, I am directed to forward for your information our existing agreement with various Builders in Dublin and elsewhere who favour such system, and as follows:

That where the O'Sullivan On Site system is in operation, a ratio of four labourers to one bricklayer be maintained, the bricklayer to do all the levelling, lining and plumbing, required in the operation, and that the setting of spud stones, window sills, metal or tiled grates be our work and also the bedding of wall plates, cutting out and setting of brackets or such work of preparation for plumbers, fitters, etc., requiring the use of a hammer and chisel. The foregoing is

clearly recognised as our work and as such is embodied in our agreements with the Dublin Master Builders and Allied Employers of Ireland.

Your endorsement of those arrangements and in respect of housing under your control in the County Wicklow area should be appreciated at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

FRANK O'CONNOR,

Sec., Brick and Stonelayers' Trade Union.

The County Engineer stated that if bricklayers were available, the Union's conditions could be accepted.

It was proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That we recommend the purchase of the equipment for the construction of cottages by the system of Messrs. Building Plant Hire (On Site), Ltd.

Passed, Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., dissenting.

Construction of Outhouses.

Councillor W. Lawless inquired whether there was any difference in the design for outhouses in the various areas. He stated that in his opinion, the piggyery and hen-house provided were not high enough, and suggested that the design be amended.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe stated that Mr. O'Neill of Annalecky had quoted for the supply of iron gates for piggeries at 22/6 each. He asked whether this tender would be accepted, and suggested that Mr. O'Neill be given an order as soon as possible to proceed with the construction of piggyery gates.

Item No. 2—Repairs to Cottages:

The Committee noted the report of the County Engineer on the repairs to cottages carried out during the month of November, 1949.

Item No. 3—Authorisation of Repairs to Cottages:

The Council authorised repairs to cottages as follows:—

Rental No.	Tenant and Address	Repairs	£	s	d
170	Thos. King, Jun., Rosbawn	New bedroom floor and concrete sub floor ..	14	10	0
50	Hugh Lennon, Hillbrook	Repair ceilings, window, tower bolt two new concrete floors, repairs to roof ..	21	15	0
	Rd. Freyney, Lugduff	Repair range and windows ..	9	0	0
	Jas. Curry, Ballinacor	New range, repair windows, weather board ..	20	17	6
264	K. Freyney, Glenashouk	Repair step, windows, Yale lock ..	7	15	0
44	Wm. Brennan, Lugduff	Repairs stairs, window ..	10	0	0
64	Jos. Donoghue, Tomacork	Plastering, new slates, repair windows and gable ..	20	0	0
	Danl. Moore, Woodfield	Point ridge tiles, point cracked chimney ..	1	15	0
	Tipper, Monamuck	New battens, piece rafters in outoffices, 12 new slates, downpipe and nozzle ..	5	10	0
	Corrigan, Crosskeys	Slates and battens ..	4	16	0
	Norton, Knocknamuck	Remove slates on south gable and repair ..	14	0	0

Rental No.	Tenant and Address	Repairs	£	s	d
	Leigh, Rathbran	1 square floor, repair windows and repair gutter	10	10	0
	Rourke, Rathgorragh	12 slates	3	0	0
	R. Smith, Boherboy	Replace tiles on house, wedge windows	1	15	0
	Farrell, Grangecon	3 slates	10	0	
	70/5 M. Hyland, Ballybawn	30' 7xl flooring in rooms, repair oven	2	5	0
	295/4 G. White, Ballywaltrim	Copper ball for cistern	3	6	
	400/8 Mrs. Brown, Ballygannon	Tiles for range	15	0	
	293/8 Patk. Lee, Ballygannon	Seal cracks, fix tiles in outoffices	4	0	0
	292/8 Mrs. McLoughlin, do.	Tiles for R.H. fire, repair door, wedge window, seal cracks	4	17	0
	301/4 J. Hughes, Ballywaltrim	Replace broken roof tiles	12	0	
	11/11 J. McDonald, Ballybeg	Repair oven damper, seal register, night latch	3	12	0
	98/4 J. Harmon, Kindlestown	Tiles for range	10	6	
	30/5 H. Bushe, Stylebawn	Repair kitchen floor	3	10	0
	23/5 Mrs. Smith, Coolnakay	Repair chimneys, windows, sashes, doorstep	8	5	0
	57/11 K. Doyle, Ballybeg	Repair gable, 1 pane glass, 1 lock	2	13	0
	409/6 J. Breen, Ballymoneen	Repair range and register	2	18	0
	184/4 O. Smullen, Rathdown	Cistern, tiles for range	5	2	6
	324/8 P. O'Brien, Ballinafinchogoe	Repair wall	3	0	0
	211/8 P. Bardon, Drumdangan	Repair outhouse wall external plaster, new slates, new lock	3	17	6
	47/11 H. Clare, Ballybeg	Clean cistern, etc.	5	0	
	151/6 T. Doyle, Merrymeeting	Repair chimney, roof	4	15	0

The Committee approved of the provision of new ranges for the cottages set out hereunder, provided that the new tenant in each case agreed to repay the cost of the range at the rate of 2/6 per week:—

Rental No.	Tenant.
152/6	Mrs. M. Delaney, Little Newtown.
151/6	T. Doyle, Merrymeeting.
166/4	M. Gammell, Killincarrig.

The Committee directed that the provision of a new range and connection to the water supply of the cottage at Lugduff for Patk. Brennan be included in the capital cost of the house.

The Committee directed that a claim be sent to the E.S.B. in respect of damage to a fence at the cottage occupied by Florence Mahony at Kilpipe, stated to have been caused by employees of the Electricity Supply Board when carrying out repairs in field at the back of the cottage during the previous Winter.

The Committee adjourned consideration of the following repairs for the attendance of the Assistant Engineer for the District:—

Name of Tenant	Address	Estimate of Repairs
Daly	Crosscoolharbour	£8 5 0
Edwards	Crosscoolharbour	£4 10 0
Fleming	Crosscoolharbour	£4 10 0
Hill	Ballybraughan	£12 0 0
Mary Foley	Ballinacrow	£27 0 0
John Kenny	Clough	£10 15 0

Repairs to Cottage Occupied by Mrs. Priestly, Ballinvalley:

Assistant Engineer J. P. Caffrey submitted the following report in regard to proposed repairs to this cottage:—

1st December, 1949.

I was asked for a further report on above house. I wish to state that this house is about 40 years old. It is a brick built house with slate roof, in a very exposed position on Ballinvalley Hill. Like many old houses, it has reached a state when a decision should be made now as to whether it should be put in proper repair at considerable expense, or just merely patched. Actually, the main part of the work—the plastering and roofing—must be dealt with now, as patching would not meet the case.

Signed: J. P. CAFFREY.

The Committee recommended that repairs, amounting to £105 15s., as set out in the estimate, be carried out.

At the suggestion of members of the Committee, the County Manager stated he would arrange for a circular to be issued to all cottage tenants, directing their attention to the necessity for ensuring that ventilators were kept open.

Item No. 4—Costing of Direct Labour Building Schemes.

The letter from the Dept. of Local Government in regard to costing of Direct Labour Building Schemes had been circulated to the members.

The County Manager stated that this Circular had been examined by the Engineering staff, and he had suggested to the Department of Local Government that the number of basic stages in building for costing purposes be reduced to 14. The County Manager pointed out that the keeping of costs of building in the manner recommended by the Department would involve extra work in the office, and it might be necessary to employ an additional clerical officer in this connection. The Committee noted the action in regard to the Circular.

Item No. 5—Acquisition of Derelict Sites at Baltinglass and Stratford-on-Slaney.

The County Secretary stated that the Vesting Orders in respect of these sites could now be served.

In regard to site owned by Mrs. Wilson at Belan St., Baltinglass. The Solicitors for Mrs. Wilson had suggested that the Council might take over the houses of two other tenants at figure of £300. The Council, however, had not agreed to this proposal. He pointed out also that in the centre of the plot proposed to be acquired was a house occupied by Mr. Commons, for whom a cottage had been erected at Bawnogue, and which he refused to occupy. Mr. Commons refuses to leave the house during his lifetime. It had been suggested by Councillor B. Farrell that an offer be made to Mr. Commons for possession of the house.

The Committee decided that no offer should be made in this connection.

In regard to site owned by Mrs. B. Murphy at Edward Street, Baltinglass, the County Secretary stated that since portion of the site was required by the Office of Public Works for a Garda Barracks, the Council decided not to proceed with its acquisition.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe stated that he understood it was not now proposed by the Office of Public Works to build a Barracks on the site, and suggested that an inquiry be addressed to the Office of Public Works in regard to the matter.

Item No. 6—Derelict Site at Newtownmountkennedy.

The County Secretary stated that agreement had been reached between the Council and Mrs. Cullen for the payment of £20 to her in respect of timber, slates and other material in the building. Mrs.

Cullen had completed the necessary legal document, and the County Engineer had been instructed that he could enter on the site immediately.

Item No. 7—Car Park, Newtownmountkennedy, on Site Acquired Under Labourers' Acts.

The Committee agreed that the above site should be utilised by the Council for a Car Park, and asked that the County Engineer submit an estimate of the cost of the work.

Councillor W. Lawless referred to the application of Mr. D. Dunne for permission to open a window from his house overlooking this site, and asked that Mr. Dunne be granted permission.

The Committee agreed that permission might be given to Mr. Dunne provided he agreed not to claim any rights in relation to lighting against the Council at any future time.

Item No. 8—Disposal of Plot at Arklow to Gaelic Football Club.

The following report was submitted by Mr. T. Byrne, Chief Officer: "I have been in touch with Council's Law Agent to-day, and he informs me that when Purchase Price is agreed upon between the Arklow G.A.A. and the Council, he can now proceed to have that portion of the plot to be disposed of to the G.A.A. registered. This will take from two to three weeks. The plot in question, containing one acre, was acquired by the late Rathdrum Rural District Council under a Labourers' Order dated 11th May, 1908. The Purchase Price paid was £40, i.e., £20 Irish Land Commission, and £20 to the then owner, Mr. Daniel Garvey. The portion of the plot being acquired measures 1 rood; therefore the proportionate price would be £10. Council's Title to the original site (1 acre) is registered at Entry No. 104 on Folio 2627 in Land Registry. The portion of the plot not acquired by the tenant may be sold in accordance with Section 16 of the Labourers Act, 1883, the successor to the original owner of the land having signified consent to such sale. The question of legal costs, etc., of transfer to the G.A.A. should also be considered and decided upon."

The Committee agreed that the plot should be sold to Arklow G.A.A. at a price proportionate to that paid by the Council for the entire site; the Arklow G.A.A. to be responsible for all legal costs involved.

Item No. 9—Application for Plot at Kilmacullagh by Newtown G.F.C.

The County Secretary stated that the plot was let at a weekly rent to Mr. Thomas Kennedy, and that notice to quit had been served in respect of the plot. Under Section 8 of the Labourers Act, 1906, lands which due to exceptional circumstances could not with advantage be used for the purposes of the Acts, could be let for any purpose beneficial to the inhabitants of the District. It would be necessary for the Council to pass a resolution requesting the Minister to make an Order under this Section authorising the Council to let the lands to the G.A.A. It would be necessary for the Council to fix the amount of the rent to be charged in respect of the plot.

Fencing of Cottage Plots.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe asked that quicks be provided without delay for the cottage plots at Knockieran.

Sureties for Contracts for Erection of Cottages.

The Committee recommended the acceptance of Mr. A. O'Dwyer and Mr. Thos. O'Connor, senr., as sureties for Mr. Thos. O'Connor in respect of his contract for the erection of eleven cottages.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Resolved—That we approve of the report of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 2nd December, 1949, and of the recommendations made therein.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Application to the Minister for Permission to Let Plot at Kilmacullagh, Newtownmountkennedy for Use as Playing Field.
Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we hereby apply to the Minister for Local Government for an Order authorising the Council to let the plot at Kilmacullagh, Newtownmountkennedy, to the Gaelic Football Club at Newtownmountkennedy for the purposes of a playing field.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Report on Cottage Rent Collection for Half-Year to 30th September, 1949.

The following report on the Cottage Rent Collection for the half-year to 30th September, 1949, had been circulated to the members:—

Dist. No.	Collector	Accrued in half-year	Arrears 30/9/49	Average as represented in weeks' rental	Arrears on			No. of Cottages
					31/3/47	31/3/48	41/3/47	
1.	P. Kinsella	£752 12 10	£11 15 0	1	£8 11 3	£9 14 8	£10 6 11	207
2.	F. O'Neill	£717 14 8	£123 10 11	7	£78 18 2	£55 1 10	£144 19 7	208
3.	P. Kinsella	£502 13 0	£25 9 6	1	£9 0 5	£9 9 8	£10 13 5	136
4.	C. W. Newman	£1,318 15 4	£22 10 3	1	£23 1 11	£34 16 1	£41 4 4	304
5.	C. W. Newman	£279 12 9	£2 13 5	1	£2 12 1	£6 7 9	£9 5 4	83
6.	J. O'Neill	£1,850 9 6	£83 8 4	1	£104 11 1	£98 12 10	£134 1 5	522
7.	J. O'Neill	£288 2 3	£13 12 10	1	£14 12 1	£17 16 11	£15 16 3	107
8.	J. J. Dunne	£1,891 1 7	£270 8 11	3	£202 4 10	£227 16 1	£277 18 6	603
9.	P. Brennan	£701 14 10	£160 2 4	6	£129 4 2	£151 18 11	£144 16 11	237
10.	J. O'Neill	£492 8 7	£16 0 0	3	£28 9 5	£30 16 2	£34 7 11	168
11.	J. Doyle	£729 0 11	£71 13 9	3	£63 2 1	£60 11 0	£79 8 9	188
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REPORT ON COTTAGE RENT COLLECTION—HALF-YEAR ENDED ON 30th SEPTEMBER, 1949.

N.B.—Collector F. O'Neill, No. 2 District, was suspended after 30/9/47, when his arrears had reached £170 17s. 6d., and he was replaced by Collector P. Kinsella in a temporary capacity. The suspension terminated in August, 1948, the arrears being then reduced to £65 16 10 on 30/9/48. The arrears, however, increased again to £78 18s. 2d. by 31/3/49, and further increased to £123 10s. 11d. on 30/9/49.

The Council directed that the Rent Collectors in whose districts the amount of arrears showed an increase should be warned, and instructed to improve their collections.

Item No. 16—Rent Collection Districts.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. O'Reilly:

That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of reconsidering the fixing of Rent Collection Districts.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors T. Brennan, T.D., Wm. Cleary, W. Hammond, Senator J. J. McCrea, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, Dr. J. Hickey, W. Lawless, C. M. Byrne and Jos. Jacob—11.

AGAINST: Councillors P. McCarthy and B. Farrell—2.

The motion was declared carried by eleven votes in favour to two against.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond:

That Rent Collection Districts Nos. 9 and 10 be treated as separate districts and separate appointments of collector be made for each district, and that the resolution passed by the Council at meeting held on 14th March, 1949, be amended accordingly.

In reply to inquiries from members, the County Secretary stated that the maximum income for a collector for No. 9 District, assuming that 100 per cent. collection was achieved, would be £175, approximately. For No. 10 District the maximum remuneration would be £123.

The County Manager stated that he wished the Council to consider this matter very carefully and to have regard to the effect it might have on the efficient collection of cottage rents. He did not think that it would be advisable to make two separate districts of this area. If the district was divided, the appointment would be on a part-time basis, and he considered that part-time collectors did not take the same interest in the work, nor could the same efficiency be expected from them as from a permanent full-time officer. The County Manager pointed out that applications had already been invited for the position.

Councillor C. M. Byrne stated that he could not agree with the Manager's argument, and stated that due to the erection of additional cottages and proposed increase in rents, the remuneration for these positions would be increased substantially.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors W. Hammond, Senator J. J. McCrea, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, J. O'Reilly, Wm. Lawless, C. M. Byrne and Joseph Jacob—8.

AGAINST: Councillor P. McCarthy and B. Farrell—2.

The Motion was declared carried by eight votes in favour to two against, Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., Councillor W. Cleary and Councillor Dr. J. Hickey not voting.

Item No. 17—Development of Housing Sites.

The Council noted the following letter received from the Department of Local Government in regard to the development of Housing Sites:—

Dept. of Local Government,
Custom House,
Dublin.

Circular No. N70/49.

29th Nov., 1949.

DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING SITES.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to the powers of the Housing Authorities in regard to the acquisition of sites which it is the intention to sell or lease, either wholly or in part, for private enterprises in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the Housing (Ireland) Act, 1919. In the Minister's view, the policy which has been put into operation in a number of areas of having such sites developed before they are alienated, should receive favourable consideration from all housing authorities who propose to place sites at the disposal of persons who are anxious to build their own houses. The Minister would be prepared to recommend the Commissioners of Public Works to advance loans from the Local Loans Fund to all housing authorities, who normally have access to the Fund, for the purposes of defraying the expenditure incurred in the acquisition and development of sites in such cases. The loans in question would be repayable on the annuity system within a maximum period of 35 years, with interest at the rate current from time to time for loans of this class (present rate 3½ per cent. per annum).

With regard to the development of housing sites generally, the Minister is of opinion that, for sites intended to accommodate thirty or more houses, housing authorities should carefully consider having the work of development carried out separately from the main job of erecting the houses. This course has advantages from various aspects. The work is specialised and can normally be done more cheaply by means of specialist plant. Building organisations are enabled to concentrate on building work, while the fact that roads have already been constructed on a site should be reflected in lower building costs because of the convenience afforded for the transport and handling of materials and equipment.

Where a housing authority has decided to proceed with development work in advance of building, they may either undertake the work themselves by direct labour, or entrust it to a civil engineering or other contractor specialising in this type of work. It is not essential that the house designs should be finally determined when development work is about to be commenced, but the general designs would require to be fixed, in addition to such matters as ground floor levels, frontage, length, and nature of house blocks.

Housing Authorities should now examine their programme with a view to determining the number of sites to accommodate at least 30 houses which can be developed in advance of building work. The possibility of obtaining grants from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote in respect of such work should not be taken into consideration in this instance. These grants are intended solely to relieve unemployment, whereas the development works now contemplated are intended essentially to expand and expedite the provision of houses for the working classes at reasonable prices. The cost of site development works for local authority houses will, of course, be reckoned with the cost of erection of the houses for the purpose of computing the grants payable from the Transition Development Fund, and in making leases the housing authority should fix rents or prices sufficient to recoup them the costs of acquisition and development.

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G. A. MEAGHER.

To: Each Housing Authority.

Item No. 18—Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts: Additional Loan of £10,000.

The County Secretary stated that a further loan of £10,000 would be required for the purpose of meeting advances under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing from the Commissioners of Public Works of a second loan of £10,000 for the purposes of the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 19—Report of County Engineer on Draft County Plan.

The Council adjourned consideration of the County Engineer's report to the next meeting.

The Council directed that the Town Planning Consultant's reports be printed and circulated to the members.

Item No. 20—Repairs to Burial Grounds.

The County Secretary stated that he had obtained an estimate of the cost of repairs to Kilranelagh Burial Ground, as requested at the previous meeting. In regard to Donard new Burial Ground, the Assistant Engineer reported that it had been intended to roll the road in front of the Burial Ground, and provision had been made for this work in the previous year's estimate, but had not been allowed. The Assistant Engineer stated that it would be included again in the coming year's programme.

Councillor W. Lawless asked that an estimate be obtained of the cost of providing a stile at Kilquade Burial Ground.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe asked that the Engineer report in regard to the drainage of the Burial Ground at Dunlavin.

Councillor J. O'Reilly stated that a footpath was required at Donard new Burial Ground.

Councillor McCarthy inquired whether the estimate of the cost of providing a stone Cross at the Burial Ground at Arklow had been obtained. The County Manager stated that he would investigate the matter.

The Council decided to adjourn consideration of the estimates for repairs to Burial Grounds to the following meeting.

Item No. 21—Donard Old Graveyard: Closing Order.

Councillor J. O'Reilly referred to the Order made by the Minister closing Donard Old Graveyard and stated that a number of persons in the district wished to have burial rights in the Old Graveyard. He stated also that the Protestant community in Donard wished to be permitted to use the Burial Ground.

The County Secretary stated that an Inquiry in connection with the closing of the Burial Ground had been held in 1943. The Order closing the Burial Ground had been received by the Council in the month of November, 1949. The Council was informed of the exemptions from the Order.

Councillor J. O'Reilly handed in list of names of persons who wished to be included in the exemptions.

The Council decided to make representations to the Dept. of Local Government to allow exemptions from the Closing Order in respect of the persons mentioned by Councillor J. O'Reilly.

Item No. 22—Water Supplies and Sewerage Systems.

The following letter received from the Department of Local Government was submitted:—

Custom House,

Dublin.

3rd October, 1949.

Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state he has been considering the position with regard to sanitary facilities in towns and villages. In order that the Minister may be in a position to evaluate the progress already made and the extent of the new works requiring to be carried out, a comprehensive statement should be submitted showing, in respect of each county, a list of towns (census) with an indication in each case of—

(a) **Water Supply:**

- (1) Population;
- (2) Nature of existing Water Supply, i.e., piped, pump or well;
- (3) Whether considered adequate by the County Medical Officer;
- (4) If not, what improvements are recommended;
- (5) Order of urgency on list of necessary schemes as prepared by County Medical Officer.

(b) **Sewerage Schemes:**

- (1) Population;
- (2) Whether sewerage scheme has been provided;
- (3) Whether considered necessary by the County Medical Officer;
- (4) If so, when it is intended to provide scheme;
- (5) Order of urgency on County list prepared by County Medical Officer.

The statement should be furnished in duplicate to this Department as soon as practicable. A copy should be submitted to the County Council, who should find it of value in determining the provision to be made in the Estimates for the carrying out of sanitation works in the coming year.

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Secretary,
County Council.

The County Secretary read the following report of the Chief Medical Officer:—

November 9th, 1949.

Re: Water Supplies and Sewerage Schemes.

I have received your letter of the 13th October, enclosing copy of letter 53/49, dated 3rd October, 1949, from the Department of Local Government.

I have compiled a list of all the towns and villages in the County and I have endeavoured to make it exhaustive.

It will be understood that it is impossible to include every group of cottages in the county.

I have indicated the nature of existing water supplies and sewerage schemes and have shown what additions or improvements I consider necessary.

The first twelve names on the form are those of the towns listed in the census. The Chief Superintendent, Civic Guards, very kindly obtained for me the population figures marked with an asterisk; the other figures I have estimated myself.

The order of priority which I have indicated should be considered immutable.

Mise, le meas,

Signed: G. P. G. BECKETT,

Chief Medical Officer.

The following return had been submitted by the Chief Medical Officer:—

The Council directed that a copy of the Chief Medical Officer's schedule of water supplies and sewerage systems be circulated to the members of the Council for consideration at the January meeting.

Water Supplies: West Wicklow District.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant Co. Engineer had submitted estimates for the provision of pumps at Three Castles, Lemonstown.

The Council decided to adjourn consideration of the reports of the Assistant County Engineer in regard to water supplies in the West Wicklow district to the next meeting. The County Engineer stated that in the meantime he would examine the proposals submitted.

Item No. 23—Water Supply and Sewerage Services to Cottages at Blacklion and Kilcoole.

The Council noted the following letter received from the Dept. of Local Government:—

Custom House,
Dublin,
2nd Dec., 1949.

L.213/18/49.
A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 28th November, 1949, relative to the making of a grant towards the cost of the extension of water supply and sewerage services to cottages at Kilcoole and Blacklion, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that the expenditure on the Scheme relates solely to the connection of cottages to existing water supplies, and sewerage systems and the installation of sanitary fittings in the cottages. Expenditure of this nature cannot be considered for a grant from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote except where such expenditure is incidental to other works, such as the laying of water-mains or sewers. The cost of fittings cannot be allowed at any time to rank against such grants from State Funds.

In the circumstances, it will be appreciated that the Minister is precluded from making a recommendation to the Minister for Finance for the allocation of a supplemental grant in this case.

I am to point out that even with the extras included in the contract, the total of grants available towards the cost of the combined scheme will amount to over 45 per cent. of the estimated cost, as against the normal percentages of 33½ for water and 40 per cent. for sewerage schemes.

Mise, le meas,

N. De PAOR.

The Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey asked whether a cottage at Blacklion, tenanted by Mr. Christopher Green, could be included in the scheme for the provision of water supply and sewerage services at Blacklion. The County Engineer stated that this cottage could probably be included and that he would investigate the matter.

Item No. 24—Draft Deed of Mortgage for Loan of £1,700 for Extension of Water Supply and Sewerage to Cottages at Blacklion and Kilcoole.

Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. Hickey;
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

Resolved—That we approve of the draft Mortgage received from the Commissioners of Public Works for the Loan of £1,700 for the extension of sewerage and water supply to cottages at Blacklion and Kilcoole, and 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 at which they become due, viz.: 1st May and 1st November in each year.

Passed unanimously.

WATER SUPPLIES AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES IN COUNTY WICKLOW, WITH SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS.

Name of Town, Village or District	Estimated Population	Nature of existing water supply	If considered adequate by C.M.O.	Improvements recommended by C.M.O.	Order of Urgency	Whether Sewerage Scheme has been provided	If considered necessary by C.M.O.	When it is intended to provide Scheme	SEWERAGE SCHEMES.	
									Order of Urgency	Observations
Day	11,076	Vartry piped	Yes	None	—	Yes	—	—	—	Regional Scheme for water supply from Glencullen is being considered.
Arklow	4,680	Piped	No	Increase of supply	2	Yes	—	—	—	Water supply is inadequate.
Wicklow	3,183	Piped	No	Increase of supply from Lough Dan Regional Scheme	1	Yes	Improvement desirable	—	1	Water supply is inadequate. Sewerage is discharged into river.
Greystones	1,535	Vartry piped	Yes	None	—	Yes	—	—	—	Reg. Scheme for water supply from Glencullen is being considered.
Baltinglass	659	Piped	No	Increase of supply	4	Yes	—	—	—	Water supply is inadequate in dry weather.
Rathnew	547	Piped	No	Increase of supply from Lough Dan Reg. Scheme	1	Yes	—	—	—	Increased water supply from Lough Dan Reg. Scheme.
Carnew	516	Piped	No	Increase of supply	6	Yes	—	—	—	Increased water supply desirable.
Bathrum	504	Piped	Yes	None	—	Yes	—	—	—	—
Dunlavin	332	Piped	Yes	None	—	Yes	—	—	—	—
Kilcoole	303	Piped	No	Increase of supply	7	Yes	—	—	—	Regional Scheme for water supply from Glencullen is being considered.
Timahely	296	Piped	Yes	None	—	Yes	—	—	—	—
Blessington	289	Piped	No	Increase of supply	8	Yes	—	—	—	—
Annamoe	64*	Part piped and part open drain	No	Better protection from contamination and filter.	20	No	—	—	—	—
Roundwood	200*	Piped	Yes	None	—	Yes	—	—	—	—
Maragh	127*	Piped to foun-tains only	No	No; storage tank needed.	18	No	Not warranted by population	—	—	—
Glendalough	79*	None	No	Supply needed (see observs.)	19	No	Yes (see observsns.)	—	14	Resident population small, but owing to its being a tourist centre, water and at least public lavatory should be provided.
Aughrim	250*	Piped	No	Improved supply	3	No	Yes	—	2	—
Ballinaclash	125*	None	No	Supply needed	16	No	Yes	—	13	School and hotel in village.
Avoca	155*	Piped	No	Improved supply	10	For public lavatory only	Yes	—	8	Tourist centre.
Stratford-on-Slaney	90*	Piped	Yes	None	—	No	Yes	—	11	School in village.
Grangecon	70*	One pump	No	Piped supply needed	17	No	Yes	—	12	School in village.
Lacken	129*	Piped to foun-tains only	Yes	None	—	No	Yes	—	15	School in village.
Ballyknocken	178*	Piped to foun-tains only	No	Improved supply	11	No	Yes	—	3	Proximity to Poulaphouca Reservoir.
Ballyboys (Part)	—	Pumps	Yes	None	—	No	No	—	—	—
Valleymount	65*	Piped	Yes	None	—	No	Yes	—	4	Proximity to Poulaphouca Reservoir.
Dunard	194*	Piped	No	Higher head of pressure	13	Yes	—	—	—	—
Hollywood	55	Fountains only	Yes	—	—	No	Not warranted by population	—	—	School in village.
Shillelagh	122*	Piped	Yes	None	—	None	Yes	—	5	Two schools in village.
Belgany	180*	Vartry	Yes	None	—	Yes	—	—	—	—
Killincarrig and Windgates	772*	Vartry	Yes	None	—	Yes	—	—	—	—
Blacklion	150*	Vartry	Yes	Connection to Vartny on new G'cullen Scheme	12	No	Hardly warranted by population	—	—	Sewerage might be installed in connection with Greystones scheme.
Pretty Bush	100*	None	See obsvs.	None	24	No	See observations	—	16	This is area between Killincarrick and Kilcoole. Population scattered; might be provided with water from new Glencullen Scheme.
Redcross	100*	Pump	No	Piped supply	26	No	Yes	—	20	Two schools in village.
Brittas Bay	—	None	No	Piped supply	9	No	Yes	—	7	Holiday resort which is increasing in population.
Kiltegan	130*	None	No	Piped supply	14	No	Yes	—	19	School in village.
Rathdangan	70*	Open well	No	Piped supply	15	No	Yes	—	22	—
Ntown-mt. kennedy	600*	Vartry	Yes	None	—	Yes	No	—	—	—
Newcastle	100*	Piped	No	Extension	21	No	Yes	—	21	Two schools in village.
Enniskerry	150*	Piped	No	Do.	5	Yes	Extension to Monas-tary	—	6	Water supply might be provided from Glencullen Scheme.
Coolby	86*	None	No	Piped supply	22	No	Hardly warranted by population	—	—	—
Arnacurra	under 100	Piped	Yes	—	—	No	Yes	—	17	School in village.
Knockananna	under 100	Pump	No	Piped supply	23	No	Hardly warranted by population	—	—	—
Glenealy	259*	Open well	No	To be supplied from Regional or separate scheme	1	No	Yes	—	9	School in village.
Ashford, Ballinalea,	—	—	—	To be supplied from Reg. Scheme	1	No	—	—	10	Two schools in area.
Ballinahinch, Nunscripps	366*	None	No	—	—	Yes	—	—	—	—
Kilpedder	50*	Vartry	Yes	—	—	No	—	—	—	—
Kilmacanogue	50*	Vartry	See observs.	—	25	No	See observations	—	18	Sewerage scheme might be considered to include Rocky Valley. If this were done, water supply would be needed.
Arklow Rock	—	Pumps	Yes	—	—	No	—	—	—	School in area.

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Item No. 25—Extension of Water Supply to Cottages at Bellevue.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was
Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Resolved—That we authorise the raising of a Loan of £880 for the purpose of meeting the costs of extending the water supply to cottages at Bellevue.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer would inquire from the Corporation of Dublin if a supply could be made available to these cottages.

Item No. 26—Improvements to Carnew Sewerage Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that the following report had been received from the Assistant County Engineer:—

Bridge Hotel,
Arklow.
2nd March, 1949.

Re: Carnew Sewerage.

The following repairs are required to the Carnew Sewerage Scheme:

Repairs to buckets on percolating filters and re-fitting on both filters	£22 0 0
Removing existing cinder filtering media and re-placing with stone media	£70 0 0

I suggest also we put a 6-inch overflow pipe (14 yards long) between the sludge chamber and the outlet, thus bypassing the filters with the overflow. The cost would be approximately £18.

Total estimate	£110 0 0
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Signed: C. BYRNE,
Assist. County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.:

Resolved—That we authorise expenditure of £110 in addition to the amount included in the current year's estimate for the purpose of improvements to Carnew Sewerage Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 27—Water Supply for Eight Cottages at Fassaroe, Bray.

The following report from Assist. Engineer Mr. Healy was submitted:—

Courthouse,
Wicklow.
1st November, 1949.

Re: Complaint Regarding Water Supply to Cottages at Thornhill, Bray.

In reply to complaint received from Rathdrum, I wish to point out that these cottages are situated at Fassaroe. There are eight cottages without water in this district, and they have to draw water about 250 yards up a steep hill. There is a Dublin Corporation water-main running through the field at the back of these houses, about 150 yards away. It would cost about £85 to erect a fountain and pipe the water from this water-main.

I would recommend that this work be carried out at an early date.

Signed: M. HEALY,
Assist. County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Resolved—That we approve of the expenditure of £85 on the erection of a fountain and connections to Dublin Corporation water-mains at Fassaroe, Bray.

Passed unanimously.

Public Lighting.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Knockananna District Improvements Committee for street lights for the village of Knockananna. The annual estimated cost of providing five lights was £34 2s.

The Council recommended that these lamps be provided.

Councillor W. Lawless asked that public lighting be provided on the Main Road between the Newcastle Sanatorium and Newtownmountkennedy. He stated that a lamp was also required at O'Neill Park, opposite the house occupied by the District Nurse. The Council directed that the County Engineer submit his recommendations regarding the provision of public lighting at these places.

Item No. 28—Resolution from Leitrim Co. Council in Regard to Provision and Maintenance of Courthouses.

The Council adopted the following resolution received from Leitrim County Council:—

"That we, the Leitrim County Council, hereby call on the Minister for Justice to bring in amending legislation to the Courts (Provision and Maintenance) Act, 1935, in order that County Councils may be relieved of the responsibilities for the provision and maintenance of Courthouses, and that in future this service be paid for out of Central Funds through the Board of Works, in the same manner as Garda Barracks and other public institutions are at present being provided and maintained.

"Leitrim County Council is at present faced with huge expenditure in connection with the provision and maintenance of Courthouses, both Circuit, High Court and District Court.

"The net annual valuation of the County is £142,776 and the capital indebtedness, apart from responsibilities for repayment of loans on Sligo District Mental Hospital, is £162,722. This capital indebtedness will be very considerably increased if schemes for housing, sanitary and health, at present being proposed, are carried out. (No recoupment being allowable for repayment of loans on the health services). The present rate in the £ is 26/5, and we are faced with a very substantial increase in the coming year if we are to maintain the existing services and provide the proposed additional services mentioned.

The Council, therefore, are satisfied that they are unable from their own resources to meet the additional cost involved in the provision of Court accommodation such as is required.

"The Council is further satisfied from the reports of its officers and from the personal observations of the members, that the Court accommodation at present is equal to, if not better than, the accommodation which was available for the past forty years, and they consider that the time is most inopportune to introduce into counties like Leitrim the very high standard of accommodation for Judges, Bar, Solicitors and litigants, at present sought, particularly as the cost must be met by the general body of ratepayers, who, in many cases, are unable to provide sanitary dwellings for themselves. That copies be sent to each County Council, and to the General Council of County Councils, and to each T.D. in the county."

Item No. 29—Resolution from Bray Urban District Council Regarding Amendment of Road Traffic Act.

The Council adopted the following resolution received from Bray Urban District Council:—

"That we, the Members of Bray Urban District Council, in the interests of Public Safety, call upon the Government to implement the present Roads Traffic Act by adding the following clauses:—

"1.—That it be made compulsory for applicants for Driving Licences to pass an adequate test before receiving a Licence.

"2.—That a Speed Limit of 20 miles per hour be fixed for every Urban District in the country.

"3.—That the present laws concerning road safety be more strictly enforced, and heavier penalties be made by the Courts.

"A copy of the resolution to be forwarded to every local body in the country, with a request for its adoption. Also a copy to be forwarded to the Minister for Justice."

Item No. 30.—Letter from Macra Na Feirme, Baltinglass, re Public Loading Bank for Cattle and Provision of Weighbridge.

The County Secretary stated that the following letter had been received from Macra na Feirme, Baltinglass:—

Dear Sir,

15th November, 1949.

I have been asked at a General Meeting of the above Club to write to you and point out the urgent necessity for constructing a Public Loading Bank for cattle here in Baltinglass. An important monthly fair is held here, and from it a large number of cattle are transported by road. At present they are loaded, with great difficulty, from an old bank on the Tullow road, beyond the Railway Bridge. Whilst the cattle are being loaded, the lorry is across the road, and traffic is at a complete standstill. This is happening a few yards beyond a very dangerous bend.

The need for a public weighbridge is also pressing. There is no where at present where a number of cattle or pigs can be weighed, and there are often as many as 300 fat pigs here in a fair.

Trusting you will be of assistance to us.

Yours sincerely,

T. MURPHY,

Hon. Secretary,

Baltinglass Y.F.C.

The County Manager stated that it was doubtful whether the Council would have the authority to provide a loading bank for cattle. He stated that the advice of the Council's Law Agent would be obtained.

The Council asked the County Engineer to submit an estimate of the cost of providing a public weighbridge at Baltinglass.

Item No. 31—Resolution from Cairde Na Gaedhilge, Limerick, Protesting Against the Use of the Words "Republic of Ireland" in the English Language on New Postage Stamps.

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;

Seconded by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.:

That we adopt the resolution received from Cairde na Gaedhilge, Limerick, in regard to the new issue of stamps and request the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to withdraw the issue of such stamps.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors T. Brennan, T.D., W. Cleary, J. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, W. Lawless and C. M. Byrne—6.

AGAINST: Councillors W. Hammond, B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, Senator J. McCrea, Dr. J. J. Hickey and J. Jacob—7.

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

Road at Newtownmountkennedy.

The Council asked the County Engineer to submit a report in regard to the following Petition received from ratepayers at Newtownmountkennedy:—

We the undersigned ratepayers of the Newtownmountkennedy district would be grateful if you would do something in regard to the road leading from the Main Road to the Road from Newtownmountkennedy to Roundwood.—John Douglas, Rose Cruise, P. McDonald, C. Byrne, J. Kavanagh.

Carnew Drainage Scheme—Coollattin Row.

Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman, asked whether houses privately owned would be connected to the sewerage system at Carnew. He asked whether the Council could in the first instance connect the houses to the sewerage and recover the cost over a period of years.

The County Manager stated that the Council could insist on houses being connected to an existing sewerage system. In certain circumstances, the Council could carry out the connections and charge the owners with the cost and recover the expenses over a period of years. He stated that there might be legal difficulties involved, and pointed out that there might be difficulties in collecting the cost of the work subsequently.

The Council recommended that these houses be connected to the sewerage system and the cost recovered by instalments.

Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1948.

Members of the Council referred to the case of an Overseer who had applied for registration under the Superannuation Act, and who had been informed that he was not eligible on account of his having been absent due to illness for more than 60 days in the year prior to the adoption of the Act by the Council.

The County Secretary stated that it would appear from the terms of the Act that Overseer Brady would be ineligible. The Council asked that representations be made to the Department of Local Government, and that the hardship involved in this case be pointed out.

Stone for Road Works at Donard.

Councillor J. O'Reilly stated that Fev. Fr. O'Farrell, Donard, was willing to give some stone to the Council, if the Council would arrange for its removal.

The Assist. Engineer was asked to submit a report on the matter. Councillor J. O'Reilly also asked that repairs be carried out to footpaths in Donard.

Public Lighting—Rocky Road, Wicklow.

Councillor C. M. Byrne asked that public lamps be provided on Rocky Road, Wicklow, adjoining Co. Council cottages.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 16th January, 1950, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:—

Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman;
Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; Wm. Cleary, B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, J. J. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Ed. Byrne, George Doyle, L. O'Lacighleis, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs; C. M. Byrne, W. Clarke and Joseph Jacob.

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assist. Engineers J. P. Caffrey, C. J. Byrne and M. Healy were present. The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, attended.

BUSINESS:

1. Minutes of Meeting on 10th October, 1949.
2. To approve of draft Mortgage from National Bank re Loan of £4,655 for purchase of Excavator.
3. To affix seal of the Council to Licence from Office of Public Works for use by Council of Sheep-Dipping Bath at Glencree.
4. Letter dated 19th December, 1949, from Department of Justice in reference to Resolution adopted by the Council regarding the cost of provision and maintenance of Courthouse accommodation.
5. Letter dated 7th December, 1949, from the Department of Social Welfare regarding revision of Blind Welfare Scheme (Copy enclosed).
6. Application from Leinster Motor Club, Ltd., for temporary closing of roads for purposes of Motor Cycle and Motor Car Races.
7. Application from Irish Motor Racing Club, Ltd., for temporary closing of road at Enniskerry for purpose of Motor Hill Climb competition.
8. Letter dated 6th January, 1950, from Irish Automobile Drivers and Automobile Mechanics Union in regard to intended strike action.
9. Report of County Engineer on proposed extension of Library at Greystones.
10. Resolution from Wicklow Urban District Council, Wicklow Tourist Development Association, and Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce regarding completion of Wicklow/Arklow Coast Road.
11. Circular letter dated 29th December, 1949, from Department of Local Government in regard to drainage works under Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949, for the financial year 1950/51 (Copy enclosed).
12. Report of Meeting of Housing Committee held on 6th January, 1950 (Copy enclosed).
13. Circular letter from Department of Local Government regarding return of skilled building workers from abroad (Copy enclosed).
14. Letter from Federation of Builders, Contractors and Allied Employers of Ireland regarding Wage and Price Variation Clause in Contracts.
15. To approve of applications under Council's Scholarship Scheme for Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1950.
16. To affix Seal of the Council to Mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works re Loan of £1,700 for Water and Sewerage Schemes at Kilcoole and Blacklion.
17. Report of County Engineer on Water Supplies in West Wicklow Area.
18. Report of Chief Medical Officer on Water and Sewerage Schemes (Copy enclosed).
19. Report of Consulting Engineer in regard to Glenealy and Wicklow Regional Water Supplies.

20. Report regarding conveyance of patient from Arklow to County Hospital, Wicklow.
21. Estimate of repairs to Burial Grounds.
22. Public Lighting—Knockananna.
23. Report of Assistant County Engineer C. J. Byrne in regard to nuisance at Coolroe.
24. Application from Macra na Feirme, Baltinglass, for provision of loading bank and weighbridge at Baltinglass.
25. Resolution from Connradh na Gaedhilge concerning the provision of question papers in Irish for the Entrance Examination of University College, Dublin.
26. Resolution from Cork County Council in relation to rates.
27. Resolution from Leitrim County Council in regard to revision of system of rating.
28. County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

The County Secretary stated that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th October, 1949, had been circulated to the members.

In reply to inquiries from members of the County Council, the County Secretary stated that the Minutes of the Meeting held in November and December had not yet been received from the Printers.

The Council directed that the attention of the Printers be directed to the terms of the Contract, which provided that the Minutes of each Meeting should be printed and circulated before the succeeding meeting of the Council.

Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., asked if he was in order in raising a matter arising out of the meeting of the December meeting of the Council. The Chairman pointed out that the Minutes of this meeting were not before the Council for approval. Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., asked that an extract from the Minutes of the December meeting of the Council be read by the County Secretary.

The County Secretary read the extract from the Minutes of the December meeting in relation to item 31 on the Agenda for that meeting, regarding the Resolution received from Chairde na Gaedhilge, Limerick.

Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., stated that he wished to protest against the newspaper report of the discussion at the meeting in December in relation to this subject. He stated that the report had been incomplete, and was not a proper record of the discussion which took place.

The Council decided to adjourn consideration of the minutes until the minutes of the meetings held in Nov. and Dec. were available to the members.

Baltinglass Water Supply Improvements.

Councillor B. Farrell asked the reason for the delay in proceeding with improvements to Baltinglass Water Supply.

The County Engineer stated that liners were required for the two pumps at Baltinglass, and that these had been received only recently.

Coolboy Water Supply.

The Council decided to receive a deputation from residents of Coolboy District in regard to the water supply for the area.

Father Foley, C.C., Coolfancy, speaking on behalf of the deputation, referred to the urgent need for a proper water supply in the district. He pointed out that many persons had to travel half a mile in order to obtain water. He pointed out also that there were two schools in the district, neither of which had a water supply.

Councillor W. Hammond stated that he understood that the proposed Scheme would serve Coolfancy, Coolroe and Coolboy and that about 450 of a population would benefit from the Scheme. He stated

that the population figure of 86 shown in the report of the Chief Medical Officer referred only to Coolboy. In view of the greater number to be served by the Scheme, he asked that Coolboy be advanced on the priority list.

Assistant Engineer C. J. Byrne stated that the source of supply at Loggan had been investigated and was found to be satisfactory. He stated that plans were now being prepared for the Scheme. The Co. Manager stated that a Scheme for a water supply for the Coolboy District had been prepared and submitted to the Department in 1939. It was found, however, that the source of supply was not satisfactory and in addition the number of persons to be served by the Scheme was limited.

The Council directed that the Chief Medical Officer be asked to re-consider his order of priority on the basis of the revised particulars of population available for the Coolboy area.

The Assistant Engineer was directed to prepare plans immediately. Article in American Magazine, "Holiday."

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:

Resolved—That we record our strongest condemnation of the article published in the American magazine, "Holiday," by a writer who calls himself Frank O'Connor, and consider that the entire article should be disowned and repudiated, as the article completely misrepresents the true facts in Ireland.

Passed unanimously.

The Council directed that copy of this resolution be sent to the Department of External Affairs, and that the Department be requested to endeavour to ensure that the protest made by the Council was given the same publicity as the article to which it referred.

Item No. 2—Mortgage from National Bank re Loan of £4,655 for purchase of Excavator.

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister dated 21st day of December, 1949, the sum of £4,655 be borrowed from the National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the purchase of a Michigan Model Excavator, said sum to be repaid within Ten Years with interest at the rate of one half per cent. under the Irish Banks' rate rising and falling from time to time with a minimum of £4 per cent. per annum as in said Letter of Sanction provided, the said Loan and all interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank, Ltd.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Sheep Dipping Bath at Glencree.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell;

Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Agreement between the Minister for Industry and Commerce and the Council under which the Council is authorised to use the Sheep Dipping Bath at Glencree at the premises formerly known as Glencree Reformatory.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Provision and Maintenance of Courthouse Accommodation.

The County Secretary read the following letter received from the Department of Justice in reply to the resolution adopted by the Co. Council at meeting held on 12th December, 1949:—

37/31.

A Chara,

19 Nollaig, 1949.

I am directed by the Minister for Justice to refer to your letter of the 15th instant, relative to a Resolution adopted by the Wicklow Co.

Council requesting that the cost of provision and Maintenance of courthouse accommodation be charged against the Central Fund, and to inform you that this matter was fully considered in 1935 when the Courthouses (Provision and Maintenance) Act was enacted.

I am to add that the Minister is not satisfied that and change in the existing law in the matter is warranted.

Mise, le meas,

P. A. O'REILLY.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

The Council noted the reply received from the Department of Justice.

Item No. 5—Blind Welfare Scheme.

The following letter, received from the Department of Social Welfare had been circulated to the members of the Council:—

AN ROINN SHOISIALAIGH
(The Dept. of Social Welfare),
Lord Edward Street,
Baile Atha Cliath.

H.A. Circ. 26/49.

7 Nollaig, 1949.

Revision of Blind Welfare Scheme.

A Chara,

1. I am directed by the Minister for Social Welfare to refer to this Department's Circular Letter No. H.A.3/49 and to the recent proposals of your County Council for making provision for the necessitous blind in their area, and to state that the Minister desires that an effort be made to standardise, as far as possible throughout the country, the amounts granted by local authorities under their Blind Welfare Schemes to the unemployable and necessitous blind. After careful consideration of the proposals already furnished and bearing in mind the increased State Pensions payable under the Social Welfare Act, 1948, the Minister suggests that the rates shown in the following scale should be adopted. The Minister considers that these allowances should be regarded as minima and he is prepared, where higher rates are proposed by local authorities, to give them sympathetic consideration.

Blind person over 16 years and under 21 years of age—15s. weekly.
Blind person 21 years of age and upwards 6s. weekly (with pension).
Married man under 21 years of age with wife dependent on him—22s. 6d. weekly.

Married man under 21 years of age with wife dependent on him—him—12s. 6d. weekly (with pension).

Additional allowance for each child under 16 years—3s. 6d. weekly.

2. The enclosed revised Model Scheme for the Welfare of the Blind, incorporating the suggested new scales of assistance, is forwarded for consideration and for adoption in lieu of the existing County Scheme, if approved by the County Council.

3. Provision is made in Clause 3(a) of the Scheme for the education or industrial training of suitable blind persons, without limiting such training to any particular age group. The Minister desires that local authorities should give every encouragement to blind persons to undergo industrial training and to engage in such occupations as may be suited to their capacity.

4. In view of the widening scope of education for blind persons in recent years, Clause 6 of the revised scheme makes provision for higher education or training for pupils capable of benefitting from such training. In the past eighteen months three blind persons have been trained as Telephone switchboard operators and are now in employment and arrangements have been made for the training of a number of promising pupils.

5. Many local authorities are at present contributing an annual contributing an annual subsidy to the National Council for the Blind of Ireland in respect of the Home Teaching service operating in their respective Counties. As this service is of growing importance to the Blind and may develop in the future, provision is made in Clause 7 of the revised scheme allowing for payment of a contribution.

6. It is requested that this Circular letter and accompanying Model Scheme be submitted to the next meeting of the County Council and that the action taken thereon may be notified to this Department as soon as possible. If the revised Scheme is adopted without alteration a copy duly sealed should be submitted subsequently for the Minister's approval, together with a copy of the resolution of adoption which should also provide for the revocation of the existing scheme.

Mise, le meas,

Signed—

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Resolved—That we adopt the revised model Scheme for the Welfare of the Blind, as forwarded with letter dated 7th December, 1949, from the Department of Social Welfare, and direct that the Scheme shall come into operation on 1st day of April, 1950, subject to the sanction of the Minister. We hereby revoke the existing Scheme as from 1st April, 1950, and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Scheme hereby adopted.

Passed unanimously.

The Scheme adopted by the Council was as follows:—

BLIND PENSION ACT, 1920.

Scheme for the Welfare of the Blind in County of Wicklow.

1. In this Scheme, the term "blind person" shall mean any inhabitant of the County, who is so blind as to be either unable to perform any work for which eyesight is essential or unable to continue his or her ordinary occupation; the term "the Council" shall mean the Wicklow County Council; the term "the Minister" shall mean the Minister for Social Welfare.

2(a). The Council will establish and maintain a Register in which shall be entered the name and address, age, sex, religion and other necessary particulars of every blind person who shall produce a certificate in the form prescribed in the First Schedule hereto from a recognised Ophthalmic Surgeon to the effect that he is a blind person within the meaning of this scheme. Any person between the ages of 21 and 70 may, however, be registered without producing such Certificate on furnishing evidence of being in receipt of a pension in pursuance of Section 6 of the Old Age Pensions Act, 1932, as amended by Section 12 of the Social Welfare Act, 1948. The Register shall be kept written up to date and shall be revised annually in the month of January.

(b) The Council shall be empowered to pay reasonable remuneration, which shall be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Health, to Ophthalmic Surgeons for certifying as to the degree of vision in cases of necessitous persons applying either for registration under the Scheme or for a State Blind Pension.

3. Arrangements will be made by the Council with the Authorities of one or more of the Institutions for the Blind mentioned in the Second Schedule hereto on such terms as may be approved by the Minister for the following persons:—

- the education or industrial training of suitable blind persons;
- the employment in Workshops for the Blind of blind persons suitable for such employment; the maintenance of blind work-

ers in a Hostel, or, if living outside an Institution, the augmentation of their wages;

(c) the maintenance in Home of blind persons who owing to age or infirmity are incapable of work.

4. The Council may in cases of unemployment and necessitous blind persons for whom education or industrial training is not provided under Clause 3(a) of this Scheme, who are living in their own house or in lodgings, grant assistance to such persons on the following scale:—

- (a) Blind person over 16 years and under 21 years of age—weekly allowance.
 - (b) Blind person 21 years of age and upwards—6s. weekly with pension.
 - (c) Married man under 21 years of age with wife dependent on him—22s. 6d.
 - (d) Married man 21 years of age and upwards with wife dependent on him—12s. 6d. weekly with pension.
 - (e) Additional allowance for each child under 16 years—3s. 6d. weekly.
- In considering the grant of allowance on this scale the Council will not take into account:

(1) The casual earnings of blind persons coming within the classes mentioned at (a) and (c) of this clause where they are satisfied that the amount of such earnings does not exceed Ten Shillings per week.

(2) Money or allowance received in respect of old age pension by the wife of a blind person coming within the class mentioned at (d) of this clause.

(3) National Health Insurance Benefit received by the blind person's family.

5. Nothing in this Scheme is to be construed as giving blind persons irrespective of their means or conduct a right absolute to assistance. The Council will not grant an allowance under Clause 4 above to any blind person under 21 years of age who is capable of education or industrial training under this Scheme and who declines without a satisfactory reason to avail of the facilities for education, training or employment under the Scheme or who is by conduct or otherwise deemed unsuitable for assistance. An habitual mendicant shall not be given an allowance under this scheme unless the practice of mendicancy is discontinued.

6. The Council, with the approval of the Minister, may make arrangements with the Authorities of a recognised Training Centre for the provision of a course of higher education or technical training for capable pupils who have satisfactorily completed their elementary education.

7. The Council may pay to the National Council for the Blind of Ireland such subsidy as may be approved by the Minister in respect of the services of Home Teachers employed by the said National Council.

8. The Council may incur such expenditure in the execution of this Scheme as the Minister may from time to time approve.

9. This scheme shall come into operation on the 1st day of April, 1950, and shall, with the consent of the Minister, continue from that date but may, with the like consent, be modified, extended or revoked by the Council.

10. Any question, dispute or difference arising in connection with the interpretation of this scheme shall be determined by the Minister whose decision shall be final.

FIRST SCHEDULE—BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

SCHEME FOR THE WELFARE OF THE BLIND.

Certificate as to Eligibility for Registration under the Scheme:

Name of Claimant for Registration Age Sex
Address.

I have this day examined the above-named claimant, who in my
X
opinion is/is not so blind as to be unable to perform any work for which
X
continue his/her ordinary occupation.

eyesight is essential.

XDelete portion not applicable.

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| 1. Cause of blindness or visual defect | R. E. |
| | L. E. |
| 2. The Degree of vision | R. E. |
| | L. E. |

3. Whether permanent or temporary.
4. Whether an operation or other treatment or the use of suitable spectacles would be likely to secure improvement of vision.
5. Claimant's occupation or former occupation.
6. Can you express an opinion as to whether claimant is unable to continue his ordinary occupation on account of visual defect.

Note.—The certificate should show how far normal is the acuity of vision of the claimant (refractive error being corrected).

Signature
Ophthalmic Surgeon or other Medical Practitioner
approved for the purpose.

Date. Address.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

Institutions for the Blind approved by the Minister.

Class of Blind Persons Received:

1. St. Mary's Institution for Female Blind, Merrion, Co. Dublin—Females, also boys up to 7 years of age.
2. St. Joseph's Asylum for Male Blind, Drumcondra—Males.
3. Richmond National Institute for Industrious Blind, 41, Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin—Males.
4. Cork County and City Asylum for the Blind, Infirmary Road, Cork—Males and Females.

Item No. 6—Temporary Closing of Roads for purpose of Motor Cycle and Motor Car Races.

The following letter, received from the Leinster Motor Club was submitted:—

27 South William St., Dublin.
2nd January, 1950.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

re: Motor Cycle and Car Races, 1950.

Dear Sir,

Dates on the international calendar for 1950 have been granted to this club for the holding of the Leinster "200" International Motor Cycle Race and the Leinster Trophy Car Race.

As you are no doubt aware, these classic events have been held up to last year on the Tallagh Circuit, and before that on the Phoenix Park and Skerries Circuit. The Tallagh Circuit has now, however, become built up and my club are now requiring a new course.

We have now examined, in conjunction with the Wicklow and District Tourist Development Association, a new course outside Wicklow Town, comprised of the roads joining Wicklow, Rathnew and the Beehive and back to Wicklow. I am now instructed on behalf of this

club and in conjunction with the Wicklow and District Tourist Development Association, to make formal application to your Department requesting you to apply to the Department of Local Government for an Order to close the above mentioned roads and such portion of adjoining roads as is necessary for public safety (under the 1925 Local Government Act) for the holding of motor cycle and motor car races on the following dates and times:—

Leinster "200" International Motor Cycle Race:

Practising: Wednesday, 3rd May—5.30 to 7.30 a.m.
Thursday, 4th May—5.30 to 7.30 a.m.

Race: Saturday, 6th May—3.0 to 7.0 p.m.

Leinster Trophy International Car Race:

Practising: Wednesday, 5th July—5.30 to 7.30 a.m.

Thursday, 6th July 5.30 to 7.30 a.m.

Race: Saturday, 8th July—3.0 to 7.0 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

Leinster Motor Club, Ltd.

Hon. Competitions Secretary.

Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that he had been asked by Councillor C. W. Hudson, who was unable to be present owing to illness, to state that Councillor Hudson wished to support strongly the making of an application to the Minister for Local Government for the closing of the roads for the purposes of these Motor Races.

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we approve of the application being made to the Minister for Local Government for an Order for the closing of the roads between Wicklow, Rathnew and The Beehive on the dates and for the times set out in the letter from the Leinster Motor Club, Ltd., for the purposes of International Motor Cycle Race and International Car Race.

Passed, Councillor H. J. Byrne dissenting.

Item No. 7—Temporary Closing of Road at Enniskerry for purpose of Motor Hill Climb Competition.

The following letter, received from the Irish Motor Racing Club, Ltd., was submitted:—

37 Exchequer St., Dublin.

M. Flannery, Esq., Co. Manager, 9th January, 1950.
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I am instructed by my Board to request the Council's permission for the use of the main road at Enniskerry, from the National Schools to the junction of the Scalp Road on April 15th next, between the hours of 2 and 6 p.m. With your consent we propose to hold a hill climb similar to that held in the past two years.

We have already contacted the local residents affected and secured their approval together with the consent of the Parish Priest. Should access be required to the Church during the hill climb, arrangements will be made as in previous years to facilitate worshippers.

Trusting you will give this application your favourable consideration.

Yours faithfully,

J. O'NEILL, Hon. Secretary.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we approve of application being made to the Minister for Local Government for an Order for the closing of the main road at Enniskerry between the National Schools and the junction of the Scalp Road on the 15th April, 1950, between the hours of 2 and 6 p.m. for the purpose of a Motor Hill Climb to be held by the Irish Motor Racing Club.

Passed, Councillors H. J. Byrne and G. Doyle dissenting.

Item No. 8—Wages of Lorry Drivers and Roller Drivers.

The County Secretary read the following letter received from the Irish Automobile Drivers' and Automobile Mechanics' Union:—
9Parnell Square East, Dublin.

K. J. Brangan, Esq., Secretary, 6th January, 1950.
County Secretary,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

re: Wages and Status of Motor, Lorry and Roller Drivers, etc.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 14th December, 1949, was considered by our members (employed by your Council) at a special meeting convened for the purpose and as its terms indicated your Council's refusal to meet their reasonable demands, which are based on the present high cost of living and in accordance with rates payable by the adjoining Co. Boards, i.e., Dublin and Kildare, the men have decided to take industrial action.

The matter was also considered by our Management Committee who have directed me to advise the Minister of the men's intention due to your Council's attitude; but before doing so, I am to state that they would appreciate your further observations, if any.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER McGEE, Organising Sec.

At the request of members of the Council, the County Secretary gave particulars of the rates of wages paid to lorry drivers by other authorities. The Council noted the letter received, and decided to take no action.

Item No. 9—Proposed extension of Library at Greystones.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had prepared plans for the proposed extension of the Library at Greystones, the estimated cost of which would be £950.

The Council decided to refer the plans of the extension to the Co. Library Committee for consideration.

Item No. 10—Wicklow-Arklow Coast Road.

The County Secretary read the following resolution received from Wicklow Urban District Council:—

"That the Minister for Local Government again be asked to receive a Deputation from the Council regarding the completion of the Coast Road at Silver Strand, Wicklow, and the making of a State Grant for the work, and that if such Deputation be not received by the Minister before the next Statutory Meeting of the Council on February 7th, 1950, we hereby record our intention to resign in a Body from Membership of the Urban Council as a protest."

The following letter had been received from Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce:—

Castle Street, Wicklow.

7th January, 1950.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

A Chara,

I am directed to submit copy of resolution which was passed by the Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce at its meeting on December 13, 1949: "That we the Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce request that the Wicklow County Council would make provision for the completion of the Wicklow-Arklow Coast Road in its Estimate of Expense for 1950-51."

Mise, le meas,

F. MIDDLETON, Acting Secretary.

The following letter had been received from Wicklow and District Tourist Development Association:—

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Castle Street, Wicklow.
January 7th, Wicklow.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Wicklow and District Tourist Development Association to submit subjoined copy of resolution passed by that body at its meeting held on December 16th, 1949:—

"That in view of the importance of the Wicklow-Arklow Coast Road in its relation to the development of Tourist Industry in Wicklow, we urgently request that the Wicklow County Council would provide for the completion of this work in its Estimates of Expenses for the year 1950-'51."

Mise, le meas,

FRANCES M. MIDDLETON, Acting Sec.

The County Engineer stated that the estimated cost of constructing the road in concrete was £27,000. If tar macadam was used the cost would be £19,782. The County Engineer stated that by utilising the Soil Stabilisation Method of road construction, he might be able to effect a reduction in the estimate of from £4,000 to £5,000.

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke;

Seconded by Councillor J. Jacob;

Resolved—That we direct the County Engineer to prepare a revised estimate for the construction of the Wicklow Silver Strand Road based on the Soil Stabilisation system.

Passed unanimously.

The County Engineer was instructed to submit a revised estimate for the construction of the road, to the Department, as soon as possible.

Item No. 11—Drainage Works under Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949.

The following letter, received from the Department of Local Government, had been circulated to the members of the Council:—

ROINN RIALTAIS AITIUIL

Copy.

(Department of Local Government),

Boithre (Roads),

Teach an Chustuum (Custom House),

Baile Atha Cliath (Dublin).

29 Nollaig, 1949.

RPB/201.

Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949. 1950/'51.

A Chara,

1. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to remind local authorities that grants notified for schemes under the above Act have been restricted for completion during the present financial year. While the Minister cannot at this stage commit himself to grants for a future programme of works he is desirous that local authorities and their officers will have sufficient time to examine and consider with care any works which may be undertaken in 1950/'51. He, therefore, recommends local authorities to consider, without delay, and in any event not later than the middle of February, a programme of works under the above Act for execution in the financial year 1950/51. Any preliminary planning and any surveys which can be made should proceed without delay.

2. I am to request that by 14th February, 1950, the Council submit to the Department a statement showing as in attached form RPB/1 the programme of works under the Act which they consider can and should be executed by them during the year ending 31st March, 1951. The following considerations should be borne in mind in the preparation of the statement:—

- (a) The programme should be within the technical capacity and scope of the Council's staff. It should be planned so as not to interfere with the Council's road works, agricultural work, schemes

such as the Land Rehabilitation Project, Arterial Drainage, the programmes of Bord na Mona, Electricity Supply Board, etc. The Engineer should satisfy himself as well as practicable that having regard to the above considerations, the programme proposed by him is reasonably planned both as regards location and timing and that each work can be completed by 31st March, 1951.

- (b) It follows that schemes of arterial drainage should not be included. Such works require specialist and comprehensive treatment.
- (c) The need for each work included in the programme should be fully established. In considering each particular work, the cost of carrying it out as well as any incidental costs such as compensation, etc., should be related to the extent of the benefits which will be afforded by its execution.

3. There will be no objection to the employment in accordance with the Department's circular RS/208 of 16th August, 1948, and RS/208/1 of 20th April, 1949, of temporary engineers, to assist in the preparation of schemes and their execution. Neither will there be any objection to the use of machinery, but local authorities should hire rather than purchase any special machinery needed unless it is also required for other purposes. This letter may be regarded as affording covering sanction to the employment of any temporary engineers that may be necessary. Particulars of any persons employed, including salary paid, duration of employment, etc., should be notified to the Department (Establishments Section). It should be clearly understood, however, that only the actual cost of works would rank for recoupment under any grant that may be made available, and that engineers' salaries, the cost of machinery purchased, any compensation that may be payable for damages, etc., would not so rank.

4. The Minister is sure that local authorities will co-operate to the fullest extent in having the statements requested submitted by 14th February, so that, if necessary, work will be ready to commence as soon as any grants which may be made available are notified. He wishes that the Council be advised of this circular as early as possible and that all proposals for works should be approved by the Council before submission to the Department.

Mise, le meas,

To: County Secretary, Town Clerk, City Manager and Town Clerk.

Councillor B. Farrell stated that a number of men were unemployed in the Baltinglass district, and that no drainage or other works were being carried out in that area. The County Engineer stated that other works were being started in that district within a day or so.

Councillor McCarthy inquired whether any sanction had been received from the Department of Local Government to the increase of 15s. per week in the wages of workers employed on Drainage Schemes.

The County Secretary stated that sanction had not been received to this increase. Councillor P. McCarthy asked that the Department be reminded of the Council's recommendation in this matter.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, stated that material which had been taken out of the Abbey River had been dumped into the Leitrim River.

The County Engineer, in reply, explained that the material taken from the Abbey River had been temporarily placed at the Leitrim River, but would be removed subsequently.

In reply to inquiries from members of the Council for West Wicklow District, the County Engineer explained that the amount of money allocated for Drainage Schemes in the different areas represented approximately 25 per cent. of the value of works submitted in respect of each area.

The County Secretary stated that a cast iron object which was described by Mr. Liam Price as a fire back had been found in the bed

of the Dereen River at Shillelagh. The County Engineer suggested that this object be forwarded to the National Museum to be included in the National Collection. The County Engineer had received from T. Fleming, Esq., Shillelagh, a request that the object be retained in the County Wicklow, and Mr. Fleming offered to prepare a proper oak frame for the plaque and have it affixed to the wall of St. Fiach's Hall, Shillelagh.

The Council decided that the object should be retained by the Council and that consideration be given to the setting up of a local museum.

Item No. 12—Minutes of Meeting of Housing Committee held on 6th January, 1950.

The following report of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 6th January, 1950, had been circulated to the members:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of the Housing Committee of the Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Friday, 6th January, 1950, at 2 p.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman;
Councillors P. P. O'Reilly, P. McCarthy, W. Lawless, T. Brennan, T.D.;
H. J. Byrne, W. Hammond and J. J. Metcalfe.

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. Caffrey, P. J. Foley, and M. Healy, and the County Manager (Mr. M. Flannery) attended.

Item No. 1—Progress Report.

The attached report of the County Engineer on the progress of the Housing Scheme during the month of December, 1949, was submitted.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor W. Lawless regarding the progress of the cottages at Killincarrig and Kilcoole, the County Engineer agreed that there had been some delay in completing these cottages due to the scarcity of plasterers.

Site at Bulford, Kilcoole.

Councillor W. Lawless inquired whether it was intended to obtain an alternative site for the site at Bulford, Kilcoole. He stated that the E.S.B. had erected poles on this site. He would be strongly opposed to any alternative site being taken.

The County Engineer stated that the E.S.B. had erected poles on site, and that it would not be possible to build on the site, as a result.

The Committee asked that a report on the matter be submitted to the next meeting.

Site at Tigroney.

Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., stated that an applicant for a cottage at Tigroney, named Robert Henson, had informed him that the site had been changed to one at Kilmagig, Avoca. The applicant objected to the proposed change of the site.

The Committee directed that this matter be investigated and a report submitted at the next meeting of the Council.

Fencing of Cottage Plots.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe recommended that barbed wire should be used in the fences for cottage plots.

The Committee agreed that wire and post fencing should be used with a strand of barbed wire on top and a second strand about two feet from the bottom of the fence. In addition diamond mesh fencing should be used at the bottom of the fence. The Committee agreed that thorn quicks should be provided with all fences.

Item No. 2—Repairs to Cottages.

The Committee noted the attached list of repairs carried out to cottages during the month of December, 1949.

Item No. 3—Authorisation of Repairs to Cottages.

Repairs to cottages in the West Wicklow Area, which had been deferred from the previous meeting of the Committee, pending the attendance of Assistant Engineer P. J. Foley, were authorised as follows:

Name and Address of Tenant.	Nature of Repairs, Amount and Year of Construction.
John Kenny, Clough	Renew rafters in out-office, cover with asbestos sheets; door frame—£10 15s. (1929).
Daly, Crosscoolharbour.	Remove soffit and plaster behind it; new barge board; paint woodwork and point verges with mastic—£6 15s. (1933).
Edwards, Crosscoolharbour.	Paint woodwork, eave gutters and steel windows—£4 10s. (1939).
Fleming, Crosscoolharbour.	Paint eave gutters, steel windows and external woodwork—£4 10s. (1939).
Hill, Ballybraughan.	20 yards of sod fence with three strands on top; take down loose scim coat from ceiling; plant on 1½" x ½" slip and whiten—£12 (1939).
Mary Foley, Ballinacrow.	Take off loose skim coat on ceiling and whiten slab; build retaining wall to prevent bank slipping; concrete channel 40 ft. at rear of house—£27 (1939).
The Committee disallowed the provision of four locks at an estimated cost of £1 10s. for the cottage occupied by Mr. Daly at Crosscoolharbour.	
The Committee recommended that thorn quicks also be provided in connection with the repairs to the fence of the cottage occupied by Mr. Hill at Ballybraughan.	
The following list of repairs was also authorised by the Committee:	
Name and Address of Tenant	Repairs, Amount, Year of Construction.
David Bolton, Ballygannon	Gutter, door-step—£1 8s. 6d. (1937)
D. O'Neill, Ballygannon	Broken tiles on out-offices—£1 2s. (1937).
J. Byrne, Ballygannon	Replace tiles on roof—£1 5s. (1937)
J. O'Neill, Ballygannon	Replace tiles on roof—15s. (1937).
Mrs. Killeen, Ballygannon	Replace tiles on roof—£1 7s. 6d. (1937).
J. Kinsella, Ballygannon	Repair cracks and coat with snow-cem—£4 (1935).
James Murphy, Ballybeg	Fire Door for range—£1 2s. (1941).
Mrs. B. Murphy, Ballymerrigan	Back tile for range—3s. 6d. (1911).
M. Doyle, Milltown North	New register—£1 2s. (1934).
Vacant, Milltown South	Build in fire place, hobs and glass—£3 18s. (1900).
Mrs. A. Doyle, Rathdown Lr.	Flue hivers and tiles—11s. (1937).
Owen Corrigan, Kindlestown	Set tiles for range—12s. 6d. (1934).
Mrs. B. Walby, Kindlestown	Tiles to range and repairs to oven—£3 17s. 6d. (1934).
Jas. Hughes, Ballywaltrim	Back tile for range—3s. 6d. (1947).
M. Turner, Ballinahinch	Set of tiles for range and weather board—£1 10s. 6d. (1944).
Mrs. S. Cullen, Killadreenan	Repairs to stone wall, slates on roof, repairs to sashes—£8 (1910).
Hugh Dalton, Killadreenan	Repairs to floors, lock for door, weather board, kitchen floor repairs—£47s. 6d. (1910).

Item 4 — Correspondence with Arklow Branch Secretary, Operative Plasterers' Trade Society.

The following letter received by the County Engineer from Assistant Engineer J. P. Caffrey, was read:—

21st December, 1949.

Dear Sir,

I enclose two copies of letter from Secretary, Operative Plasterers' Trade Society. I have two plasterers working on repairs, one is a member of the General Plasterers' Union and the other is a member of the Plasterers' Branch of the I.T.G.W.U., but neither of these Unions is recognised by the Operative Plasterers' Trade Society. Consequently I will have to stop repair work temporarily.

I have found that two recognised plasterers that I had were unsatisfactory and I had to dispense with their services.

I expect to be able to transport plasterers from Arklow District early in the New Year.

I am enclosing a copy of this letter as well as the letter mentioned above for the County Manager's information.

Yours faithfully,

Signed—J. P. CAFFREY.

The letter received from the Secretary, Operative Plasterers' Trade Society was as follows:—

Dear Sir,

19th December, 1949.

Further to the correspondence from our Head Office, I am directed by my Branch to notify you that if any non-union plasterers are found working on Direct Labour Housing work, whether new work or repairs, on or after 2nd January, 1950, your area will be placed in dispute and all members withdrawn without further notice.

I am to add that the plea that plasterers are working by contract or piece work will not be accepted as an excuse.

Yours faithfully,

ED. O'BRIEN, Branch Sec.

Assistant Engineer J. P. Caffrey stated that he understood that plasterers belonging to the Operative Plasterers Trade Society were not prepared to work with plasterers attached to the National Society of Operative Plasterers. The County Engineer stated that additional plasterers were urgently needed and that he could employ a further 10 or 12 plasterers if available. The County Engineer added that representatives of the National Society of Operative Plasterers had arranged an interview with him for the following morning.

Councillor P. McCarthy confirmed that plasterers attached to the Operative Plasterers' Trade Society would not work with plasterers belonging to the other Trade Union.

The Committee agreed that the County Engineer should meet representatives of the National Society of Operative Plasterers, and report on the matter subsequently to the Council.

Item No. 5—Recruitment of Tradesmen now working in Britain—Circular from the Department of Local Government.

The Committee directed that copy of the circular dated 19th Dec., 1949, received from the Department of Local Government in regard to the return of skilled building workers from abroad be circulated to the members of the Council and included as an item on the Agenda for the County Council meeting to be held on 16th January, 1950.

Item No. 6—Application from Assistant Engineer C. J. Byrne for Clerical Assistance.

The following application from Assistant Engineer C. J. Byrne was submitted:—

County Manager, Wicklow.
A Chara,

14th November, 1949.

I wish to apply for an office clerk, and office furniture for my office in Tinahely. At present I am the only Assistant lacking these

facilities without which I cannot hope to give satisfactory attention to office work.

As well as a clerk, I will require a telephone, typewriter, filing cabinet and map holder (which I can get made locally for about £20), some shelving which will cost about £6, a couple of plain chairs which I can get locally at 14s. each, waste paper basket and a few wire files.

Mise, le meas,

C. J. BYRNE, Assist. Co. Engineer.

In reply to inquiries from members, the County Sec. stated that Assistant Engineer Foley and Assist. Engineer Caffrey had clerical assistance and that an additional Clerk/Typist was available in the Wicklow Office for Assistant Engineer Healy.

The Committee agreed that clerical assistance be provided for Assistant Engineer C. J. Byrne.

Erection of Temporary Dwelling.

The following application from Mrs. Nora Whiteman, was submitted:—

December 28th.

Ingleside, Knapton Road,

Dear Sir,

Dunlaoghaire.

Mr. Smith of the Silver Strand, Wicklow, has agreed to allow me to place a converted railway carriage on his private land for use during the summer months as a week-end bungalow. It will be thoroughly converted and painted inside and outside and kept in thorough repair and it will not be a permanent fixture.

I now apply to you for the necessary permission. An early reply would very much oblige, as the time for taking delivery from the C.I.E. is limited.

Yours faithfully,

NORA WHITEMAN.

The Committee decided to refuse the application.

Erection of Cottages by William Fallon, Drummin, Delgany.

The County Secretary stated that the following letter, received by the Department of Local Government from Mr. Wm. Fallon had been forwarded to the County Council:—

Dromin Lodge, Delgany.

Dear Sir,

14/11/49.

I have seen in the Press that your Dept. are most anxious to build a great number of houses by direct labour and that the work is being held up principally on account of labour shortage. That being so I wish to make a suggestion to you.

I understand that the County Council in this County are building some eighty labourers' cottages in this district, and are strongly in favour of direct labour as contractors prices were too high. I have applied for one of these houses, and I am quite prepared to build it myself on the direct labour basis.

I undertake to build it according to plan and in a prescribed time and I am prepared to fulfil any condition that your Engineer requires. I believe that I can build one of these houses on the direct labour basis cheaper than the price I see published by direct labour.

I wish to make it clear that I am prepared to build any one of these houses even though it may not be for myself at all. I would feel grateful if you would let me know at your earliest convenience as I believe my suggestion is practicable and beneficial to your Department.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary,

Signed—WILLIAM FALLON.

Department of Local Government, Dublin.

In reply to an inquiry addressed to Mr. Fallon by the Co. Engineer, the following letter had been received:—

Dromin Lodge, Delgany.

Dear Sir,

3/1/50.

Your letter at hand to-day and I beg to submit the following conditions under which I am prepared to construct a cottage according

to your plans. You will agree, I feel sure, that it is impossible for me to quote a price without your Specification, but apart from that, I am not prepared to tender for one, due entirely to lack of capital and unless you may be able to arrange alternative method to facilitate me, the only other way open for me is at a weekly wage, i.e., the direct labour method. Here is the broad outline of what I am prepared to do.

In a nutshell, I am prepared to take out the foundation and continue until I turn the key and the house completed. My weekly wage to be based midway between a builder's labourer rate and a trade union one, say about £6 per week, and for that rate I would do the work as speedy and as correct as a tradesman would do it, or as I may say according to your plans. I am also prepared to enter into a bond for the completion of same, say for example, you to defer portion of my weekly wage each week, and on satisfactory completion to remit balance due to me. I feel quite confident that I would complete a cottage at a cost that would be economic for you and encourage you to build more on the same basis. For your information I have worked a good deal at the building trade, down the country in pre-war years, and a few years back also, and should you think my proposal a sound one, I would be prepared to discuss the matter further at a time and place approved of by you. Trusting you will give this matter your earliest consideration.

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

Yours faithfully,

WM. FALLON.

Courthouse, Wicklow.

The Committee decided to take no action in regard to the matter.
Item No. 7—Applications for Loans under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.

The Committee recommended the allocation of Loans as follows:—
William E. Redmond, 4 St. Brigid's Park, Blacklion, Greystones—£400
Thomas Hogan, St. Monica's, Shanganagh, Shankill—£500.

The Committee adjourned consideration of the application of Mr. Michael Sullivan, 1 Myrtle Cottage, Glencormac, Bray, for Loan of £1,500, pending receipt of further particulars in regard to Mr. Sullivan's income.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Housing Section—Co. Engineer's Office,
Wicklow.

To: The Chairman and Members,
Housing Committee,
Wicklow County Council.

3rd January, 1950.

HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT—MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1949. Gentlemen,

During the month of December, 1949, good progress was maintained on all cottages under construction by Direct Labour.

The total number of cottages completed to date is 38, and work is proceeding on 90 cottages (including 3 by Contract in Western area).

The number of men employed during month of December, 1949, was 51 skilled; 80 unskilled.

The total expenditure to date is £72,740 of which £35,641 was in respect of wages.

NORTHERN AREA:

Ballywaltrim 10—10 cottages completed.

Cookestown 6—6 cottages completed.

Killincarrig 15—15 cottages in progress: Tiling complete; flashing and bedding Ridge and Hip Tiles in progress; first floor rooms slabbed in 14 cottages; grey coating finished in 4 rooms; all timber floors fixed.

Kilcool 20—1 cottage complete; 10 cottages in progress; 2 almost complete except for installation of ranges; plastering in progress on 4 cottages; 2 cottages ready for tiling; 2 to wall plate level.

Knockroe 4—4 cottages in progress; all joist shudding rafters, barges, soffit and fascia fixed; Chimney and breasts in 4 houses built; felt fixed on 4 cottages and out-office built.

Total Labour: 14 skilled; 25 unskilled.

SOUTHERN AREA:

South 8—8 cottages completed.

Ardoyne 12—1 cottage completed; 9 cottages in progress; 6 complete except for some painting and glazing; 2 with grey coating ready and joinery work in progress; 1 felted and ready for roofing.

Carnew 13—12 cottages in progress; 6 almost ready except for completion of glazing and painting; 3 with internal and external plastering in progress; 2 roofed; 1 with walls erected and chimneys built.

Total Labour: 14 skilled; 22 unskilled.

SOUTH-EASTERN AREA:

Aughrim 10—3 cottages completed (except for part fencing and piggeries in 2). 7 in progress; 2 complete except for part painting and fencing; 4 ready for dashing; internal plastering and piggeries in progress; 1 roofed and ready for plastering.

Clash 5—5 cottages in progress; 2 roofed and partly plastered; sites fenced and glazing completed; piggeries built; 3 ready for tiling and plastering; fenced and piggeries erected.

Clone 4—4 cottages in progress; 1 plastered, with glazing and painting in progress; 2 ready for tiler and plasterer; 1 ready for roofing.

Ballymoneen 9—6 cottages in progress; 2 to wall plate level; 2 with walls being erected and 2 with foundations excavated; some joinery prepared for these 6 cottages.

Total Labour: 15 skilled; 23 unskilled.

WESTERN AREA:

Knockieran 11 (Group A)—9 cottages completed; 2 in progress.

Kilbeg 10 (Group B)—1 cottage in progress; roofed and felted; floor joists and windows in.

Shraughan—1 cottage in progress; tiled, floor joists and windows in; partly plastered.

Toolestown—2 cottages in progress; roofed and felted.

Annalecky—1 cottage complete (except for painting and concrete floor).

Irishstown—1 cottage in progress; to be painted and doors to be hung.

Donard—1 cottage in progress; roofed and plastered.

Tuckmill, Rathmeen—2 cottages in progress; complete except for locks on doors and roof for out-offices.

Moneymore—1 in progress; roofed, felted and plastered.

Coolamadra—1 cottage in progress; walls and out-offices to wall plate level.

Ballysize, Knockree—3 cottages in progress; by Contract; 1 roofed and 2 to wall plate level with roofing in progress.

Total Labour: 14 skilled; 17 unskilled.

During December output in general was somewhat less than previous months, due mainly (1) lack of plasterers; (2) delay in delivery of materials, and (3) inclement weather.

There is an acute scarcity of plasterers at present, especially in the northern area where at least 8 plasterers are required to complete cottages at Killincarrig, Kilcoole and Knockroe.

Some difficulty arose during the month also in connection with the delivery of materials especially cement. The position has now eased in this respect.

At a conference held recently, it was estimated that at 31st March, 1950, a total number of approximately 125 cottages will have been completed and in addition a large number will be in course of erection both by Direct Labour and by Contract.

Yours faithfully,

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

Site at Bulford, Kilcool.—Councillor W. Lawless asked that the minutes of the meeting be amended, and pointed out that he had not stated that the E.S.B. had erected poles on the site. He understood, however, that it was intended to erect poles on this site, and emphasised that he was strongly opposed to any alternative site being taken.

Removal of Building at The Mall, Wicklow.—Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, referred to the acquisition by the Council of the house at the Mall, Wicklow, and stated that in his view the Council had used unfair tactics in acquiring the house. He considered that the service of a Demolition Order in respect of the house at the time the Council were negotiating its purchase affected the amount of compensation which was paid.

The County Manager stated that the Demolition Notice was served on his instructions. The tenants of the house had applied to the Urban District Council for a house and in their application had stated that the house which they occupied was unfit and unsafe. The County Engineer had been instructed to inspect the house, and had reported that the house was in fact dangerous. The Urban District Council had allotted a house to the tenants. The County Manager pointed out that the Town Surveyor was bound to serve the Notice in respect of the house at the Mall. The County Manager stated he had an interview with the Solicitor for the owners of the house, and had reached agreement on the value of the building, based on its site value. £200 had been paid as compensation for the acquisition of the house.

Fences of Plots at Ballywaltrim.—Councillor George Doyle stated that he understood that the fences of the plots of cottages at Ballywaltrim had collapsed. The Assistant Engineer was asked to inspect and report on the condition of the fences.

Application for Erection of Temporary Dwelling.—Councillor Jas. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, asked if the Council would re-consider the application of Mrs. Nora Whiteman, for permission to erect a disused railway carriage at Silver Strand, Wicklow, for use as a Summer Bungalow.

Councillor H. J. Byrne objected to permission being granted for the erection of disused Railway Carriages or any similar structures anywhere in the County.

The Chairman pointed out that the Council had discussed this matter at previous meetings and had agreed generally that permission should not be given for the erection of disused railway carriages, trams or buses anywhere in the county.

Employment of Mr. Doyle.—Councillor B. Farrell urged that Mr. B. Doyle, employed by the Council on cottage building in West Wicklow, should be graded as a foreman and paid at the appropriate rate.

Proposed by Councillor B. Farrell;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Resolved—That we recommend that Mr. Doyle be employed as a foreman on cottage building in West Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

Letting of Cottages.—Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., referred to the discussion at the meeting of the Housing Committee in regard to the Counsel's Opinion obtained by the County Manager in relation to the letting of cottages.

The Council decided to consider the matter in committee.

The County Manager explained that the procedure under the Labourers Acts was for persons to submit representations for the erection of cottages. These representations were in a particular form and the procedure under the old Labourers Acts was more complicated and lengthy than the present procedure for the erection of cottages. The cottages built by the Council under the 1946 Scheme were provided under the Housing Act, 1932. Under the 1932 Act it was sufficient for the Council to submit evidence that there was a need for the erection

of cottages, and the Inquiry held by the Department's Inspector was for the purpose of ascertaining whether the Council was justified in compulsorily acquiring the land. Under the old Labourers Acts procedure, the persons who made representations had preference in the first allocation of the cottages when erected. Counsel had now advised that under the Housing Act, 1932, the persons who submitted applications for the erection of cottages did not have any preference and that the Council cottages when erected should be let in accordance with the Housing Regulations, 1938. These Regulations provided that a preference was to be given to persons living in one room where members of the family suffered from tuberculosis or where there were children under the age of 16 years, or where the dwelling has been condemned as being unfit for human habitation. If the Council wished to obtain the State contribution to the Loan Charges under the Act of 1932, it was necessary to let the cottages in accordance with the Regulations prescribed by the Minister. The County Manager pointed out that in making a claim to the Department of Local Government for the Housing Subsidy each year, the County Secretary had to certify that all cottages had been let in accordance with the Regulations. In his opinion, however, Counsel stated that the Council was entitled to take earliness of application into account in allotting the cottages.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, stated that this procedure had never been followed in the Co. Wicklow, and the Council had always regarded the original applicant as having first claim on the cottage when erected.

Members of the Council pointed out that in many instances farmers had given land for the purpose of erection of cottages on the understanding that certain applicants would obtain these cottages. The Council asked Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, if he would discuss the matter with the Minister for Local Government and put the Council's views on the matter before him.

The Council approved of the Report of the Housing Committee.

Item No. 13—Return of Skilled Workers from Abroad.

The Council noted the following letter, received from the Department of Local Government in connection with the return of skilled building workers from abroad. Copy of the letter had been circulated to members of the Council:—

Copy.

Department of Local Government,

Custom House, Dublin.

19th December, 1949.

Circular No. N.73/49.

RETURN OF SKILLED BUILDING WORKERS FROM ABROAD. A Chairde,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that in order that the large-scale building works, sponsored by the Government, which are in progress or contemplated, will not be interrupted by reason of a shortage of skilled building workers, a publicity campaign designed to bring about the return home of Irishmen now working in the skilled building trades outside the country has been formulated. The campaign will comprise Press and other publicity in Britain and radio publicity at home. As a first step, a brochure illustrating the housing and hospitals building programme and the opportunities for employment afforded thereby is being widely circulated among the Irish population in Great Britain. A copy of the brochure is enclosed.

In conjunction with the publicity campaign, a scheme is proposed to place in employment skilled building trade applicants at present working abroad, and the Minister invites the co-operation of all housing authorities and of their housing contractors in making this scheme a success. The Department of Social Welfare will maintain a central Register containing particulars of vacancies throughout the country in

the skilled building trades on local authority housing and hospital works and of applications from Irish workers abroad for employment at home. The Register will be used by the Department of Social Welfare for the purpose of placing employers seeking skilled men in touch with applicants for employment. The list of vacancies will be compiled from particulars given employers to the local offices (Employment Exchanges and Branch Employment Offices) of the Department of Social Welfare.

For the successful working of the Scheme it is essential on the employers' side for contractors or direct labour organisations to notify the local Employment Exchange or Branch Employment Office of vacancies, timely notification being important, and to indicate their desire to be put in touch with tradesmen in Great Britain if their requirements cannot be otherwise met. These particulars will then be transmitted to the Department of Social Welfare headquarters for inclusion in the central Register. The Department's headquarters will bring particulars of suitable vacancies so registered to the notice of workers desiring to return to this country, and simultaneously particulars of the workers to whom details of the vacancies have been sent will be conveyed to the employers. Once they have been placed in touch, it will be left to the employer and worker to complete their arrangements, including any arrangements necessary with regard to living accommodation.

The Register is now open and the scheme is ready to be operated. If it is to be a success, as the Minister trusts it will be, all interested parties should co-operate to the maximum extent possible. Full information concerning the scheme should be conveyed at once to all officials of direct labour organisations who are responsible for the recruitment of labour, and to all contractors engaged on housing work for the housing authority, and it should be emphasised that the local Employment Exchange or Branch Employment Office is the place to which vacancies should be notified. As already mentioned, timely notification is essential. In addition, the Exchange should at once when vacancies have been filled and of the names and addresses of the workers from Great Britain who have been engaged in order that the central Register may continue to be effectively maintained.

The Minister trusts that housing authorities will co-operate to the maximum extent in making the scheme a success by having recourse to it by filling vacancies for skilled workers. Lack of progress on housing schemes has been attributed to shortage of skilled labour. The arrangements now described have been framed in an effort to overcome these shortages so that the production of completed houses may be expanded to the maximum extent.

Mise, le meas,

To each housing authority.

Item No. 15—Scholarship Scheme.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe asked whether any correspondence had been received in regard to the Council's Scholarship Scheme.

The County Secretary read the following letter received from Aodh O Broin, Rathcoyle, Kiltegan:—

A Chara,

I still cannot understand the attitude of those who framed the Scholarship Scheme in reserving four of the six Rural Scholarships for 4 teacher schools, which comprise but a very small minority of the Rural Schools—to my knowledge there are but three altogether—leaving two to be competed for by all the remaining schools of the County. One would reasonably expect that the position would be reversed, that the greater number of scholarships would be allocated to the category which contains the overwhelming majority of schools.

In paragraph 4 of your letter, the argument is put forward that in recent years two-thirds of the applicants came from the four-teacher

schools, the inference being that on that account they should receive two-third of the scholarships. Could it not be that these smaller schools have no incentive to compete on account of the unequal nature of the competition? Would not the proper solution of the matter be to provide them with the incentive by framing the Scheme on the lines suggested in my last letter. I have got Scholarship Schemes from ten Counties and you will see overleaf how badly Wicklow compares with other Counties in the matter of provision for the smaller schools. I do not wish to be taken as trying to indict the Scheme as a whole. In other respects it compares more than favourable with those of other counties. My suggestions briefly are: (1) That a number of scholarships be reserved for the smaller schools while at the same time leaving all Scholarships open to these schools, or (2) that if the Council persist in reserving each section that the number for small schools be in proportion to the number of schools.

Here are some other Schemes which I would like you to bring to the attention of the Councillors:—

Kerry—£100; £70—in favour of two-teacher schools.

Mayo: 10 Scholarships—5 for 2-teacher schools and under; 5 for 3-teacher schools and over.

Waterford: 10 Scholarships—5 for 2-teacher schools and under; 5 for 3-teacher schools and over.

Offaly: 20 Scholarships—10 for 3-teacher schools and under; 10 for over 3 teachers.

Leix: 12 Scholarships—4 for 2-teacher schools and under; 8 for 3-teacher schools and over.

Kildare: 18 Scholarships—8 for 2-teacher schools and under; 10 for 3-teacher schools and over.

Kilkenny: 17 Scholarships—6 for 2-teacher schools and under; 11 for 3-teacher schools and over.

Meath: 6 Scholarships—3 Rural; 3 Urban and Trim.

Wexford: 4 Scholarships—1 for Rural; 3 others—3 mile limit.

Cavan: 6 Scholarships—Open.

Wicklow: 12 Scholarships—2 reserved for 3-teacher schools and under. Hence it will be seen that Wicklow County Council compares most unfavourably with other Counties in their provision for smaller schools.

The Council should take into consideration that the vast majority of the pupils of the smaller schools will have no opportunity of attending a Secondary School while the great majority of those attending the larger schools have Secondary Schools within comparatively easy reach.

I submit that when these facts are brought to the notice of the Council that it will be seen that justice is done even if a rescinding motion is necessitated. Justice demands that there be no postponement of the matter.

Mise, le meas,

AODH O BROIN.

The Council noted the points made by Mr. O Broin, but pointed out that the Scheme for the current year had been adopted and approved by the Minister. The Council agreed that Mr. O Broin's representations be considered in connection with the following year's Scholarship Scheme.

The Council decided to adjourn the remaining items on the Agenda to a Special Meeting to be held on Monday, 23rd January, 1950, at 1.30 p.m.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 23rd January, 1950, at 1.30 p.m. for the purpose of dealing with Items adjourned from the meeting of the Council held on 16th January, 1950.

The following members were present:—Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman; Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D., Wm. Cleary, B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, J. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, Peter Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Ed. Byrne, G. Doyle, L. O Laoighleis, C. M. Byrne, W. A. Clarke, and Joseph Jacob.

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant Engineers C. J. Byrne and J. P. Caffrey were present.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, attended.

A G E N D A:

14. Letter from Federation of Builders, Contractors and Allied Employers of Ireland regarding Wage and Price Variation Clause in Contracts.
15. To approve of applications under Council's Scholarship Scheme for Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1950.
16. To affix Seal of the Council to Mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works re Loan of £1,700 for Water and Sewerage Schemes at Kilcoole and Blacklion.
17. Report of County Engineer on Water Supplies in West Wicklow Area.
18. Report of Chief Medical Officer on Water and Sewerage Schemes (Copy enclosed).
19. Report of Consulting Engineer in regard to Glenealy and Wicklow Regional Water Supplies.
20. Report regarding conveyance of patient from Arklow to County Hospital, Wicklow.
21. Estimate of repairs to Burial Grounds.
22. Public Lighting—Knockananna.
23. Report of Assistant County Engineer C. J. Byrne in regard to nuisance at Coolroe.
24. Application from Macra na Feirme, Baltinglass, for provision of loading bank and weighbridge at Baltinglass.
25. Resolution from Connradh na Gaedhilge concerning the provision of question papers in Irish for the Entrance Examination of University College, Dublin.
26. Resolution from Cork County Council in relation to rates.
27. Resolution from Leitrim County Council in regard to revision of system of rating.
28. County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 14.—Wages and Prices Variation Clause.

The Secretary read the following letter received from the

The Secretary read the following letter received from the Federation of Builders, Contractors and Allied Employers of Ireland:—

The Secretary, 28, Earlsfort Terrace,
Wicklow Co. Council, Dublin,
Courthouse, Wicklow, 13th Dec., 1949.

Wage and Price Variation Clause.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th November, 1949, and to say that my Federation notes that, while it is not the intention of your Council to include a Wage and Price Variation Clause in its General Conditions of Contract, it will be prepared to consider tenders for building and civil engineering works which have such a clause attached to them.

If the Federation was under a misapprehension concerning the attitude of your Council, I am to say that it is a matter of some surprise that no steps were taken to remove such understanding for two months, that is, from the 28th September last when the question was first raised by the Federation and the date of your letter under reference.

I am to state that the Federation is gravely dissatisfied with the attitude which the Wicklow County Council has adopted, and I am to point out that it is without precedent throughout the country. The inclusion of the Government's Standard Wage and Price Variation Clause in contracts for Local Authorities has become general practice and is approved and recommended to these bodies by the Department of Local Government. In view of these facts, the Federation regrets that it cannot agree that its members shall submit tenders to a local authority which persists in endeavouring to establish a precedent against current policy and well established practice.

It may be pointed out that the refusal of the Wicklow County Council to offer to contractors the same Conditions of Contract as are made available by other Local Authorities, is resulting in that body receiving very limited competition for works which it puts out to tender. In the case of the Aughrim Water Supply Scheme, four members of the Federation were prepared to tender, namely—Messrs. Wm. Clarke, Wicklow, Burke and Clancy, Galway, Coogan and McNally, Galway, and Mahon and McPhillips, Kilkenny.

The first mentioned of these four firms actually had submitted a tender which was withdrawn before this was considered by the Council, and this tender was lower than that which the Council subsequently accepted. The remaining three firms had all procured copies of the contract documents and were proceeding to price the works when they became aware of the fact that it was not the intention to include a Wage and Price Variation Clause in the General Conditions. In consequence, no tenders were submitted by them.

If your Council desires to secure tenders for further works from members of this Federation, it will be necessary for it to give an assurance that the Government's Standard wage and Price Variation Clause will be included in the General Conditions of Contract.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Minister for Local Government.

Yours faithfully,

C. J. BURGESS,
Director.

Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., pointed out that members of the Federation were obliged to include a Prices Variation Clause in their Tenders. He drew a distinction between the Blue Slip attached to Tenders and the Prices Variation Clause which had been approved by the Department of Local Government for inclusion in Contract Documents. He pointed out that since the Council were obliged to meet any extra charges which might arise on Direct Labour Works, that Contractors should also be recouped any increases in wages or costs of materials subsequent to date of Tender.

Councillor W. Clarke, supporting Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., stated that if Wicklow County Council was the only local authority which refused to embody a Prices Variation Clause in the General Contract, the Council should give the matter careful examination and make further inquiries. He proposed that the Council, in future, include a Prices Variation Clause in all Contracts.

The County Manager stated that the Council had not at any time adopted a policy of refusing to consider tenders to which a Prices Variation Clause was attached. The matter had arisen in connection with the consideration by the Council of tenders for the

erection of cottages. The Council had on that occasion decided not to accept any tender in excess of £800. One tender received had included a Prices Variation Clause, and as a consequence it was not possible to determine whether this tender would come within the limit fixed by the Council. In reply to members of the Council, the County Secretary pointed out that the Federation of Builders, Contractors and Allied Employers of Ireland were fully aware that the Council was prepared to consider tenders for building and civil engineering works which had a Wage and Price Variation Clause attached, but that the Council did not intend to include such a Clause in its General Conditions of Contract.

Item No. 13—Scholarship Scheme for Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1950.

The County Secretary submitted list of applications received under the Council's Scholarship Scheme, 1950.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell;

Resolved—That we approve of the following applications under the Council's Secondary and Vocational Schools' Scholarship Scheme, 1950.

Passed unanimously.

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS' SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1950.

UNDER CLAUSE C OF COUNCIL'S SCHEME.
Name of Applicant. Home Address

Name of Applicant.	Home Address	School Address.	Date of Birth	Occupation of parent guardian	Income of parent or guardian Per annum
Byrne, Michael Noel	Royal Bank House, Wicklow.	St. Joseph's College, Wicklow	7/1/37	Carpenter and Joiner	£370
Byrne, Eamonn	6, Lr. Main St., Arklow.	Arklow Boys' N.S.	27/9/36	Builder's Clerk	£250
Clery, James John	7, The Mall, Wicklow.	St. Joseph's College, Wicklow	7/4/37	Married Woman	£200
O Dubhghaill, Eamonn P.	Rathdrum.	St. Joseph's College, Wicklow	19/11/36	Teacher	£386
Graham, Patrick Joseph	Ballynerrin Upr., Marlton Rd., Wicklow.	St. Joseph's College, Wicklow	1/2/37	Cycle Mechanic	£200
Hughes, Patrick Joseph	47 Ferrybank, Arklow.	St. Patrick's Secondary School, Arklow	1/9/36	Shopkeeper	£200
Jackman, Thomas	1, South Quay, Arklow.	Arklow Boys' N.S.	16/8/36	Widow	£233
Kearon, Samuel David	"Beulah," Ferrybank, Arklow.	Kilkenny College, Kilkenny	28/9/36	Painter	£320
Magee, Thomas Noel	Main St., Wicklow.	St. Joseph's College, Wicklow	23/12/36	Shopkeeper	£400
McDonald, James	14, St. Michael's Tce., Arklow.	Boys' N.S., Coolgreany Road, Arklow	4/9/36	Sailor	£300
Murray, Joseph Boyd	Main St., Wicklow.	St. Joseph's College, Wicklow	12/1/37	Shopkeeper	£350
O'Brien, John	20 Wolfe Tone Sq., Middle, Bray.	St. Cronan's N.S., Bray	26/9/36		£101 8s.
O'Brien, Timothy M. G.	51, Lr. Main St., Arklow.	St. Patrick's Sec. Schl., Arklow	16/8/36	Ex-Insurance Agent	£166 6s.
Purcell, William Ernest	Lamberton, Arklow.	Kilkenny College, Kilkenny	1/12/36	Garda	£370 2s.
Broughan, Margaret Philomena	3, Herbert Road, Bray.	St. Philomena's Ravenswell, Bray	11/7/37	Garda	£360
Dodd, Clare Anna	1, Desmond Tce., Darkle Rd., Bray.	St. Philomena's Ravenswell, do.	23/9/37	Plasterer	£365
Dowds, Ruth Anna	Clonallan Villas, Greystones.	Diocesan School, Adelaide Rd., Dublin	2/10/36	Agent	£320 16s.
Humphries, Gwendoline Alice	10, Fatima Terrace, Bray.	St. Philomena's, Ravenswell, Bray	13/9/36	Housewife	£260
Lawless, Mary Theresa	Old Connaught Ave., Bray.	St. Philomena's, do.	11/12/36	Storeman	£350
Mahon, Cora Philomena	71, Lr. Main St., Arklow.	St. Michael's Convent N.S., Arklow	5/10/36	Housewife	£234
McCarthy, Doreen	Liam Mellows Ave., Arklow.	St. Michael's Convent, do.	29/10/37	Pottery Worker	£5 weekly
Mullins, Mary Elizabeth	c/o Presentation College, Bray.	Loreto Abbey, Dalkey	30/5/37	Widow	£134 per annum
O'Sullivan, Mary Margaret	Hillsdene, Vevay Road, Bray.	St. Philomena's, Ravenswell Bray	25/10/37	Chemist	£331 10s.
O'Neill, Elizabeth Mary	80 Rory O'Connor Place, Arklow.	St. Michael's Convent N.S., Arklow	25/1/37		£373
O'Neill, Catherine Mary	South Quay, Arklow.	St. Michael's Convent N.S., do.	4/5/37	Pottery Worker	£250
O'Toole, Elizabeth Mary	7, Tinahask, Arklow.	St. Michael's Convent N.S., do.	25/8/36	Housewife	£39
Scanlan, Margaret Susan	4, Marie Villas, Bray.	Loreto Convent, Bray	29/6/37	Sergt., Garda Siochana	£390
Brennan, Terence Francis	2, Marine Tce., Greystones.	C.B.S. Blacklion, Greystones	14/1/38	Book-keeper	£364
*Brierton, Peter Paul	3, St. Kevin's Tce., Bray.	C.B.S., Blacklion, do.	2/7/37	Vanman	£286
*Cullen, William Paul	39, St. Peter's Road, Bray.	C.B.S., Blacklion, do.	3/7/37	Boilerman	£267 16s.
Farrelly, Brendan Francis	Lonsdale, Kimberley Rd., Greystones.	C.B.S., Blacklion, do.	11/2/37	Pensioner (A. Guinness and Co.)	£400
Furlong, John James Noel	Eureqa, Marine Road, Greystones.	C.B.S., Blacklion, do.	28/12/37	Garda	£371 12s.
Hann, Padraig Seamus Colmille	Ballydonerea, Kilcoole.	C.B.S., Blacklion, do.	29/9/36	Businessman	£375
*O Greachain, Liam	2, St. Kevin's Tce., Arklow.	Scoil na mBrathar, Guaire	8/6/37	N.T. (untrained)	£200
Reynolds, James Oliver	Mentone, Greystones.	C.B.S., Blacklion, Greystones	19/4/38	Garda	£386 4s.
*Compete for £25 Scholarship only					
Byrne, Mary Philomena	Rathdrum.	Our Lady's Convent School, Rathdrum	13/9/36	Shop Assistant	£260
Fallon, Esther Catherine V.	Aughavanagh, Aughrim.	Loreto Abbey, Gorey	7/6/37	Widow (Farmer)	£130
Lynch, Catherine Teresa	Ballymanus, Aughrim.	Tullow Convent N.S.	23/2/38	Farmer	£250
*O'Brien, Mary	Tuckmill, Baltinglass.	Convent N.S., Baltinglass	26/12/36	Farmer	£425
*Farrelly, Mary Carmel	Eden Bungalow, Greystones.	St. Brigid's N.S., Greystones	20/9/36	Chef	

*Compete for £25 Scholarship only

UNDER CLAUSE B OF THE COUNCIL'S SCHEME.

Murphy, Patrick Joseph	Aughrim.	Boys' N.S., Aughrim	5/8/37	Garda	£385 18s.
Kinsella, Henry	Ballincarrig, Kilbride.	Brittas Bay N.S.	11/2/37	Road Worker	£179 8s.
Stone, Malachy	Ballinacarrig, Brittas.	Brittas Bay N.S.	2/11/36	Postmaster	£400
Bealin, Treasa	Ballyfolin, Brittas.	Kilbride N.S.	26/8/36	Farmer	
Byrne, Annie Theresa	Tourboy, Rathdangan, Kiltegan.	Rathcoyle N.S.	15/1/37	Housewife	£93 12s.
Fionnghaile, Aine	Manor Kilbride.	Kilbride N.S.	20/9/36	Carpenter	£375
Mangan, Mary	Manger, Stratford-on-Slaney.	Stratford-on-Slaney N.S.	20/9/36	Road Worker	£175 14s. 4d.
Staunton, Anne Philomena	Brittas Bay.	Brittas Bay N.S.	29/5/37	Farmer	£178
Pender, Eileen Patricia	Norman Lodge, Hillside Road, Greystones.	St. Brigid's N.S., Holy Faith Convent, Greystones	13/2/38	Journalist	£500 (Over Means)
Pender, Noreen Patricia B.	Norman Lodge, Hillside Rd., do.	St. Brigid's N.S., Holy Faith Convent, Greystones	28/8/36	Journalist	£500 (Over Means)
Hanley, Michael Oliver	Tinahely.	Tinahely N.S.	20/4/36	Postman	£200 (Over Age)
Maguire, Charles	Kiltegan.	Tyneclash N.S.	13/7/38	Medical Practitioner	£500 (Over Means)
O'Toole, Kieran Paul	The Red House, Greystones.	C.B.S., Blacklion, Greystones	1/11/37	C.I.E. Official	£475 12s. (Over Means)

The following candidates were disqualified:—

Item No. 16—Water and Sewerage Scheme—Kilcoole and Blacklion.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

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 £1,700 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1898/1948.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 17—Water Supplies: West Wicklow Area.

The County Secretary read the following report received from the County Engineer in regard to Water Supplies in West Wicklow.
20th January, 1950.

REPORT ON WATER SUPPLIES IN WEST WICKLOW.

1. **Lemonstown:** I recommend that a pump be installed at a cost of £40.
2. **Three Castles:** I recommend that this well, which is already 31 feet deep, be sunk a further 20 feet by means of the Council's well-sinking equipment, and a Deep Well Pump installed at a cost of £150.
3. **Castleruddery:** I recommend that the suggestion of the Assistant Surveyor be adopted, namely, that the water be piped a distance of 50 yards, a supply tank and filters erected, at an approximate cost of £100 (this figure does not include payments for water rights).
4. **Boherboy:** I recommend that a hydraulic Ram be provided, together with 150 feet of 4-inch diameter pipe, and 350 lin. yds. of 2-inch diameter (asbestos), at an estimated cost of £1,050.
5. **Kilbride:** I recommend that the report submitted by District Engineer, Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., be adopted, i.e., the taking over of a supply at Kilbride and the erection of a fountain on the roadside. As the present supply tank is leaking badly, and the pipes badly corroded, the following replacements would be necessary: Renewal of the supply tank; laying 500 yards pipe in 2-inch, asbestos; erection of fountain on road, at a total approximate cost of £270.

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

In regard to water supply for Kylebeg, the County Engineer had reported as follows:—
16th Jan., 1950.

Kylebeg: The installation of a pump might not be satisfactory, as the sinking would be in granite, and I therefore recommend the proposal to pipe a supply from a stream from the river at Kylebeg, and construct filters and a storage tank of 2,000 gallons. I estimate this scheme would cost £540.

The following report had been submitted by the Co. Engineer in regard to water supply at Rathattin:—
16th Jan., 1950.

Co. Secretary.
Re: Water Supplies—Rathattin, Hollywood.

Dear Sir,

There is a supply at present in Hollywood which is inadequate for Rathattin cottages and for seven cottages at Hollywood North.

A new gravity supply should and could be provided for the village and surrounding cottages at a cost of £1,200 (approx.).

Yours faithfully,

COUNTY ENGINEER.

The County Secretary stated that from the Chief Medical Officer's Report, it would appear that the following numbers of families would be served by the Scheme:—Three Castles—5 families; Castleruddery—

8 families; Boherboy—6 families; Kilbride—12 families; Kylebeg—8 families; Rathattin and Hollywood—22 families.

The total cost of the Schemes would amount to £3,300.

The Council decided that Loan Charges in respect of these Schemes be included in the Estimates to be considered by the Council for the year 1950/51.

Item No. 18—Report of Chief Medical Officer on Water and Sewerage Schemes.

As requested by the County Council at meeting held on 12th December, a copy of the Chief Medical Officer's report in connection with Water and Sewerage Schemes had been circulated to the members of the Council.

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Medical Officer, in letter dated 20th January, 1950, had indicated that the Coolboy Water Supply Scheme might be placed as No. 7 in order of priority in view of the additional information now available regarding the population to be served by the Scheme.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer in regard to order of priority of Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 19—Glenealy Water Supply.

The County Manager stated that Professor P. F. Purcell, M.A.I., Consulting Engineer, had submitted a detailed report in regard to the Glenealy Water Supply.

The Consulting Engineer considered that the best source of supply would be obtained from Barnbawn, and recommended the carrying out of a scheme based on the Scheme prepared by the Co. Engineer in 1939, subject to certain alterations. He considered that it was preferable to provide a separate supply for Glenealy, rather than include it in the Wicklow Regional Supply proposed to be taken from Lough Dann. The total estimated cost of the Scheme would be £6,000.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Jacob;

Resolved—That we approve of the plans for the Glenealy Water Supply as prepared by the Consulting Engineer.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 19b.—Wicklow Regional Water Supply.

The County Manager stated that Professor P. F. Purcell, Consulting Engineer, had submitted a lengthy report in regard to the proposed Regional Water Supply for Wicklow, Rathnew, Ashford, etc. The Consulting Engineer recommended that a supply be taken from Lough Dann and brought by pipeline to filters to be located at Crone-roe. A new service reservoir would also be provided above Wicklow Town. The Consulting Engineer had considered an alternative route for the pipeline so as to avoid the Devil's Glen, but this alternative route would require tunnelling for a length of about 4,200 feet. The extra cost of this tunnelling would be about £21,000. Accordingly, he recommended that the pipeline should pass through the Devil's Glen. The Consulting Engineer also submitted particulars in regard to an alternative source of supply at Ballyduff. He would not, however, recommend such a scheme as a permanent solution, as the supply would have scarcely been sufficient for Wicklow Town. The estimated cost of the Scheme was £65,000.

The County Manager stated that the annual loan charges on Loan of £65,000 would be £3,820. In addition, there would be maintenance charges of £200, bringing the total annual charge to £4,220. If a State Grant of 33½ per cent. were made available, the annual charges would be reduced to £2,747. The annual charges would be apportioned

between the County Council and the Urban District Council on the basis of 70 per cent. to the County Council and 30 per cent. to the Urban Council. The amount to be borne by the County Council would be £1,923, representing approximately 2d. in the £, and the amount to be borne by the Urban District Council would be £824, equivalent to approximately 2s. in the £. If a State Grant of 40 per cent. were made available, the annual charges would be reduced to £2,492, and the rates required in the County Council area and the Urban District area would be approximately 1½d. and 1s. 9½d. in the £, respectively.

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Jacob;

Resolved—That we approve of the proposals of the Consulting Engineer for a Regional Water Supply Scheme for Wicklow, Rathnew, Ashford area, to be taken from Lough Dann, in accordance with the plans submitted.

Passed unanimously.

Aughrim Water Supply.

The County Secretary stated that the following letter had been received from the Department of Local Government:—

Custom House,

Dublin.

7th Jan., 1950.

L.4142/7/49.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 14th December, 1949, relative to the proposed water supply scheme for Aughrim, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he has noted the proposal to accept the tender in the sum of £10,459 5s. 4d. for carrying out the work, using C.I. pipes. It is noted that in deciding on the use of these pipes, the County Manager was influenced by the report of the Consulting Engineer, that the Contractor has supplies of this medium readily available. While the Minister appreciates the force of this contention, it will be understood that regard must be had, when considering the allocation of the monies available for grants, to the fact that the scheme could have been carried out efficiently at a lower cost by using A.C. pipes. In these circumstances the Grant to be recommended to the Minister for Finance for allocation must be based on the lower figure.

It should be noted that work on the scheme should not be commenced until a notification of the allocation of a grant towards the cost of the scheme has been received by the Council. In this connection, it is requested the Form of replies to queries sent to you on 22nd August, 1949, should be completed and re-transmitted to this Dept.

I am to enquire also as to the Council's proposals for meeting the cost of the Scheme.

The tenders are returned herewith.

Mise, le meas,

N. de PAOR.

Secretary,

Wicklow Co. Council,

Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J.J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Resolved—That, having considered letter dated 7th January, 1950, Ref. L.4142/7/49, from the Department of Local Government, we request the Minister to reconsider his decision and to recommend to the Minister for Finance the allocation of a Grant towards the cost of the Scheme based on the use of cast-iron pipes for the work, having regard to the delay in completing the Scheme which would follow if asbestos cement piping, were to be utilised.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the total cost of the Scheme was estimated at £12,000, based on the use of cast-iron pipes. The annual loan charges on Loan of £12,000 would be £705 5s. If a Grant of 40 per cent. of the cost were allocated to the Scheme, the loan charges would amount to £457 12s. 5d. per annum. If the Grant of 40 per cent. were based on the cost using cast-iron pipes, the annual loan charges would be reduced to £423 6s. 5d.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of sum of £12,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years by half-yearly annuity, for the purpose of financing Aughrim Water Supply Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 20—Conveyance of Patient from Arklow to County Hospital, Wicklow.

The County Secretary referred to the inquiry made by Councillor Liam O Cleirigh at the previous meeting, and stated that the following report had been received from the Acting Dispensary Medical Officer:—

Lamberton House,
Arklow,
27/12/49.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 23rd inst. re patient Barrington to hand.

In this case the ambulance was requisitioned by me on a Saturday to take patient to Wicklow on the following Monday. On the Saturday the patient was not acutely ill, and was not confined to bed, but was up and about, so that I would hardly have made a special request for an attendant, and, while I am not quite certain, I don't believe that I did.

On the other hand, I might easily assume that an ambulance should always have an attendant and I have never understood that it was necessary to requisition the latter also.

In this particular case, the boy apparently suddenly became acutely ill on Sunday night or early on Monday morning, and the father asked me to see him again before my Dispensary, which I did. On my return to the Dispensary, I made two phone calls, one to Wicklow Hospital to tell them of the boy's condition, and the other to Rathdrum, to ensure that the ambulance came without delay. It had then left, so that even had I known that there was no attendant, nothing could be done. Actually, I believe the boy's mother went with him, or alternatively I could have procured the District Nurse had the parents let me know. The case was admitted to Hospital on a Monday and died, I understand, on the following Tuesday night.

I shall be most grateful to know if this report of the circumstances is considered satisfactory.

Yours faithfully,

M. G. O'BRIEN.

The following report had been received from the Ambulance Driver:

The Co. Manager, St. Colman's Hospital,
Co. Council Offices, Rathdrum.
A. Chara, 11th Jan., 1950.

As requested, I submit report in connection with patient named Edward Barrington, 31, Lower Tinnahask, Arklow.

On the 28th November, 1949, I was informed at 12 midnight that a patient named Edward Barrington was to be taken from his home in Arklow to the County Hospital, Wicklow. On receipt of this instruction, I took out the ambulance and informed the Matron of St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, of my business. No nurse or other

attendant was placed at my disposal and I had to undertake the journey alone. On reaching the house of the patient, his mother asked that the patient be left until anointed by the local priest. This was arranged before the patient was taken into the ambulance. I asked his mother if she would like to accompany him as there was no ambulance nurse or attendant. She agreed to do so, and I took the patient and his mother into Wicklow County Hospital. A lady friend of the boy's mother also accompanied him to Wicklow. The patient was duly handed over to one of the staff of the County Hospital, and I proceeded on to Dublin, as I had to collect two patients from St. Vincent's Hospital (one for Killiskey and one for Trooperstown).

I would like to point out that I have been taking patients to various hospitals for some time past without any attendant, and I would be very thankful if you would arrange that an attendant should accompany me in future on all occasions.

Mise, le meas.

JOHN J. OLOHAN,

Ambulance Driver.

The County Manager stated that in this case the Council had not been informed that the condition of the patient was such that an attendant was required with the ambulance driver. He stated that it would be desirable for Dispensary Medical Officers, when requisitioning an ambulance, to inform the Matron of the Hospital if an attendant was required to travel with the patient. An instruction to this effect would be issued to all Dispensary Medical Officers.

Councillor P. McCarthy inquired whether it would be possible to provide an ambulance service for Arklow.

In reply, the County Secretary stated that the estimated cost of stationing an ambulance at Arklow would be between £800 and £900 per annum. The total number of journeys made by the ambulance from Arklow during the twelve months ended 31st December, 1949, was 68. In view of the small number of patients to be catered for, a separate ambulance service for Arklow would not appear to be justified.

Item No. 21—Burial Grounds.

The County Secretary stated that, as requested at the previous meeting, further reports had been obtained in regard to certain Burial Grounds. The estimated cost of providing a suitable stile at Kilquade Burial Ground would be £10. As an alternative, a suitable entrance gate could be provided, complete with 18" square piers at a cost of £16. In regard to Donard Burial Ground, the Assistant Engineer had explained at previous meeting that the repair to the entrance road had been included in previous year's Road Estimates, but had not been allowed. Provision for this work would be included in the coming year's Roads Estimates.

The Assistant Engineer stated that he had reported previously on the flooding at Dunlavin Burial Ground and that a pump had been subsequently provided. He had no further report to make on the matter.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe expressed dissatisfaction with the Assistant Engineer's report in relation to Dunlavin Burial Ground, and asked that the County Engineer investigate the matter further.

Councillor P. P. O'Reilly stated that the Calvary at Burgage Burial Ground required repairs.

In reply to Councillor P. McCarthy, the County Secretary stated that a quotation had been received for the erection of a Cross at the Arklow Cemetery. The prices quoted were as follows:—A Latin Cross in granite, 12ft. high, £176 10s.; ditto Celtic design, £196; ditto in limestone, £200 10s.; ditto in limestone Celtic design, £220. A Latin Cross in marble with granite plynth and second base of marble, £220 5s.; Latin Cross, Celtic design, with bottom plynth in granite and second base marble, £235.

The County Manager referred to the high cost of maintaining the Arklow Burial Ground, and stated that it would not be possible to incur expenditure of the amount suggested on providing a Cross.

Councillor P. McCarthy inquired as to what amount the Council might contribute towards the cost of a Cross, the balance to be met by local subscription.

The County Manager stated he would make inquiries in regard to the matter.

The Council decided to defer consideration of the repairs to Burial Grounds, pending the receipt of further report requested from the County Engineer.

Item No. 22—Public Lighting: Knockananna.

The following report from Assistant County Engineer was submitted:—

Courthouse,
Tinahely.
21st Dec., 1949.

Re: Knockanana Lighting.

A Chara,

In reply to your letter of the 16th instant, seven lights will be necessary for the lighting of Knockananna. I would recommend Tilly Paraffin lanterns (cost £3). As regards lamp standards, it would be very difficult to buy new ones now, but it is likely that we might be able to buy second-hand ones from some local bodies at about £3 each. The total expenditure for seven lights would be about £56.

As regards a lamp lighter, I suggest it would excite less comment if the position was advertised, as there are several likely applicants here. I think 10s. per week would induce some people to apply.

Mise, le meas,

Signed: C. J. BYRNE,
Assistant Co. Engineer.

The following report from the County Engineer in regard to public lighting at Hollywood and Castleruddery was submitted:—

13th January, 1950.

Re: Public Lighting—West Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your communication of the 20th ultimo in regard to public lighting of Hollywood and Castleruddery, I wish to inform you that I consider that one lamp would be sufficient at Castle-ruddery and two lamps would be required at Hollywood—one in the village itself and the other at the Catholic Church.

Mise, le meas,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

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

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of five public lights at Knockananna, and of the provision of one lamp at Castleruddery and two lamps at Hollywood, as recommended by the Co. Engineer.

Passed unanimously.

Public Lighting—Newtownmountkennedy.

The County Secretary read the following letter addressed to the Chairman by the Cottage Tenants' Association, Newtownmountkennedy:

Dear Sir,

32, O'Neill Park,

Newtownmountkennedy.

I respectfully beg leave to ask if you would put before the Council at your next meeting to have lights installed on Church Road, O'Neill Park, and on road from Newtown Village to Killadreenan, as there are between 250 and 300 residents, not counting visitors and Hospital staff, who use these roads by day and night. A number of accidents have occurred in the dark; specially old people being knocked down. In O'Neill Park there are 37 cottages and no public light, and very bad entrances. On Church Road there are 17 cottages also without light. The tenants of the above cottages would be most grateful if you would have this letter read at your meeting, so that the Council can give it their kind consideration.

Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH DOYLE, Secretary,
Tenants' Association.

The following report had been received from the Co. Engineer:—

Dear Sir,

23rd Jan., 1950.

I recommend that public lights should be placed at the following points:—(a) Two lights at Killadreenan Cottages. At present this stretch is in total darkness at night, as there is a proper footpath at only one side of the road, residents crossing the road are in great danger from traffic; (b) One light on the Green at the centre of O'Neill Park, and one light on the main road opposite the District Nurse's house at Newtown. There is a very steep flight of concrete steps leading to the Nurse's house and some lighting is essential. As an alternative, a small light could be placed over the door of the Nurse's house, but this is not considered satisfactory. (c) One light opposite the cottages on Church Road, Newtown. There is a light at the corner of Church Road, and another light opposite the cottages would be of great advantage. (d) At present there is a public light at the Rocky Road, Wicklow, which was cut off during the emergency and which has not been lighted since. I would recommend that this light should be switched on again, in view of the steepness of the road at this point.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

The Council approved of the provision of public lights at Killadreenan and Newtownmountkennedy, as recommended by the County Engineer. The Council agreed also that the public light at the Rocky Road, Wicklow, should be restored. The County Manager pointed out that this lamp was probably within the Urban District area.

Item No. 23—Nuisance at Coolroe.

The following report of the Assistant Engineer was submitted:—

Courthouse,
Tinahely.

Re: Nuisance at Coolroe.

24th Dec., 1949.

A Chara,

In reply to your letter of the 8th instant, sewage from manure heaps at the back of the cottages drains into an open cutting on the side of the road. There is a continuous flow of water there at present, but there may be dry times when water will stand in this cutting. Apart from the nuisance, the cutting beside the road is an eyesore in front of houses, and is so deep as to be dangerous to users of the road and cutting deeper.

The total length of the cutting is about 160 yards and this should be piped into two sections, 40 yards of 4" pipe and 120 yards of 6"

pipe with gratings for road water. Total cost: £105.

Mise, le meas,

Signed: C. J. BYRNE,

Assistant County Engineer.

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

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

Resolved:—That we authorise the expenditure of £105 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates for the purpose of remedying the nuisance at Coolroe, as recommended by the Assist. Co. Engineer, C. J. Byrne, in letter dated 24th December, 1949.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 24—Provision of Loading Bank and Weighbridge at Baltinglass.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Law Agent had advised that the Council had no statutory authority to provide a public loading bank for cattle at Baltinglass, as requested by the Farmers' Club. The Manufacturers had been asked to submit an estimate for the provision of a weighbridge, but this estimate had not as yet been received.

In reply to an inquiry from Councillor B. Farrell, the County Secretary stated that the following letter had been received from Coras Iompair Eireann in reply to the Council's resolution in regard to the provision of transport facilities in connection with the pig markets held in Baltinglass.

Traffic Department,
Kingsbridge Station,

Dublin.

13th January, 1950.

K. J. Brangan Esq., A.C.A.,

Secretary,

Wicklow Co. Council,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

A. Chara,

I refer to your letter of 30th ultimo, regarding transport facilities in connection with the pig markets held in Baltinglass.

Ample road transport has been made available by my Company for the pig markets. It has been found, however, that from one to three lorry loads only of pigs have been offered from the Markets during the past twelve months. It will be appreciated, in these circumstances, that the provision of a special rail service would not be justified. Our outlook regarding facilities to be provided for Markets in the future will, of course, be influenced by fluctuations in outputs and, if a substantial increase takes place, the giving of a rail service will receive favourable consideration.

Mise, le meas,

D. KIRWAN,

Operating Superintendent.

Item No. 25—Resolution from Connradh na Gaedhilge concerning Provision of Question Papers in Irish for the Entrance Exam. of University College, Dublin.

The County Secretary stated that a resolution had been received from Connradh na Gaedhilge protesting against the refusal of the Academic Council of University College, Dublin, to provide Irish versions of the Examination Papers for Entrance Scholarships to University College, Dublin. The Council was asked to support the resolution and to forward copies of their resolution to An Taoiseach, the President of University College, and to the daily papers. It was also requested that each member of the Dail for the District be informed of the Council's decision on the matter.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor T. Brennan;

Resolved—That we adopt the Resolution received from Connradh na Gaedhilge and urge that examination papers for the entrance examination for University College, Dublin, be set in Irish as well as

in the English language, and direct that copies of the resolution be sent to An Taoiseach, the President of University College, and to the daily papers.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 26—Resolution from Cork County Council.

The Council adopted the following resolution received from Cork County Council:—

"That, as the rates levied this year by local authorities are the highest ever in the Local Government History of this Country, and as any further burden on Ratepayers would be unjust and unbearable, we request the Government to increase the Grants in relief of Rates and extend the Relief to all Hereditaments, by an amount which will relieve all ratepayers from any increase of rates over that payable in the 1948-49 Rate Collection Year."

Item No. 27—Resolution from Leitrim County Council.

The Council decided to mark "Read" the following resolution received from Leitrim County Council:—

"That this Council, having regard to the continuing upward trend of rates and the liability of many County Councils to provide the essential services incumbent on Local Authorities without exceeding the ability of ratepayers to pay rates on the existing system of rating on the Poor Law Valuation, is of opinion that the present system of rating on the basis of the Poor Law Valuation should be abandoned, and, with this end in view, request the Minister for Local Government to examine the possibilities of a system to provide for an equal basic rate in every county and arrangements for grants from Central Funds to each County Council, having regard to the need of each county for such grants, thereby ensuring equality and standardisation of services in each county."

Improvement Works on Dublin-Bray Road.

Councillors W. Hammond and H. J. Byrne referred to improvement works to be carried out on the Dublin-Bray road, and expressed disagreement with the proposed works.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That we consider that the present is an inopportune time to carry out the costly reconstruction works on the Dublin-Bray road, and especially having regard to the requirements for roads in other counties.

Passed unanimously.

Drainage Schemes.

The County Engineer stated that he had prepared a schedule of proposed Drainage Schemes for the year 1950-51 and would be glad if the Council would consider them at that meeting, as he desired to submit the Schemes to the Department as soon as possible.

The following report of the County Engineer and list of Drainage Schemes was circulated to each member at the meeting:—

Co. Engineer's Office,

Court House,

Wicklow.

23rd Jan., 1950.

To:

The Chairman and Members of

Wicklow Co. Council.

DRAINAGE WORKS, 1950/51.

I beg to submit, for your consideration and approval, Schedule of proposed Drainage Schemes, 1950/51, the estimated cost of which amounts to £196,336.

The Department of Local Government, in circular letter dated 29th Dec., 1949, indicated that, while the Minister cannot at this stage commit himself to grants for a further programme of Drainage Works, he nevertheless recommends local authorities to prepare and submit for consideration, with the least possible delay, a programme of works for the coming Financial Year.

Due to delay experienced in commencing several schemes, I anticipate that the total amount sanctioned will not be expended within the financial year. The total cost of scheme sanctioned for this year is £79,648, and of this amount, it is estimated that there will be an unexpended balance of £9,350 at the end of March, 1950, in respect of the following schemes:—

Northern Area:		Estimated unexpended
Scheme No.	Location	Balance at 31/3/1950
A 5	St. Valeries Bridge to Glencap	1,000
A 13	Near Glencree Reformatory	100
A 19	From Sea to Glen o' Downs	2,200
A 20	Dargle River, Bray	2,000
A 30	Breaches at Killicool	1,000
A 32	Breaches at Kilpedder	900
Southern Area:		£7,200
C 1	Derry Water from Killaveeny	950
C 5	Tributary of River Derry at Rosnastraw/Killaveeny	1,200
		£2,150

It is indicated in the Department's circular letter that unexpended balances of expenditure on 1949/50 Drainage Schemes is recoupable if these works are executed in 1950/51.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

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DRAINAGE WORKS (1950). NORTHERN DISTRICT.

Scheme No.	Location.	Estimated Cost		Description of Work
		Wages £	Total £	
A 9	Tinnahinch	200	350	Protect bridge from further deterioration.
A10	Ballyvaurney Bridge	180	280	Protect Bridge: Repair abutments and parapet walls.
A11	Ballinagee to Charlesville	220	240	Protect Road No. 18 from flooding.
A12	Glencree Reformatory	80	90	Widen and clean drain: Protect Road No. 12.
A16	From Sea near Railway and to Redford, with branches to Kindlestown N.S.	550	750	Improve lands and protect Roads 24 and 26.
A17	From Sea to Cherry Orchard	900	1,000	Will improve land and cottage sites.
A18	At Bellevue, Delgany	170	200	Form drain inside fence. Improve land and protect Road No. 30.
A21	From Sea to Lord Meath's property	550	650	Clean out drain and remove obstructions. Will improve housing property at Putland Road.
A31	From Breaches to Glendarragh	4,000	5,600	Improve land and protect Road No. 49.
A33	From Breaches to Trudder	3,000	3,800	Widen and deepen stream. Work will improve and protect Road No. 50.
A34	From Lakes at Coolawinna to Kiltymon	2,900	3,500	Widen and deepen stream. Will improve land and protect Roads 64 and 65.
A36	From Deputy's Pass to Cussen Bridge	400	420	Widen and deepen. Will improve land.
A63	Glenmacnass River	4,700	5,400	Widen and deepen river. Will improve lands and benefit Road No. 58.
A38	From Lakes to Cronekeary & branch to Killoughter	2,500	3,000	Widen and deepen. Will improve land and protect Road 65.
A61	Boleynass Bridge	200	500	Widen and deepen stream and construct new bridge and parapet walls. Improve Road No. 72.
A62a	From junction near Rectory, Annamoe, to Knockaphrumpa Bog with branches to 3 roads at Moneystown	2,000	2,000	Widen and deepen stream. Work will improve lands and Roads 401, 76 and 87.
A64	Near Laragh on North side of Main Road	200	220	Clean out drain inside field. Improve land and Road No. 78.
A65	East of Main Road at Raheen	220	240	Clean out drains. Will improve land and Road No. 78.
A66	From Annacarter to Road No. 37	220	240	Widen and deepen stream. Will improve land.
A68	N.E. of Wicklow Gap Road	600	700	Form new drain. Will protect Wicklow Gap Road from damage by floods.
A69	Breaches to Newroth Bridge	3,000	5,000	Clean out Vartry River. Will improve lands.
A70	Rathnew to Cronroe	600	700	Clean out, widen and deepen Charvey Stream. Will improve lands and protect Roads 97 and 66.
A71	Ballyknockan Beg to Ballymacsimon	300	350	Clean out, widen and deepen stream. Will improve lands.
A72	Broomhall (from lower gate to Cross Roads)	45	50	Clean out, widen and deepen. Will prevent flooding.
A73	River Leitrim, Wicklow	2,000	3,500	Removal of silt. Would benefit Quay Walls and harbour, also land.
TOTAL ..			£39,080	

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

Scheme No.	Location	Description of Work	Estimated Cost Total	Wages	Location	Scheme No.
D 1	Kilmuray	Clean drain; construct gullet.	147	889	Kilpool	4 B
D 2	Woodfield	Floods Road, No. 268.	130	0261	(unrtd) Rathfriland	2 B
D 3	Three Bridges at Humewood to Keshla Clough	Clean drain; construct gullet. Floods Roads 268 and 273.	500	0261	Water	5 B
D 6	Carrigreen to Co. Carlow at Clough	Clean River. Affects land.	450	049	Wexford	12B
D 10	Ballingule	Clean River. Affects land. To make Road 263 passable.	2,000	046	Wexford	02B
D 11	Drum	Bridge to make Road 263 passable.	500	046	Wexford	61B
D 13	Deerpark, Lathaller	Clean and deepen stream. Floods Road 268 and lands at Parkmore and Lathaller.	200	046	Wexford	91B
D 27	Whitestown, Donard and Studfield	Clean river and branch. Branch causes flooding in Donard Main River. Affects land only.	800	046	Wexford	51B
D 30	Grange Con	Clean river; build walls. Floods Grange Con village.	900	046	Wexford	2B
D 32	Barrinstown, Ballycore	Clean river. Floods land and Grange Con village.	1,600	046	Wexford	52B
D 33	Ballycore	Clean river. Floods road.	600	046	Wexford	42B
D 34	Knockadrice	Bridge and raise road. Floods road.	450	046	Wexford	52B
D 36	Coragh	Bridge to make Road 349 passable.	150	046	Wexford	52B
D 38	Ballyhurten	Clean river. Affects land only.	200	046	Wexford	52B
D 39	Colbinstown	Clean river. Floods Rd. No. 307.	800	046	Wexford	52B
D 45	Lisheen	Straighten, widen and deepen river. Floods Rds. 383 and 376 and land.	3,050	046	Wexford	52B
D 46	Ballynutton	Bridge and diversion of river. Floods Road.	1,380	046	Wexford	52B
D 47	Toorboy	Straighten river. To reduce road and land floodings.	1,340	046	Wexford	52B
D 51	Stratford	Construct gullet. Prevent flooding of laneway.	16	046	Wexford	52B
D 52	Hollywood	Clean and deepen drain; provide gullet. Flooding affects public roads, land, Hollywood village, Church, etc.	740	046	Wexford	52B
D 55	Rathsallagh	Clean river. Floods road at Rathsallagh.	300	046	Wexford	52B
D 56	Tuckmill	Clean river. 650 acres Bog.	1,400	046	Wexford	52B
D 57	Tuckmill, Rampere	Clean river. 150 acres Bog and road at Rampere.	280	046	Wexford	52B
D 58	Grangecon, Ffyanstown	Clean river. 120 acres Bog and road at Ffyanstown.	800	046	Wexford	52B
D 59	Bessina, Ffyanstown	Clean river. 150 acres Bog and road.	600	046	Wexford	52B
D 60	Ballylion, Donard, Killeagh	Clean river. 300 acres of Bog, and Road 317 at Donard.	1,540	046	Wexford	52B
D 61	Logstown	Clean river. 150 acres Bog.	1,000	046	Wexford	52B
D 62	Carrigaura	Clean river. 300 acres Bog.	320	046	Wexford	52B
D 63	Logstown, Coragh	Clean river. 400 acres Bog, and road to Bog.	1,100	046	Wexford	52B
D 64	Rathdangan	Clean river. Floods land only.	875	046	Wexford	52B
D 66	Slaney to Snugboro'	Clean river. 500 acres Bog.	850	046	Wexford	52B
D 67	Ballyvoole to Slaney	Clean river. 300 acres Bog.	450	046	Wexford	52B
D 68	Carrigower and Canal	Clean canal; slope banks of river. 150 acres Bog.	300	046	Wexford	52B
D 69	Co. Carlow at Borkle	Clean and drain 90 acres Bog, and Road 389.	160	046	Wexford	52B
D 70	Miller's field, Blessington	Lay pipe to take road surface water.	100	046	Wexford	52B
D 71	Carrig Brook	Clean river. Affects land.	250	046	Wexford	52B
D 72	Knockenarrigan to Slaney	Clean river. 600 acres bog, and road.	460	046	Wexford	52B
D 73	Branch in Whitavern Bog to Whitavern River	Clean river. 100 acres bog.	400	046	Wexford	52B
D 74	Clashgall River	Clean river. 400 acres Bog.	900	046	Wexford	52B
D 75	Together	Clean river. Affects Road. No. 352.	450	046	Wexford	52B
D 76	Davidstown	Lay pipe to take surface water from Road 321.	160	046	Wexford	52B
TOTAL			£33,328			

WESTERN DISTRICT.

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Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

Resolved—That we approve of the list of Drainage Schemes submitted by the County Engineer to this meeting and direct that they be forwarded to the Department of Local Government for approval.
Passed unanimously.

Silver Strand Road.

Councillor W. Clarke stated that at a Special Meeting of Wicklow Urban District Council, the Council had appointed a deputation to the Minister for Local Government in relation to the Silver Strand Road, at Wicklow, and that this deputation would be received by the Minister on the following Thursday, 26th January. Since the matter was one which concerned the County Council, he wished that the Chairman of the County Council, C. W. Hudson and himself might be appointed as representatives of the Co. Council on the deputation.

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke;
Seconded by Councillor Dr. Hickey:

Resolved—That we appoint the following members to represent the Council on a deputation to the Department of Local Government in relation to the Silver Strand Road at Wicklow:—Senator J. J. McCrea; Councillor W. Clarke, Councillor C. W. Hudson.

Passed unanimously.

"Half Perches" Road.

The County Secretary referred to the work which had been carried out on the Blessington/Baltinglass Road on behalf of Wicklow County Council by the Kildare County Council as approved by the Council. He stated that the work had been inspected recently by the County Engineer in company with the County Engineer, Kildare Co. Council, and that it would be necessary to carry out additional work within the Co. Wicklow boundary at an estimated cost of £643 17s. 6d.

The Council agreed to the recommendation of the Co. Engineer, that this work be carried out by the Kildare Co. Council on behalf of Wicklow Co. Council, and that provision for the work be made in the coming year's Road Works Scheme.

Public Lighting.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe stated that an extra public lamp was required at Dunlavin, on the road through the Village Scheme.

Councillor P. P. O'Reilly asked that a lamp be provided at the Council cottages at Blessington.

The County Engineer was asked to report on these proposals.

Roads at Curranstown and Johnstown.

Councillors L. O. Cleirigh and P. McCarthy asked that the Co. Engineer meet local Councillors in regard to the provision to be made in the coming year's Road Works Estimates for repairs to these roads, Rathclaren Corner.

Councillor P. Ledwidge stated he understood that the tenants of the houses on the old section of the Main Road at Rathclaren, near Bray, had been asked to take responsibility for the section of the road not now in use. He stated that it was undesirable that the road should be closed off by tar barrels as at present, and suggested that the old road should be fenced off and gates provided at each end.

The County Manager stated that Councillor Ledwidge's proposal would receive consideration.

Appointment of Health Inspector.

The County Manager stated that the Department of Health desired that a temporary Health Inspector be appointed as soon as possible, pending the permanent filling of the position by the Local Appointments Commissioners. The Department had stated that new regulations in regard to the control of food would be made shortly, and that an additional Health Inspector would be required in con-

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Scheme No.	Location.	Estimated Wages	Estimated Cost	Description of Work
		£	£	
C 1	Roddenagh, Kiballyowen, Tomcoyle, Drummin	4,400	4,800	Widen, clean, deepen, river Derry Water. Prevent flooding on Rd. 205, adjacent lands and reclaim low-lying land.
C 2	Glenashouk, Ballingate, Cron-eyhorn, Ballary, Ballyrulkagh, Greenhall, Boleybawn	45,500	58,000	Widen, deepen and straighten Derry River; lowering bridges and replacing foot bridges. Prevent flooding at Quarry St., Shillelagh, Roads 242, 234, and adjacent lands and reclaim low-lying land.
C 3	Croneyhorn, Ballingate, Carnew, Umrigyar, Tomacork	2,600	4,000	Widen, deepen and clean Mine River. Prevent flooding on Rd. 220, 221 lands adjacent, and reclaim low-lying land.
C 5	Mount Pleasant, Rosnastraw, Milland	2,750	3,000	Deepen, widen and clean tributary of Derry river; prevent flooding on Road 213, lands adjacent, and reclaim low land.
C 6	Coolattin, Ballykelly, Coolboy, Coolroe	3,500	4,050	Deepen, widen and straighten tributary of Derry River; Construct new low level bridge and approach road near Coolboy to replace existing condemned bridge on Road 216. Prevent flooding on Roads 216, 231, 213 and adjacent lands, and reclaim low lands. Construct second arch in narrow bridge on Road 231 and lowering two bridges two feet.
C 7	Toberpatrick, Killavenny	1,600	1,700	Clean, deepen and widen tributary of Derry Water and lower bridge. Prevent flooding of adjacent lands, and reclaim low land.
C 9	Tulowlack, Kiltinure, Money	1,900	2,000	Deepen, widen and lower two bridges. Prevent flooding on Road 238 and adjacent lands and reclaim low lands.
C 13	Knocknagilly	300	320	Cut new straight course for tributary of River Dereen. Prevent flooding on adjacent land.
C 14	Kilcarney	4,400	4,600	Cut new course for river Dereen and fill in old one. Prevent flooding of Road 259.
C 15	Kilcarney	625	1,000	Build bridge where river crosses, to make road passable to traffic without fording, river.
C 16	Knockananna	560	600	Clean and widen tributary of river Dereen near Knockananna. Prevent flooding on land adjacent to river.
C 17	Shillelagh, Crone, Mungcollin	640	680	Clean, widen and deepen tributary to river Derry. Prevent flooding on adjacent lands and houses.
C 18	Kilbegg, Luncloon, Ballyconnell, Liscolman	1,450	1,600	Clean, widen and deepen, and lower one bridge. Prevent flooding on Roads 254 and 252 and adjacent lands and reclaim low lands.
C 19	Ballyrulkagh, Newtown	700	750	Clean and widen and deepen. Prevent flooding on Road 245 and adjacent lands.
C 20	Rathcoyle	1,700	1,800	Widen, straighten and deepen tributary of River Dereen and lower one bridge. Prevent flooding on Road 259 and on land adjacent to river and reclaim low lands.
TOTAL			£88,900	

nection with the enforcement of the regulations. An advertisement had been inserted inviting applications for the temporary appointment.

The Council noted the action taken in regard to the matter.

Vacancy for Dispensary Medical Officer—Newcastle Dispensary District.

The County Manager referred to previous discussion at meeting of the Council in regard to the filling of the vacancy for Dispensary Medical Officer at Arklow. He desired to inform the Council that the vacancy for Dispensary Medical Officer at Newcastle had also been referred to the Local Appointments Commissioners.

The Council noted that the position would be filled on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners.

Vacant Plot at Parkmore, Baltinglass.

Councillor B. Farrell stated that a vacant plot of ground at Parkmore, Baltinglass, was being used as a Dumping Ground. He recommended that this piece of ground be sold. Councillor Farrell added that a Dumping Ground was badly needed at Baltinglass.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 13th Feb., 1950, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended: Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman; Councillors P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D.; B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, John O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, Peter Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, George Doyle, L. O. Laoighleis, C. M. Byrne, W. Clarke and J. Jacob.

The County Engineer, Chief Assist. Engineer, and Assist. Engineers C. J. Byrne, P. J. Foley and M. Healy were present.

Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, attended.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors W. Hammond, C. W. Hudson and L. O. Cleirigh.

BUSINESS:

1. Minutes of Meetings held in October, November and December, 1949.
2. To authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to the Mortgage from the National Bank, Ltd., in respect of Loan of £4,655 for purchase of Excavator.
3. Resolution from County Library Committee in regard to the proposed annexe to the Library building at Greystones.
4. Letter dated 23rd January, 1950, from University College, Dublin, in regard to the allocation of marks for University Scholarship examination.
5. Report of County Engineer in regard to Engineering Services during the quarter ended 31st December, 1949.
6. Application from County Engineer for purchase of Trailers.
7. Report of deputation to Minister for Local Government in regard to Silver Strand Road.
8. Petition from residents of Greenane and Rathdrum in regard to road from Clash to Glenmalure.
9. Letter from Mr. M. L. O'Brien in regard to road from Enniskerry to Kileroney.
10. Correspondence in regard to proposed acquisition of site for Dispensary at Kilcoole.
11. Letter from Department of Health, dated 26th January, 1950, in regard to site of proposed County Hospital at Rathnew.
12. Proposed appointment of Visiting Committee of Baltinglass District Hospital.
13. Letter dated 26th January, 1950, from Department of Local Government in regard to Council's application for Grant towards cost of providing augmented water supply to Newcastle Sanatorium.
14. Letter dated 28th January, 1950, from Dept. of Local Government in regard to Council's application for increased Grant towards cost of Aughrim Water Supply Scheme.
15. Minutes of Meeting of Housing Committee held on 3rd Feb., 1950.
16. Determination of Rent Collection Districts.
17. Resolution from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland in regard to incidence of rating.
18. Resolution from Westmeath County Council in regard to amendment of Article 44 of the Constitution.
19. Resolution from Fermoy U.D.C. in regard to National Flag.
20. County Manager's Orders.

Resolutions of Sympathy.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.:

Resolved—That we, the members of Wicklow County Council, have learned with deep regret of the death of Dr. V. J. O'Sullivan, Dispensary Medical Officer, Aughrim, and we hereby extend to the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.:

Resolved—That we, the members of Wicklow County Council, have learned with deep regret of the death of Dr. J. J. Balfe, Dispensary Medical Officer, Carnew, and we hereby extend to the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.:

Resolved—That we, the members of Wicklow County Council, have heard with deep regret of the death of Mrs. Brennan, wife of Mr. P. Brennan, Assistance Officer, and we hereby extend to Mr. Brennan and the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

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

Passed unanimously.

Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, asked that he and the members of the staff be associated with the terms of the resolutions.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Jacob:

Resolved—That we confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 10th October, 1949; 14th November, 1949; 21st November, 1949; and 12th December, 1949.

Passed.

Payment of Carters for Holidays.

Councillor P. McCarthy inquired whether sanction had been received to the payment of carters in respect of holidays at the carter's rate of pay.

The County Secretary stated that application had been made for sanction to this rate of payment, but that sanction had not as yet been received.

Derelict Sites at Baltinglass.

Councillor B. Farrell referred to the Minutes of the December meeting, and stated that he had been reported incorrectly as having proposed that a payment be made to Mr. Cummins, the occupier of a house at Belan Street, Baltinglass. He stated that Mr. Cummins would be prepared to move to a new house when erected on the same street, and give up the occupation of his present house, which could then be demolished. Councillor B. Farrell pointed out that the owner of the site in question was Mrs. Browne and not Mrs. Wilson.

Wages of Drainage Workers.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor P. McCarthy, the County Secretary read the following letter received from the Department of Local Government in regard to the proposed increase of 15/- per week in wages of workers employed on Drainage Schemes:—

Dept. of Local Government,
Custom House, Dublin.
31st Jan., 1950.

RM/33/W.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 19th instant, and previous correspondence regarding the wages of workers, including carters, employed on Schemes under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he does not consider that such workers should be paid a wage rate in

excess of the normal Road Workers' rate, except where there are factors of an exceptional nature in relation to a particular work. Generally, it is considered that work on these Schemes is not so onerous and unpleasant in comparison with road work that a differentiation in pay over that of road workers is warranted. The considerations advanced in support of an increased wage for the men engaged on drainage schemes in County Wicklow have been carefully examined and it has been decided that an increase is not warranted.

I am also to inform you that the amount of money available at present for grants under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, is limited and any increase in wages will tend to reduce the amount of employment that can be provided.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. BARRINGTON,

The Secretary,
Co. Council Offices,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Wages of Lorry and Roller Drivers.

The County Sec. read the following letter, which had been received from the Irish Automobile Drivers' and Automobile Mechanics' Union:

9, Parnell Square East,
Dublin, C.16.

9th February, 1950.

Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Re: Wages and Status of Lorry and Roller Drivers, Etc.

Dear Sir,

Adverting to our letter of the 6th ult. re above, and having regard to the terms of a letter dated 6th inst., which we have received from the Minister for Local Government, copy of which we here enclose and is self-explanatory, my Committe have instructed me to state that in view of a resolution passed by our members at a special meeting to consider the position created, that they are reluctantly compelled to give your Council a week's notice of our intended industrial action, which will become effective from Friday, 17th instant.

We are advising our members of this action and instructing them to leave their vehicles at your depot at Wicklow on the evening of the date mentioned.

Should you wish to make any change in this arrangement, we are prepared to facilitate by instructing our members concerned in accordance.

Yours faithfully, C. McGEE,

Organising Secretary.

The copy of the letter referred to in the Union's letter was as follows:—

Office of the Minister for L.G.,

Dublin.

6th Feb., 1950.

Dear Mr. McGee,

I have been asked by Mr. Keyes, Minister for Local Government, to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo concerning wage increases and conditions in general for your members employed by the Wicklow County Council. The Minister has had this matter examined in the Department and now desires me to inform you that it is one essentially for local negotiation. The local authority have a wide discretion; they do not require the Minister's sanction within that discretion, and he has no power to press them to pay more than they wish to pay.

Christopher McGee, Esq., Yours sincerely,

Organising Secretary,

Signed: D. CONNELL,

Irish Automobile Drivers and Automobile

Private Secretary.

Mechanics' Union, 9 Parnell Sq., Dublin.

The Council directed that particulars of the rates of wages paid to lorry and roller drivers in other counties be circulated to the members before the next meeting of the Council.

Drainage Works.

Councillor B. Farrell stated that about 50 men were unemployed in the Baltinglass area, and asked whether work on Drainage Schemes could be provided for these men. Subsequently the Co. Engineer submitted particulars of balance of grants available for Drainage Schemes in West Wicklow as at 28th January, 1950. The total amount then available was £2,498. Certain sums due in respect of piping, however, had not been paid at that date.

Members of the Council referred also to the sanction received for the Loan for the repair of road from Rathdangan to Graigue Cross, and suggested that workers unemployed at Baltinglass might be employed in connection with that work.

Shelters and Protective Clothing.

Councillor P. McCarthy stated that shelters had not yet been supplied at Tinahely, and that protective clothing was needed for workers at Knockananna.

The County Engineer stated that there had been delay in obtaining from the suppliers the covers for the shelters. He hoped that these would be available very shortly. He stated he would investigate the question of providing protective clothing for workers at Knockananna.

Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., stated he had received complaints that rubber boots issued to workers employed on Drainage Schemes were of poor quality, and had become porous. The County Engineer stated that the boots supplied were of the best quality available.

Item No. 2—Loan of £4,655 for Purchase of Excavator.

Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage from the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, in respect of Loan of £4,655 for the purchase of an Excavator.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Annexe to Library Building at Greystones.

The County Secretary stated that the County Library Committee had passed the following resolution:—"That we approve the plan of the annexe to the County Library building at Greystones, as submitted to us by the County Engineer, recommending that an entrance door be included at the side of the annexe, adjoining the Bonne Bouche, to facilitate delivery and dispatch of books. We also approve the County Engineer's estimated cost of annexe, £950, and suggest that a loan be raised for this purpose. As storage space and packing accommodation are urgently needed at the County Library, we strongly recommend to the County Manager and to the County Council that the annexe be built as soon as possible."

The County Librarian, in forwarding the resolution, had added that the Committee commended the layout of the annexe, the care taken to preserve the symmetry of the building, the adaptation of windows into doors, and the type of roofing.

Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. Hickey;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we approve of the plan for the erection of an annexe to the Library Building at Greystones, as submitted by the County Librarian, and authorise the raising of a Loan of £950, repayable over a period of 10 years, to meet the cost of the work.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—University Scholarship Scheme, 1950.

The following letter from University College, Dublin, was submitted:—

23rd Jan., 1950.

County Council Scholarships.

The Academic Council had before them at their meeting on the 19th January, 1950, the representations made by the General Council of County Councils on the conditions for award of County Council Scholarships.

They decided that approval would be given in the case of any County Council or Borough Council who wished to substitute 150 marks for Irish and Mathematics instead of 100, as given in my letter of the 25th November, 1949. The other conditions of that letter to be unchanged.

JOHN J. NOLAN,

Registrar.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor W. Clarke;

Resolved—That, having considered letter of 23rd January, 1950, from University College, Dublin, we approve of the awarding of 150 marks for Irish and Mathematics in place of 100 marks for these Honours subjects at the examination for University Scholarships.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Report of Co. Engineer on Engineering Services.

The following report of the County Engineer had been circulated to the members of the Council:—

Co. Engineer's Office,

Court House,

12th Jan., 1950.

County Surveyor's Report (January, 1950).

Meeting of Council, Monday, 16th Jan., 1950.

To: The Chairman and Members,

Wicklow County Council.

I beg to submit general report of Engineering works in progress:—

(1) **Drainage:** I attach report giving details of Schemes at present in progress and completed in each District.

(2) **Housing** (1946 Scheme): Number of houses in progress by D.L.—90; number already completed by D.L.—38; number of houses accepted for Contract—72; number of houses started by contract—3.

Total number of men employed by D.L. (a)—skilled, 51; (b) others, 80.

The four experimental houses by the "On-Site" method are being erected at Ballymoneen, and results so far indicate satisfactory progress. The four experimental timber type cottages at Knockroe are now built, ready for wall covering and plastering, and costings show definite saving.

Progress on Housing is not as rapid as was expected, due to shortage of tradesmen, especially plasterers, but I believe this situation will be eased in the near future. Cement deliveries are not yet satisfactory, and quantities are still restricted in output.

(3) **Public Health:** Works at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, are almost complete. These consist of repairs to roof, gable, and Recreation Hall; re-ceiling and plastering, and painting of windows, painting, etc., of Office and Convent.

(4) **Well-boring and Water Supplies:** Four wells have now been completed with our new well-boring equipment—Arklow Rock (2), Croneynhorn (1), Crab Lane (1). Work is in progress in Kilcarra and a complete set of equipment has been sent to West Wicklow and a man has been trained in its use. Liners and tubing, however, are impossible to procure before end of January, 1950. Every effort has been made to get these.

(5) Roads: The Special Works included in Road Works Programme, 1949/50, have now been completed. Attention is now being directed, for the greater part, in repairs to County Roads, especially those which have unrolled surfaces. 264 men are employed on road maintenance. These unrolled surfaces are beginning to show the effect of the very dry Summer of 1949, which cause a disintegration of loose clay surfaces which turn to mud in damp or soft weather recently prevailing. The funds made available, however, are insufficient to fully cope with this work: I trust that in 1950/51 the Council will agree to a more generous provision for repairs and improvements to County Roads.

No indication, as yet, has been received from the Department to indicate the amount of Grants to be made available in 1950/51 to this Council, so that it is not possible for me to decide on my final Estimate for Roads Expenditure in the coming year. Large Grants from Central Funds appear to have been allocated to other Counties, and the Council might consider it desirable to express the opinion that County Wicklow should receive special consideration, having regard to the heavy increase in commercial and tourist traffic in the County.

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

12/1/1950.

DRAINAGE PROGRESS REPORT.

Schedule No.	Name of River or Location	Average No. of men employed	Amount spent to date
NORTHERN DISTRICT.			
			£ s d
A1	Calary Bog	9	64 11 4
A4	Ballyremon Bog	8	154 3 6
A5	Kilmurray	2	102 6 4
A6	County Brook	20	727 12 10
A7	Enniskerry	20	76 18 4
A13	Glencree	10	67 11 2
A20	Boghall	13	321 2 1
A30	The Breeches (Kilcool)	14	844 6 4
A60	Tiglin	—	995 0 0 Completed
A8	Dargle	10	727 16 5
A67	Sallygap Bog	—	695 6 5 Completed
A35	Coolawinna	43	2459 6 11
A32	Breeches (Newtown)	—	356 18 7
A37	Ashford	33	365 6 3
SOUTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.			
B2	Newbawn	—	1330 0 0 Completed
B3	Avonbeg	30	746 19 7
B6	Potters	30	982 15 4
B13	The Owe	23	1727 0 11
B8	Redcross	18	602 7 4
B14	Coolahullen	19	244 8 8
B17	Tomanerin	23	868 11 7
SOUTHERN DISTRICT.			
C1	Derry Water	27	936 3 3
C2	Derry	167	7477 19 2
C4	Derry	—	1599 16 6 Completed
C9	Dereen (tributary)	21	795 6 10
C10	Dereen	19	663 18 4
WESTERN DISTRICT.			
D4	Raheen	—	100 0 0 Completed
D5	Holdenstown	—	140 0 0 Completed
D7	Rathmoon	—	47 16 4 Completed
D8	Lackeraigh	39	875 4 2
D12	Deerpark	5	84 7 7
D23	Oldcourt	28	181 6 8
D26	Bessina	—	56 11 5 Completed
D31	Goldenfort	—	305 8 5 Completed
D37	Garryknock	—	96 3 1
D41	Milltown	6	41 2 4
D43	Parkmore	4	48 11 1
D48	Parkmore	36	222 8 11
D49	Ballinastockan	5	22 8 4
D50	Lacken	2	5 4 11
D14	Carrigowen	—	1492 5 11 Completed
D15	Loughmogue	—	282 8 3 Completed
D42	Winetavern	11	73 13 6

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Resolved—That we approve of the County Engineer's Report on engineering services, as submitted to this meeting.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Purchase of Trailers.

The following letter was submitted from the County Engineer:—
30th January, 1950.

Re: Machinery-Trailers.

I wish to draw your attention to the fact that the number of lorries which we have is now insufficient to deal with Housing, Roads and Drainage, especially now that several of the lorries each day have to transport men to and from work on Drainage Schemes.

This position is becoming more acute each day, and I would suggest that in order to relieve the situation, 5-ton tipping trailers to be drawn by our own tractors, be purchased for use on Drainage Schemes.

Quotations were invited for the supply of these trailers and I recommend the purchase of four hydraulic 5-ton, on 900 x 16 new Dunlop tyres on 2½" trailer axle with brakes, from Middleton Industries, Ltd., Cork, at a cost of £188 18s. 6d. each.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the total cost of the purchase of the four trailers would be £755 14s. The County Manager stated that he could not recommend the purchase of these trailers. He pointed out that lorries had been purchased mainly for the transport of materials, and that it had not been intended in the first instance to use the lorries for the transport of men. During the emergency, lorries had been used to transport men to the turf bogs, which were not readily accessible by the turf workers. It had been found that the lorries were now being used to a great extent for the transport of workers. He did not consider that the trailers could be so utilised.

The Chairman referred to the large quantities of materials which were being taken out of rivers under the Drainage Schemes, and stated that it would be an advantage to have these trailers in order that the material could be removed from the sides of the road.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. Hickey;

Resolved—That we approve of the County Engineer's recommendation for the purchase of four 5-ton tipping trailers for use with the Council's tractors.

Passed, Councillor J. J. Metcalfe dissenting.

Item No. 7—Silver Strand Road.

The County Secretary stated that the following letter had been received from the Department of Local Government:—

Custom House,
Dublin.
1 Feabhra, 1950.

R/RU/33.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to the discussion which took place on Thursday last, when a deputation from Wicklow County Council and Wicklow Urban District Council was received by the Minister in connection with the proposed new road at the Silver Strand, and to state that it is presumed that the County Engineer will now prepare documents for the initial scheme decided upon at that meeting.

In connection with the financing of the work, a Loan Form is enclosed which should be submitted duly completed to this Depart-

ment in due course, together with a certified copy of the Council's resolution authorising the raising of the necessary loan.

Mise, le meas,

B. NOLAN.

Secretary.

Wicklow County Council.

On the proposal of the Chairman, Senator J. J. McCrea, the Council decided to discuss the matter in committee.

The Chairman stated that the deputation had been very favourably received by the Minister for Local Government. It had been agreed that the Council would raise a Loan of £5,000, to be repayable over a period of ten years, for the purpose of financing the preliminary work on the road to be carried out during the coming financial year. The Department would endeavour to make a grant available towards the end of the coming year. In the subsequent year a grant of two-thirds of the cost of the work would be allocated.

The County Manager explained that there was a difficulty in the allocation of a grant in respect of the construction of a new road, since in recent years moneys had not been allocated for this purpose, but had been reserved for the improvement of existing roads. In view, however, of the number of years during which the Council had been seeking assistance for the construction of the Silver Strand Road, the Minister had agreed to make a Grant available. As the Council had been informed the County Engineer had proposed to use the Soil Stabilisation Method of Road Construction on the Silver Strand Road, but the Department officials had suggested that this method might be tested first on a short stretch of road. If the new road had subsequently to be constructed in tar macadam, the cost might be £21,000, of which the Council would contribute £7,000.

Councillor W. Clarke stated that at a recent meeting of Wicklow Urban District Council, a resolution had been passed asking that the County Council arrange for the demolition of the Jail. He suggested that the materials in the old Jail might be used when the Silver Strand Road was being constructed.

The Council agreed to the demolition of the Jail and the use of the material for road works, foreshore protection works, etc., and that material also should be made available to builders or any other persons requiring them.

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Jacob;

Resolved—That, having considered report of the County Engineer in regard to the deputation received by the Minister for Local Government in connection with the Silver Strand Road, we approve of the raising of a Loan of £5,000 repayable over a period of ten years, for the purpose of financing the first year's programme for the construction of the road.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Road from Clash to Glenmalure.

The following letter, addressed to the Chairman, was read:—

Clash,
Rathdrum,
Co. Wicklow.

Dear Mr. McCrea,

16/1/50.

I am writing on behalf of the enclosed signatories to ask you to call the attention of the Council to the condition of the road from Clash to Glenmalure.

The road is one continuous row of deep holes, due to heavy lorry traffic last year. There has not been anything done to the surface for a long time, and it is rapidly getting worse.

You will appreciate the hardships this imposes on local car owners constantly using the road, and having to pay heavy load tax, they feel entitled to some consideration.

Trusting you will bring the matter before the Council, and that they will see their way to effect some improvement on this particular road.

I remain,

Yours faithfully, on behalf of the following:

P. Doyle (NI 5337); William Brownrigg, Ballinatone; George Brownrigg (NI 4157), Greenane; Laurence Redmond, C.C. (NI 5495), Greenane; Patrick J. O'Byrne, Rate Collector (NI 5085); Andrew Rogers (ZI 4015), Greenane; J. O'Hara (NI 5237), Glenmalure; A. M. Doyle (NI 4747), Glenmalure Hotel; Robert G. Love, Ballard Rectory, Rathdrum (BI 4496); Frederick J. Phelan, Clash, Rathdrum (NI 4267); James Clarke, Ballyknocken, Rathdrum (ZH 7278); William Lowry, Avoca; Annie M. Devereux, Kirikee N.S.; Thomas Kirwan, Clash; Delia O'Riordan, Clash.

The Council decided to examine the question of carrying out repairs to this road at the Estimates Meeting. Councillor W. Clarke pointed out that the road from Laragh to Glendalough urgently needed repair.

The County Engineer stated that in 1940 a Grant of £4,000 had been made available for the repair of this road, but that due to the War this Grant had been withdrawn. He had made provision in the Road Works Scheme for the repair of the road.

Estimates Meeting.

Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., asked why the Estimates Meeting of the Council had been arranged for Thursday, 16th February, 1950.

The County Secretary stated that 16th February was the statutory date for holding the Estimates Meeting.

The Chairman suggested that the Estimates be discussed at the meeting on Thursday, and that the Council then appoint a Committee to examine them in detail and to report to the meeting of the Council in March.

Grangegorman Mental Hospital.

Councillor P. P. O'Reilly stated that Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board had under consideration the erection of new buildings, estimated to cost nearly £400,000. He asked for the Council's views on the matter.

Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that he had pressed on a previous occasion for an Inquiry into the high cost of Grangegorman Joint Mental Hospital. He suggested that the Council should again consider erecting their own Mental Hospital.

The County Manager stated that a survey required to be made of a suggested site for a Mental Hospital in County Wicklow, and that he would arrange to have this carried out as soon as possible. He suggested that the Council's representatives of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board might mention that if the Board were intending to embark on new Hospital works, it was possible that Wicklow County Council might sever their connection with the Joint Mental Hospital Board in the future.

Item No. 9—Road from Enniskerry to Kileroney.

The following letter in regard to the road from Enniskerry to Kileroney, was submitted:—

6, Florence Terrace,
Florence Road,

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

May I draw your attention to the discomfort and danger to pedestrians and others using the very pretty little road from Ennis-

kerry to Kileroney. This road (in otherwise good condition) has no fewer than 17 turns in the distance of about 1½ miles, and is far too narrow for the volume of heavy traffic at present using it. Fleets of sand lorries in constant use make it terrifying, not to talk of 'buses. The footpath is disappearing and is an added danger, being unusable in parts. Equestrian riders are cutting it up also, and the road itself is too narrow for safety for anybody. Now that labour is being expended on improving the little river which runs alongside, it is time that attention was given to the very outmoded and outdated bank and footpath before some serious disaster occurs.

Yours faithfully,

M. L. O'BRIEN.

The Council noted the letter.

Road from Graigue Cross to Rathdangan.

The County Secretary stated that draft Deed of Mortgage from the National Bank, Ltd., in respect of Loan of £2,000 proposed to be borrowed for the improvement of the road from Graigue Cross to Rathdangan had been received.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That pursuant to the letter of sanction of the Local Government Minister, dated 27th January, 1950, the sum of £2,000 be borrowed from The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying cost of improving the road from Graigue Cross to Rathdangan, said sum to be repaid within a period of Five Years, with interest at the rate of one-half per cent. under the Irish Banks' rate, rising and falling from time to time with a minimum of £1 per cent. per annum as in said letter of sanction provided, the said Loan and all interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to said Mortgage to the National Bank, Limited.

Passed.

Item No. 10—Proposed Acquisition of Site for Dispensary at Kilcoole.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Law Agent had been in communication with the Representative Church Body in regard to the proposed acquisition of a site for a Dispensary at Kilcoole on what was known as "The Green." From the legal advice obtained it would appear that the Council would need to acquire the commons compulsorily in order to ensure that the title to the land would be a proper one.

Councillor W. Lawless stated that he would object strongly to any proposal to acquire The Green. He said he could suggest three alternative sites which would be more suitable for the purpose required. The Council decided to adjourn the matter for a report from the County Engineer in regard to the alternative sites mentioned by Councillor W. Lawless.

Item No. 11—Site for Proposed County Hospital at Rathnew.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Department of Health in regard to the price proposed to be paid for the acquisition of the site at Rathnew, required for proposed new County Hospital.

The Council decided to discuss the matter in committee.

The following letter from the Department of Health was then submitted:—

HC/33/1/1B.
A Chara,

Dublin.
26 Eanáir, 1950.

With reference to your letter of the 5th December, 1949, and enclosure regarding the site for the proposed County Hospital at Rathnew, the Minister for Health has been advised that the present market value of the fee simple interest in the plot of land which it

is proposed to acquire is about £2,000. In view of the suitability of the site, however, it is considered that it would not be unreasonable to pay a little more than this amount for it if the owner were willing to sell the property voluntarily.

Mise, le meas,

Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.

D. O HIARFHLAITHE.

The County Manager stated that the price asked by the owner of the land was £2,500, to which must be added cost of redemption of Land Purchase Annuity at £250, making total cost of £2,750.

Councillor H. J. Byrne referred to the valuation placed on the land, amounting to £1,660, and pointed out that at the recent arbitration proceedings in connection with the acquisition of land for cottages, a figure of £60 per acre for land, inclusive of buildings thereon was sought. Even allowing for costs of arbitration following compulsory acquisition of the land, he considered that the total cost of acquiring the land would be much less than that asked for by the owner.

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Resolved—That we adhere to our original offer of £1,660 which is to be conveyed again to the owner, Mr. P. Clements, and if he again refuses to accept this price, the necessary measures to be taken for the compulsory acquisition of these lands under the Public Assistance Act, 1939.

Passed.

Item No. 12—Visiting Committee, Baltinglass District Hospital.

The County Secretary stated that the following letter had been received by the County Manager.

Dunlavin,
Co. Wicklow.
21/1/50.

Dear Mr. Flannery,

I would be obliged if you would consider the appointment of Laurence K. O'Reilly, "Bella Vista," Donard, to the Visiting Committee of Baltinglass Hospital to the vacancy created at the time of Matt Byrne's death. R.I.P.

This would be a very popular appointment to all concerned, especially to Dr. Lord and the Staff. Mr. O'Reilly has often been very helpful and, I believe, very generous.

Please forgive me for troubling.

Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL J. O'CONNOR, B.A., H.Dip.Ed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Seconded by Councillor B. Farrell;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr. Richard L. Barron, N.T., Grangecon, as a member of the Visiting Committee of Baltinglass District Hospital in place of the late Mr. Matthew Byrne.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Augmented Water Supply to Newcastle Sanatorium.

The Council noted the following letter, received from the Department of Local Government:—

Dept. of Local Government,
Custom House,
Dublin.
26th January, 1950.

L.989/50.

A Chafa,

With reference to your letter of the 18th instant, relative to the provision of an augmented water supply to Newcastle Sanatorium, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that a copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Department of Health, who have been informed that the Minister has sympathy with the request of the County Council for a special contribution towards the cost of the Scheme from the Hospital Authorities.

As already indicated, the maximum grant which could be made available from Funds under the control of this Department would be 33½ per cent. of the cost of the scheme. It should be appreciated that grants of this nature are generally made available towards the cost of water supply and sewerage schemes of a major nature designed to serve the public generally. In the special circumstances of the present case, however, the Minister is prepared to make a recommendation for the allocation of the 33½ per cent. grant from the Vote, notwithstanding the restricted nature and purpose of the extension.

I am to add that no useful purpose would be served by the attendance of a deputation from the Council on this Department in view of the position in regard to the allocation of a grant which has been outlined above.

Mise, le meas,

M. Flannery, Esq.,
Co. Manager, Wicklow.

N. de PAOR.

Councillor George Doyle referred to the previous letter received from the Department of Health in regard to the allocation to the Council of a proportion of the beds at Newcastle Sanatorium. He suggested that to clarify the position, the Department should be asked to indicate the exact number of beds which would be available.

The County Manager stated that during recent months the Council had had no difficulty in obtaining accommodation at Newcastle Sanatorium for patients requiring treatment there.

Improvements to Baltinglass District Hospital.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe inquired what progress had been made in regard to improvements to Baltinglass District Hospital.

The County Manager stated that a letter had been addressed to the Department of Health on 23rd January, 1950, in regard to an interview which he had with the Department's officials. The Council's Architect had been asked to arrange an interview with the Department's technical advisers in regard to the mechanical services for the Hospital, that is, lighting, heating, etc. Working drawings were now being prepared by the Architect, and the Department had been asked for permission to send the drawings when completed to the Quantity Surveyor. No reply had yet been received to the letter referred to.

Remuneration of Ambulance Driver.

Councillor W. Clarke referred to the refusal of the Department of Health to sanction the allowance of £30 proposed to be paid to Mr. J. O'Rourke, Ambulance Driver, in respect of his duties in relation to the Fever Hospital.

The Council asked that strong representations be made to the Department for sanction to the payment of this allowance.

Item No. 14.—Aughrim Water Supply Scheme.

The Council noted the following letter received from the Department of Local Government:—

Custom House, Dublin.
28th January, 1950.

L.1394/50.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 25th instant relative to the Aughrim Water Supply Scheme, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that the terms of the County Council's resolution of the 23rd idem. have been noted.

Owing to the necessity for conserving as far as possible the limited funds available for the making of grants towards the cost of sanitation works and as the work could be carried out efficiently by the use of A.C. pipes, the Minister is unable to reconsider his decision that the grant towards the cost of the scheme must be based on the lower figure for the carrying out of the scheme using A.C. pipes.

The Minister is aware of the delay obtaining at present in regard to the delivery of the latter type of piping. This delay applies gener-

ally to schemes being carried out by local authorities, and while it is regrettable in itself, it cannot be regarded as justifying the abandonment of the use of A.C. piping for schemes where it is apparent that these pipes will provide an efficient system.

It should be noted that the abandonment of the use of A.C. pipes would be directly encouraged by the allocation of increased grants to meet the extra cost of schemes carried out in C.I. piping.

No special circumstances exist in regard to the Aughrim Water Supply Scheme which would justify a departure from the normal practice which obtains in regard to water supply schemes throughout the country which are urgent and necessary for public health reasons.

In the circumstances, if the Council desire to proceed with the scheme immediately using Cast Iron pipes, the extra cost must be met out of their own funds.

Mise, le meas,

N. DE PAOR.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Councillor P. McCarthy inquired as to the manner in which workers were recruited for the Aughrim Water Supply Scheme.

Assistant Engineer J. P. Caffrey stated that workers had been recruited by the Contractor from the Employment Exchange, but that due to scarcity of workers in the district some men had been released from employment by the County Council to work on the Water Supply Scheme.

Item No. 15—Report of Housing Committee.

The following report of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 3rd February, 1950, had been circulated to the Members:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of the Housing Committee of the Council was held at the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Friday, 3rd February, 1950, at 3 p.m.

The following members were present:—

Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

Councillors T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Hammond, P. P. O'Reilly, J. Metcalfe, H. J. Byrne and P. McCarthy.

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant Engineer, and Assistant Engineers C. J. Byrne, P. J. Foley, and M. Healy were present.

Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, attended.

Progress Report:

The attached report of the County Engineer on the progress of the Housing Scheme during the month of January, 1950, was submitted.

Allocation of Cottages to Tenants:

In reply to inquiry from Councillor J. Metcalfe, Mr. T. Byrne, Chief Officer, stated that to date 29 cottages had been completed and keys allocated to tenants as follows:—

- Ballywaltrim, Bray—10
- Cookstown, Enniskerry—6
- Churchlands, Tinahely—2.
- Lugduff, Tinahely—1.
- Ballybeg, Shillelagh—1.
- Knockieran, Blessington—8.
- Coldross, Kilcoole—1.

15 cottages at Killincarrig nearing completion have also been allocated—bringing the total number of cottages to which tenants have been appointed to 44.

Keys have been received for 1 cottage at Coolkenno, Shillelagh, 1 cottage at Knockloe, Shillelagh, 1 cottage at Newcastle Middle, 2 cottages at Leabeg, Newcastle, and advertisements have been issued inviting applications.

Advertisements inviting applications for tenancies of new cottages which should be completed within the next few months were being inserted in the next week's local newspapers. 65 cottages were being advertised.

Cost of Cottages:

In reply to inquiry from Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., the County Secretary stated that the average cost of erection for groups of cottages completed was £713 per cottage. The average cost including administrative expenses and insurance was £727.

Membership of Trade Unions:

Councillor P. McCarthy stated that he understood that labourers employed in West Wicklow were not members of recognised Trade Unions. Assistant Engineer P. J. Foley stated he was making a check on the labourers employed in his district as to whether they were members of Trade Unions.

The County Manager stated that if Union officials became aware that workers employed by the Council were not members of recognised Trade Unions, they should bring that fact to the notice of the Assistant Engineer for the district.

Provision of Thorn Quicks for Fences:

Councillor J. Metcalfe asked whether thorn quicks for fences had yet been provided.

The County Engineer stated he had been informed that the month of March was the correct time for planting thorn quicks.

Councillor J. Metcalfe suggested that the thorn quicks should be planted immediately.

Cottages at Killincarrig.

Councillor J. Metcalfe inquired the reason for the delay in completing the cottages at Killincarrig. The County Engineer stated that this matter had been explained at a previous meeting and pointed out that there had been difficulty in obtaining sufficient plasterers to do the work.

Purchase of Materials.

The Committee considered the County Engineer's recommendation to purchase a stock of materials sufficient to construct at least 150 cottages at an estimated cost of £37,500. The Committee recommended that stocks of materials should be purchased at the discretion of the County Engineer.

The County Engineer stated that before placing Orders he would obtain quotations and discuss the matter with the County Manager.

Repairs to Cottages carried out during January, 1950.

The Committee noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of January, 1950, as submitted to the meeting.

Authorisation of Repairs to Cottages.

The Committee approved of the carrying out of repairs to cottages as recommended by the County Engineer. The following items of repairs were not approved:—

Provision of new ranges for the following tenants—William Greene, Kilcoole; Mrs. Gregory, Killmacullagh; Mrs. Price, Ashtown; R. Smith, Ballymagroo; William Byrne, Ballycapple. In the case of the latter two tenants, the Committee asked that a further report in regard to need for a range be submitted.

The Committee also adjourned proposed fencing to cottages at Rathnew and Brockagh, pending the receipt of complete report from the County Engineer in regard to the conditions of fences to cottage plots throughout the County.

In authorising repairs to the out-offices to the cottage occupied by Mrs. Halpin at Doody's Bottoms, the Committee recommended that the cost of these repairs be recovered from the previous tenant, who it was stated had pulled down the walls as a result of which the out-office doors had been broken.

Outline Specification.

The following circular dated 23rd January, 1950, was submitted to the Committee and noted:—

Department of Local Government,
Custom House, Dublin.
23rd January, 1950.

Circular Letter No. N.3/50.

OUTLINE SPECIFICATION.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to transmit the enclosed copy of a revised edition of the Outline Specification issued by this Department for the guidance of housing authorities, public utility societies and private persons erecting houses under the Housing Acts. Further copies may be purchased from the Government Publications Sale Offices, 3/4, College Street, Dublin, or through any Bookseller.

SUBMISSION OF SPECIFICATION FOR HOUSING SCHEMES.

While the outline specification is not a comprehensive document intended to meet the requirements of housing authorities on all occasions, it is suggested that, as far as possible, housing authorities should base their detailed specification for each housing scheme on this document. Where this procedure is followed, the examination of the detailed specification by this Department will be greatly facilitated if, when submitting it for the Minister's approval, the housing authority sends a covering note indicating the clauses which depart from the terms of the outline specification, or are additional to it.

MASONRY WALLING.

The Minister desires that housing authorities, and particularly County Councils carrying out Village and Rural Cottage Schemes, should explore the possibility of making use of masonry walling. There are many areas in which suitable local stone is abundant and where there is obvious scope for the use of this type of walling to an appreciable extent, consistent with the need for efficiency and economy. The erection of cottages in masonry would have the advantage of preserving a traditional local technique, which affords skilled employment to local labour. Each housing authority should obtain a special report on this question from their technical advisers, particular advertence being paid to the availability of the necessary skilled labour.

It may be mentioned that an expansion in the use of stone for building work would result in a saving of cement which is at present in short supply in relation to the demand.

Apart from the question of erecting cottages in masonry, there are some areas in which, by reason of their location convenient to stone-cutting works, the use of Irish stone for window-sills, lintels and door-steps is practicable, and the Minister recommends housing authorities to make use of this material where the increased cost involved is not significant.

THATCH ROOFING.

In conjunction with the question of employing masonry walling, it is suggested that County Councils should obtain a report on the practicability of utilising thatch roofing in the construction of some of their rural cottages. Here again a vital consideration will be whether skilled thatchers are available. Apart from the more obvious arguments in favour of this roofing, such as saving in quantity and cost of roof timber, cheapness and abundance of this native roofing material, saving in sheet lead for flashings, and in rain water goods, high thermal insulation, and picturesque appearance, it may be pointed out that the use of thatch in appropriate areas will enable housing authorities to draw on an untapped supply of skilled labour, while a gradual reduction in cost might be anticipated with experience and improving technique in the use of thatch.

SELECTION OF HOUSING SITES.

The method of selecting housing sites by certain housing authorities, and the manner in which proposals for the acquisition of sites

are submitted for the Minister's approval show some unsatisfactory features. The following notes have been prepared for the guidance of housing authorities in this matter. The selection and speedy acquisition of suitable sites are matters of prime importance for the proper execution of the housing programme, and housing authorities are urged, therefore, to comply with the Department's recommendations as closely as the circumstances of each case allow.

Attention is directed to paragraph 5, 6 and 7 of the Department's circular on Housing Standards of 26th June, 1947, and to Part 1 of the memorandum attached thereto. These are reproduced for convenience in Appendix 1 to this circular letter. Attention is also directed to circular No. H.43/48 of the 9th August, 1949, with regard to sites for labourers' cottages.

A number of recent proposals indicate a tendency to locate grouped cottage schemes at some distance from existing towns and villages. The disadvantages attending this arrangement are obvious; the cost of extending water and sewerage, where available or proposed, is greatly enhanced; the new scheme does not form an integral part of the town or village and consequently the tenants are inconveniently placed in relation to Churches, Shops and Schools. Housing authorities should endeavour to make their grouped schemes form an integral part of existing centres. In future the Minister will not, save in exceptional circumstances, approve of the acquisition of land for a grouped scheme sited at any considerable distance from a town or village. This applies especially to groups of twelve or more cottages.

Sites should of course be chosen with due regard to economy in providing roads, water and sewerage services. Lengthy extensions of existing mains should be avoided. The advantages from this and other view points, of building on derelict sites in towns and villages are again stressed. Housing authorities can do a great deal to improve the appearance of towns and villages by using these sites, and at the same time avoid unnecessary expense.

PLANNING OF HOUSES IN TERRACES.

It is necessary to comment on what appears to be a growing practice in planning of housing schemes, that is, the avoidance of terracing, and an undue concentration on semi-detached houses and small house-blocks. There are many instances in which good planning as well as the economical use of the available building land make it imperative to design a scheme in terraces, and this treatment has in its favour also in the case of level sites the saving achieved in building and development costs, as well as the scope afforded for sound architectural work. It may be mentioned in this connection, that the economical use of building land by means of terracing will facilitate the reservation of space for play-grounds and other recreational purposes.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS.

Proposals to acquire housing sites should be submitted in the form of Appendix 11. Proposals should be accompanied by maps showing the sites, and their relation to the nearest town or village.

Delays and unnecessary correspondence will be avoided if housing authorities will ensure that full particulars are furnished, in the first instance, in connection with each proposal submitted. Any point in relation to a site, which it is desired to bring to the Minister's notice, and for which no other heading is provided, should be inserted under "Remarks." Reference to the adequacy of existing water and sewerage systems to serve houses on the site, the necessity for, and cost of extensions or new systems, should be specifically mentioned.

The terms of this letter should be brought to the notice of every official concerned with the selection of sites, including Architects retained for particular schemes and remunerated by way of fees.

Submission of Returns—Circular No. 13/49 of 17th February, 1949.

The submission to this Department of the returns of the value of housing work carried out by housing authorities, which were called for in the above-mentioned circular, is no longer required.

Mise, le meas,

R. O'MURCHU.

To each Housing Authority.

Proposed Acquisition of Sites at Kindlestown and Enniskerry.

The County Manager referred to the difficulty in obtaining suitable sites for the erection of cottages in the north-eastern part of the County. There was a great demand for cottages in this area, and as most of the applicants would not require a large garden, it was proposed to build the cottages in village schemes. The Council had an opportunity of acquiring a site from the Powerscourt Estate near Enniskerry, and a site from Messrs. Farrell and Murphy at Kindlestown. A large number of houses could be accommodated on these two sites. In the case of the Powerscourt Estate, the proposed site would be part of the demesne lands and it would be necessary to build a concrete wall to cut off the site from the demesne.

The Committee approved of the proposal to acquire these lands by agreement.

The County Manager referred to the site owned by the Pembroke Estate which had been included in the Compulsory Purchase Order and stated that an Injunction had been given restraining the Council from entering on this site. An offer had been made through the Council's Law Agent for the purchase of the site, but no agreement had yet been reached. If it were not possible to reach agreement it might be necessary to prepare a new Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of that particular site.

Application for House at Tinahely.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from Mrs. Mary Hamilton, 232 New Chester Road, Fortsunlight, Cheshire, England, applying for cottage in Tinahely. Mrs. Hamilton was a daughter of Mr. John Brennan, who was a native of Tinahely.

The Committee regretted that in view of the demand for houses in Tinahely it would not be possible to grant the application.

Applications for Loans under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.

The Committee approved of applications for Loans as follows:—

Mr. P. Byrne, 26a, Quinsboro' Road, Bray—£1,100 for house at Kilmurray, Gian of the Downs.

Brian Bradley, Drishane, Newtownpark Ave., Blackrock, Co. Dublin—£1,500 for house at Rocky Valley.

Neville Conaty, 7 Sorrento Tce., Dalkey, Co. Dublin—£1,500 for house at Dargle Road, Bray.

In regard to the last application, the County Manager pointed out that in granting permission under the Town and Regional Planning Acts for the erection of the houses at Dargle Road, Bray, a condition had been imposed that works be carried out to protect the cottages against flooding. Before any instalment of the Loan was issued it would be necessary to ensure that these works had been carried out.

Application for Grant for the Erection of House for Letting.

The County Manager stated that an application had been received from Mr. H. T. W. Harwaring, Rockview, Arklow, for a grant in respect of the erection of a bungalow at Rockview for letting. A grant of £40 per annum for 10 years was payable in such cases, and two-thirds of the amount of the Grant was recouped by the State. The Co. Manager pointed out that the Housing Amendment Act, 1943, provided that the Council shall make such a Grant. In Bray Urban District, however, the Bray Urban District Council when examining certain applications for Grants had been of opinion that the rent proposed to be paid was too high, and had accordingly refused to issue Grants.

The Committee agreed that the applicant be asked to state what rent it was proposed to charge in respect of the house.

Alternative Site for Erection of Cottage.

When inviting tenders for the erection of cottages, it had been indicated that two cottages would be built on site No. 457 at Muskeagh. The proposed additional cottage on this site had been recommended by the County Engineer, but had not been included in the list of additional cottages authorised by the Council. Tenders had been received for the erection of two cottages on this site, and if the Council approved, the additional cottage could be substituted for one of the cottages on sites which the Council had decided to abandon.

The Committee recommended that an additional cottage be erected on site No. 457 in lieu of a cottage on a site abandoned by the Council.

Councillor J. Metcalfe stated that Mr. Frank Toole, who had previously been employed by the Council would be prepared to undertake the erection of cottages by contract.

The Committee recommended that tenders be invited for the erection of two cottages on Sites No. 576 and 577 at Monaspick.

Differential Rents.

The following report of Mr. T. Byrne, Chief Officer, was submitted: I beg to report that as time permits I am arranging the holding of sittings of local Councillors in each Electoral Area for purpose of revising existing Cottage Rents in accordance with the scale of rents based on income and number of dependents.

The first sitting was held at Town Hall, Bray, on 2nd instant to deal with tenancies in the former Rathdown Rural District—Mr. H. J. Byrne presiding.

The Committee found difficulty in dealing with each case in accordance with the scale. Some of the difficulties experienced were:—

1. Difficulty in verifying the incomes as returned by the tenants to rent collector, in many cases the incomes were obviously understated.
2. Casual or constant employment and difficulty in arriving at average weekly income.
3. Families in which there were delicate persons, nurse children and imbeciles.
4. Number of dependants where some or all were over 16 or some or all under 16 years.
5. Cases where number in household included a married daughter and family all of which are classed as dependants.
6. Separation allowances.
7. Increases and pending increases in rents in respect of water and sewerage.

Having taken all these matters into consideration the Committee decided to deal with each case on its merits. In cases of income not over £3 weekly, it was decided not to alter existing rents. In cases of higher incomes it was decided to fix the ceiling at 10s. weekly.

190 cases were dealt with at this first meeting. The existing rental in respect of these 190 cottages was £1 14s. 5d. or average approximately 1s. 10½d. per cottage per week. The increases agreed upon shows this amount increased to £35 10s. 5d. or average of 3s. 8½d. or an all-round increase of approximately 200 per cent.

The sitting adjourned to Friday, 10th instant, at Bray. A sitting for Baltinglass area, District Nos. 1, 2 and 3, will be held on Monday next at Baltinglass.

The Chairman pointed out that the Council had decided that rents should not be altered where the total income of the household did not exceed £4 10s. per week.

The Committee deferred further consideration of the matter, pending receipt of reports in respect of the other rent collection districts.

WICKLOW COUNTY HOUNCIL—HOUSING SECTION.
County Engineer's Office,

To: The Chairman and Members, Courthouse, Wicklow.
Housing Committee, Wicklow Co. Council. 2nd Feb., 1950.
HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT—JANUARY, 1950.

Gentlemen,

During the month of January, 1950, steady progress was maintained on all cottages under construction by Direct Labour and by Contract.

The total number of cottages completed to date is 61, and work is proceeding on 85 cottages (including 6 by Contract in Western Area).

The number of men employed during the month of January, 1950, was as follows:—

73 skilled and 97 unskilled.

The total net expenditure to date is £84,902, of which £39,644 was in respect of wages.

NORTHERN AREA:

Ballywaltrim 10—10 cottages completed.

Cookstown 6—6 cottages completed.

Kilcool 20—5 cottages completed; 8 cottages in progress as follows: 2 at Blackditch with plastering in progress; Barncoyle and Killoughter (2) lathed, felted and ready for plastering; Newcastle Middle and Kilcoole (2) ready for roofing; Kilquade (2) excavating foundations.

Killincarrig 15—15 cottages in progress: 1st floor ceilings complete and plastering on 1st floor rooms finished; all timber floors laid; doors ready for hanging; all 15 cottages ready for pebble dashing; trench for sewers excavated.

Knockroe 4—4 cottages in progress: all timbers fixed; floors laid, 1 roof lathed and felted; fixing Hyrib on outer studding; out-office built.

Rathnew 10—10 cottages in progress: excavating foundations and roadway; huts erected on site.

Total Labour—21 skilled; 27 unskilled.

SOUTH-EASTERN AREA:

Aughrim 10—5 cottages completed (except for part painting and fencing); 5 cottages in progress, 4 of which are ready for dashing and 1 ready for plastering.

Clash 5—5 cottages in progress: 4 tiled and plastering in progress; 1 ready for tiling and plastering; sites fenced and gates up.

Clone 4—2 cottages complete (except for hanging of gates); 2 cottages in progress; 1 cottage partly roofed and 1 ready for tiling and plastering.

Ballymoneen 9—8 cottages in progress: 4 to wall plate level; 1 roofed with windows and floors in; 2 being roofed; 2 with foundations in; and 1 with foundations excavated.

Total Labour—19 skilled; 21 unskilled.

SOUTHERN AREA:

South 8—8 cottages completed.

Carnew—13—5 cottages completed (except for ranges or fanners); 8 in progress, as follows: 4 almost complete except for part painting, glazing, and fencing; 3 ready for tiling and plastering; 1 cottage with foundations in.

Ardoyne 12—7 cottages completed (except for fire fanners in 6 and part painting and glazing in 1); 3 cottages in progress and are almost complete except for carpentry work, painting and glazing.

Total Labour—14 skilled; 22 unskilled.

WESTERN AREA:

Knockieran 11—9 cottages completed; 2 in progress with walls up and partly roofed.

Kilbeg (Group B)—10—1 cottage in progress; roofed and partly tiled; windows and door in.

Shraughaun—1 complete except for part painting and door trimming.
Toolestown—2 in progress; roofed.

Annalecty—1 cottage complete (except for part painting and locks for doors).

Irishtown—1 cottage in progress: plastering finished, almost completed.
Donard—1 cottage in progress: plastering finished, painting, glazing in progress.

Tuckmill, Rathmoon—2 complete (excepting out-offices).

Moneymore—1 in progress: plastering in progress.

Group C.

Coolamadra—1 cottage in progress: walls up.

Barraderry—1 cottage in progress: walls up, roofed and partly plastered.

Dunlavin—1 cottage in progress: foundations open.

Total Labour—19 skilled; 27 unskilled.

COTTAGES BY CONTRACT.

Ballys'ze, Knockroe and Dunlavin—6 cottages in progress, 1 complete at Ballys'ze except for ceilings, door trimming and painting; 2 at Knockroe with roofs on, floors in, and partly plastered; 3 at Dunlavin with foundations open.

Materials for Housing Schemes.

On several occasions I have suggested that stocks of timber, felt, lead for roofing, tiles, ranges, etc., i.e., stocks of any materials to be used in the construction of houses, should be laid in, as there is at present a definite trend towards scarcity of and rising prices in building materials. I would, therefore, recommend to this Committee that a stock of materials sufficient to construct at least 150 cottages be purchased by this Council at an estimated cost of £37,500 (i.e., £250 per cottage).

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor G. Doyle, the County Manager stated that the phrase "recognised Trade Union" was interpreted as being a Trade Union registered under the Industrial Relations Act.

Councillor G. Doyle asked that the County Engineer prepare a report as to the advisability of thatching a number of cottages in the rural areas.

Councillor P. P. O'Reilly asked that the County Engineer report also as to the possibility of using masonry in the construction of the cottages.

Fencing of cottage plots.

The County Engineer stated that the report on the fencing of cottage plots was not completed.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe urged that the report on the condition of fences of cottage plots should be available for the next Housing Committee Meeting. He suggested that Rent Collectors should submit a report on this matter in first instance.

Transfer of Site.

Councillor B. Farrell referred to an applicant for a cottage under the 1949 Scheme who urgently required accommodation, and asked if the site proposed for this cottage could be transferred to the 1946 Scheme. Mr. T. Byrne, Chief Officer, was instructed to attend to this application.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Jacob;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendations of the Housing Committee as set out in report of meeting of the Committee held on 3rd February, 1950.

Passed unanimously.

Applications for Erection of Temporary Dwellings.

The County Secretary stated that three applications had been received for permission to erect temporary dwellings: From Mr. J. O'Connell, 62 Fortfield Road, Terenure, Dublin, applying for permission to erect a sectional wooden hut at Brittas Bay or the Silver Strand; From Anthony Somerville, 90 Glenbeigh Road, Dublin, for permission to erect a pre-fabricated house near Blessington; From Philip Rapple, 41 Dolphin Road, Dublin, applying for permission to erect a temporary dwelling on the lands of Mrs. Holden Cookstown, Enniskerry.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we refuse permission, under Section 34 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948, for the erection of temporary dwellings as follows:—

Mr. J. O'Connell, 62 Fortfield Road, Terenure—Erection of wooden hut at Silver Strand or Brittas Bay.

Anthony Somerville, 90 Glenbeigh Road, Dublin—Erection of pre-fab. house at Blessington.

Philip Rapple, 41 Dolphin Road, Dublin—Erection of temporary dwelling on lands of Mrs. Holden, Cookstown, Enniskerry.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16—Rent Collection Districts.

The County Secretary stated that the following letter had been received from the Department of Local Government:—

Department of Local Government,
Custom House, Dublin.
31st January, 1950.

E.L.9679/49.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 22nd ultimo relative to the appointment of Rent Collectors, and to state that as the Office of Rent Collector is a scheduled Office under the Local Government (Minor Officers) Order, 1943, the Minister's sanction is not required to an appointment to an Office carrying remuneration at the rate already sanctioned. The appointment, therefore, is a matter for the County Manager having regard to the qualifications already declared for the office.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. BARRINGTON.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

The County Manager referred to discussions at previous meetings of the Council in regard to the making of separate appointments for Districts Nos. 9 and 10, and again pointed out the advantages of having full time Rent Collection rather than a part-time officer.

The Chairman stated that the Council had reached a decision on this matter at a previous meeting.

The County Manager stated that in deference to the wishes of the Council he would arrange for separate appointments to the Districts referred to.

Item No. 17—Resolution from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland in regard to incidence of Rating.

The Council marked "read" the following resolution received from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland:—

"That we ask the Government to set up a Tribunal to enquire into the incidence of Rating and to suggest alternative methods of financing the expenditure now imposed on Local Authorities with a view to lowering the present heavy burden on the ratepayers. And that this Resolution be sent to all Local Authorities in the Country."

Item No. 18—Resolution from Westmeath County Council in regard to the Amendment of Article 44 of the Constitution.

The Council decided to mark "read" the following resolution received from Westmeath County Council: "That we call on the Government of the Republic of Ireland to amend drastically Article 44 of the Constitution, thereby putting the one true Church (founded by our Divine Redeemer) on a plane about the man-made religions of the world. That copies be sent to the Taoiseach and every Public Body in Eire of this resolution."

Item No. 10—Resolution from Fermoy Urban District Council in regard to National Flag.

The Council decided to mark "read" the following resolution received from Fermoy Urban District Council: "That we request the Government, in honour of the Holy Year and to show that we are a Christian Nation when so many other countries are declaring themselves Communist, to have a cross put on the National Flag. That a copy of this resolution be sent to An Taoiseach and to each local authority."

Seeds and Fertilizers Supply Scheme.

The Secretary stated that the following letter had been received from the Department of Local Government:—

Custom House, Dublin.
7th February, 1950.
Circular Letter N. G.6/50.
A Chara,

SEEDS AND FERTILIZERS SUPPLY SCHEME.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to this Department's Circular Letter C.L. 47/49 of the 27th July, 1949, and to state that the Minister has received representations from the Minister for Agriculture, and from the County Councils' General Council as to the desirability of continuing the above scheme pending further review of the possibility of introducing alternative arrangements.

The Minister will accordingly raise no objection to County Councils continuing to provide the special facilities under this scheme during the present season. When a scheme has been adopted two copies should, as usual, be forwarded to this Department.

Mise, le meas,

M. LAWLESS.

Secretary of each County Council.

The Council decided that a Scheme be operated during the current season.

Hire of Excavator.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Agreement with the Office of Public Works for the hire of Excavator No. 410.

Passed unanimously.

Dumping Ground at Greystones.

The County Secretary stated that the following letter had been received from Coras Iompair Eireann in regard to the acquisition of land for a Dumping Ground at Greystones:—

CORAS IOMPAIR EIREANN.

Rents 2372/17.

Staff Officer,
Health Section,

Wicklow County Council,
County Wicklow.

Secretary's Office,
Kingsbridge Station, Dublin.
25th January, 1950.

Dear Sir,

Dumping Ground at Greystones.

Referring to your letter of the 22nd ultimo asking if the Company were prepared to dispose of ground at Greystones to the Council for dumping of refuse. I enclose Plan No. 593/49 showing in red the sand pit referred to in the correspondence which contains an area of 3 roods

12 perches, and also coloured brown on the same Plan an area of 1 acre 3 roods and 15 perches between the sand pit and ground already held by the Council for dumping purposes. The Company are prepared to consider the disposal of both the red and the brown plots free of rent to your Council at sums of £125 and £250 respectively; subject to the Company erecting a fence between the points X and Y on the Plan at the expense of the Council: this fence to be thereafter maintained by the Council or at their expense. Should the Council decide to purchase the red and brown plots the right-of-way illustrated in yellow on the brown plot may be ignored, but should the Council decide only to purchase the red plot, a right-of-way will be given by the Company in the position marked, but in either event the Company would insist on the fencing stipulation between the points X and Y. The other fencing necessary could be erected by the Council to suit their own convenience, but some fence would have to be erected between the points B, C and D.

Please return the Plan with an indication of the Council's wishes.
Yours faithfully,

H. C. BOARDMAN, Secretary.

The County Manager stated that he considered that the price asked was rather high and the Council decided that the County Engineer and County Manager negotiate with Coras Iompair Eireann in regard to the acquisition of the lands.

Dunlavin Burial Ground.

The County Secretary stated that the following reports had been received from the Assistant Engineer in regard to the flooding of Dunlavin Burial Ground.

Blessington, Co. Wicklow,
2nd January, 1950.

Dunlavin Burial Ground.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 14th ultimo, I wish to inform you that I have submitted very full reports already in connection with the alleged flooding of graves at Dunlavin Burial Ground, when I pointed out that this is due to the impervious nature of the subsoil, and occurs only over a very short period of the year, and in exceptionally bad weather. It was suggested on one occasion that there were springs in it, but trial holes which were dug there and left open for a very considerable period showed no springs.

A pump has been provided for the purpose of keeping the graves dry whenever necessity arises.

Yours faithfully,

Signed—P. J. FOLEY.
Blessington, Co. Wicklow.
11th January, 1950.

Dunlavin Burial Ground.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 10th instant, I wish to inform you that no steps have been taken to deal with this casual flooding in the above Burial Ground, which would prove a very costly matter. There has been from time to time small amounts of clay left after burials, but they are not to any great extent. The Caretaker has been written to on the matter.

Yours faithfully,

P. J. FOLEY.

The Council noted the reports received.
Appointment of Dispensary Medical Officers.

The County Secretary stated that there were vacancies for Dispensary Medical Officers at Aughrim and Coollattin as well as at New-castle. It was proposed to fill these vacancies under Section 6 of the

Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, that is by referring the positions to the Local Appointments Commission. The Council noted the proposed arrangements.

Dumping Ground at Baltinglass.

Councillor B. Farrell stated that land suitable for use as a Dumping Ground could be obtained from Mr. Peter Kehoe at Baltinglass.

The County Engineer was asked to obtain details from Councillor B. Farrell and submit a report on the matter.

Site for Loading Bank at Baltinglass.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe asked if the Assistant Engineer would meet the local Councillors at Baltinglass to assist in the selection of a suitable site for a Loading Bank.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Thursday, 16th February, 1950, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman;
Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Geo. Doyle, L. O Laoighleis, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, and Joseph Jacob.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, attended.

The Report on the Estimates for the year 1950-'51, prepared by the County Manager, had been circulated to the members.

Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman, complimented the County Manager and the officials of the Council on the manner in which the Estimates had been presented. He suggested that following a general discussion on the Estimates the details of the Estimates be discussed in committee.

Members of the Council also expressed appreciation of the manner in which the Estimates had been presented.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:

That we deal with the Estimates in Committee.

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

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

That the discussion of the Estimates be in public.

As Councillor T. Brennan's Motion was a direct negative to the Motion proposed by Councillor W. Hammond, it was decided to take a vote on the original Motion. That the Council deal with the Estimates in Committee.

On the vote being taken, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

In Favour: Councillors W. Hammond, Senator J. J. McCrea, B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Geo. Doyle, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, and Jos. Jacob—(12).

Against: Councillors T. Brennan, T.D.; P. McCarthy, J. O'Reilly, and W. Lawless—(4).

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

The Council having gone into committee, proceeded to examine the Estimates in detail.

ROADS:

In reply to Councillor P. P. O'Reilly, the County Secretary stated that the amount of the Road Grants for the year 1950/'51 would be similar to those made available in the current year.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of the County Engineer's Estimate for expenditure on County Roads as submitted.

Passed unanimously.

In regard to the County Roads, the County Manager stated it would be necessary for the Council to make a selection as to the allocation of the monies available for County Roads. He pointed out that it had taken a period of about 25 years to bring the Main Roads to their present standard, and that it would not be possible to bring County Roads to as high a standard except over a long period. The County Manager referred to the type of traffic using County Roads at present, for example milk lorries, C.I.E. lorries, and touring buses. Many of the roads over which these vehicles travelled had not been designed for traffic of that type.

On the suggestion of Councillor J. J. Metcalfe, the Council decided that meetings of members of the Council for the four Electoral Areas

be held in order that a selection might be made as to the roads which most urgently needed repairs and improvement.

Meetings of the members of the Council for the four Electoral Areas, were arranged as follows:—

Bray Electoral Area—Friday, 17th February, 1950, at 7.30 p.m., at Town Hall, Bray.

Wicklow Electoral Area—Thursday, 23rd February, 1950, at 3 p.m., at Courthouse, Wicklow.

Arklow Electoral Area—Monday, 20th February, 1950, at 2 p.m., at Courthouse, Shillelagh.

Baltinglass Electoral Area—Wednesday, 22nd February, 1950, at 3 p.m., at the Hall, Donard.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That we reduce the amount of expenditure on Main Roads by £4,000.

Passed unanimously.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

Having regard to the payments made under the Infections Diseases (Maintenance) Regulations, and to the amount of employment available in the County, the Council decided to reduce the provision for Assistance in Cash from £19,750 to £17,750, and the amount for Provisional Assistance to Unemployed, etc., from £3,000 to £2,500—a reduction in all of £2,500.

HOUSING:

In view of the introduction of the revised rents based on income to a household, the Council decided to increase the estimate for receipts from rents by an amount of £500 to £20,770.

GENERAL PURPOSES:

Fire Brigades.—Members of the Council referred to the burden placed on local authorities by the Fire Brigades Act, 1940, in regard to the expense of maintaining the Fire Brigade Service. The Council decided to reduce the amount provided by a sum of £686, and directed that the Department of Local Government be informed that it was the view of the Council that State assistance should be available towards the cost of maintaining Fire Brigades.

The County Secretary informed the Council that the adjustments made in the Estimates would effect a reduction of approximately 5d. in the Estimates submitted.

The Council decided to adjourn the Estimates Meeting to a meeting to be held on Monday, 6th March, 1950. The ordinary Monthly Meeting of the Council would be held on the same day, following the termination of the Adjourned Estimates Meeting.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Adjourned Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 6th March, 1950, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman;
Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, J. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, Peter Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Ed. Byrne, Geo. Doyle, L. O Laoighleis, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs; C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, W. Clarke and J. Jacob.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, attended.

The Minutes of the Estimates Meeting held on 16th February, 1950, had been circulated to the members.

The County Secretary stated that since the Estimates Meeting held on 16th February, 1950, meetings of the members of the Council for the various Electoral Areas had been held, and agreement had been reached as to the allocations of the monies available for Main and County Roads.

Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that in the afternoon of the 16th February, the Council, in committee, had examined the details of the Estimates and had made the recommendations which had been conveyed to the members. He pointed out that the Council had agreed on certain reductions in the Estimates submitted and that they were satisfied that these reductions could be made without affecting the efficient operation of the Services for which the Council were responsible. The effect of the amendments made by the Council was to reduce the Estimates by an amount of 5d. in the £ which provided a net reduction in the rate in the £, as compared with the present year, of 3½d.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and adopt 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, 1951:—

Name of Service	Rate in the £
	Pence
(a) Road Charges	65.41
(b) Public Assistance Charges	62.65
(c) Mental Hospital Charges	29.86
(d) Health Charges	7.69
(e) Sanitary Charges	17.33
(f) Housing Charges	25.85
(g) General Purposes Charges	38.21
	247.00

SEPARATE CHARGES.

No. in Serparate Register	Charges	Name, particulars of Separate Charges	Rate in the £
			Pence
		Vocational Education	5.79
VII.		Wicklow Harbour	1.3
LXIV.		Rathdrum Union Loans	—
LXII.		Baltinglass Union Loans	.5
		Rathdrum and Wicklow	
LXI.		Joint Burial Board	1.0
		Baltinglass No. 1 District	
LXVII.		Pensions	—

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

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 in respect of the financial year ending 31st March, 1951, as follows:—

	Arklow	Bray	Wicklow
Roads	£714 6 5	£3,153 16 0	£620 13 10
Public Assistance	£2,820 9 3	£12,432 5 8	£2,448 17 1
Mental Hospitals	£1,294 17 5	£5,715 4 0	£1,126 17 4
Health Charges	£400 16 9	£1,767 5 10	£349 14 5
General Purposes			
Charges	£567 9 0	£2,929 15 7	£580 14 6
Separate Charges	£444 6 8	—	£381 6 9
	£6,342 5 6	£25,998 7 1	£5,508 3 11

Passed unanimously.

The following Certificate of the adoption of the Estimates was signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the Secretary:—

I hereby certify that at the Adjourned Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council held this 6th day of March, 1950, 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 Estimate the Rates set forth in Column 13 of the 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 Estimates for the financial year ending on the 31st March, 1951.

Signed—J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Countersigned—K. J. Brangan, Secretary.

The following statement prepared by the County Manager had been circulated to the members with the Estimates:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Courthouse, Wicklow.

7th February, 1950.

To: Chairman and
Members of Wicklow County Council.

ESTIMATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1950/1951.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,
Estimates of Expenses and Receipts for the year ending on 31st March, 1951, together with Tables giving explanatory details, are attached.

The total expenditure estimated for the coming year is £490,721

Receipts are estimated at £193,050.

Net amount to be provided from the Rates is £297,671.

The corresponding figures in the Estimates for the current year were:—

Gross Expenditure—£463,546.

Receipts—£170,019.

Net amount to be raised from Rates—£293,527.

The increase, therefore, in the net amount requiring to be raised from Rates in the coming year is £4,144. The rate required would be 2s. in the £, which is an increase of 1½d. over that for the present year.

COMPARISON OF RATES.

The rates in the £ proposed for 1950/51 compare as follows with those levied in the current year:—

	Rates in £		Increase (+) Decrease (-)
	1950/51	1949/50	
Roads	67.22	59.50	+7.72
Public Assistance	64.58	71.65	-7.07
Mental Hospitals	29.86	28.86	+1.00
Health Services	7.69	9.56	-1.87
Sanitary Services	17.33	18.27	-0.94
Housing	26.34	26.75	-0.41
General Purposes	38.98	35.91	+3.07

The actual variations in the amount chargeable against the County Health District for the coming year as compared with the present year are:—

	Increases		Reductions
	£	£	
Roads	4,122	573	
Public Assistance	—	5,784	
Mental Hospital	—	1,826	
Health Services	—	—	
Sanitary Services	1,635	—	
Housing	1,513	—	
General	4,693	—	

The above amounts are exclusive of balances which are subsequently brought into account in calculating the rate levy.

In submitting previous Estimates attention was drawn to the difficulty arising from the upward trend of prices, the revision of rates of remuneration and the expansion of certain services. Whilst there is now some evidence of a tendency towards stability in price levels, the costs of the services for which the Council are responsible still are subject to a number of influences which tend to increase the rate levy. The expansion of Social Services continues, and there is an insistent demand for amenity services such as Water Supply, Sewerage and Public Lighting. Whilst in the years from 1939 onwards the Council continued their Housing programme even though on a reduced scale, it is now being undertaken on a much larger scale. Notwithstanding the measure of State aid which is being afforded, it is to be expected that the subvention from the Rates for Housing will show an increase in the coming years unless building costs can be very considerably reduced—a possibility which at present seems remote.

Details of the charges in the Estimates under the various headings, and of the variations between estimated costs in the coming year and those in the current year, are given hereunder.

ROADS.

The policy which may be adopted by the Council in connection with the Roads Programme for the coming year will materially affect the rate to be levied. Last year the method of allocating Grants from the Road Fund was altered and the Council decided to endeavour to improve the standard of maintenance of County Roads. But having regard to the heavy expenditure involved it will be evident that the improvement of most of the County Roads is a programme which cannot be achieved in any brief period. In the past three or four years, most of the Main Roads in the County have not only been restored to pre-war standards of maintenance, but also have been much improved by removal of high cambers, widening by side filling, the easing of corners by elevated surfaces and other measures. In this County, where roads originally were laid out with a view to avoiding as far as possible the difficulties presented by mountain hill and deep valley, the easing of bends has been a special problem. However, it might now be claimed that for the road user who drives at a moderate speed and exercises reasonable care, the Main Roads are satisfactory, and compare favourable with the condition of such roads in other Counties. Probably it is not generally recognised that it has taken a period of over 25 years to bring Main Roads to their present condition, and that this has only been done with the aid of special State Grants, Loans which were raised from time to time and the rate levy over these years.

During the past year many complaints have been made to the Council regarding the condition of County Roads, and from these representations it seems that many ratepayers consider that there should be a corresponding improvement in County Road maintenance. The mileage of County Roads is much in excess of the Main Road mileage; the respective figures being—Main Roads, 261 miles; County Roads, 882 miles. It would require a very considerable outlay to sheet, roll and tar surface the County Roads in respect of which complaints have been received. It has been estimated that if the work were to be undertaken in one year, having regard to the present level of costs and type of reconstruction required, it would need an increase in the rates of about 7s. to 8s.

The County Roads were not designed to carry the traffic which they have to bear nowadays. Consequently they will require strengthening in addition to a new type of surfacing; otherwise they could not stand up to heavy and fast-moving traffic. In this connection it must be borne in mind that the problem has been accentuated by the advent of the heavy lorry and tractor, and the diversion of haulage from railway to road. Again there is heavy tourist traffic during the summer on

many of the routes which are graded as County Roads. In fact the increase in the density of this latter type of traffic has been very noticeable in recent years. It has frequently been submitted by the Council that some of the County Roads should be graded as Main Roads and that special consideration should be given to Wicklow County in the allocation of Road Fund Grants owing to the fact that such roads are expected not only to meet local requirements, but to accommodate the tourist and week-end traveller. Unless and until some special measure of State assistance be afforded, the Council will be unable from its own resources to improve certain roads which provide access to areas of scenic attraction in the mountainous part of the County, which at present are rarely reached by the tourist or visitor. In view of the present financial limitations, the improvement of County Roads, which carry relatively heavy traffic, can only be undertaken as a gradual programme extending over a number of years.

For the coming year it is suggested that a like amount to that allowed for 1949/50, be included in the Estimates for Main Roads. The amount for Main Road Maintenance, therefore, would be £55,075, and for Main Road Improvements, to be met by special State Grant, the amount would be £16,100. The quantity of work which could be carried out, however, would be somewhat reduced owing to the fact that in 1949, after the adoption of the Estimates, adjustments representing 11 per cent. increase in expenditure, were made in Road Workers' remuneration.

If the same programme of maintenance and repairs is to be undertaken in the coming year on County Roads, an increase of 11 per cent. on the allocation for the present year would be necessary. The new figures would be £32,608 as compared with £29,377 in 1949/50. Thus far no indication has been received as to the Grants which will be available from State Funds, but an amount similar to that granted by the State in the present year, viz.: £27,200 has been included.

In the Loan Charges it is necessary to provide for Ashford Bridge Reconstruction (£1,137); the new Road at Silver Strand, Wicklow (£350); and Reconstruction of the road from Graigue Cross to Rathdangan (£476). The first is a County-at-large Charge, the other two are County Health District Charges.

The net amounts required, after deducting Road Fund Grants and other Receipts, would be: Main Roads, £37,109; County Roads, £39,264. The amounts raised in 1949/50 were: Main Roads, £36,710; County Roads, £35,305.

Details will be circulated to the members of the Council of estimated costs of special road works which could be carried out during the coming year, and from these a selection can be made of the works which the Council consider should be given priority. The determination of these works would, of course, be influenced by the employment which they will provide in the various areas. In the present year any curtailment in employment on roads which occurred was more than offset by the large measure of employment given on Drainage Schemes undertaken by the Council under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949. Incidentally expenditure on these Schemes is being met from State Grants.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

The total expenditure is estimated at £101,036; in 1949/50 the amount was £96,214. The increase in gross outlay is £4,822, but it is offset by receipts which are expected to amount to £14,463 in the coming year (£9,368 in 1949/50). The net sum required from Rates is £86, 573, which is a reduction of £273 on the net estimate for the present year. The increased receipts are ascribable to a larger recoupment from the Health Grant, and to additional receipts from paying patients.

The Estimates under the heading of Public Assistance include provision for Upkeep of County Institutions; the Dispensary Medical

Service; Treatment of patients in extern Institutions (i.e., in Hospitals in Dublin City and elsewhere where specialist treatment is obtained); Home Assistance; Cost of maintaining Bearded-out Children; Provision of Footwear for Children; and the supply of fuel to persons who are recipients of Home Assistance in the Urban Areas.

District Institutions: Salaries and wages show an increase of £1,500 as compared with the present year. This is due to the fact that a temporary increase in remuneration was allowed to the staff in 1949, and in addition full provision has to be made in the coming year for the cost of additional nursing staff which was recruited so as to allow a reduction in nursing hours in County Institutions and to meet the staffing requirements of the Maternity Home attached to St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.

It is felt advisable to provide £1,000 for further repairs to the Hospital buildings in Rathdrum. The amount included in 1949/50 was £300, but during 1949 a further sum was voted by the Council. These buildings are over 100 years old, and in order to prevent serious deterioration repairs are very essential. A postponement of the work would lead to a much increased outlay in the coming years. Furthermore no comprehensive repairs had been undertaken for over 25 years. The repairs already carried out in the present year have served to preserve the buildings and to provide improved living conditions for the staff and inmates. The work was inspected by the Hospital Visiting Committee some time ago, and they commented favourably on the progress made. This outlay incidentally will be recoupable from the Health Grant.

Loan Charges show an increase of £225. This increase results from provision for the following improvements which are regarded as capital works: A new Fire Escape at St. Colman's Hospital, £1,600; Refrigerator, £250; Calender for Laundry Plant, £1,300. £225 would meet a half-year's Loan Charges on this capital outlay.

Heating and Lighting are estimated to cost £3,500 which corresponds to the provision made for the current year. The possibility of obtaining fuel of a satisfactory quality has brought this expenditure to a more reasonable level in the present and coming years.

Extern Institutions.—The same provision is made as in 1949/50, viz., £11,000. In submitting the Estimates last year, reference was made to the marked upward trend of costs in this instance, and which was attributable to the rise in the maintenance charges in Dublin Hospitals, and the much larger number of cases now sent for specialist treatment in such Hospitals.

Home Assistance: The amounts under this heading show little variation from the present year. All cases are carefully reviewed periodically by the local Assistance Committee representative of each Electoral Area.

Provision (£1,550) again has been made for a Footwear Scheme, towards which it is expected that a State Grant of 50 per cent. of the cost will be available.

Medical Assistance: The amount required to meet the costs of the Dispensary Medical Service is £19,250, which is an increase of £2,440 over the estimate for the current year (£16,810). The increase is due to the following causes: £1,050 arising from revision of remuneration of Dispensary Medical Officers and Midwives and to an increase in the cost of locums required for holiday and sick leave; £880 in Superannuation Charges consequent on the retirement of a number of Dispensary Doctors in the past year; £160 provision for Loan Charges on new Dispensaries; £400 extra for Medicines, Drugs and Appliances. Regarding the latter cost, it is found that improved methods of treatment require the use of new types of costly drugs and preparations.

MENTAL HOSPITALS:

The amount demanded by Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board for the coming year is £41,949, from which an estimated receipt from the Health Grant of £6,487, is deductible, leaving the net amount £35,462. The corresponding figure for the current year (1949/50) was £42,572. Normally it would be expected that a reduction in the rate levy should ensue from the reduction in the Demand, but, unfortunately, this is not the case. On the contrary, an extra rate of 1d. in the £ will be required.

The reduction in the amount demanded by the Board for the year 1950/51 was achieved by the utilisation of credits of £23,571, consequent mainly on the actual expenditure in the year 1948/49 being less than was anticipated when the estimates for 1949/50 were under consideration. The County Council, however, had taken credit for an increase in receipts from the Health Grant in respect of the expected additional expenditure, and as these extra receipts will not be forthcoming, it is necessary to provide for a debit balance on the Council's Account at the 31st March, 1950, of £2,477.

It should be mentioned that the estimated expenditure by Grangegorman Joint Mental Hospital Board for 1950/51 shows an increase of £9,825 over the estimated expenditure in the current year, and the reduction in the Demand does not arise from decreased expenditure, but as already mentioned has been achieved by the appropriation of expected credits from the year 1949/50.

A Special Table is attached showing the relationship of the Demand to the Health Grant.

HEALTH SERVICES:

In the coming year, additional moneys are again required for the Health Services. The total cost is estimated at £61,450 as compared with £45,862 in 1949/50—an increase of £15,588. The Receipts, however, are expected to be £52,924 as against £33,666 in the present year. The increase of £15,588 in gross outlay, therefore, is more than counter-balanced by an increase of £19,258 in the Receipts.

Schools Medical Services: This shows an increase of £200 due to the expansion in the programme of Schools Inspection and to additional treatment for defects in school children which is afforded under the Scheme.

Office Staff: There is an increase of £250, due to the employment of an extra Clerk/Typist in the office of the Chief Medical Officer, and to increments to staff.

Health Inspectors, Sanitary Sub-Officers, etc.: There is an increase under this heading of about £700 arising mainly from the provision necessary for salary and travelling expenses of an additional Health Inspector, whose duties will include the administration of the Food Hygiene Regulations which are expected to come into operation on 1st April, 1950.

County Sanatorium: £1,000 extra is provided for this institution. Of the additional sum, £700 is required to meet the cost of special free X-Ray facilities for any persons recommended therefor by any Dispensary Doctor or medical practitioner in the county. These facilities already have been advertised in the newspapers. This work is being done by the medical and nursing staff at the County Sanatorium. In 1948/49 eight extra beds were provided in the County Sanatorium, and the balance of the additional expenditure is to meet the cost of maintenance thereby arising and the increase in Nursing Staff.

Other Sanatoria and Hospitals: There is a marked increase in this cost. The estimate for 1949/50 was £11,000; for the coming year it is £20,000. As a result of the increase in bed accommodation in Institutions such as Newcastle, Peamount and other Sanatoria, suitable institutional treatment can now be more readily obtained for cases of tuberculosis and patients have not to wait an undue period in unsatisfactory home surroundings with insufficient special care and the danger of infecting other members of their households.

Maintenance of persons suffering from Infectious Diseases.—Expected to reach £8,000 for 1950/51, the Estimate is £10,000. The estimate for the present year was £6,500, but expenditure is £10,000. These special allowances are intended to assist persons and their dependents who may be undergoing treatment for infectious disease. The allowances are practically altogether payable in respect of cases of tuberculosis. The Scheme has been in operation since 1st April, 1948.

Supervision of Food and Drink: This represents the outlay on the enforcement of the new Food Hygiene Regulations. It is estimated at £500 and is intended to meet the cost of printing, advertising, sampling apparatus, etc.

Contribution to Nursing Associations: There is an increase from £210 to £500 due to the establishment of new Associations and the revision of existing contributions.

Cost of Health Services: The recoupment by the State for Health Services is based on the increase in expenditure over that in 1947/48, after taking into account State Grants received in that year. When, however, the expenditure on Health Services exceeds twice the outlay in 1947/48 the State recoupment will be limited to fifty per cent. of such excess. The margin of fully recoupable expenditure at present available is £37,000, but it is considered advisable to mention that between 1947/48 and 1949/50 expenditure in connection with Health Services including County Institutions, Mental Hospital, and the Dispensary Services, has increased by £44,743. Moreover, the Co. Council at present is arranging for a programme of capital works which will entail improvements to existing institutions such as District Hospital, Baltinglass; the Fever Hospital, Wicklow; the erection of the new County Hospital; the provision of a County Clinic; and new Dispensaries.

SANITARY SERVICES:

These Services continue to show an increase in costs and this is a tendency which cannot be arrested if the insistent demands for further water supplies, and sewerage schemes, and other amenities, are to be met. From every part of the County the Council has received applications for new gravitation water supplies, or for the provision of pumps. Sewerage also is being sought. In many instances the new services are sought for comparatively small groups of dwellings, including labourers cottages.

In the present year the Council installed water and sewerage in Killincarrig, Blacklion and Kilcoole. These Schemes serve a large number of County Council cottages erected in previous years. A sewerage scheme which serves Newcastle Sanatorium and Council cottages at Killadreenan, was completed in 1949. A number of pumps were also erected, but this type of work has been unavoidably slowed down owing to difficulties in procuring supplies. The Council decided to procure special well-boring plant, which it was hoped could expedite the provision of pumps, but it is now found there is a shortage of galvanised tubing required for liners.

Public Lighting has been requested in many districts in the past few years. Extensions to existing lighting systems have also been sought. In 1948 and 1949, new lighting was provided, or arranged for, in Newcastle, Kilcoole, Glenealy, Redcross, Avoca, Knockananna and Grangecon, and additional lamps are being provided in Greystones, Delgany, Rathnew and Blessington. At present 18 villages are lighted by the E.S.B. and 6 more are lighted otherwise, whilst arrangements are being made to instal lighting in 3 further villages.

The capital costs of new Water and Sewerage Schemes are reflected in the Loan Charges which are increasing each year. Moreover, each additional Scheme will result in added maintenance costs.

Of the total expenditure of £18,894 for Sanitary Services, Loan Charges represent £6,409. The maintenance of existing water supply and sewerage schemes will cost £3,670. The remuneration of Caretakers of Water Supplies, Sewerage Works and Burial Grounds will cost £2,903.

The provision for Loan Charges for water and sewerage shows an increase of £274 (from £5,450 to £5,724) in order to meet charges on new Schemes. This cost may be expected to show a further increase in coming years when the capital costs of other new services, which are being arranged, will have to be met. Apart from arrangements made for providing pumps and for minor gravitational water supply schemes, the Council has undertaken, or is committed to the following major Schemes: Aughrim Water Supply; Glenealy Water Supply; Coolboy Water Supply, and Wicklow Regional Water Supply. In addition, owing to the conditions prescribed by Dublin Corporation for the supply of water in the North Eastern part of the County, the Council may have to construct special storage Reservoirs at Greystones, Killcoole and Enniskerry, or undertake a new Scheme based on Glencullen River, for supplying the area.

The maintenance of water supplies and sewerage will cost £3,670 as compared with £3,000 in 1949/50. This addition of £670 is due to the additional charges made by Dublin Corporation for water supplied to cottages at Greystones, Killincarrig, Blackilon and Kilcoole.

Public lighting is estimated to cost £2,000; the cost for the present year is £1,750.

£1,000 has been included for Burial Grounds (£750 in 1949/50). The extra £250 is for improvement to some Cemeteries which have recently been under consideration by the Council.

The Receipts for Sanitary Services are estimated at £1,225, as against £1,000 in 1949/50. Additional Receipts are expected for Water Undertakings.

The total expenditure provided for Sanitary Services is £18,894, and after deducting Receipts of £1,225, the net cost is £17,669, which would require an increase of £1,635 in the rate levy for the coming year.

HOUSING:

Total expenditure is estimated at £64,907; receipts are estimated at £40,430; and the net amount required from Rates is £24,477, which is an increase of £513 over the present year, in which the sum levied from Rates was £23,964.

Repairs: The provision for repairs is the same as that allowed by the Council in the present year—£3,500.

Collectors' Poundage: This item at £2,300 shows an increase of £200 over 1949/50. Additional rents on which commission is payable will be collectible in the coming year consequent on the completion of new cottages.

Loan Charges: There is an increase of £2,400 (from £45,400 to £47,800) arising out of the Capital Costs of new Schemes. This is, however, offset in part by additional rents and State Housing Subsidies. Credit has been taken for the Special Grant from the Transition Development Fund of £300 per cottage, in estimating the Loan Charges.

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts Loans: The Loan Charges of £660 are offset in full by repayments by borrowers.

Other Expenses: There is an increase of £376. This is due to advertising costs (in connection with letting of cottages, etc.) and printing and stationery required for Rent Collection and other records.

Grants under Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948: These are grants payable to persons who build houses for letting. Provision of £240 has been made for six Grants at £40 per year each. The outlay is recoupable to the extent of two-thirds (£160) by the State, leaving the net charge £80.

Receipts - Rents: Rents are estimated to bring in £20,270, an increase of £1,500 over the figures for the present year. The erection of new cottages accounts for this increase.

State Housing Subsidy: This shows an increase of £700 (£19,140 for 1950/51 as compared with £18,440 in 1949/50).

The total number of cottages at present owned and maintained by the Council is 2,827. Of these 1,855 have been erected in the past 17 years. The housing rate for the coming year is estimated at 26.64d. and this, which is equivalent to £26,300 approximately, represents the assistance which the Council has to afford in order that labourers cottages may be let at rents much below the actual economic rents.

In the past year the Council started a Scheme for the erection of a further 450 cottages. It is expected that about 90 of these dwellings will be completed by the 31st March, 1950. The progress made has not been up to the standard originally expected, mainly owing to difficulties in connection with skilled labour. Special inducements have had to be offered to certain classes of skilled workmen, whilst work has been impeded in some instances by inter-Union differences in a skilled trade. There was a shortage of cement some time ago, and it is now found that there is a substantial rise in its price. It seems that at present the demand for cement is very much affected by the measure of building work which is being undertaken, for, apart from housing, the requirements for new Health Institutions, hydro-electrical Schemes, and industrial undertakings have to be met. The demands for other building materials and their prices eventually may similarly be affected. Undoubtedly local authorities housing programmes will be influenced by the demands from other quarters for materials and skilled labour.

GENERAL PURPOSES:

The net charges after deducting receipts, are: Chargeable to Urban Districts, £22,998; chargeable to County Health District, £24,175. The corresponding charges in the current year's Estimates were: Chargeable to Urban Districts, £15,831; chargeable to County Health District, £25,067. The increase in the Urban Charges part of the Expenditure is mainly attributable to the provision for Fire Brigades and the cost of Local Elections, whilst the reduction in the County Health Charges results from the transfer of the costs of Fire Brigades to the County-at-Large Charges.

Scholarships: Secondary Scholarships will cost £285 and University Scholarships £125 more in the coming year than in 1949/50. These costs are now approaching the maximum, resulting from the extension of the Scheme in recent years.

Committee of Agriculture Demand: This shows an increase of £252 over the present year.

Public Libraries: The County Library Committee submitted an estimate of £2,898, and there is a contribution to the Central Library of £30, making a total of £2,928. The estimate for the current year was £2,211. The increase is mainly due to provision of Book purchases, re-binding and the carriage of books to Centres.

Town and Regional Planning Act: This shows a reduction of £200. The provision of £50 for the coming year is to cover the cost of advertising in connection with the operation of the Acts.

Tourist Development: The provision made is the same as in the present year, viz., £300. The Irish Tourist Association, however, has asked that the Contribution be increased to a levy of 1d. in the £, which would be about £1,000. Last year the Council agreed to increase the Contribution from £200 to £300.

Salaries: The cost of remuneration of staff shows an increase of £613 under the County Health District Charges. This arises from the temporary increase of 7½ per cent. allowed in 1949, and from increments payable.

Election Expenses: Provision has to be made for the cost of Local Elections, which it is expected will be held in 1950. The cost is estimated at £1,500 which corresponds to the outlay in 1945, when Elections last were held.

Fire Brigades: It was agreed in 1949, after a Conference attended by members of the County Council and the Urban District Councils, that the Fire Brigades in the County be brought under the control of the County Council, and that the cost be levied as a County-at-large Charge. The County Council and Urban Councils also approved of the appointment of a County Fire Officer to supervise the Services, inspect buildings, etc. Provision of new equipment and other improvements in the Services, and revised rates of remuneration for the personnel were also agreed. The total cost for the coming year, including Loan Charges on capital costs of new Fire Stations and equipment, is estimated at £5,686. As mentioned, the costs will now be a County-at-large Charge. The cost in the present year, including those born by Urban District Councils, is £3,963. The obligation to provide fire-fighting services is imposed on local authorities by the Fire Brigades Act, 1940. There is no State recoupment of any part of the cost, nor have local authorities ever been able to induce Insurance Companies to adjust Fire Insurance Premiums in view of the availability of Fire Brigades.

Blind Persons Acts: During the present year the Council adopted a revised Scheme under these Acts, which will come into operation on 1st April, 1950. The Scheme provides for increased allowances to Blind Persons and a contribution of £130 per year to the Wicklow County Branch of the National Council for the Blind. The Scheme is expected to cost £400 in the coming year; the outlay in the present year is £100.

Interest on Overdraft: This shows a reduction of £500 (from £2,000 to £1,500). This reduction is attributable to the continued improvement in the Rate Collection, and the somewhat more prompt payment of Government Grants with the result that the Council has not had to resort to the same extent as in former years to temporary Bank overdraft to meet current expenses.

All items in the Estimates now submitted for your consideration have been carefully checked and reviewed. Any further details required will be readily supplied.

I desire to take this opportunity of expressing appreciation of the Co-operation and valued assistance afforded by the members of the Council during the past year.

Yours faithfully,

M. FLANNERY, County Manager.

Details of the Estimates as adopted are set out hereunder:—

Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the Local Financial Year ending 31st March, 1951.

ROADS SERVICES.

Purposes of Expenditure:	Amount		Estimated	
	To which Urban Areas contribute. Estimated by Manager	Urban Areas Adopted by Council	From which Urban Areas are exempt. Estimated by Manager	Urban Areas Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Ordinary Road Works	55,075	51,075	32,608	32,608
Loan Charges	1,601	1,601	2,801	2,801
Contingencies	500	500	500	500
Special Grant Works:				
Road Fund	16,100	16,100	27,200	27,200
Other State Grants				
Other Purposes:				
Salaries, etc., of County Engineer and Assistants	2,162	2,162	3,128	3,128
Travelling Expenses of County Engineer and Assistants	720	720	1,350	1,350
Salaries and Travelling Expenses—Temporary Engineers—Drainage Schemes			200	200
Salary—Clerical Staff—Co. Engineer's Office			1,126	1,126
Clerical Assistance—Assist. Engineers			330	330
Retiring Allowance—Ex-County Surveyor	507	507		
Superannuation—Employees	400	400	400	400
Printing, Stationary and Advertising	30	30	320	320
Postage and Telephones	130	130	160	160
Stamp Duty—Paying Orders	150	150	130	130
Road Openings and Reinstatements	100	100	50	50
Miscellaneous (inc. E.L. Claims)	100	100	500	500
	£77,575	£73,575	£70,803	£70,803

ROAD SERVICES:

Nature of Receipts.	In which Urban Areas participate.		In which Urban Areas do not participate.	
	Estimated by Manager	Urban Areas Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Urban Areas Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Road Fund—Maintenance Grant	22,030	20,370		
Road Fund—Other Grants	16,100	16,100	27,200	27,200
Other Receipts:				
Estate Duty Grant			750	750
Contribution of cost of Public Works				
Insurance Brokers' Commission	40	40	30	30
Road Openings and other refunds	100	100	50	50
Miscellaneous Receipts (inc. refund of Insurance Claims)	50	50	500	500
Prop of salaries and travelling expenses of Co. Engineer and Assist. Engineers chargeable to Assistance, Health and Housing Services	1,371	1,371	2,324	2,324
Refund of Road Fund Bonus	140	140	160	160
Sale of Tar Drums and Materials	50	50	25	25
Weighbridge Receipts	35	35		
Railway Overbridges	50	50		
Contributions from established (L.G. (Superannuation) Act, 1948)	500	500	500	500
	£40,466	£38,806	£31,539	£31,539

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1951.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

DISTRICT INSTITUTIONS:	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Salaries, Wages, etc.	12,000	12,000
Superannuation	700	700
Food, Drink and Tobacco	9,250	9,250
Farm Expenses	300	300
Furniture and Hardware	450	450
Washing and Cleaning	225	225
Medicines	1,250	1,250
Medical and Surgical Appliances	900	900
Heating and Lighting	3,500	3,500
Clothing and Bedding	900	900
Repairs and Upkeep	1,000	1,000
Loan Charges	850	850
Miscellaneous Institutional Exs.	900	900
TOTAL FOR DISTRICT INSTITUTIONS	32,225	32,225
ASSISTANCE IN EXTERN DO.	11,000	11,000
HOME ASSISTANCE:		
Assistance in Cash to Aged, Infirm, etc.	19,750	17,750
Provisional Assistance to Unemployed, etc.	3,000	2,500
Footwear Scheme	1,550	1,550
Boarded-out Children	3,800	3,800
Salaries of Assistance Officers	2,400	2,400
Retiring Allowances	400	400
Fuel Schemes and other Exs.	850	850
TOTAL FOR HOME ASSISTANCE	31,750	29,250
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (otherwise than in Institutions)		
Salaries of Dispensary Medical Officers, Midwives and other staff	13,800	13,800
Superannuation	1,425	1,425
Medical Supplies	1,850	1,850
Loan Charges	200	200
Repair and Upkeep of Dispensaries	750	750
Dental and Ophthalmic Treatment	975	975
Miscellaneous Expenses	250	250
TOTAL FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	19,250	19,250
OTHER EXPENSES:		
Salaries and Wages of Office Staff	775	775
Salaries of Engineering, Legal and Analyst	714	714
Superannuation	87	87
Printing, Stationery and Advertising, etc.	650	650
Rents, Rates and Insurance	450	450
Postage and Telephones	250	250
Ambulance Service and other transport of patients	2,960	2,960
Coffins, and Burials of Poor Persons	300	300
Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages	275	275
Mental Treatment Act—Fees	150	150
Other Miscellaneous Expenditure	200	200
TOTAL FOR OTHER EXPENSES	6,811	6,811
GROSS TOTAL OF EXPENDITURE	101,036	98,536

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

RECEIPTS.

Nature of Receipt:	In which Urban Areas participate.	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
REPAYMENT OF ASSISTANCE:		
In respect of Maintenance in Institutions	5,500	5,500
In respect of Home Assistance	150	150
GOVERNMENT GRANTS		
Health Act, 1947	7,041	7,041
Footwear Scheme	775	775
Rents of Dispensary Residences	227	227
Sale of Farm Produce	100	100
Farm Produce consumed by inmates of County Home	230	230
Ambulance Hire	150	150
Other Miscellaneous Receipts	290	290
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:	14,463	14,463
MENTAL HOSPITAL SERVICE.		
Nature of Expenditure:	To which Urban Areas contribute.	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Money supplied to Joint Committee	41,949	41,949
Nature of Receipt:	In which Urban Areas participate.	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Grant under Health Act, 1947	6,487	6,487

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HEALTH SERVICES.

Nature of Expenditure:	To which Urban Areas contribute.	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Salaries:		
Co. Medical Officer of Health and Assistant Co. M.O.H. ..	2,325	2,325
District Medical Officers ..	960	960
Public Health Nurses ..	700	700
Health Inspectors, Sanitary Sub-Officers, and Infant Life Protection Visitors ..	2,245	2,245
Office Staff ..	1,847	1,847
Analyst (Proportion of salary) ..	25	25
Retiring Allowances and Gratuities ..	250	250
Mother and Child Services:		
Maternity and Child Welfare Schemes ..	833	833
Schools Medical Services ..	1,500	1,500
Free Milk Schemes ..	2,550	2,550
Infectious Diseases:		
Tuberculosis:		
County Sanatorium ..	7,850	7,850
Other Sanatoria and Hospitals ..	20,000	20,000
Dispensaries ..	5,500	5,500
Maintenance and transport of Chalets ..	450	450
Maintenance of Persons suffering from Infectious Disease ..	10,000	10,000
Veneral Disease ..	500	500
Other Expenses:		
Notification of Disease ..	150	150
Vaccination Acts ..	20	20
Disinfection ..	200	200
Replacement of Clothing and Bedding ..	60	60
Diphtheria Immunisation ..	275	275
Pathological Examinations, etc. ..	150	150
Supervision of Food and Drink under Health Act, 1947 ..	500	500
Midwives Act ..	55	55
Other Expenses:		
Travelling Expenses of Chief Medical Officer of Health, and Assistant, and Public Health Nurses ..	945	945
Contributions to District Nursing Association ..	500	500
Printing, Stationery and Advertising ..	650	650
Postage and Telephones ..	150	150
Insurance Premiums ..	60	60
Miscellaneous ..	200	200
	61,450	61,450

HEALTH SERVICES.

RECEIPTS.

Nature of Receipt:	In which Urban Areas participate.	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Grant under Health Act, 1947 ..	51,456	51,456
Miscellaneous Receipts ..	50	50
	£51,506	51,506

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1951.

SANITARY SERVICES.

Nature of Expenditure:	From which Urban Areas are exempt.	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Salaries:		
Office Staff:	864	864
Caretakers—Water and Sewerage Schemes, Dumping Grounds, and Sanitary Conveniences ..	1,895	1,895
Burial Grounds ..	1,008	1,008
Engineer Staff—proportion of salaries and travelling expenses ..	1,386	1,386
Analyst—proportion of salary ..	50	50
Superannuation ..	62	62
Water Supplies, Sewerage Schemes, and Public Sanitary Conveniences—Repairs and Maintenance ..	3,670	3,670
Dumping Grounds ..	250	250
Burial Grounds—Do. ..	1,000	1,000
Public Lighting ..	2,000	2,000
Loan Charges:		
Water and Sewerage Schemes, etc. ..	5,724	5,724
Burial Grounds ..	685	685
Other Expenses ..	300	300
	£18,894	£18,894

SANITARY SERVICES: RECEIPTS.

In which Urban Areas do not Participate

Nature of Receipt:	Estimated by	
	Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Water Undertakings ..	900	900
Burial Fees ..	250	250
Miscellaneous ..	75	75
	£1,225	£1,225

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1951.

HOUSING SECTION.

Nature of Expenditure:	From which Urban Areas are exempt.	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Labourers' Acts:	£	£
Salaries ..	748	748
Retiring Allowances ..	430	430
Superannuation—Employees ..	100	100
Remuneration of Engineers (Portion) ..	1,847	1,847
Remuneration of Law Agent (Portion) ..	202	202
Rent Collectors' Poundage ..	2,300	2,300
Cottage Repairs ..	3,500	3,500
Loan Charges ..	47,800	47,800
Insurances ..	800	800
Rates on Cottages ..	5,830	5,830
Other Labourers' Acts Expenses ..	450	450
Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts Grants under Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948 ..	660	660
	240	240
TOTAL FOR HOUSING CHARGES	£64,907	£64,907

RECEIPTS.

Nature of Receipts:	£	
	£	£
Labourers' Acts:		
Rents of Labourers' Cottages ..	20,270	20,770
Housing Subsidy ..	19,140	19,140
Other Receipts ..	100	100
Small Dwellings (Acq.) Acts ..	660	660
Recoupment by State of Grants under Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948 ..	160	160
Contributions under Local Government (Superannuation) Act ..	100	100
TOTAL FOR HOUSING RECEIPTS	£40,430	£40,930

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1951.

GENERAL PURPOSES.

Purpose of Expenditure	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas contribute Estimated by Manager	Urban Areas exempt. Adopted by Council	From which Urban Areas are exempt. Estimated by Manager	Urban Areas exempt. Adopted by Council
Money supplied to Co. Committee of Agriculture ..	£	£	£	£
Public Libraries ..			4,280	4,280
Town and Reg. Planning Acts ..			2,928	2,928
Tourist Development ..	300	300	50	50
Scholarships:				
Secondary ..	2,720	2,720		
University ..	1,250	1,250		
Other Purposes				
Salaries and Trav. Expenses ..	2,590	2,590	4,939	4,939
Cost of Rate Collection ..			8,200	8,200
Irrecoverable Rates, Discounts and Remissions ..			1,000	1,000
Tramway Employees' Pensions ..			974	974
Pensions: Late Union Officers ..	838	838		
Late R.D. Council's Officers ..				
County Officers ..			188	188
Franchise and Jurors Lists ..	1,620	1,620	923	923
Election Expenses ..	1,500	1,500		
Valuation ..	175	175		
Legal Expenses ..			100	100
Coroners and Inquests ..	250	250		
Postage and Telephones ..	120	120	450	450
Stationery, Printing and Advertising ..	50	50	600	600
Assessments:				
(i) Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act ..	250	250		
(ii) Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act ..	250	250		
Fire Brigades ..	5,686	5,000		
Reformatories and Indust. Schools ..	2,000	2,000		
Conveyance of Prisoners ..	100	100		
Weights and Measures ..	300	300		
Food and Drugs ..	100	100		
County Analyst ..	200	200		
Milk and Dairies Act ..			400	400
Road Fund Expenses ..	200	200		
Blind Persons Act ..	400	400		
Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Exs. ..	130	130		
Diseases of Animals:				
Veterinary Inspectors ..	473	473		
Sheep Dipping Scheme ..	1,170	1,170		
General Cattle Diseases Fund ..	318	318		
Compensation—Bov. T.B. Order ..	160	160		
Courthouse and Offices:				
Repairs and Renewals ..	500	500	400	400
Rents and Expenses ..	400	400	200	200
Courtkeepers and Office Attendants ..	100	100	205	205
Loan Charges ..			550	550
Expenses of Pounds ..			50	50
Audit Fees ..			400	400
Insurance Premiums ..	40	40	40	40
Trav. Exs. of Co. Councillors ..	1,200	1,200		
Harbour Guarantee ..	200	200		
Interest on Overdraft ..			1,500	1,500
Miscellaneous ..	20	20	120	120
Materials Expense (Balance) ..				
Machinery Expense (Balance) ..				
	£25,610	£24,924	£28,497	£28,497

NATURE OF RECEIPTS:	In which Urban Areas participate.		In which Urban Areas do not participate.	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Contributions to Ret. Allowances ..	102	102		
Licence Fees:				
Poison ..	5	5		
Cinematograph ..			6	6
Fines under Food and Drugs Acts ..	40	40		
Public Libraries ..			150	150
Recoupments:				
Franchise and Jurors' Exs. ..	380	380		
Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Exs. ..	130	130		
Diseases of Animals Acts:				
(a) General ..	290	290		
(b) Sheep Dipping ..	585	585		
(c) Compensation — Bov. T.B. Order ..	160	160		
Fees refunded by Co. Sec.:				
(1) Franchise and Jurors ..	265	265		
(2) Motor Registration ..	470	470		
(3) Valuation Certificates ..	3	3		
Proportion of Law Agent's Salary chargeable to Assistance and Housing Services ..			403	463
Proportion of Analyst's Salary chargeable to Assistance, Health and Sanitary Services ..	100	100		
Contributions from Urban District Councils to Co. Checker's Salary			50	50
Bounty in lieu of Rates ..			3,663	3,663
Rents from County Property ..	62	62		
Miscellaneous ..	20	20	50	50
	£2,612	£2,612	£4,322	£4,322

COUNTY COUNCIL SEPARATE CHARGES.

Expenditure:	To which Urban Areas contribute.		From which Urban Areas are exempt	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board ..			116	116
Wicklow Harbour Loan ..	530	530		
Repayment of Loans raised by late Boards of Guardians ..			82	82
Pensions—Ex-Officers of County Council ..			72	72
Voc. Education Committee:				
Demand ..	5,800	5,800		
Repayment of Loans ..	468	468		
Retiring Allowances:				
Miss I. M. Tarrant } ..	472	472		
F. McNamara } ..				
TOTAL SEPARATE CHARGES ..	£7,270	£7,270	£270	£270

Receipts:

Recoupment from Dept. of Education—One-half Exs. of Loans for Voc. Education Schools ..	234	234		
Recoupment proportion of Pensions:				
Department: £235 15 7				
Leitrim: £9 3 2				
Sligo: £5 16 9 ..	251	251		
	£485	£485		

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 6th March, 1950, following the termination of the Adjourned Estimates Meeting.

21. Purchase Schemes.
21. Resolution from Leitrim County Council in regard to the importation of English Sunday Papers.
22. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

NATURE OF RECEIPTS:	In which Urban Areas participate.		In which Urban Areas do not participate.	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Contributions to Ret. Allowances	102	102		
Licence Fees:				
Poison	5	5		
Cinematograph			6	6
Fines under Food and Drugs Acts	40	40		
Public Libraries			150	150
Recoupments:				

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 6th March, 1950, following the termination of the Adjourned Estimates Meeting. The following members were present:—

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman;
 Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, J. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, Peter Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Edward Byrne, Geo. Doyle, L. O Laoighleis, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs; C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, W. Clarke, and J. Jacob.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, attended.
 The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assist. Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley and M. Healy were present.

BUSINESS:

AGENDA:

- Minutes of Meetings held on 16th and 23rd January, 1950, and on 16th February, 1950.
- Appointment of Nominee—Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Limited.
- To fill vacancy on Rathdown No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.
- To fill vacancy on Wicklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.
- Letter from M. Doyle, Esq., Delgany Road, Killincarrig, regarding Secondary and Vocational Schools Scholarship Scheme.
- Authorisation of overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 30th June, 1950.
- To approve of Draft Mortgage from the National Bank, Ltd., in respect of Loan of £21,200 for the provision of Fire Escapes.
- To authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates under certain headings.
- Letter dated 9th February, 1950, from Department of Social Welfare regarding employment of Blind Persons.
- Letter from National Monuments Advisory Council in regard to appointment of Committee under National Monuments Act, 1930.
- Letter from Department of Health in regard to expenditure on provision of chalets for patients suffering from tuberculosis.
- Particulars of rates of wages paid to lorry drivers in other Countries.
- Public Lighting—Delgany.
- Report of meeting of Housing Committee held on 3rd March, 1950.
- Circular letter regarding All-Party Anti-Partition Conference.
- Resolution from Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce in regard to maintenance of Main Roads by a Central Authority.
- Letter from Maria Duce in regard to Article 44 of the Constitution of Ireland.
- Resolution from Cobh Urban District Council in regard to sending of Corvette to Rome during the Holy Year.
- Resolution from National Federation of Ratepayers urging reduction in rate for the coming year.
- Resolution from Kilkenny County Council in relation to Cottage Purchase Schemes.
- Resolution from Leitrim County Council in regard to the importation of English Sunday Papers.
- Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Recoupment proportion of Pensions:

Department:	£235 15 7
Leitrim:	£9 3 2
Sligo:	£5 16 9
	251
	251
	£485
	£485

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.		Net Expenditure on each Service, being the difference between the sums in columns 2, 3 and 4, 5.		URBAN DISTRICT (Col 8).		CALCULATION OF NET SUM REQUIRED TO BE RAISED.	
	Chargeable to the County or Health District only.	Chargeable to the County or Health District or any Urban District.	Chargeable to the County or Health District or any Urban District.	Chargeable to the County or Health District or any Urban District.	Urban District of Wicklow—Valuation 1946-50.	Urban District of Wicklow—Valuation 1946-50.	Urban District of Wicklow—Valuation 1946-50.	Urban District of Wicklow—Valuation 1946-50.	Estimated B.A.1-Health District.	Estimated B.A.1-Health District.
Roads	70,803	38,806	31,539	1,186	1,028	5,143	1,471	(9)	(11)	
Public Assistance	98,536	14,463	84,073	2,869	2,484	1,048	2,940	(10)	(12)	
Health Services	41,949	6,487	35,462	1,210	5,245	1,048	1,471	(8c)	(13)	
Mental Hospital	61,450	51,506	9,944	339	1,210	1,471	339	(7)	(13)	
Sanitary Services	18,894	1,225	17,669	17,669	23,977	24,175	6,366	(6)	(13)	
Housing	24,924	4,322	20,602	762	3,299	27,594	5,514	(5)	(13)	
General Purposes	300,434	113,874	186,560	105,085	22,312	24,175	105,085	(4)	(13)	
	183,101	2,612	180,713	105,085	22,312	24,175	105,085	(3)	(13)	
	183,101	2,612	180,713	105,085	22,312	24,175	105,085	(2)	(13)	
	183,101	2,612	180,713	105,085	22,312	24,175	105,085	(1)	(13)	

CALCULATION OF NET SUM REQUIRED TO BE RAISED.

NET AMOUNTS CHARGEABLE TO DISTRICTS.

CALCULATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND FOR COUNTY CHARGES.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

The County Secretary stated that the Minutes of the Meetings held on 16th and 23rd January, 1950, were not yet available. As the Council was aware, the meeting was being held a week earlier than usual and the Minutes would have been ready for the second Monday in the month.

The Council adjourned consideration of the Minutes to the next meeting.

Item No. 2—Appointment of Nominee—Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillor C. M. Byrne as our nominee on the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Rathdown No. 2 O.A.P. Sub-Committee.

The following letter received from the Clerk to the Sub-Committee was read:—

Rathdown No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee,
74, Main Street, Bray.

21st February, 1950.

County Secretary,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of the above Sub-Committee on 8/2/50, it was requested that Reverend Mr. Murray, The Rectory, Enniskerry, be invited to act on the Committee. Perhaps you would take whatever action is necessary in the matter. The following members, I might add, have not attended any meeting since my appointment as Clerk: Very Rev. Canon Kennedy, P.P., V.F.; Rev. Mr. Byrn, Mr. John Swan, Dr. J. J. Hickey.

Yours faithfully,

DENIS J. MCGINN, Clerk.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Rev. Mr. Murray, The Rectory, Enniskerry, as a member of Rathdown No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, in place of Rev. Mr. Byrn, retired.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that the meetings of the Committee had been very infrequent, and asked that the Clerk be instructed to call a meeting whenever decisions on Claims were required.

Item No. 4—Wicklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

The following letter from Wicklow O.A.P. Sub-Committee was submitted:—

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,
Clerk, Wicklow Old Age Pensions Committee,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

14th February, 1950.

Dear Sir,

I have to report a vacancy on the Wicklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee by reason of the retirement of Very Rev. Canon Vandeleur, Killiskey, Ashford.

The Sub-Committee request that Canon Vandeleur's successor be appointed to the vacancy on the Sub-Committee.

Yours faithfully,

W. C. BYRNE, Clerk.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Rev. Alfred Kingsmill Palmer, M.A., B.A.I., as member of the Wicklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee in place of Rev. Canon Vandeleur, retired.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Secondary and Vocational Schools Scholarship Scheme.

The Secretary stated that a letter in regard to the Scholarship Scheme had been received from a Mr. M. Doyle, Delgany Road, Killincarrick. An acknowledgment had been sent to the writer, but the envelope had been returned marked "Not known." The Council agreed to consider the letter in committee.

The following letter was submitted:—

Delgany Road, Killincarrick.

Dear Sir,

15/2/50.

I wish to draw the notice of the Council to the fact that while some children from Greystones are not allowed to do the Scholarship exam, on account of having too much money, others are not prevented from doing it. There is at least five whose fathers are earning well over the amount required. This is not fair that ratepayers should be asked to pay for these children's education. Han of Kilcool, who owns a factory, and has interest in several businesses and whose income is well over £1,000 in a year is allowed to do it. This scandal of letting people enter wrong particulars on their forms should be stopped by our local County Councillors who know the circumstances of people concerned. There are already in Greystones three families drawing scholarships that never should have got them.

I think this matter should be brought to the notice of all members at the next meeting.

Yours faithfully,

M. DOYLE.

The County Secretary stated that the parents or guardians of applicants for the Council's Scholarship Scheme were required to complete a Statutory Declaration in regard to their income. The form submitted by Mr. Hann showed that his income was within the limits prescribed by the Scheme.

The Council directed that Mr. Hann be asked to submit his Income Tax Assessment or other evidence in relation to his income, and that inquiries be made as to the identity of the person who submitted the letter.

Item No. 6—Overdraft for Quarter to 30/6/50—General Account.

The County Secretary stated that it was estimated that an overdraft not exceeding £80,000 might be required for the Quarter ending 30th June, 1950.

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 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, 1950, shall not exceed £80,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Fire Escapes, St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.

The County Secretary stated that the draft Mortgage from the National Bank, Ltd., for the Loan of £1,200 for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the provision of fire escapes at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, had been received.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Resolved—That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister dated 8th day of February, 1950, the sum of £1,200 be borrowed from the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the provision of fire escapes at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, said sum to be repaid within ten years with interest at the rate of one half per cent. under the Irish Bank's Rate rising and falling from time to time with a minimum of £4 per cent. per annum as in said letter of sanction provided,

the said loan and all interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank, Ltd.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager stated that the following report had been received from the County Engineer:—

M. Flannery, Esq., 2nd March, 1950.

County Manager,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

re: Fire Escapes—St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.

Dear Sir,

Further to your letter of 10th November, 1949, and previous correspondence I now find that owing to the Housing drive it may not be possible to carry out this work during the year.

The tenders received originally were in my opinion too high, but I have received one from Messrs. Grant and Co., for £1,322 7s. 11d. which I consider reasonable and would recommend to be accepted.

This tender received from Messrs. Grant and Co., is in accordance with the drawings and specifications supplied when the original tenders were invited.

My estimate for Direct Labour was for £1,250, but due to the increased cost of materials and labour I could not do it for this figure now and I, therefore, consider that Messrs. Grant's tender is very reasonable.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

The County Manager stated that when tenders were first invited for the Fire Escapes, only one tender had been received, and this was in excess of £1,900. This Tender was considered too high and the Co. Engineer had agreed to carry out the work by direct labour at an estimated cost of £1,250. He recommended that the tender from Messrs. Grant and Co. for £1,322 7s. 11d. should be accepted.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Resolved—That we approve of the County Engineer's recommendation for the acceptance of Messrs. Grant and Co.'s tender for £1,322 7s. 11d. for the erection of fire escapes at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.

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

In Favour—Councillors W. Cleary, W. Hammond, Senator J. J. McCrea, H. J. Byrne, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Geo. Doyle, W. Lawless and C. W. Hudson—(8).

Against—Councillors T. Brennan, T.D.; P. McCarthy, B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, P. Ledwidge, Ed. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs; C. M. Byrne, W. Clarke and J. Jacob—(12).

The motion was declared defeated by twelve votes against to eight in favour.

The Council directed that tenders be again invited for the work.
Item No. 8—Authorisation of Excess Expenditure.

The County Secretary stated that it was anticipated that expenditure on the Health Services and on Public Assistance Services would exceed the amounts provided in the Estimates. Due to additional beds being made available at Newcastle Sanatorium, and Peamount Sanatorium, expenditure on extern sanatoria would be substantially increased. In addition the payments under the Infectious Diseases (Maintenance) Regulations would also exceed the Estimate. The additional expenditure under these headings would be recoupable under the Health Grant.

Excess expenditure would also be incurred in respect of extern hospitals generally. A larger number each year was availing of Hospital treatment.

Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure in excess of the amounts provided in the current year's Estimates as follows:—

Health Services £7,500

Public Assistance Services Account £1,000

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Letter from Department of Social Welfare regarding the employment of Blind Persons.

The following letter from the Department of Social Welfare, was submitted:—

H.A.3/50.

Lord Edward St., Dublin.

9 Feabhra, 1950.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Social Welfare to refer to recent developments in the education and industrial training of blind persons and to state that he has approved of a number of applications from pupils of Institutions for the Blind for facilities to undergo special courses of training as Telephone Switchboard operators. Three persons who have completed their training are at present in Government and other employment in Dublin, and the Minister is aware that their services are satisfactory.

It is desirable that there should be definite arrangements for the employment of persons undergoing training at present or due to commence training in the near future so that they may start work as soon as possible after the completion of their course. The Minister is grateful for the sympathetic understanding already shown by local authorities in their attitude towards the improvement of the conditions of the blind and he is sure that he can rely on a continuance of their co-operation in this important development, which is designed to assist as many blind persons as possible to become self-supporting and useful members of the community. He will be glad, therefore, to know whether and to what extent the local authority is prepared to employ blind telephonists in institutions or public offices under their control.

In addition to the training of telephonists, a limited number of persons may be trained as Shorthand Typists and offers of employment for these trainees will also be appreciated.

So far as is feasible, the wishes of local authorities will be met in the matter of allocating to them trained persons who come from the local authority's particular area and whose training was contributed to by the local authority.

Mise, le meas,

The Secretary,

J. J. O'SULLIVAN.

Wicklow County Council.

The Council agreed to give favourable consideration to the employment of blind persons as telephonists, if vacancies of this character should arise.

Item No. 10—National Monuments.

The County Secretary read the following letter received from the National Monuments Advisory Council:—

10 Hume St., Dublin.

14th February, 1950.

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

NATIONAL MONUMENTS ACT, 1930.

Sir,

My Council is not aware whether your Council has availed itself of the power conferred on local authorities under Section 22 of the National Monuments Act, 1930, to establish within their administrative districts National Monuments Advisory Committees for the purpose of

giving advice in relation to the protection and preservation of national monuments situated within their functional areas. I am accordingly directed to enquire whether such a committee is functioning on behalf of your Council. Should there be no committee in existence I am to urge on your Council the desirability of exercising as fully as possible the powers conferred on it under the Act by establishing such as soon as possible.

In the hope that it may be of some assistance to you, I forward herewith a summary of the provisions which empower a local authority to take action for the protection and preservation of the national monuments of the area under its control.

Faithfully yours,

Joseph Raftery, Hon. Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had appointed a Committee many years previously to advise regarding National Monuments. The Council appointed the following persons to act on an Advisory Committee: Councillors P. P. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, C. M. Byrne, Donnchadh M. O. Dubhghaill, P. J. Noonan, and District Justice Price.

Item No. 11—Provision of Chalets.

The following letter from the Department of Health was submitted:
Custom House, Dublin.

P.H.6970/49.
24th February, 1950.

A Chara,

The Minister for Health has asked me to refer to your letter of the 23rd November last regarding the recoupment of the cost of providing chalets for patients undergoing treatment for tuberculosis and to say that he has considered the Council's resolution on this matter and he is not prepared to promote legislation so as to allow for the recoupment to Health Authorities of expenditure incurred by them in providing chalets under their Tuberculosis Service for persons suffering from tuberculosis. With regard to the provision of Chalets under the County Tuberculosis Service, I am to draw your attention to the terms of Department's Circular letter 101/46 of 21st August, 1946, on the matter.

I am to add that Local Authorities are empowered under the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1946, to make grants in respect of the provision by private persons of extra rooms or chalets for persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis. Local Authorities are now empowered under the Housing Acts to supply chalets, but there is no objection to applicants being supplied with approved specification, and it is also open to Local Authorities to facilitate applicants as far as possible in securing early delivery of chalets from suppliers.

The Secretary, Mise, le meas,

Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

C. SUIDLELAIN.

The County Secretary pointed out that the cost of construction of new chalets would not rank for recoupment from the Health Grant. Repairs to chalets would, however, be allowed for recoupment.

The Council noted the Department's decision in the matter.

Item No. 12—Rates of Wages for Lorry Drivers.

A statement showing rates of wages paid to lorry drivers and roller drivers in other counties had been circulated to the members of the Council.

In reply to an inquiry from Councillor P. McCarthy, the County Engineer stated that 14 lorry drivers were on strike and also machinery attendants. He added that some of the machinery attendants had returned to work.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

That the Council take no action in regard to the rate of wages for

Lorry Drivers.

Following a further discussion on the matter, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. Jacob;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:

Resolved—That the Council considers that the lorry drivers should return to work and that a small committee be appointed to discuss their submissions.

Councillor H. J. Byrne having withdrawn his Motion, Councillor J. Jacob's Motion was passed unanimously.

The Council appointed the following committee: Councillors C. M. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, B. Farrell, W. Lawless, C. W. Hudson and P. Ledwidge.

Item No. 13—Public Lighting—Delgany.

The County Secretary stated that representations had been received for the extension of the public lighting at Delgany to 12.30 a.m. each morning. It was pointed out that buses were arriving and departing until after 12 o'clock and that the public lighting was required to a later hour. The following quotation had been received from the Electricity Supply Board:—

43 Merrion Square, Dublin.

2nd March, 1950.

JD/62.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

PUBLIC LIGHTING AT DELGANY.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter dated 28th ultimo in above regard, contents of which have been noted.

The extra charge for maintaining the existing number of 22/200 watt public lamps from midnight to 12.30 a.m. each morning during the period ending on 31st inst. would amount to £4 10s. 8d. + 30 per cent., viz.: £5 17s. 10d. per annum. If this extension becomes operative prior to 31st inst., we shall adjust the charge quoted above to cover the actual hours up to that date.

The necessary arrangements will be made on receipt of your Council's acceptance of the terms quoted herein.

Yours faithfully,

Public Lighting Section Consumers' Dept.

Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we approve of the public lighting in Delgany being extended to 12.30 a.m. each morning.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Housing Committee's Report.

The following report of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 3rd March, 1950, had been circulated to the members:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of the Housing Committee of the Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Friday, 3rd March, 1950, at 3 p.m.

The following members were present:—

Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman; Councillors T. Brennan, T.D.; H. J. Byrne, W. Hammond, W. Lawless, J. J. Metcalfe, P. McCarthy, and P. P. O'Reilly.

The County Engineer, Chief Ass'tant County Engineer, and Assist. Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley and M. Healy were present.

Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, attended.

Progress Report.

The report of the County Engineer on the progress of the Housing Scheme during the month of February, 1950, was submitted.

Withdrawal of Tenders: The County Secretary stated that he had been informed that day by the Council's Law Agent that Mr. Patrick Rice, Wicklow, whose tender for the erection of six cottages had been accepted by the Council, had withdrawn his tender.

"Orlit" System: The Co. Manager stated that the County Engineer and himself had met representatives of a firm who were constructing

houses with the method known as the "Orlit" System. The method used involved the erection of pre-cast pillars and pre-cast double concrete slabs with a cavity of 4½ inches between the slabs. No external plastering was considered necessary. The Co. Manager stated that several of these houses were being erected by Dublin Corporation, and that the Co. Engineer and himself had arranged to inspect some of them. The Co. Manager suggested that the Firm be allowed to submit a Tender for the erection of the ten cottages at Roundwood, the Contractor for these cottages, Mr. Andrew Timmins, having withdrawn his tender.

The Committee recommended that the Firm be allowed to tender for these cottages.

Erection of Cottages by Contract: The County Engineer reported that Assistant Engineer P. J. Foley had recommended that the following cottages be erected by Contract:—

1. Site No. 538; Townland, Raheen.
2. Site No. 548, 549; Townland, Boleycarrigeen.
3. Site No. 569; Townland, Ballinclair.
4. Site No. 571; Townland, Seskin.
5. Site No. 572; Townland, Kilbreffly.

The Co. Engineer suggested that this recommendation be approved.

The Committee approved of the inviting of Tenders for the erection of these cottages.

Repairs to Cottages executed in Month of February.

The Committee noted the list of repairs carried out to cottages during the month of February, 1950.

Authorisation of Repairs to Cottages.

The Committee approved of the carrying out of repairs to cottages as set out in the list.

In the case of the repairs to the cottage occupied by J. Gaffney at Kilmacoo, the Committee agreed that the tenant be given the range taken out of Kehoe's cottage at Cronebane, on the condition that she instal the range at her own expense.

The Committee rejected an application for a new range for the cottage occupied by John Crane at Kiltymon. The Assistant Engineer was directed to provide a patent cowl to remedy the complaint.

The Committee approved of the provision of a range for the cottage occupied by Mrs. A. Ellis at Kilmacullagh, provided that the tenant agreed to repay the cost of the range at 2s. 6d. per week.

The Committee agreed to the carrying out of repairs costing £13 to the cottage occupied by Robert Dagge, Deerpark, provided that the tenant agreed to pay the full economic rent for the cottage.

The Committee refused an application for the provision of a range for the cottage occupied by Patrick Maloney at Ashtown, the Assistant Engineer having reported that the old range had been removed during the war and thrown at the back of the house and was now useless.

Estimates for repairs to fences of cottages occupied by J. Murphy, Loughmogue, and J. Toole, Loughmogue, amounting to £35 and £25 respectively, were submitted. The Committee directed that the tenants be informed that they would be required to pay a weekly contribution towards the cost of the fencing if carried out.

Acquisition of Site at Kilgarran, Enniskerry for 1949 Scheme.

The County Manager stated that if the Council agreed, it was proposed to acquire a site at Kilgarran, Enniskerry, of about 10½ acres for the purposes of providing houses under the 1949 Scheme in that District. The site, which was part of the Powerscourt Estate, would accommodate 60 houses. It would be necessary for the Council to erect a suitable boundary wall to separate the housing site from the remainder of the demesne. The County Manager referred to the great demand for houses in the north-eastern area of the County and to the difficulty in obtaining sites in this District, and recommended that this site be acquired by agreement if possible. It would be possible to provide a water

supply and sewerage system and electric lighting for houses erected on this site.

The Committee recommended that the Co. Manager negotiate with Viscount Powerscourt for the acquisition of the site by agreement.

In regard to the site at Kindlestown, which it was proposed to acquire also by agreement, the Co. Manager recommended that a price of £100 per acre be offered for this site.

The Committee agreed that an offer of £100 per acre be made for the site.

Erection of Nissen Hut for use as Parish Hall at Kiltegan.

The County Secretary stated that about a year ago, approval had been given to the utilisation of a site at Kiltegan for the erection of a Parish Hall. Major General M. E. Dennis had written to the Council stating that the Parish Committee had not found it possible to raise sufficient funds for the erection of a permanent hall in accordance with the plans prepared by their Architect. Major Gen. Dennis stated that the Committee wished to purchase and erect a new Nissen Hut 30ft. x 72ft. in size and to instal cisterns, sanitation and electric light with a view to using the Hall for the purpose of raising funds for the erection of a permanent Hall.

The Assistant Engineer reported that the site on which it was proposed to erect the Nissen Hut at Kiltegan, was on the County Road leading to Humewood, No. 266. He stated that the site was at present a heap of ruins and was most unsightly. He considered that the Nissen Hut, if erected in that position, would not be very unsightly, but if necessary a 6ft. concrete wall could be put up as a screen.

The Committee recommended that permission be granted for the erection of this hut, provided that an undertaking was given that it would not at any time be used for human habitation and that it would be properly screened.

Transfer of Site from Bulford to Kilquade.

The Committee agreed to hear Mr. Bernard Shillman, acting on behalf of Mr. Rodrigues, owner of sites at Bulford and Kilquade on which the Council intended to erect cottages.

Mr. Shillman, who was accompanied by Mr. Rodrigues, Junior, thanked the Committee for receiving them and stated that Mr. Rodrigues had purchased these two holdings subsequent to the Council having made the Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of sites on the holdings. He wished to know if the Council could agree to abandon the site at Bulford and erect a cottage instead on a site at Kilquade adjoining the site acquired by the Council. He stated that Mr. Rodrigues would be prepared to recoup the Council any expense in which they had been involved in respect of the delivery of gravel, etc., to the site at Bulford.

Councillor W. Lawless pointed out that the site at Kilquade was not as suitable as the site at Bulford, the land not being as good. The Kilquade site also did not possess as good amenities as the site at Bulford, there being a much greater distance to travel for water. The applicant for the cottage at Bulford at present lived in an insanitary house opposite the site for the new cottage. The site at Kilquade would not be acceptable to the applicant.

The Chairman explained to Mr. Shillman the procedure in regard to the acquisition of land for cottages, and pointed out the difficulty of accepting alternative sites, after the Compulsory Purchase Order had been confirmed. The Council must have regard to the needs of the applicant for the particular cottage, and the Chairman suggested that if Mr. Rodrigues could obtain the agreement of the applicant, the Council might be able to meet him in the matter.

Application for Loans under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.

The Committee recommended the granting of Loan of £400 to Mrs. Margaret Byrne, Kilcavan, Carnew, in respect of the erection of a house at Kilcavan.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had approved of the grant of a Loan to Mr. Philip Manweiler, Wicklow, in respect of the erection of a house at Wicklow. The amount of the Loan to be granted had been based on the valuation of £1,600 submitted by the Assistant Engineer. The Assistant Engineer now reported that as a result of alterations and improvements in the specification for the house, the market value of the house could be taken as £1,800.

The Committee approved of the grant of a Loan to Mr. Manweiler based on the market value of £1,800.

Repairs to Cottage.

Councillor W. Lawless stated that a chimney pot was urgently required for a cottage occupied by Mr. Doyle, No. 22 Cottage, Kilcool.

The Committee approved of the chimney pot being provided.

A letter was received from Mr. T. O'Brien, Newtownmountkennedy, asking that the tenant who had left the house at Kilpedder in a bad state of repair, be prosecuted and made to pay for the damage done to the house.

The Committee directed that the letter be brought to the notice of the Council.

Councillor B. Farrell stated that cottages were not required on Sites Nos. 548 and 549 at Boleycarrigeen, and that tenders should not be sought for the erection of these cottages. The Council agreed that these two cottages be omitted from the advertisement inviting tenders.

In regard to repairs to the fences of cottages at Loughmogue, Councillor J. J. Metcalfe suggested that a sod fence might be put back. He also suggested that if the Council provided wire for the fence, the adjoining landowner might co-operate by providing the posts. Councillor J. J. Metcalfe agreed to interview the tenants in regard to the restoration of the fences. A contribution of 2s. per week to be made by the tenants, was proposed.

Councillor P. McCarthy asked that particulars be submitted to the next meeting of the Housing Committee of the amount of piece work done in each area, and the payments made in respect thereof.

Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the Housing Committee at the meeting held on 3rd March, 1950.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—All-Party Anti-Partition Conference.

The County Secretary stated that a circular letter had been received from the Mansion House, All-Party Anti-Partition Conference, seeking the aid of all local authorities for the sale and circulation abroad of its statement of the case against Partition. The statement was published as a pamphlet under the title "Ireland's Right to Unity." A copy of the pamphlet and of the postcards referred to in the circular letter were enclosed. It was stated that the cost to the public of an envelope containing the pamphlet and two postcards was sixpence, but that local authorities could secure them in bulk at the wholesale price of 4d. each for distribution amongst their branches and members.

The Chairman stated that most members would already have received copies of the pamphlet and postcards through other organisations, and that if any members required additional copies they should communicate with the Secretary.

Item No. 16—Resolution from Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce.

The Council adopted the following resolution received from Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce:—

"That in view of the very heavy burden which their maintenance and improvement place upon the ratepayers, Main Roads henceforth be maintained and improved by the Central Authority and not by the Local Authorities."

Item No. 17—Letter from Maria Duce in regard to Article 44 of the Constitution.

The Council decided to mark "read" the following letter received from Maria Duce, 5 Cavendish Row, Dublin:—

Dear Sir,

We enclose herewith Memorandum on the subject of Article 44 of the Constitution of Ireland, together with the outlines of an Article 44 respectful of the Rights of God.

In view of the recent Resolution of the Westmeath Co. Council on this matter, we request you to bring the documents we now submit for their consideration before the members of your Council at their next meeting.

Copies of these documents are being sent to each member of the Irish Hierarchy, to His Excellency, the Papal Nuncio, to the members of the Oireachtas, as well as to all Local Bodies in Ireland.

Yours sincerely in the cause of Christ the King.

JOHN P. RYAN, Secretary.

Item No. 18—Resolution from Cobh Urban District Council.

The Council adopted the following resolution received from Cobh Urban District Council:—

"That the Minister for Defence be requested that one of the Corvettes be sent to Rome during the Holy Year so that the Irish National Flag could be seen in Italy."

Item No. 19—Resolution from National Federation of Ratepayers.

It was decided to mark "read" the following resolution received from the National Federation of Ratepayers:—

"That having regard to the high level of local rates which the majority of ratepayers are finding unbearable, we, the Central Council of the National Ratepayers' Federation, request that each Urban, City and County Council should endeavour to secure that the rate for the coming year, shall be per cent. less than that struck for the current year."

Item No. 20—Resolution from Kilkenny County Council re Cottage Purchase Schemes.

The Council adopted the following resolution received from Kilkenny County Council:—

"That the Minister be asked to allow tenants to redeem the annuity in part or in full at any time during the payment period.

"That the Minister be asked to make an adjustment of the payment Schemes by allowing credit for the period during which rent has been paid since the appointed day, and that this recommendation be circulated to all other County Councils."

Item No. 21—Resolution from Leitrim County Council.

The Council decided to mark "read" the following resolution received from Leitrim County Council:—

"That we call on the Minister for Justice to prohibit the importation of English Sunday Papers in view of the offensive and obscene nature of articles continually appearing therein. While the said papers are now sparing no effort to cater for Irish Readers, their attitude towards this country during the recent war should not be forgotten by us. Copy of this resolution to be forwarded to all Public Bodies, the Minister for Justice and the Taoiseach."

Item No. 22—Inquiries arising out of County Manager's Orders.

Carters' Wages:

In reply to Councillor P. McCarthy, the County Secretary stated that no reply had been received from the Department in regard to the rate of wages to carters in respect of holidays. Councillor P. McCarthy asked that a reminder be addressed to the Department in regard to the matter.

County Hospital Site:

Councillor C. W. Hudson stated that Mr. Clements, the owner of the site at Rathnew which the Council proposed to acquire for the Co. Hospital, had with him interviewed the County Secretary during the previous week in regard to the price proposed to be paid for the site. He asked whether any further communication had been received from Mr. Clements' Solicitor.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from Mr. Clements' Solicitor stating that Mr. Clements was not prepared to accept the figure of £1,660 offered by the Council.

The Co. Manager stated that Mr. Clements' Solicitor had indicated that Mr. Clements did not wish to stand in the way of the Council in obtaining the site for the Hospital, and that the only question involved was the price to be paid for the site. Mr. Clements felt that the price offered by the Council was not sufficient.

The Council appointed a Committee, consisting of Councillors C. W. Hudson, C. M. Byrne, J. Jacob and W. Clarke, together with the Co. Manager to interview Mr. Clements with a view to arriving at agreement on a price for the site.

Carnew Water Supply.

The following memorial from householders in Carnew were submitted:—

The County Manager, 6/5/50.
Dear Sir, County Council Offices, Wicklow.

We, the undersigned householders of Carnew, Co. Wicklow, append our signatures to the following in connection with the hardships and danger that exists in our part of the town owing to the lack of water facilities, i.e.: indoor water supply and sanitary conditions.

This is a very sad state of affairs as there are in all 84 people affected, the majority of these being young children. In our opinion this could be remedied with very little expense.

We the undersigned are willing to have the water installed in our houses if existing water supply in the town is extended to us:—

Signed: Jeremith Doran, Carnew Co. Wicklow; Thomas Doyle, do.; Edward Dowse, do.; P. Kinsella, do.; Eliz. Doran, do.; Peter Brennan, do.; Robert Elliott, do.; James Whelan, do.; Patrick Austin, do.; Wm. Darcy, do.; Willie Farrell, do.; Matthew Brennan, do.; Ellen Brennan, do.; Annie Austin, do.; Annie Brennan, do.; Tom Kenny, do.; James Hillard, do.; Nick Byrne, do.; John Guilfoyle, do.

The Assistant County Engineer stated that the existing reservoir was not at a sufficiently high level to ensure a supply to all the houses in Carnew, even if the increased water supply were available.

Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., asked that a survey be taken and an estimate submitted of the cost of providing a suitable reservoir which would ensure a supply to all houses in the district.

Water Supplies—West Wicklow.

In reply to Councillor P. P. O'Reilly, the Co. Manager stated that provision had been made in the Estimates for Loan Charges in respect of the provision of Water Supplies in West Wicklow.

Local Elections.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Department of Local Government enclosing copy of the Order fixing the date of the Local Elections as 20th September, 1950.

The Council decided to hold the next meeting on the third Monday in April, 17th April, and to hold the meeting of the Housing Committee on the previous Friday, 14th April.

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

"That I or someone for me will move at our next Monthly Meeting that this Council will inquire into the manner in which a tenant was selected for a vacant cottage at Killincarrig (former tenant Nelson) and that all correspondence relating to this matter be made available to the Council."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 17th April, 1950, at 11 a.m. The following members were present:—

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, J. O'Reilly, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Ed. Byrne, George Doyle, L. O. Laoighleis, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs; C. M. O Broin, C. W. Hudson, W. C. Clarke and Jos. Jacob.

Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, attended.

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley and M. Healy were present.

BUSINESS:

1. Minutes of Meetings held in December, 1949, January, February and March, 1950.
2. To approve of draft Deed of Mortgage for Loan of £10,000 from Commissioners of Public Works for purposes of Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.
3. To authorise the affixing of the seal of the Council to the Agreements with Urban District Councils in connection with the County Fire Services.
4. Petition to Minister for Local Government for extension of County boundary near Bray.
5. Letter dated 1st April, 1950, from Department of Education regarding Scholarship Scheme in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1950.
6. Correspondence with Trades Union in regard to strike of lorry-drivers and machinery attendants.
7. Application from Federation of Rural Workers for increase in wages of Road Workers to £4 per week, and increase of 15s. per week to Tractor, Compressor and Dumper Drivers.
8. Report of Committee regarding site for County Hospital at Rathnew.
9. Correspondence regarding proposed acquisition of Land adjoining Baltinglass Hospital.
10. Correspondence with Department of Health regarding proposed increase in annual subsidies to District Nursing Associations.
11. Lease of Dispensary Residence at Enniskerry.
12. Repairs to Dispensary Residence at Arklow.
13. Letter dated 31st March, 1950, from Department of Health regarding County Clinic.
14. Letter dated 21st March, 1950, from the Department of Health regarding water main for Newcastle Sanatorium.
15. Housing Committee—Report of meeting held on 14th April, 1950.
16. Appointment of Rent Collectors.
17. Report of Consulting Engineer regarding proposed Regional Water Supply Scheme for North-Eastern part of County.
18. Water Supply and Sewerage Scheme at Boghall.
19. Sewerage Scheme for 22 cottages at Kilcoole.
20. To make Water Rates for towns of Baltinglass, Dunlavin, Rathnew, Stratford, Roundwood, Kilcoole, Newcastle, Avoca, Carnew, Tina-hely and Shillelagh.
21. Water Supply, Ballyconnell.
22. Water Supply—West Wicklow.
23. Report regarding Carnew Water Supply.
24. Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1948; Report on applications for entry on Register, etc.
25. Memorandum from ratepayers in Arklow Rural Area regarding condition of roads.
26. Letter from Irish Farmers' Federation regarding reduction in rates and County Roads.

27. Letter from Federation of Builders Contractors and Allied Employers of Ireland, dated 27th March, 1950, regarding Wage and Price Variation Clause.
28. Letter from Irish Tourist Association regarding local contribution.
29. Resolution from Carlow County Council regarding maintenance of public roads and urging diversion of traffic to railways and canals and re-opening of branch railway lines.
30. Resolution from Killarney U.D.C. for increase in Income Tax on ground rents payable to absentee landlords.
31. Letter from National Protest Committee regarding sales of British Publications in Ireland.
32. Resolution from Macroom U.D.C. regarding increases in valuations of premises.
33. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

1. Tender for the erection of Fire Escape at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.
2. Report of Visiting Committee on inspection of District Hospital, Baltinglass.
3. Payments for hospital treatment of persons in benefit under the National Health Insurance Acts.
4. Circular from Department of Health regarding the use of turf. The County Manager introduced three representatives of the Public Services in Ceylon, who were visiting Ireland for the purpose of examining the system of Local Government administration in the Country. The County Manager stated the would appreciate being present for a short time at the meeting of the Council.

Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman, extended a hearty welcome to the representatives from Ceylon, with which members of the Council joined.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

The County Secretary stated that the Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January, 1950, and also the ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 6th March, 1950, had not yet been received from the Printers. The Minutes of the Estimates Meetings had been circulated to the Members.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 13th January, 1950, 13th February, 1950, and 6th March, 1950. Passed unanimously.

Councillor W. Clarke stated that he understood tenders had been invited for the Printing Contract for the year 1950/51, and suggested that consideration be given to having the Minutes printed by the local printers in Wicklow, who he understood would be submitting a tender.

The County Manager stated that the tenders for the printing contract would be submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor B. Farrell regarding the employment of Mr. Doyle in West Wicklow as Foreman on Cottage Building Scheme, Assistant Engineer P. J. Foley stated that Mr. Doyle was being paid as a Foreman Carpenter. He had not received authority to pay Mr. Doyle at the rate of £3 per week, as a Foreman in charge of a number of Schemes.

Payment of Carters for Holidays.

The County Secretary stated that sanction had not been received to the Council's proposal to pay carters for holidays at carters' rate of pay.

On the proposal of Councillor P. McCarthy, seconded by Councillor B. Farrell, it was decided to make further representations to the Minister for sanction to the Council's resolution. Councillor W. Hammond dissented from the terms of the resolution.

Item No. 2—Loan of £10,000—Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.

The County Secretary stated that the Draft Deed of Mortgage for the Loan of £10,000 for the purposes of advances under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts, had been received from the Commissioners of Public Works for approval by the Council.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of draft Deed of Mortgage for Loan of £10,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for purposes of Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts, 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 at which they become due, viz., 1st May and 1st November in each year.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—County Fire Brigade Service.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to the Agreements with the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow, in connection with the County Fire Service.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Extension of County Boundary.

The following letter from the Town Clerk, Bray Urban District Council, was submitted:—

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL,

Town Hall, Bray.

5th November, 1949.

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,

County Secretary,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

Re: Extension of County Boundary and Bray Urban District Boundary. A Chara,

For some time past Bray Urban District Council has had under consideration the difficulty with which it is confronted owing to the lack of suitable land within its administrative district for building and other development. At present there is an acute housing shortage in Bray, and the Urban Council has had surveys carried out by its officers in the past year, for the purpose of deciding on sites which would be suitable for the erection of houses under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts. In addition to the houses which the Urban Council will require to provide under the Housing Acts, representations have been received from persons desiring to erect houses for their own occupation, as to the difficulties experienced by them in procuring sites.

More than 200 houses will have to be provided by the Urban Council under the Housing Acts. After careful examination of the matter it has been found that there is no land available within the Urban District for the erection of the number of houses which are so urgently required. A comprehensive survey has shown that lands in the southern and western parts of the Urban District, and in that part of the County Health District immediately adjoining it, would be unsuitable for building, owing to excessive slope, irregular contours, dampness, and difficulty in providing services such as sewerage. In recent years the Urban Council has already built on any lands within the Urban Area which could be regarded as suitable for housing. Over 300 houses were erected prior to 1939 on lands at Oldcourt. For the Housing Schemes which have just been completed, or are in course of completion, and under which about 120 houses will be provided, derelict sites and clearance areas were almost completely used. Arrangements are now being made for the acquisition of certain lands adjacent to the Bray/Greystones Road, but the area which can be used is limited in extent and will only

provide for a small part of the housing needs of the Urban District.

At its meeting held on 20th October, 1949, the Urban Council again considered the matter fully, and decided that there was no alternative but to acquire for housing purposes, lands adjoining the Upper Dargle Road, which are outside the Urban District. These lands are situate in the administrative area of Dublin County Council.

The Urban Council, therefore, decided to seek the agreement of Wicklow County Council to the extension of the Urban and County boundaries, whereby an area of about 93 acres which at present is situate in Dublin County, would be added to the Urban District of Bray, and the administrative County of Wicklow. This area is shown on the attached Map.

I enclose herewith copy of the resolution adopted by the Urban Council at its meeting held on 20th October, 1949, requesting that your Council would apply to the Minister for Local Government for an Order under Article 25 of the Application of Enactments Order, 1898, altering the boundary of County Wicklow by the addition to that County of the area already mentioned, and shown on the attached map. The resolution also determined that application be made to Wicklow Co. Council for an Order under Section 10 of the Local Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1936, altering the boundary of Bray Urban District by the addition to it of the foregoing area.

It would be appreciated if Wicklow County Council would give favourable consideration to these representations.

Mise, le meas,

Signed—E. J. Fennell, Town Clerk.

COPY OF RESOLUTION PASSED BY BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor J. French:

Resolved—That the Wicklow Co. Council be requested to apply to the Minister for Local Government for an Order under Article 25 of the Application of Enactments Order, 1898, altering the boundary of the County of Wicklow by the addition to the administrative County of the area delineated on the Map prepared by the Town Surveyor, and submitted to the Urban Council at this meeting.

Furthermore, that application be made to Wicklow County Council for an Order under Section 10 of the Local Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1936, altering the boundary of Bray Urban District by the addition to the Urban Area of the area shown on the affixed map.

Passed unanimously.

20th October, 1949.

The following report of the County Manager in regard to the proposal was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Chairman and Members of
Wicklow County Council.

Courthouse, Wicklow.

13th April, 1950.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,
In connection with the representations made to you by Bray Urban District Council that you might agree to apply to the Minister for Local Government for an Order under the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, whereby the boundary of their Urban District and of the administrative county of Wicklow would be altered by the inclusion in the Urban District of Bray, and in the County of Wicklow, of lands at Old Connaught, as defined on the Map received, which are situate in the County of Dublin, I desire to outline for your information certain considerations affecting this proposal.

For a number of years Bray Urban District Council has felt that the future development of the town of Bray would be seriously ham-

pered and restricted if the administrative area of the Urban Council were limited to the present confines, which were determined many years ago at a time when the trend of future growth could not readily be foreseen. Having regard to the marked increase in the population of the town since the beginning of the present century, its increasing popularity as a tourist resort and a residential centre, and the establishment of industries within the town and on its borders, the Urban Council now considers that an extension of the Urban boundary is a matter of urgent necessity.

In the past twenty-five years much new building has been undertaken in Bray, both by private enterprise and the local authority. Such building has been almost altogether in that part of Bray which lies south of the River Dargle and in the direction of Wicklow County.

Surveys, which have been undertaken by the Urban Council's technical officers, show that there is now only a very limited area of land to the south and west of the present Urban Area which could be used for new building, and such as is suitable is rapidly being developed. The lands adjoining, or immediately beyond the southern and western boundaries of the Urban District are generally uneven in contour, or present difficulties in the provision of water supply and sewerage facilities, which render them unsuitable for building and similar type of urban development. A substantial part of this area is that known as Bray Head Park. Apart from the fact that this Park is maintained by the Council as a pleasure ground for the visitors who reside in Bray during the tourist season, and the numerous residents of Dublin City and County who visit Bray and avail of its amenities, the land in the Park and adjoining it could not be adapted to other uses owing to its high elevation, steep contours and the presence of rock and scrub.

The County Council members are acquainted with the problems which have arisen out of their Housing Scheme at Boghall, which is on a site adjoining the southern boundary of the Bray Urban District. Owing to its character and situation, special and costly drainage works had to be undertaken for the purpose of preventing flooding, and it has not yet been possible to provide water and sewerage for these houses.

An illustration of the intensive manner in which the area within the present boundary has been used is given by the fact that the Council's housing programme within the past three years has been confined to building on derelict and cleared sites, and on such sites 109 houses already have been built, and a further 26 are in course of erection. Further evidence is provided by the manner in which sites are being used for private building in Newcourt Road, and other parts of the town.

Again the Urban Council feels that an extension of the Urban District on the northern limits of the boundary, would lead to a more balanced development of the town, as this area is close to railway and public transport and has available all the amenities necessary for urban life. Water supply and sewerage can be provided for the area at a reasonable cost and without any undue delay.

I have been associated with the surveys made by the technical officers of the Urban Council and agree with their conclusions. The extension now sought has been determined by the Urban Council after careful consideration and deliberation and in my view is a modest and reasonable proposal based on immediate and essential requirements, and consequently I would recommend it for your favourable consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Signed—M. Flannery, Wicklow Co. Manager.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Resolved—That having considered the representations made by Bray Urban District Council and the report on such representations submitted to us by the County Manager, we hereby resolve that the

seal of the Council be affixed to the Petition to the Minister for Local Government for the alteration of the boundary of the County of Wicklow as specified therein.

Passed unanimously.

The Petition to the Minister for Local Government was as follows:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (APPLICATION OF ENACTMENTS) ORDER, 1898.

To the Minister for Local Government.

The Petition of the Council of the County of Wicklow.

Sheweth that

1. Your Petitioners are the Council of the Administrative County of Wicklow in which administrative County the Urban District of Bray is situated.

2. Representations have been made to your Petitioners by the Council of the Urban District of Bray that it is desirable to alter the boundary of the said Urban District so as to include therein the land described in the Schedule to this Petition (hereinafter referred to as "the Scheduled Land") which land is situate in the County of Dublin, but adjoining the said Urban District of Bray.

3. For the reasons set forth hereunder your Petitioners are satisfied that a prima facie case exists for the alteration of the boundary of the Urban District so as to include the Scheduled Land therein.

4. The said alteration of the boundary of the said Urban District is desirable for the following reasons, that is to say:—

- (a) An increase of the size and importance of the Town of Bray in the said Urban District is likely in the near future. Next to Dun Laoghaire it is the largest and most frequented seaside resort within fifty miles of the City of Dublin. Moreover, owing to the fact that Dun Laoghaire adjoins the City and to its special characteristics as a port, the attractions offered by Dun Laoghaire are different to and do not compete with those of Bray. The Town of Bray also provides a market and other urban amenities for the increasing population residing within the Urban District and in the surrounding area.
- (b) The increasing size and importance of the Town of Bray will make it necessary to build a considerable number of new residences and other buildings as the population grows. Houses will be required for the working classes as well as for other persons. Ancillary buildings such as shops, schools, etc., would also be required.
- (c) The provision by an Urban Authority of working class houses outside its Urban Area, in the opinion of your Petitioners, is undesirable and should only be adopted as a last resort. Apart from the doubt which exists whether land can be acquired compulsorily for the sites of such houses, difficulties arise regarding the rate at which unemployment assistance is payable to the tenants. There is also the objection that the local rates on these houses are payable—not to the Urban Authority—but to the County Council.
- (d) All the suitable building land available within the present Urban District of Bray, would be required to satisfy the existing demand for working class houses. If it were all to be used for that purpose there could be no new houses erected within the district for persons who can afford to provide their own residences. Moreover, there would be no room for an extension of the hotel and boarding house accommodation for the visitors on whom the prosperity of the town largely depends.
- (e) The use of all the available building land in the Urban District for working-class houses would result in a diminution of the revenue from which the Urban Council must defray their heavy

expenses incurred in the provision of modern and efficient municipal services and the erection of working-class houses.

- (f) Your Petitioners consider, therefore, that for the proper development of the Town of Bray and the efficient performance of the functions of the Bray Urban District Council it will be necessary to increase the amount of land available in the Urban District for building by extending the boundary. They consider that an immediate addition of about ninety-three acres is necessary.
- (g) An examination of the contours and the general character of the land in the county of Wicklow, which adjoins the Bray Urban District shows that very little of that land is suitable for building development; so that to obtain sufficient building land by an extension of the Urban District into the County of Wicklow would not be possible without an excessive extension.
- (h) The Scheduled Land would be a natural and economical extension of the existing Urban District. It can easily and cheaply be connected to the existing sewers and watermains.
- (i) The present residents in the Scheduled Land use the Town of Bray as their market and for other urban purposes. The area is served by the Bray Railway Station and by the Church and School at Little Bray. It contains fifty-eight acres suitable as sites for the building of dwelling-houses.

5. Your Petitioners would be prepared for the aforesaid reasons to make an Order under Section 10 of the Local Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1936 (No. 55 of 1936) altering the boundary of the Bray Urban District so as to include the Scheduled Land therein; but there is not power to make such an Order because the Scheduled Land is outside the functional area of your Petitioners, viz.: the County of Wicklow.

6. Your Petitioners submit that in order to enable such an Order to be made and the Scheduled Land to be included in the said Urban District it is desirable to alter the boundary between the County of Wicklow and the County of Dublin so as to include the Scheduled Land in the County of Wicklow.

7. In support of this Petition your Petitioners refer to the representations made by the Bray Urban District Council and presented to your Petitioners, to the report of the Wicklow County Manager which was presented to your Petitioners at their meeting held on the 17th day of April, 1950, and to the resolution passed at the said meeting.

8. Copies of the representations and report mentioned in Paragraph 7 of this Petition, certified extract from the minutes of the meeting referred to in the said Paragraph and a copy of the map of the Scheduled Land are annexed to this Petition.

Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that pursuant to the provisions of Article 25 of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, a local inquiry may be held into the Proposal of your Petitioners and after consideration of any representations made by any person entitled to be heard at the said inquiry and of any representations made by the Council of the County of Dublin a provisional order may be made in the terms of the said Article 25 and according to the prayer of your Petitioners, for the alteration of the boundary of the County of Wicklow; and your Petitioners will ever pray.

SCHEDULE.

Lands now in the County of Dublin proposed to be included within the altered boundary of the County of Wicklow.

1. In this Schedule a reference to a field identified solely by a number shall be construed as a reference to the field the area of which is shown as that number of acres on Sheet 26, XV and XVI, or on Sheet 28, III of the Edition of 1939 of the Ordnance Map compiled and printed by the Ordnance Survey Department on the scale of 1 to 2,500 and

published by the Director of the Ordnance Survey Office.

A reference to a boundary of a field shall be construed as a reference to the outside face or edge of the fence, hedge, ditch, or wall bounding such field, Wicklow County extended as proposed by this Petition being regarded as the inside.

2. It is proposed by this Petition to include in the County of Wicklow all the land within the new boundary line hereinafter specified, which land lies in the neighbourhood of Richmond Hill, Mountpleasant Villas and Palermo, and contains ninety-two and one-half or thereabouts.

3. The new boundary line between the Counties of Wicklow and Dublin referred to in Paragraph 2 of this Schedule shall be a line starting on the existing boundary between the said Counties where it meets the Northern boundary of the 178 field and continuing East along the said Northern boundary and the Northern boundary of the 464 field to meet the boundary of the 27.548 field, thence North and North West along the Western boundary of the said 27.548 field to the point at which the said Western boundary would be cut by the continuation in a straight line of the Southern boundary of the 9.434 field thence East along the said continuation to the South West Corner of the said 9.434 field, thence North along the Western boundary of the said 9.434 field and East along its Northern boundary to meet the South-Western boundary of the 6.593 field, then North and East along the boundary of the said 6.593 field to meet the Eastern boundary of the 13.397 field, thence along the said Eastern boundary and its continuation in a straight line across the road known as "Old Connaught Avenue" to meet the Southern face of the wall forming the Northern boundary of the said road at that point and thence East along the Southern face of the wall or fence fixing the Northern boundary of the said road to rejoin the existing boundary between the said Counties.

Present when the Corporate Seal of the Council of the County of Wicklow was affixed hereto pursuant to the resolution of the Council adopted at the meeting of the 17th day of April, 1950.

(Seal)

K. J. Brangan,
County Secretary.

J. J. McCrea,
Chairman.
George Doyle,
J. J. Hickey, M.B.,
Members.

Michael Flannery,
County Manager.

Item No. 5—Secondary and Vocational Schools Scholarship Scheme, 1950

The following letter from the Department of Education was submitted:—

Copy.

Department of Education,
Primary Branch,
Marlborough St., Dublin, C.8.
1 Aibrean, 1950.
County Wicklow.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.
Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1950.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 7th February last, relative to the interpretation of the final clause of Section 1 of your Council's Scholarships Scheme for 1950, I am directed to inform you that the Minister for Education could not agree that on the basis of the text of the Scheme, the scholarship in the case of pupils eligible to compete under Sections 1 (a) and 1 (b) could be restricted to £25 a year if they reside within two miles of an approved Secondary School.

It would not be possible for the Council to give effect to their desire to restrict the value of the Scholarships under sections 1 (a) and 1 (b) of the Scheme in certain cases without a formal amendment of the Scheme under the provisions of Section 3 of the Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) Act, 1944. In view, however, of the fact that applications have already been accepted under the terms of the published Scheme it would clearly be inexpedient to initiate a proposal for amendment and, even if such a proposal were submitted, the Minister for Education would find it difficult to give it his approval.

I am to add that the Minister would be willing to consider favourably the alteration of the Scheme in future years so as to provide that candidates not residing in Urban districts (to be defined) should not receive scholarships exceeding £25 a year if they reside within two miles of an approved Secondary School.

Mise, le meas,

D. O. LAOGHAIRE.

The Council noted that the proposed restriction of Scholarships under categories 1 (a) and 1 (b) to £25 in certain circumstances, would not apply in the present year's Scheme.

In reference to letter in regard to applicants for Scholarships considered by the Council at recent meeting, the County Secretary stated that from inquiries made it had been ascertained that there was no person of the name "M. Doyle" residing at Delgany Road, Killincarrig.

Item No. 6—Strike of Lorry Drivers and Machinery Attendants.

The County Secretary stated that following the previous meeting of the Council a letter had been addressed to the Irish Automobile Drivers and Mechanics Union, informing them of the terms of the Council's resolution. The following letters had been received from the Union:—

Copy.

Irish Automobile Drivers' and
Automobile Mechanics' Union,
9, Parnell Square East, Dublin.
9th March, 1950.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of yours of the 7th instant, and note its contents which were considered by our Management Committee. I am to state that having regard to the fact that our claim for wage increase for our members employed by your Council is now in abeyance 15 months and incidentally, I am to remind you that some of our members have since been adopted to the operating of dragline excavators and they are automatically included in our demand.

All the aspects of our claim have been referred to in our previous correspondence and have been clarified to your Council by our representatives on two occasions when they were given to understand by the Chairman that the Council were amenable to a modified claim.

We have already conceded in this respect in the hope of obviating the present crisis, but as the Council made no reasonable effort to meet us further, we regret we had no option but to implement our members' decision in the matter. In these circumstances, we feel sure that they will appreciate that it is not our desire to encourage our members to continue the strike and we are also sure that your Council will appreciate that it would be unreasonable for their Trade Union to suggest that they should continue to work for a wage that is not commensurate to the present cost of living.

Having regard to all the relevant facts of our claim and its consequences which have led to the disruption of your service and for which we are not responsible, I am to advise that we are prepared to recommend resumption of work to our members, when we receive a communication from you assuring us of the Council's intention to recommend a wage increase to be implemented at a stated date on the

lines suggested in ours of the 28th Sept., 1949. Should this meet with your approval, we shall be glad to enter into further discussions regarding the matter forthwith.

Copy.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

Confirming our phone conversation with reference to yours of the 7th instant, I am to state we have already submitted the mens' views to your Council so you will appreciate until we have their assurance that they are prepared to make a reasonable adjustment in the differential between the wage rates in your Council and those of the adjoining Counties, we regret there is nothing we can do to obviate the potential development of the present unpleasant situation.

Yours faithfully,

Christophen McGee, Organising Secretary.

In reply to an inquiry addressed to the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, the following letter had been received:—

Copy.

Irish Transport and General Workers' Union,
35 Parnell Square, Dublin.

Mr. K. J. Brangan, A.C.A.,
County Secretary,

4th April, 1950.

Wicklow County Council.

re Strike of Lorry Drivers, etc., at Wicklow.

A Chara,

We note contents of your letter of the 30th ultimo, and in reply are to say that we did not issue instructions to our members not to unload carts drawing stone from any of the Council's quarries.

We did not issue any such instruction because the other Union concerned entered the Wicklow area contrary to a pledge given to the Congress of Irish Unions when it was being affiliated. Neither we nor that body recognise the strike, and we are entirely opposed to the policy of the other Union, as it is calculated to bring the reputation of the trade union movement into disrepute. If continued, it can result in injury to the workers themselves as well as doing irreparable damage to the particular job or industry in which such an irresponsible policy is followed.

Yours faithfully,

Irish Transport and General Workers' Union,
per Wm. Mullen, General President.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of giving consideration to the question of the lorry drivers' strike.

Passed, Councillor W. Hammond dissenting.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That the Committee appointed by the Council meet to negotiate immediately with the workers' representatives with a view to reaching a settlement.

Passed unanimously.

In view of the absence of Councillors H. J. Byrne and P. Ledwidge from the meeting, Councillors Edward Byrne and W. Hammond were appointed as members of the Committee in their place.

It was decided that the Committee would meet at 2.15 p.m. and report subsequently to the Council.

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Council a weekly remuneration of £5 9s. per week for both lorry drivers and roller drivers

and also for machinery attendants, provided that they assist in the loading and unloading of vehicles as required, and that the Council at its discretion decides whether or not to have the vehicles washed, oiled and greased by the drivers outside normal working hours. Revised terms to apply from the date of resumption of work.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillors P. McCarthy and W. Lawless and accepted by the Chairman:—

"Notice is hereby given that at the next meeting of the Council, we or somebody on our behalf, will move that the lorry drivers and roller drivers in the employment of the Council be remunerated in accordance with the recommendation of the Special Negotiating Committee which was accepted by the Council at its meeting on the 17th April, 1950."

Item No. 7—Application from Federation of Rural Workers for increase in wages of Road Workers, and of Tractor, Dumper and Compressor Drivers.

Councillor P. McCarthy having stated that he would hand in Notice of Motion in regard to this proposal, the Council adjourned the matter to the next meeting.

Item No. 8—Site for County Hospital at Rathnew.

The County Secretary submitted the following report of the Meeting of the Committee appointed by the Council to meet the owner of the site at Rathnew, proposed to be acquired for the new Co. Hospital:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Meeting of Committee re Hospital Site at Rathnew—15th March, 1950.

A Meeting of the Committee appointed by the Council to meet the owner of the site for the proposed County Hospital at Rathnew, was held in the Secretary's Office, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Wednesday, 15th March, 1950, at 10.30 a.m.

The following members attended: Councillors C. M. Byrne, W. Clarke, C. W. Hudson and J. Jacob. Mr. P. Clements, owner of the site, and Mr. A. Cullen, his Solicitor, were present.

The County Secretary stated that a sum of £1,660 had been offered to Mr. Clements for the acquisition of the land. The figure of £1,660 was the valuation of the land as calculated by the Council's Valuer, Mr. H. J. Byrne, F.A.I., F.R.I.C.S. The valuation was of the fee simple interest free from incumbrance and as developed building land, less the cost of development. As agricultural land, the valuation was £1,520. The price sought by the owner was £2,500, to which must be added the cost of the redemption of the Land Purchase Annuity, estimated at £170 to £200. The difference between the amount offered by the Council and the amount asked by the owner was approximately £900.

Mr. Cullen, Solicitor for Mr. Clements, emphasised that his client did not wish to stand in the way of the Council's acquiring the site for the proposed County Hospital, but stated that his client considered the offer made to be inadequate. Mr. Cullen quoted the price allowed by the Official Arbitrator for land near Dundrum, Co. Dublin, acquired for housing and pointed out that the Council had agreed to pay £100 per acre for land at Kindlestown.

Councillor C. M. Byrne stated that he could not agree that the valuation made by the Council's valuer represented a fair price for the land.

Councillor C. W. Hudson, supported by Councillor J. Jacob, suggested a price of £2,000 for the land, the Council to redeem the Land Purchase Annuity.

Following a discussion, Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor, stated that the lowest figure his client would accept was £2,200, the Council to redeem the Land Purchase Annuity, and to be responsible for the costs in the matter.

The Committee agreed to recommend this figure to the Council.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Jacob:

Resolved—That having considered report of the Committee appointed by the Council to meet the owner of the land at Rathnew required for the proposed new County Hospital, we approve of an offer of £2,200 being made to the owner, the Council to be responsible for the vendor's costs and for the redemption of the Land Purchase Annuity, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Health.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Acquisition of land adjoining Baltinglass District Hospital.

It was stated by the County Manager, in connection with the proposed extensions to Baltinglass District Hospital, it was necessary to acquire a portion of land adjoining the Hospital. In reply to an inquiry addressed to the owner of the land, the following letter had been received:—

Newtown Saunders,
Baltinglass, Co. Wicklow.

9th March, 1950.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your communication re plot of land adjoining Baltinglass Hospital, and in reply beg to say that considering you are requisitioning the best part of my field, and also that it will leave very awkward corners in the event of tillage I am prepared to accept £150 for the plot.

Yours faithfully,

J. C. JONES.

Councillor B. Farrell stated that the owner of the land would prefer that the Council would purchase the area of land amounting to about 1 acre and extending to the public road. He understood that the owner would be prepared to accept the sum of £150 for this portion of land.

Proposed by Councillor B. Farrell;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we approve of offer of £150 being made to Mr. J. C. Jones, Newtownsaunders, Baltinglass, for the portion of land extending to the public road, and required for the purposes of extensions to Baltinglass District Hospital.

Passed unanimously.

In reply to inquiries from members, the County Manager stated that the working drawings of the extensions to the Hospital had recently been referred to the Quantity Surveyors for the purpose of preparing Bills of Quantities in order that tenders might be invited for the work.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we request the Minister for Health to approve of the use of stone in the construction of extensions to Baltinglass District Hospital, as proposed in the plans submitted by the Council's Architect.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Annual Subsidies to District Nursing Associations.

The County Secretary referred to the approval given by the Council to the grant of increased subsidies to District Nursing Associations in the County.

It was proposed to increase the amount of the grants to £60 per annum in the majority of cases. The sanction of the Minister for Health to the proposed increases had been applied for and the following letter had been received from the Department of Health:—

COPY/

Department of Health,

Custom House,

Dublin.

27 Marta, 1950.

A.32/71.

A Chara,

The Minister for Health has asked me to refer to your previous letter of the 2nd instant (with enclosures) and to previous correspondence regarding a proposal to grant certain increases in the annual subsidies payable to District Nursing Associations in County Wicklow in respect of the services of the nurses under Public Health Schemes, and to say that he has given sympathetic consideration to the matter.

An examination of the Balance Sheets and Statements of Accounts submitted reveals, however, that all the Associations concerned are in comparatively buoyant financial circumstances. In view of this fact, and in the absence of any indication that additional duties under Public Health Schemes have recently been assigned to the nurses, the Minister feels that an increase in the existing subsidies is not warranted at present. In the cases of such associations (Annamoe, Arklow, Newcastle, Powerscourt, Greystones, Boghall and Kilbride) as are recouped direct by this Department for services under the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme, any increase in expenditure will, of course, be reflected in the amount of annual recoupment payable.

The Minister will be prepared to review the matter if and when the certified financial position of any of the Associations so warrants.

Mise, le meas,

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. Hickey;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we request the Minister for Health to reconsider his decision in regard to the proposed increases in the subsidies to District Nursing Associations, as conveyed in letter dated 27th March, 1950, and to allow the increases as proposed by the Council.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Lease of Dispensary Residence at Enniskerry.

The County Secretary stated that the Lease of the Dispensary Residence at Enniskerry would expire on 1st September, 1951. The present Lease was at a rent of £45 per annum. The terms of the proposed new Lease would provide for a rent of £75 per annum—the Council to be responsible for external repairs. The County Manager pointed out that the alternative to renewing the Lease would be for the Council to erect a new Dispensary Residence, and he estimated that the minimum cost of such a building would be £3,000.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of the renewal of the Lease of the Dispensary Residence at Enniskerry at the revised rent of £75 per annum, the Council to be responsible for external repairs.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12—Repairs to Dispensary Residence at Arklow.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had submitted an Estimate for repairs and improvements to the Dispensary Residence at Arklow, amounting to £618. The County Manager stated that the house was an old one, and very little expenditure had been incurred on repairs in recent years. He pointed out that a new Dispensary would be required at Arklow. It was possible that a suitable site might be obtained from the Urban District Council and the Council's Assistant Engineer was investigating the matter.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;
 Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:
 Resolved—That we approve of the repairs to the Dispensary
 Residence at Arklow, as recommended by the County Engineer.
 Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—County Clinic.

The following letter from the Department of Health in regard to
 the provision of a County Clinic was submitted:—

COPY/ Department of Health,
 Custom House,
 Dublin

Dear County Manager,

31adh Marta, 1950.

As you will be aware from previous correspondence, the Minister
 is most anxious that the new County Clinics which will be the key-
 stone of the extended specialist consultation service should be pro-
 vided in the various counties as soon as possible.

The difficulties in finding a solution both rational and economical
 to the planning problems involved, in the absence of some practical
 experience of the operation of clinics for such specialist services, are
 appreciated. In order to see if some assistance might be given to
 local authorities on this problem, the Minister, with his advisers,
 recently went into the whole question again in detail. As a result of
 this re-examination, which took account of the proposals being sub-
 mitted by the various local authorities, alternative diagrammatic lay-
 outs were prepared in an effort to illustrate how the various special-
 ities might be provided for in a reasonably economical manner.

Four different lay-outs, with a note as to how the services might
 operate within that space, are attached. There is no intention that
 these particular layouts should be imposed rigidly on local authori-
 ties with resultant standardisation and limitation on the efforts of
 the Architects appointed for these works to find other and perhaps
 better solutions to the planning problems presented.

We are advised that the cost of such a building in concrete block
 construction and with a simple roof would be from £10,000 to £12,000,
 exclusive of services, furniture, equipment and fees. Having con-
 sidered the matter fully, the Minister will be most reluctant to agree
 to proposals involving greater expense. These lay-outs do not, of
 course, provide the added accommodation required in cases where the
 local dispensary service is to be provided in the Clinic or where the
 apartments for the County Medical Officer are to be added.

I should be glad to have your views when you have considered
 the matter in the light of your particular requirements.

Mise, le meas,

County Manager,
 Wicklow Co. Council.

The County Medical Officer had submitted the following report:—
 COPY/ Wicklow Co. Council,
 Rathdrum.

The County Manager.

Provision of County Clinic.

11th April, 1950.

A Chara,

I have been shown the letter, H.C./33/9/1 of 21st March, 1950,
 from the Department of Health, enclosing four diagrammatic layouts,
 and have been asked for my observations.

I would refer you to my letters of the 9th December, 1948; 21st
 February, 1949, and 9th September, 1949. The second of these was
 written after the conference of County Managers and County Medical
 Officers, which was held in the Custom House on 10/2/49.

In these letters I recommended a decentralisation of clinics,
 owing to the geographical configuration of the county, and I suggest

that the Central Clinic should be incorporated with the New County
 Hospital at Rathnew, in order to avoid duplication of such depart-
 ments as radiology, pharmacies and pathological laboratories.

Since writing these letters, I have heard that the Department
 of Health has rejected the decentralisation plan.

If this is true, I adhere to my opinion that the Central Clinic
 should be incorporated with the New County Hospital. In this case,
 the plans would not be applicable.

I note that none of the plans appear to make provision for an
 X-Ray plant or a pathological laboratory.

I return the plans and the letter to the County Manager here-
 with.

Mise, le meas,

G. P. G. BECKETT,

Chief Medical Officer.

Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, Chief Medical Officer, who attended the
 meeting, referring to his recommendation for decentralisation of
 clinics, stated that this would involve only the provision of accom-
 modation for visiting Specialists at certain centres, such as Bray,
 Arklow, Wicklow and Baltinglass. Radiological and pathological tests
 could be carried out at the new County Hospital. He pointed out,
 however, that the Dept. of Health appeared to favour the provision
 of a central Clinic, and if this were to be provided, he would recom-
 mend that it be incorporated with the new County Hospital to avoid
 duplication of certain departments.

Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Seconded by Councillor W. Clarke:

Resolved—That we confirm our opinion as expressed at meeting
 held on 10th October, 1949, and request the Minister for Health to
 agree to the provision of a number of separate clinics in Wicklow
 County, rather than a Central Clinic.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Watermain for Newcastle Sanatorium.

In reference to the application of the Council for a special grant
 from the Department of Health towards the cost of providing a new
 water main to serve Newcastle Sanatorium, the following letter re-
 ceived from the Department of Health was submitted:—

COPY/ Department of Health,
 Custom House,
 Dublin.

The Secretary,
 Wicklow Co. Council.
 A Chara,

21st Marta, 1950.

I am directed by the Minister for Health to refer to your letter
 of the 27th ultimo on the subject of the water supply to Newcastle
 Sanatorium and to state that the Institution has now accommoda-
 tion for 220 patients, and the Council should realise that the decision
 to allocate one-half of the number of beds to Co. Wicklow patients
 will mean that, within a comparatively short time, the County will
 have the exclusive benefit on more than 100 beds in one of the most
 up-to-date Tuberculosis Institutions in the country. This has been
 made possible as a result of the recent completion of two extra ward
 blocks and the other improvements carried out with the aid of a grant
 from the Hospitals' Trust Fund. These works, and the further works
 planned to complete the programme of improvements, will have cost
 the fund more than £200,000. One half of this sum can, therefore,
 be regarded as having been spent for the direct benefit of residents
 in County Wicklow. Moreover, institutions under the control of the
 Council have already benefited from the Fund to the extent of £24,000,
 and further substantial grants are being allocated towards the cost of

the County Wicklow Hospitalization programme. The other urgent demands on the Funds are such that it is not possible for the Minister to accept any further commitments.

On the other hand, the recent extensions to the Sanatorium have made the improvement to the water supply more urgent and, in view of the substantial benefit which is accruing to the Council from the additional accommodation now provided at Newcastle, the Minister considers that the Council should no longer hesitate to meet the balance of the cost of the water mains scheme and he most earnestly urges them to come to this decision so that the work may be carried out without any further delay.

Mise, le meas,

D. O H-IARFLAITHE.

The County Secretary stated that an inquiry had been addressed to the Royal National Hospital for Consumption for Ireland regarding then number of beds which would be available at the Sanatorium for County Wicklow patients, and the following reply had been received:—

13 Sth. Frederick St.,

Dublin.

4th April, 1950.

The Co. Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.

Dear Sir,

Your letter dated 29th March was before my Board at their meeting to-day, and I have been directed to refer to my letter of the 15th October, 1949, to the County Medical Officer, pointing out that my Board had agreed to give, as far as possible, 50% preference to patients from County Wicklow, who are suitable for active treatment.

It is noted that the question of the improvement of the water supply to the Hospital will be considered at the next meeting of the County Council on the 17th April, 1950, and it is hoped that arrangements will be made for the work to be put in hand.

Yours faithfully,

R. WALKER,

Secretary.

A further letter had been addressed to the Hospital, and the following letter had been received in reply:—

Co. Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.

13, Sth. Frederick St.,

Dublin.

13th April, 1950.

Dear Sir,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 6th April, re bed allocation and I regret that there will not be a meeting of my Board until Tuesday next, 18th instant, when I will bring your letter before my Governors. I regret I cannot give you any further reply before the 17th instant.

Yours faithfully,

R. WALKER,

Secretary.

The Council decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter pending the receipt of reply from the Hospital.

Item No. 15—Housing Committee Report.

The following report of the Housing Committee of the Council, held on 14th April, 1950, had been circulated to the members:—

A meeting of the Housing Committee of the Council was held at the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Friday, 14th April, 1950, at 3 p.m.

The following members were present: Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman; Councillors T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Lawless, W. Hammond, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly and P. McCarthy. The Co. Manager attended.

The County Engineer, Chief Assist. Co. Engineer and Assistant Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley and M. Healy were present.

Item No. 1—Progress Report.

The attached Report of the County Engineer on the progress of the Housing Scheme during the year ended 31st March, 1950, was considered. The Committee noted that 94 cottages had been completed by 31st March.

With reference to the final paragraph of the Co. Engineer's Report in regard to the increase of 70 square feet in the floor area of the cottages, the County Secretary stated that in letter dated 4th April, 1950, received from the Department of Local Government, approval had been given to the use of Plan S as submitted by the County Engineer for rural cottages on single sites. The other plans submitted had not been approved, and the Department had stated that these plans required more detailed treatment and revision in certain respects before they could be finally considered. The Committee considered that the floor area of the cottages to be built by the Council was adequate, and requested the County Manager to communicate with the Department and inform them of the Committee's views.

Item No. 2—Cottages Repaired During Month of March, 1950.

The Committee noted the report of the County Engineer on the cottages repaired during the month of March.

Item No. 3—Authorisation of Repairs to Cottages.

The Committee approved of repairs to cottages as set out in attached list.

The Committee disallowed the provision of three panes of glass for cottage occupied by G. Doyle at Ballybeg, and adjourned for further report from the County Engineer the proposed repairs to the cottage occupied by Mrs. Murphy at Kindlestown.

The provision of a new range in place of a burned-out range in the cottage occupied by J. Redmond at Kindlestown at estimated cost of £15 was authorised, provided that the tenant agreed to repay the cost of the range by weekly instalments of 2s. 6d.

Mr. T. Byrne, Chief Officer, was instructed to recover the sum of £1, being cost of replacing eight panes of glass, from the previous tenant of the cottage at Parkmore now occupied by Mr. Bucanan.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe stated that he had interviewed cottage tenants John Murphy and J. O'Toole at Loughmogue, Dunlavin, in regard to the repair of the fences of their plots. He submitted letter from Mr. J. Murphy, in which he undertook to carry out the work of fencing the plot if he were provided with posts and three strands of barbed wire, and allowed the sum of £6. The other tenant, Mr. James O'Toole, also undertook to repair the fence of his plot by erecting concrete posts and three strands of barbed wire, if materials were supplied to him. Councillor J. J. Metcalfe pointed out that the Engineer's estimates for repairing the fences were £25 and £35.

The Committee recommended that the offer of the tenants be accepted.

Councillor P. McCarthy referred to a cottage at Macreddin, where the tenants would also be prepared to repair the fence if the materials were supplied to him. The Committee agreed that materials for the repair of fences should be supplied to tenants in such circumstances.

Item No. 4—Piece Work.

The Committee noted the following report in regard to piece work on cottages:—

Re: Piece Work.

The works carried out by this system were undertaken in cases where we found a shortage of skilled labour or unsatisfactory progress in Direct Labour Building.

Roof tiling, of course, in the North-Eastern area has been always carried out "at a price" with recognised tiling men who work around that area and in Bray, etc.

In the South-Eastern Area, we have had to get "piece work" for the timber work in houses (roofs, etc.) as the output by "days work" was not sufficient; similarly, for plastering work. The same position is in the Western District in respect of the items of carpentry, painting and plastering.

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

Item No. 5—Use of Thatch for Roofing of Cottages.

The Committee directed that the report of the Co. Engineer in regard to the use of thatch for roofing of labourers' cottages be circulated to the members of the Council.

Item No. 6—Alternative Sites for Cottages.

The attached report of the Chief Officer in regard to the proposed abandonment of certain sites for cottages was submitted.

The Committee recommended that the report be considered by the local Housing Committees.

Following a discussion in regard to sites at Avoca, the Committee directed that the applicants for cottages in this district be summoned to the next meeting of the local Housing Committee for the district, with a view to reaching agreement regarding sites for cottages in the Avoca area.

In reference to Sites Nos. 574 and 575 at Lisheen, the Committee recommended that applications be invited for the tenancy of cottages proposed to be erected on these sites, and also on the sites at Monaspick.

Item No. 7—Withdrawal of Tenders for the Erection of Cottages.

The County Secretary stated that tenders for the erection of 73 cottages by Contract had been accepted by the Council. To date the following tenderers had withdrawn their tenders:—P. G. Rice, Wicklow—6 cottages; James P. Byrne, Dublin—5 cottages; Robert Flynn, Sen., Tullow—4 cottages; A. Timmins, Ashford—10 cottages.

Item No. 8—Tenders for the Erection of Cottages.

The County Secretary stated that four tenders had been received for the erection of two cottages at Monaspick on Sites Nos. 576 and 577 as follows:—

Name of Tenderer.	Amount of Tender per Cottage.
Timothy Keane, 68 Pimlico, Dublin	£950
W. & C. McEvoy, Ballyknocken	£832 10 0
Messrs. Dowling & Tutty, Ballymore-Eustace	£820
Francis O'Toole, Blessington	£820

The Co. Engineer in report dated 12th April, 1950, recommended the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Dowling and Tutty at £1,640 for two single cottages. The plan for these cottages was in accordance with the Local Government Department's standards for floor area.

In reply to inquiries from members, the Co. Engineer stated that Mr. O'Toole's tender appeared to be for two semi-detached cottages, and Messrs. Dowling and Tutty's tender was for two separate cottages. In view of this fact, he recommended the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Dowling and Tutty.

The Committee asked that an inquiry be addressed to Mr. O'Toole as to whether his tender was for single cottages or for semi-detached cottages.

The Committee recommended the acceptance of the tender of Mr. O'Toole, provided the tender was for two single cottages.

Item No. 9.—Housing (Management and Letting) Regulations, 1950.

The Committee considered Circular Letter No. H.20/50 of 27th March, 1950, from the Department of Local Government in regard to the Housing (Management and Letting) Regulations, 1950. A copy of the Circular and of the Regulations had been circulated to each member.

The County Manager stated that he had conveyed the Council's views in regard to the giving of preference to original applicants for cottages on the first letting of these cottages, to the Department of Local Government, and had received the following reply:—

H.3206/50. Custom House,
Wicklow. Dublin.
A Chara, 28th March, 1950.

With reference to your letter of the 10th instant regarding the letting of cottages under the County Wicklow Labourers Order, 1946, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to point out that the letting of cottages erected under the Labourers Acts must be made in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Statutory Regulations. In this connection, I am to refer you to Articles 11 and 12 of the Housing (Management and Letting) Regulations, 1950.

Mise, le meas,

Co. Manager,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Court House, Wicklow.

S. O'HANLON.

The County Manager pointed out that the new Regulations provided that first preference in the letting of cottages should be given to Agricultural Labourers as set out in Paragraph 11 of the Regulations.

The Committee noted the effect of the new Regulations on the letting of cottages.

Item No. 10—Application for Provision of Extra Room at Cottage Occupied by T. Kavanagh, Ballinalea, Ashford.

In letter dated 30th March, 1950, the Co. Engineer recommended the provision of an additional room for the cottage occupied by Mr. T. Kavanagh at Ballinalea, Ashford. The cost of the extra room was estimated at £200. There were 13 persons residing in the cottage—Mr. Kavanagh, his wife and eleven children.

The Committee requested the Co. Engineer to re-examine the application and to submit an amended estimate of the cost.

Item No. 11—Applications for Permission to Erect Temporary Dwellings.

The Committee considered an application received from Mr. S. Smith, Silver Strand, Wicklow, for a licence under Section 34 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948, for the use of land at the Silver Strand, Wicklow, for camping and the erection of temporary dwellings. The applicant stated that he would erect ten huts and fifteen tents.

The following report had been submitted by the Chief Medical Officer:—

Erection of Temporary Dwellings at Silver Strand, Wicklow.

I have received your letter of the 6th April, 1950, and I note that permission is being sought for the erection of temporary dwellings and fifteen tents.

If a licence be granted, specified conditions will have to be attached in respect of all the matters mentioned in Section 34, Sub-Section (6) of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948. Of these, the ones which more particularly concern me are—(f) water supply, (g) sanitary conveniences, and (h) disposal of filth, refuse, litter and other debris.

Owing to the lack of water supply, I think it would be impossible to provide a water carriage sewage disposal system and, if chemical closets were used, the problem of disposal would still remain.

The disposal of refuse (including bottles and cans) would appear to necessitate the erection of an incinerator.

I would be opposed to the granting of a Licence, unless the Engineer is satisfied that the difficulties I have mentioned can be overcome.

It is also to be feared that these dwellings would tend to become permanently occupied.

Signed: G. P. G. BECKETT,
Chief Medical Officer.

In letter dated 14th April, 1950, the County Engineer recommended that a temporary Licence to expire on 30th Sept., 1950, be granted, provided that the number of temporary dwellings did not exceed ten and that the number of tents did not exceed fifteen. He stated that the matter of sanitary suitability was one for approval by the Chief Medical Officer, and pointed out that there was no piped water supply or drainage system, but that the area was a very "open" one.

The Committee recommended that a Licence be granted for a period to 30th Sept., 1950, for the provision of not more than ten temporary dwellings and not more than fifteen tents.

The Committee deferred consideration of the following applications for approval to the erection of temporary dwellings to the meeting of the Council to be held on 17th instant.

A. J. Gaule, 3 Selskare Tce., Ranelagh;
M. James, 10 Blessington St., Dublin.

Item No. 12—Application for Approval under Town and Regional Panning Acts.

The County Manager stated that he wished to bring to the notice of the Council an application which had been received in connection with a proposed Holiday Village at Windgates. The site on which it was proposed to establish the village was on 150 acres of land, owned by Mr. Murphy, on the southern slopes of Bray Head at Windgates, about two miles from Greystones. The Company proposed to build from 100 to 200 bungalows on the lands, but in the beginning would erect about 20 to 30 bungalows. The Promoters of the project intended to let the bungalows to families requiring accommodation during the tourist season, and also to sell a number of them. The bungalows would be constructed of concrete walls, tiled roofing, or other roofing of traditional type. The accommodation in each bungalow would be—lounge, two bedrooms, kitchen with sink and outside W.C. Blocks of garages to serve the bungalows would also be provided. Later it was intended that a small shopping centre with restaurant and other facilities would be provided.

The promoters of the scheme wished to know—(1) If Council would approve in principle of the proposal to use these lands for a Holiday Village; (2) if water and sewerage could be made available by the Council; (3) if the Council would contribute towards the cost of construction of road to the site.

The County Manager stated that he had explained to the applicants that water and sewerage were not available in the area and that the cost of laying a main from Blacklion to Windgates would

be from £5,000 to £6,000. It could not be assured that adequate pressure would be available. It was suggested to the promoters that if the Council agreed to the proposal that they would have to provide their own water supply by sinking of wells and also arrange for their own system of sewage disposal. It was pointed out also that the Council could not legally contribute to the cost of the road. In regard to the proposed sale of some of the bungalows, it was pointed out that the type of bungalow would hardly be up to the standard of the houses erected by the Council, and that the Council scarcely could permit the permanent occupation of new buildings below their own housing standards. The Co. Manager stated that if persons bought such bungalows and let them to families as permanent residences, such families might seek alternative accommodation from the Council on the grounds that their accommodation was inadequate.

An inquiry was made from the Council if the Council could assist in having sub-standard structures at present erected on the site removed. The Co. Manager stated that the Council had already taken up with Mr. Murphy, the owner of the lands, the question of temporary dwellings erected on these lands.

The County Manager stated that the Council, in considering this application, would need to consider whether a scheme of this nature would detract from the value of property in Bray and Greystones. The site proposed did not appear to be suitable as there was no direct access to the sea. The effect on trade in the district would also require consideration, especially in view of the proposal to provide a shopping centre in the village.

The Committee directed that the matter be referred to the local Housing Committee, but indicated that the Council could not consider the provision of water supply and sewerage system, or a contribution towards the cost of roads.

In connection with lands of Mr. Murphy at Bray Head, the Co. Manager stated that an application had been received some while ago from Caoimhghin O Eiceagain, Dublin, for the erection of a house on these lands. The plans originally submitted were for a temporary dwelling and were not considered suitable. Recently the applicant had submitted a revised plan which was based on a plan issued by the Department of Local Government in or about the year 1924. The plan was for a three-roomed bungalow, and the Co. Manager pointed out that it was very much below the present day standards for housing. He suggested that the Council should not approve of the erection of houses of a standard lower than that of the labourers' cottages provided by the Council.

The Committee agreed that permission for the erection of this house should be refused.

The following applications under the Town and Regional Planning Acts were deferred to the meeting of the Council on 17th inst:—Erection of three houses at Kilcrony for J. S. Harris; erection of holiday hut at Windgates, per J. P. Tyndall and Co., Solrs.; proposed milk bar at Trafalgar Road, Greystones, per F. A. Jones, Esq., Architect; proposed cottage at Windgates for Mr. and Mrs. Van Tuinen.

No. 12—Applications for Loans under Small Dwellings Acq.) Acts.
The Committee recommended the grant of Loans under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts to the following applicants:—Mrs. Mary Byrne, Dargle Road, Bray—£1,400; Ernest E. Langan, Hillside Road, Greystones—£1,400.

The Committee also recommended the granting of Loans to the following two applicants, provided that the plans of the houses were considered satisfactory by the Council's Engineers: Patk. Redmond, Kevin St., Tinahely—£600; Hugh Behan, Rathnew—£650.

Item No. 14—Application for Grant for Erection of Houses for Letting.

The Co. Secretary stated that an application had been received from Laurence Pierce, Rathdrum, for a grant for the erection of a house at Rathdrum for letting. The proposed rent of the house was £2 per week, inclusive of rates.

The Committee recommended the making of a Grant to Mr. Pierce.

HOUSING SECTION.

County Engineer's Office,
Court House,
Wicklow.
12th April, 1950.

To:
The Chairman and Members of
Housing Committee,
Wicklow Co. Council.

HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT.

Gentlemen,

I have to report the progress on the construction of houses during the year carried out by Direct Labour and by Contract.

The total number of cottages completed to the 31st March is 94, including 4 by contract, and work is in progress on 74 cottages which includes 13 by Contract.

The total expenditure on Direct Labour to date is £99,772, of which £46,273 was in respect of wages.

Payments on account in respect of erection of cottages by Contract amount to £4,400.

The position in regard to Building Costs in each District is as follows:—

A. North-Eastern District:

Number of houses in Scheme—195 No. of houses completed to date—24; No. of houses in progress—(a) Direct Labour (21 almost completed)—38; (b) Contract—Nil. Total number of houses estimated to be finished by end of May, 1950—47. Expenditure to date (on 58 houses)—£36,865. Average cost per house to date—£635. (Note—4 houses only just started).

B. South-Eastern District:

Total Number of houses in Scheme—103; No. of houses completed to date—23; No. in progress—(a) Direct Labour—5; (b) Contract—Nil. Total number of houses estimated to be completed by end of May, 1950—28. Expenditure to date—£19,955 7s. 9d. Average cost per house at date—£715.

C. Southern District:

Total number of houses in Scheme—57; No. of houses completed to date—25; No. in progress—(a) Direct Labour—8; (b) Contract (15 not started)—Nil. Total number of houses estimated to be completed by end of May, 1950—33. Expenditure to date—£25,218 14s. 1d. Average cost per house at date—£765.

D. Western District:

Total number of houses in Scheme—92; number of houses completed at date—(a) Direct Labour—18; (b) Contract—4; number in progress—(a) Direct Labour—10; (b) Contract—13. Total number of houses estimated to be completed by end of May, 1950—28. Expenditure to date—£17,733 3s. 6d. Average cost per house—£709.

NOTE—In the Northern Area—24 houses are scheduled to be built to Plans under the Housing Competitions; 20 houses in dispute (Pembroke Estate); 27 houses set by Contract and not started, but some of these since withdrawn. Total—71 houses cannot yet be commenced.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Total number of houses in 1946 Scheme—447; (a) Number of houses built to date—94; (b) number of houses in progress at date—74; (c) number of houses which it is estimated to be completed by end of May, 1950—136; (d) number of houses in abeyance—71.

There were circumstances causing delays in the building scheme in 1949/50 caused by—(a) Shortage of skilled labour; (b) shortage in building materials (cement, etc.); (c) upset due to lorry drivers' and machinery men's strike.

It is estimated that the average building cost per house of the total number of houses in the county to be completed by end of May, 1950, will be £765 per house by Direct Labour.

The floor area of cottages has been increased by about 70 sq. ft. to conform with the altered standards of accommodation required. This will involve an additional cost of about £90 per house.

Signed: J. T. O'BYRNE,

12/4/1950.

County Engineer,
Court House, Wicklow.
14th April, 1950.

REPORT OF CO. ENGINEER REGARDING USE OF THATCH FOR ROOFING OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

I have investigated the proposal to use the method of Roof Covering by thatch on Labourers' Cottages.

The system of thatching varies with each locality, but the scarcity of suitable wheaten straw required for such type of roof and the shortage of the traditional skilled labour needed to carry out the work are the factors which appear to be the greatest obstacles. Thatched roofs are picturesque, cool in Summer, warm in Winter, but harbour vermin and are dangerous from fire. Thatch may be treated with a fireproofing mixture consisting of Sulphate of Ammonia, Carbonate of Ammonia, Borax, and alum, but the mixture does not appear to be fully reliable in its lasting qualities.

Fireproofing has also been carried out by whitewashing the straw before use and treating with size.

About 3½ tons of straw would be needed for the roof of an ordinary labourer's cottage at a cost of about £5 per ton. The "pitch" of the roof required to support the thatch is 45 degrees, thus necessitating longer rafters and additional timber as compared with that required for concrete tiled roofs.

The straw to be used would be best quality wheaten, and it is recommended that it be cut a little before being fully ripe, stacks must be unbroken, and not put through a threshing machine. It is spread out, turned, wetted and gently beaten to remove dirt, dross and dust, and when laid in bundles or "niches" on the roof, can be "drawn," damped again and combed into position, to a finished coat of about 16" to 18" thick. The straw is tied on the battens which are usually round 1½" poles at 9" or 10" centres, fixed on 5" x 2" rafters. Thickness at eaves and hips must be 24".

The bundles of straw having been neatly spread in position with care taken to ensure no "butt" joints, are then pinned down with hazel twigs on "needles" about 24" long, and eaves and ridges are reinforced with long lengths of hazel switches laid horizontally and similarly pinned. The straw is also tied on with tarred twine to battens. It is difficult to estimate in full as to present-day costs of thatching, as it has now gone out of practice, but, having made inquiries as far as possible, I believe it would cost about £8—£10 per square, including the timber battens, etc., as compared with £5

per square for concrete tiled roofs. There are about 9½ squares in an ordinary labourer's cottage.

It should also be noted that straw thatch requires to be renewed every six or seven years or so.

If the Committee so direct I would be prepared to try the system on one or two houses.

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

Repairs to Fencing.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe stated that repairs were required to the fence of the cottage occupied by Mr. Rodney at Cryhelp, and stated that the tenant would be prepared to repair the fence if provided with wire.

The Council agreed that materials be supplied by the Council in such cases where the work would be done by the tenants, and directed that this decision be communicated to the Assistant Engineers who would arrange accordingly.

In regard to Item No. 12 on the Housing Committee's Report, the Council referred the proposal in regard to the establishment of Holiday Villages at Windgates, and the other proposals which affected the Bray area, to the local Housing Committee for the Bray District.

The Council approved of the granting of permission for the proposed Milk Bar at Trafalgar Road, Greystones.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCreary;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Resolved—That we approve of the report of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 14th April, 1950, and of the recommendations made therein.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 1—Report on Appointment of Rent Collectors

The County Manager stated that applicants for the positions of Rent Collectors for Nos. 6, 9 and 10 Districts had been examined by a Selection Board appointed from officials in the County. For the appointment to No. 6 District, there were 24 applicants of whom 20 attended. Mr. Peadar Woods, Kilmuray, Kilmacanogue, had been selected as the best qualified candidate and he proposed to appoint him to the position.

For the appointment in Nos. 9 and 10 Districts there had been 21 applicants of whom 18 attended. The best qualified applicant was John Wilkinson, DeerPark, Shillelagh, and the next was Mrs. Kathleen Balfe, Carnew. It was proposed to appoint these two persons to the positions.

In reply to an inquiry from Councillor P. McCarthy whether due weight had been given to Mr. John O'Neill's experience as acting Rent Collector, the County Manager stated that regard had been had in the markings to Mr. O'Neill's experience as Rent Collector.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, pointed out that Mr. O'Neill had had service in the Defence Forces and inquired whether he had received credit for his service. The County Manager stated that marks had been awarded for Irish and for service in the Defence Forces in accordance with the instructions conveyed by the Department of Local Government.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that he would object to the appointments in Nos. 9 and 10 Districts on the grounds that preference should have been given to applicants who had service in the National Army.

Members of the Council asked that Mrs. K. Balfe be appointed to the No. 9 District, having regard to the fact that she resided in the centre of the District.

The County Manager stated that the person who obtained the highest marks at the interview would be entitled to express a preference for either appointment.

Item No. 17—Proposed Regional Water Supply Scheme for North-Eastern Part of County.

The County Manager stated that when the Corporation of Dublin were approached for a supply of water for the cottages in the Greystones-Killincarrig area in connection with the water and sewerage scheme recently carried out in the district, the Corporation had indicated that a charge of 1s. 6d. per 1,000 gallons would be made for water. The annual charges to be met by the Council in respect of the water supply to these cottages would be very heavy. In addition, the Corporation had indicated that they would not be prepared to make a supply available for Kilcoole unless the Council provided a storage reservoir, which was estimated by the County Engineer to cost £10,000. It was likely that storage reservoirs would also be required subsequently at Enniskerry and at Greystones. Having regard to increased costs of water supplies in the area, the Council had agreed to the appointment of Mr. E. M. Murphy, B.E., as Consultant Engineer for the purpose of examining a proposal to obtain an independent water supply for the district from the Glencullen river. The County Manager stated that Mr. Murphy had now submitted a preliminary report, from which it would appear that an ample supply of water could be obtained from the source at Glencullen. This supply would be sufficient for the area for which the County Council were responsible and also for the Bray Urban District. The total estimated cost of the Scheme, including the supply to Bray, would be £154,000. For a smaller Scheme, omitting Bray, the estimated cost was £98,000. If a grant of 33½% of the costs could be obtained from the Department of Local Government, the Loan Charges in respect of the Scheme would amount to £6,042 per annum. At present Bray Urban District Council paid over £3,300 per annum to Dublin Corporation for water supply, and residents in the Greystones area, who were served direct by the Dublin Corporation, contributed approximately £2,500. The County Council at present paid £550 per annum for water supplies, but this figure would be increased by at least a further £400 in respect of the supplies to cottages at Killincarrig and Blacklion. In addition, the Council would be liable for Loan Charges on the new reservoirs, which would amount to £1,761 per annum if three reservoirs were to be provided.

The County Manager stated that the Scheme had been examined by the County Engineer, who had submitted a lengthy report on the matter, in which he recommended that the proposal be adopted.

The Council directed that copy of the County Engineer's report be circulated to the members before the next meeting.

Proposed by Councillor G. Doyle;

Seconded by Councillor W. Clarke;

Resolved—That we approve in principle of the proposal to provide a Regional Water Supply from the Glencullen river to serve the North-Eastern area of the County, and direct that the views of Bray Urban District Council on the proposed Scheme be requested.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 18—Water Supply and Sewerage Scheme at Boghall.

The County Engineer recommended that Mr. E. M. Murphy, B.E., Consultant Engineer, be employed for the purpose of preparing preliminary report on water supply and sewerage scheme for this district, in view of the difficulties in preparing a suitable scheme.

Proposed by Councillor G. Doyle;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we approve of the County Engineer's recommendation for the employment of Mr. E. M. Murphy, B.E., as Consulting Engineer for the purpose of preparing a scheme for water supply and sewerage system for cottages at Boghall Road, Bray.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 19—Sewerage Scheme for 22 Cottages at Kilcoole.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had already agreed that the Sewerage Scheme for 22 cottages at Kilcoole be carried out by Messrs. Michael Grant and Co., as an extension of the Firm's existing Contract at Kilcoole. At the time the Contractor was not in a position to carry out the work, but had now submitted a detailed estimate based on the rates charged in his original Contract for the 11 cottages. Certain extras would be involved, since there were no similar items in the original Contract. The total estimated cost would be £790 0s. 8d.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the tender of Michael Grant and Co. for the provision of water supply and sewerage system for 22 cottages at Kilcoole at price of £790 0s. 8d.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 20—Water Rates.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:

Resolved—That the Water Rate Book as submitted by the Secretary be signed and Water Rates in respect of the year ending 31st December, 1950, made for the towns of Baltinglass, Dunlavin, Rathnew, Stratford, Roundwood, Kilcoole, Newcastle, Avoca, Carnew, Tinahely and Shillelagh, in accordance with those adopted on consideration of the Secretary's Estimates, namely, in the following towns:—

Baltinglass—3s. in the Pound (Three Shillings) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the Public Water Supply.

Dunlavin—3s. in the Pound (Three Shillings) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the Public Water Supply.

Rathnew—3s. in the Pound (Three Shillings) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the Public Water Supply.

Stratford—3s. in the Pound (Three Shillings) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the Public Water Supply.

Roundwood—3s. in the Pound (Three Shillings) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the Public Water Supply.

Kilcoole—3s. in the Pound (Three Shillings) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the Public Water Supply.

Newcastle—3s. in the Pound (Three Shillings) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the Public Water Supply.

Avoca—3s. in the Pound (Three Shillings) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the Public Water Supply.

Carnew—1s. 9d. in the Pound (One Shilling and Ninepence) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the Public Water Supply.

Tinahely—1s. 9d. in the Pound (One Shilling and Ninepence) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the Public Water Supply.

Shillelagh—1s. 9d. in the Pound (One Shilling and Ninepence) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the Public Water Supply.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:

Resolved—That the warrants authorising the collection of the said Water Rates be signed, and that the Rate Books and Warrants be sealed with the Seal of the County Council.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 21—Water Supply, Ballyconnell.

The following letter received from Rev. G. O'Mahony, C.C., was submitted:—

COPY/
Ballyconnell,
Tullow.

Dear Mr. Flannery,

I am writing on behalf of the people of this district who are without an adequate supply of spring water. Besides the National School here, there are seven houses who are asking for a new pump.

There is an old pump in the school grounds and the Co. Council might consider its repair. I respectfully submit the matter for your consideration, and I wish to thank you in anticipation.

Yours very truly,

(Rev.) G. O'MAHONY, C.C.

The following report of the Assistant Engineer was submitted:—
The Co. Manager, 9th March, 1950.

Re: Water Supply, Ballyconnell.

With reference to your letter of the 22nd ultimo, I called on Fr. O'Mahoney, Ballyconnell. There are five houses (one a B.O.H. cottage), a parochial house, school, church, and new hall in Ballyconnell, and there is no public water supply. A private well hitherto availed of has been closed by the owner to most of the residents. The pump in the school grounds was available to the public until it broke down, and Fr. O'Mahoney is prepared to hand this over to the Council if necessary and grant a public right-of-way to it to have it repaired.

In spite of the proximity of a privy, I would recommend that the disused wooden pump be removed and replaced by a metal pump. This would cost only about £35, as against perhaps £200 for sinking a new well. Should subsequent examination prove there is contamination from the privy, it should not be difficult to put a concrete floor and short walls in it to prevent percolation, at an additional cost of about £10.

C. J. BYRNE,
Assistant Co. Engineer.

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

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of a metal pump at Ballyconnell, as recommended by Assistant Engineer C. J. Byrne in report dated 9th March, 1950.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 22—Water Supplies: West Wicklow.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
Wicklow Co. Council,

COPY/
K. J. Brangan, Esq., Court House,
County Secretary, Wicklow.

**REPORT TO MEETING OF CO. COUNCIL, 17th APRIL, 1950.
PROPOSED WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES IN WESTERN DISTRICTS.**

1. **Baltinglass Increased Supply:**
 - (a) Plans already submitted for Supply from Timmon's Land to be pumped into existing mains when the present supply is short. Estimate—£1,600.
 - (b) Alternatively, to take a branch from the proposed Kiltegan Water Scheme. This proposal would give adequate supply for the Town of Baltinglass and to the Hospital, and I recommend it in preference to (a) above. The cost of this branch main from the Kiltegan supply is estimated at £5,400. It

would be necessary, of course, to get the Kiltegan supply in the first instance.

2. Kiltegan Water Supply Scheme.

Plans have been proposed and gaugings taken. Estimated Cost—£6,200. This supply can be later extended to High Park College and Baltinglass.

3. Blessington Water Supply.

An additional spring is being connected to the existing supply at a cost of £200, which will assist in and improve the present supply. An alternative Scheme has been considered which would involve continuous pumping and the water could be taken from the Head of Blessington Demesne and delivered to an elevated position at the North of the Town. However, this would cost about £3,600 and may not be approved by the Council. In the near future it may be necessary to carry out the larger scheme. For the moment the connections to the spring is being done as above indicated.

4. Grange Con Water Supply.

Gaugings have indicated that an adequate supply by gravity is available to give a working pressure of 100 feet under worst conditions. The cost is estimated at £4,100, and I recommend it. Plans were prepared for a pumped supply from Rampere some years ago, but I do not recommend, as it means continual pumping.

5. Ballyknockan.

The existing supply is leaking in the pipe which is under the rubbish banks at Quarries and cannot be repaired except at great expense. I recommend that a new main be laid around these banks at a cost of £200.

6. Donard.

To increase the pressure here it would be necessary to bring a new water supply from a distance of about 1½ miles at an estimated cost of £2,800, together with new storage tank and filters, and I recommend this.

7. Hollywood.

I recommend that the village and area be provided with a gravity supply from Quarry Hill, involving the laying of about 600 c. yards of 3-inch main from which branches can be taken to supply surrounding districts of Rathattin, etc., estimated at £2,000.

8. Rathdangan.

The plans for this supply were prepared and submitted some years ago, and I recommend that the Scheme as proposed be adopted at the estimated cost of £2,500.

9. Pumps and Wells.

(a) **Lemonstown:** Installation of pump in existing well. Estimated cost—£40; I recommend.

(b) **Ballinure, Krosser's Hill:** This is a matter of covering the existing well and erecting a pump on side of road. Estimated cost—£40. I recommend.

(c) **Clough, Baltinglass:** It is estimated that the cost of a bored well will be £250, provided water is located at about 80 feet. I recommend.

(d) **Ballylea-Colbinstown:** There is a good supply of water here and all that is required is a small filter and tanks. Estimated cost—£200. I recommend.

(e) **Barraderry-Kiltegan:** The proposal is to pipe the water from an existing well, and I recommend expenditure of £200.

(f) **Croscoolharbour:** I suggest that a pump be sunk adjacent to County Council cottages at a cost of £240.

(g) **Blakestown (Brittonstown):** A supply of water could be provided by a bored well to a depth of about 30 or 40 feet at a cost of £150, and I recommend.

(h) **Brewers Hill:** I recommend approval to sinking this existing well to a greater depth and work is in operation at the moment. Cost £200.

(i) **Loughmogue:** I recommend another bored well here at a cost of £240.

(j) **Doody's Bottoms:** If a pump is sunk near the bridge, a supply of water could be obtained at a cost of £100, and I recommend.

(k) **Dillon's Town:** Provided water can be located by a Diviner, the proposal here is to sink a bored well, but as the soil is sandy texture it may be necessary to go down 150 feet, and I estimate cost of £450 and recommend.

(l) **Castleruddery:** I recommend installation of a Ram to pump supply from a spring, 150 yards pipe, and concrete tank; to an estimated cost of £400.

(m) **Boherboy:** It is possible here to erect a ram and to pump the water by this means. Tests have been made on streams and results satisfactory. Reports already submitted to Manager and plans being prepared. About 850 c. yds. 2" pipe, and 150 c. yds. 4" pipe required. Estimated cost £1,050, and I recommend.

(n) **Randalestown:** Proposal is to erect a pump from existing well and estimated cost £40, which I recommend.

(o) **Kylebeg:** A supply can be taken from a stream at Kylebeg; water to be filtered; tank capacity 2,000 gals.; 300 yds. of 2" pipe. Estimated cost—£540, which should be adopted.

(p) **Oldcourt, Maror Kilbride:** This scheme has been reported on several times for a gravity supply. For the moment it is suggested that a supply be taken from springs and piped a distance of 400 c. yds. to the Bridge, at an estimated cost of £250.

(q) **Three Castle, Manor Kilbride:** One well has already been sunk and we are awaiting delivery of a pump. I recommend an additional well be sunk about one mile from above at a cost of £240.

(r) **Ballinacrow-Stratford:** I recommend to extend the existing Stratford Supply for a distance of 800 c. yds. at a cost of £400.

(s) **Fyanstown:** I recommend deepening the existing well and installing a pump at a cost of £70.

(t) **Kilbride:** I recommend and confirm original reports on this Scheme, i.e., renewal of supply tank; laying 500 c. yds. 2" main; erection of fountain on road, at a cost of £270.

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

17/4/50.

The Council approved of the carrying out of the Boherboy Water Supply Scheme and of all works costing less than £1,000. It was decided that a special meeting of the members of the Council for West Wicklow District be held on Friday, 21st April, at Baltinglass District Hospital, at which the order of priority of the works would be decided.

Item No. 24—Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1948—Report Applications for Entry on Register, Etc.

The County Secretary stated that a number of applications had been received from workers who were over the age of 60 on 1st April, 1949, for entry on the Register to be kept under the Act. He explained that persons over 60 could not be entered on the Register, but would qualify for a pension if they had been in permanent and continuous employment by the Council. Any break in their service, however, even of short duration, would disqualify them.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, made representations on behalf of James Gill, Rathnew, who had been employed by the Council for a period of over 29 years. He explained that Mr. Gill had been absent from employment for a period of some months in 1930, as a result of illness, and stated that he considered that Mr. Gill should be entitled to superannuation.

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

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:

Resolved—That we request the Minister for Local Government to agree to accept as being in continuous employment for the purposes of Section 88 of the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1948, any worker who has been absent from work for not more than sixty days in any year, and that absences from work due to illness should not operate to cause a break in service.

Passed unanimously.

Selection of Tenant for Vacant Cottage at Killincarrig.

Councillor W. Lawless stated that he had handed in Notice of Motion at the previously meeting in regard to the selection of tenant for vacant cottage at Killincarrig, but that due to an error it had been omitted from the agenda. He stated that at the meeting of the local Housing Committee the names of only fifteen applicants for the cottage had been submitted, whereas in fact there were 29 applicants. He had no objection to the selection of the tenant for the cottage, but wished to explain that all the applications had not been brought to the notice of the Committee at the first meeting at which the allocation of the cottage was considered.

Mr. T. Byrne, Chief Officer, in explanation, stated that 29 applications had been received for the tenancy of the cottage. Of these, however, the first 15 had been included in the report submitted by the Chief Medical Officer. These names had been circulated to the members of the Committee, but he maintained that at the meeting he had also read a list of the remaining applicants. When a query was made regarding the names of the applicants, a further meeting was held at which the applications were again submitted, and the Committee confirmed their previous decision.

Dispensary Medical Officer, Aughrim.

Councillor P. McCarthy stated that at a previous meeting of the Council he had stated that the temporary Medical Officer at Aughrim was not residing within the Dispensary District, and asked whether the County Manager had investigated the matter.

The County Manager stated that the Medical Officer had been informed that it was essential that she should reside within the District. If she did not do so it would be necessary to terminate the appointment.

The Council adjourned the remaining items on the Agenda to a special meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 24th April, 1950, at 1.30 p.m.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

An adjourned meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 24th April, 1950, at 1.30 p.m., for the purpose of dealing with the remaining Items on the Agenda for the meeting held on 17th April, 1950.

The following members were present:—

Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman;
Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, Peter Ledwidge, Dr. J. J. Hickey, Geo. Doyle, L. O Laoighleis, C. M. Byrne and J. Jacob.
The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assist. Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley and M. Healy were present.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, attended.

BUSINESS:

23. Report regarding Carnew Water Supply.
25. Memorandum from ratepayers in Arklow Rural Area regarding condition of roads.
26. Letter from Irish Farmers' Federation regarding reduction in rates and County Roads.
27. Letter from Federation of Builders Contractors and Allied Employers of Ireland, dated 27th March, 1950, regarding Wage and Price Variation Clause.
28. Letter from Irish Tourist Association regarding local contribution.
29. Resolution from Carlow County Council regarding maintenance of public roads and urging diversion of traffic to railways and canals and re-opening of branch railway lines.
30. Resolution from Killarney U.D.C. for increase in Income Tax on ground rents payable to absentee landlords.
31. Letter from National Protest Committee regarding sales of British Publications in Ireland.
32. Resolution from Macroom U.D.C. regarding increases in valuations of premises.
33. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

1. Tender for the erection of Fire Escape at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.
2. Report of Visiting Committee on inspection of District Hospital, Baitinglass.
3. Payments for hospital treatment of persons in benefit under the National Health Insurance Acts.
4. Circular from Department of Health regarding the use of turf.

Resolution of Sympathy.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

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. George Heatley, Knocklinn, Bray, former member of this Council, and we hereby extend to the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed unanimously.

Resolution re Partition.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Reilly:

Resolved—That we extend our congratulations to Mr. O'Dwyer, Mayor of New York, for the assistance and publicity he has given in the campaign against Partition.

Passed unanimously.

Water Main to Newcastle Sanatorium.

The County Secretary stated he had received a reply dated 20th April, 1950, from the Secretary to the Royal National Hospital for Consumption for Ireland in regard to the allocation of beds in the Sana-

torium to County Wicklow patients, and referring to her letter of 4th April, 1950, in which it was stated that the Board had agreed to give, as far as possible, 50 per cent. preference to patients from Co. Wicklow who were suitable for active treatment.

The Council expressed dissatisfaction with the terms of the reply received from the Royal National Hospital, and directed that a further inquiry be addressed to the Hospital for a definite indication of the number of beds which were allotted to patients from County Wicklow.

The Council adjourned consideration of the proposal in regard to the laying of new water main to Newcastle Sanatorium pending the receipt of the information requested from the Hospital.

Item No. 23—Carnew Water Supply.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
re: Carnew Water Supply (Schoolheight).

The question of improvement in the existing Carnew Water Supply has been receiving close attention. Tests have been carried out and it has been discovered that a serious leakage is present at some part of the system in the Lower Main Street, but it has not definitely been "pin-pointed." The leak is almost 1,200 gals. per hour. Further tests will be carried out by special apparatus in a few days, when available.

In the meantime, levels taken show that a low pressure supply can be provided to the Schoolheight houses at ground floor level, and I ask approval to laying a branch main to that area at a cost of £400. An additional supply from a spring is being taken at source, which will amplify the available quantity of water.

I shall report further as to general pressure improvement.

Signed—J. T. O'Byrne, County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

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

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of a branch main at Schoolheight district of Carnew at estimated cost of £440, the cost to be defrayed from the loan of £7,000 for minor water supplies.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 25—Memorial from Ratepayers in Arklow Rural Area in regard to condition of roads.

The County Secretary read the following letter received from Arklow Young Farmers Club:—

The Secretary, Ballymoyle House, Arklow.
County Council, Wicklow. 25th March, 1950.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the above Club I have great pleasure in enclosing memorandum signed by ratepayers in Arklow Rural Area, re deteriorated condition of the roads and would be very grateful if you would give this matter your attention, also would you kindly let me know when you will be in a position to meet a deputation from this club.

Thanking you and trusting you will let me have a reply at your very earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss B. T. Doyle, Hon. Secretary.)

The County Secretary stated that he had informed the Club of the decision of the Council in regard to the allocation of monies available for County Roads in the District for the year 1950/51.

The following letter had been received subsequently:—

ARKLOW YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB.

The Secretary, Ballymoyle House,
Wicklow Co. Council, Wicklow. 13th April, 1950.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the above Club we are glad to note that work has started on a portion of the roads mentioned in our recent memorandum, but unfortunately we have a number of complaints about the spreading

of sand on the road surface, and we would respectfully suggest that stones be used instead of sand.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) B. T. Doyle, Hon. Secretary.

The Council agreed to receive a deputation from the Arklow Young Farmers' Club, in connection with this matter, at the next meeting.

Item No. 26—Letter from Irish Farmers' Federation.

The Council expressed appreciation of the following letter received from the Irish Farmers' Federation:—

K. J. Brangan, Esq., Springfield, Kilbride, Arklow.
County Secretary, 27th March, 1950.
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Mr. Brangan,

At a meeting of the County Wicklow Executive of the Irish Farmers' Federation held in Clash on 14th inst., I was directed to write to you and ask you to convey to the County Manager and members of the County Council our appreciation for the reduction in the rates this coming year.

While the reduction is small, we welcome it, but we demand that more attention should be given to the County Roads many of which are in a very bad state.

We like to give honour where honour is due and would like to express our appreciation on the good work done in the cleaning up of the rivers, which when finished should be much benefit to land drainage, etc.

I remain, Yours Faithfully,

Elizabeth F. Bobbett, County Sec.

Item No. 27—Wage and Price Variation Clause.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. C. Burgess, Director, Federation of Builders, Contractors and Allied Employers of Ireland, accompanied by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., Mr. E. Kane, U.D.C., Building Contractor, and Mr. Lendrum, Building Contractor, had met the Co. Manager on 8th March, 1950, in connection with the inclusion of Wage and Price Variation Clauses in Contracts.

The following letter had been received from the Federation:—

28 Earlsfort Tee., Dublin.
27th March, 1950.

The County Manager,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Wage and Price Variation Clause.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the report of the deputation which awaited upon you on the 8th March in connection with the above matter, has recently received the attention of my Council, and it has been decided to rescind the order prohibiting the submission to tenders by members of the Federation to local authorities in County Wicklow. This decision was reached solely on the basis of the undertaking which was given by you to the deputation that in the case of a tender submitted by a member of this Federation and covered by the Organisation's Wage and Price Variation Clause (Blue Slip), no request would be made in such case for the withdrawal of the Blue Slip, unless, as provided in the agreement between the Government and the Federation, an undertaking is given to the tenderer that the Government's Wage and Price Variation Clause will be substituted.

Instructions to the foregoing effect have been issued to all members of the Federation.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Minister for Local Government for his information.

Yours faithfully,

C. J. Burgess, Director.

The Council noted the terms of the Federation's letter.
Item No. 28—Letter from Irish Tourist Association.

The following letter from the Irish Tourist Association, was submitted:—

14 Upper O'Connell St., Dublin,
 24th March, 1950.

To: The members of each County, County Borough, Borough and Urban District Council and Town Commissioners.
 A Chara,

I am instructed by my Directors to send you the attached memorandum indicating briefly the objects and activities of the Irish Tourist Association in relation to the development of Ireland's tourist industry.

By virtue of the Tourist Traffic (Development) Act, 1931, the Association is the approved body for the purpose of the Act, and the local authorities are empowered thereby to enter into an agreement to pay to the Association a local contribution in respect of any local financial year. The total amount agreed to be paid by way of such contributions is provided for in the Act, as follows:—

In the case of County or County Borough Councils	the proceeds of a rate of One Penny in the £— (amended by the Tourist Traffic Act, 1939, to Three-pence in the £ in the case of County Boroughs).
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In the case of Borough and Urban District Councils and Town Commissioners	the proceeds of a rate of Three-pence in the £.
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Having regard to the value of our tourist industry, in the building up of which, since 1925, the I.T.A. has played a major part, it is submitted that its retention, and even further development, deserves serious and favourable consideration, such as would justify the granting of maximum financial aid to further the Association's promotional efforts.

It is regrettable that the comparative smallness of the Association's resources limits its capacity for greater expansion. To remedy this I would respectfully bespeak your goodwill and support for a more generous contribution than heretofore, in the belief that money voted for tourist publicity and development is good business and a sound investment that will enhance our country's prosperity.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Mise, le meas,

J. Fitzpatrick, Runal.

The memorandum enclosed with the letter gave particulars of the objects and activities of the Irish Tourist Association in relation to the Tourist industry.

The Council noted that a local contribution of £300 had been provided for in the Estimates for the year 1950/51.

Item No. 29—Resolution from Carlow County Council regarding maintenance of public roads, etc.

On the proposal of Councillor W. Hammond, seconded by Councillor J. J. Metzger, the Council adopted the following resolution received from Carlow County Council:—

"That this Council desires again to place on record the ever increasing cost falling on Local Authorities in respect of the maintenance of public roads, having regard to the fact now generally accepted, that the roads are now forced to carry heavy motorised traffic for which they were never constructed and which they are totally unable to bear.

The Council would further advert to the closing of Branch Railway Lines in all areas of the 26 Counties, thus transferring to the roads traffic which should normally be carried by rail.

The Council, accordingly, requests that immediate steps should be taken by the Government to divert to the railways or canals the extra heavy tonnage now carried by road, and re-open the branch railway lines for this purpose and so ease the burden on local rates in respect of road maintenance.

The Council is further of the opinion that the retention of three major lines of transport cannot be justified by the total volume of traffic to be carried; that their maintenance is beyond the capacity of the country to finance, as indicated by the moribund condition of the Railway System with its ever-increasing demand on central funds and the increasing deterioration of public roads representing constantly increasing demands on local ratepayers.

Copies of this resolution to be forwarded to An Taoiseach, the Ministers for Local Government and Industry and Commerce, T.D.s of the Constituency and all County Councils."

Item No. 30—Resolution from Killarney U.D.C. for increase in Income Tax on ground rents payable to absentee Landlords.

The Council adopted the following resolution received from Killarney U.D.C.:

"That the Government be requested to introduce legislation providing for an Income Tax of twenty-five per cent. on all ground rents payable to absentee landlords, and that copies of resolution be sent to all other Councils for adoption."

Item No. 31—Letter from National Protest Committee regarding sales of British publications in Ireland.

The Council considered letter dated 23rd March, 1950, received from the National Protest Committee in regard to campaign to force the sale of British publications in Ireland. The Council agreed that a quota system in regard to the importation of foreign publications should be established.

Item No. 32—Resolution from Macroom U.D.C. regarding increases in valuations of premises.

The Council adopted the following resolution received from Macroom Urban District Council: "That this Council, on behalf of the Community it represents hereby lodges an emphatic protest against the harsh valuations recently assessed on householders and property owners in the town. That from the complaints which have been brought to our notice, we are satisfied that the present system of valuation is a form of extortion, in comparison with which the averice of the rack-renting landlords of a past age was comparatively mild. That as such valuations will, in effect, burden property owners with substantial increases in rates, licence duties, E.S.B. charges and Income Tax and constitute a check to works of renovation and improvement of property, with consequent loss of employment, we call on the Government to issue immediate instructions to the Commissioner of Valuation to abandon the present iniquitous system of Valuation, in favour of the former reasonable method of assessment. That copies of this resolution be sent to the members of the Da'l for this Constituency, and to all Local Authorities in the Republic of Ireland."

Tender for the Erection of Fire Escape at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.

The County Secretary stated that tenders had been invited by public advertisement for the erection of a fire escape at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum. Only one tender had been received, namely that from Messrs. Michael Grant and Co., in the sum of £1,322 7s. 11d. The County Engineer had already recommended the acceptance of this Tender.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the tender of Michael Grant and Co. in the sum of £1,322 7s. 11d. for the construction of fire escapes at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.

Passed unanimously.

Report of Visiting Committee, District Hospital, Baltinglass.

The following report of the Visiting Committee for the District Hospital, Baltinglass, was submitted:—

HOSPITAL VISITING COMMITTEE, BALTINGLASS.

Report of visit made on 31st March, 1950:—

Members of the Committee present: Mr. B. Farrell, M.C.C.; Mr. J. Metcalfe, M.C.C.; Mr. R. L. Barron, N.T.

Having first visited all the wards and interviewed the patients the Committee were very favourably impressed by the general atmosphere of comfort and contentment which prevailed, and also by the neatness and order which characterised each division. All those who were confined to bed showed that they appreciated the care and consideration shown by the staff. One patient wished to show his care-free state of mind—although he is over 86 years of age—by reciting for the visitors some recent poems of his own composition, while others had achieved new hopes and confidence as a result of some serious operation they had undergone, their only regret being that they had not seen to the matter earlier on.

An interview with the matron and the nursing staff revealed that a new operating table was badly needed and that it was expected that arrangements would be made for its installation in the near future. The sanitary arrangements seemed to be inadequate and though found unsatisfactory over a long period, nothing had been done to improve the position. It is to be hoped that in any new programme of reconstruction, this consideration will receive primary attention. Bearing in mind the proposal to build a two-wing extension to the existing building, the Committee were of opinion that it would eventually be more economical and more in keeping with present-day ideas of Hospitalisation, to avail of the existing Board of Health property adjoining—amounting to about four acres—and with the aid of the Hospital's Trust or other available Fund to build a large and modernly equipped District Hospital which would adequately serve the very large area at present being catered for. The existing building would then serve the purpose for which it was originally intended—that of an isolation ward. Emphasis was also laid on the necessity of providing quarters for a permanent resident cook, as the present arrangements by which a temporary cook lives out is unsatisfactory.

The kitchen and laundry sections seemed to be well equipped and adequately furnished with everything necessary for all practical purposes. Some complaints by the kitchen staff were enquired into in detail and a suitable solution of the difficulties involved was recommended.

On behalf of the Committee:

R. L. BARRON, Dip-Ed., N.T.

The County Manager stated that a new Operating Table had been installed in Baltinglass Hospital on the recommendation of the Surgeon. As arranged at the last meeting of the Council, a meeting of the members of the Council for the West Wicklow Area, together with the Chairman, had been at Baltinglass Hospital on 21st April, 1950. Members of the Council had considered the complaints of the Kitchen Staff and decided to withdraw the notice of dismissal which had been served on the Cook. It was hoped that there would be no further difficulties in regard to the staff.

Payments for hospital treatment for persons in benefit under the National Health Insurance Acts.

The County Secretary stated that the charge made to the Council by Dublin Hospitals for maintenance of patients, was 10s. 6d. per day. The capitation payable by the National Health Insurance Society in respect of patients who were eligible for benefit amounted to only 7s. 6d. per day. As a result of the difference in the rate, certain difficulties had arisen in regard to payment to Dublin Hospitals. The following letter had been received from St. Laurence's Hospital:—

Copy.

St. Laurence's Hospital,
North Brunswick St., Dublin.

Dear Sir,

6th March, 1950.

In view of the unsatisfactory position of the County Council payments which has arisen since the increase in the capitation rate from 7s. 6d. to 10s. 6d. per day in respect of patients who are eligible for National Health Insurance Benefit, whose capitation rate is still only 7s. 6d. per day, the Board of Governors of this Hospital have now made an order that no further patients will be admitted from your area unless a written undertaking is received, that where patients who are recommended for admission by your Council are eligible for National Health Insurance Benefit the full capitation rate of 10s. 6d. per day will be paid by your Council in respect of such patients, credit being accepted for any amounts actually received by this Hospital from the National Health Insurance Society in respect of such patients.

Please let me have this undertaking by return.

Yours faithfully,

F. D. MURRAY, Accountant.

Following receipt of this letter, a letter had been addressed to the National Health Insurance Society, and the following reply had been received from the Society:—

Copy.

The National Health Insurance Society,

Thomas Byrne, Esq.,

Arus Brugha, Dublin.

Chief Officer,

16th March, 1950.

Wicklow Co. Council,

Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow.

A Chara,

I have received your communication of the 10th instant, relative to the circular from St. Laurence's Hospital, Dublin, which appears to have been sent to each County Authority where an arrangement exists to send patients for treatment to that hospital. The issue raised in the circular letter does not affect the Society which has an arrangement with St. Laurence's Hospital in return for a weekly contribution of £2 12s. 6d. to accept, maintain and treat for a limited period members of the Society entitled to Hospital Benefit.

The Scheme provides that the application for the benefit must be made in the first instance by the member to the Society. If entitled to the benefit, an authority is issued direct to the member who must make his own arrangements to secure admittance to a hospital on the approved list, payment being made by the Society to the hospital on conclusion of the treatment.

Where members entitled to the benefit are admitted through the County Authority, the Society, on prior sanction being obtained, is prepared to pay to the hospital at the rate of 7s. 6d. per day for the sanctioned period and, if necessary, to regard this sum as a contribution towards the cost of maintenance of insured members sent for hospital treatment by the County Authority.

Mise, le meas,

RUNAI.

The following letter had been addressed to the National Health Insurance Society in regard to the procedure for the obtaining of Hospital treatment by a member entitled to Hospital Benefit:—

COPY/
13th April, 1950.
The Secretary,
National Health Insurance Society,
Upper O'Connell St., Dublin.
A Chara,

I am instructed by the County Manager to refer to your letter of the 16th ultimo on the subject of Hospital Treatment for members of your Society, and to point out that the procedure outlined in the second paragraph of that letter of necessity entails an element of delay, since the member seeking hospital treatment must first apply to your Society and await a reply. This procedure, quite evidently, would not meet the circumstances in which a patient may be in urgent need of hospital treatment. The Manager, therefore, considers that this procedure is unsuitable and requires to be amended by the acceptance by your Society of liability for the cost of treatment of any patient in benefit who is afforded such treatments in a hospital approved by your Society.

When the County Council's Medical Officers request hospital treatment for patients they cannot wait to ascertain if a patient will be accepted by your Society, neither can they wait for the prior sanction referred to in the last paragraph of your letter.

The Board of Governors of St. Laurence's Hospital as mentioned in my letter of the 16th instant, have indicated that no further patients will be admitted from Co. Wicklow unless a written undertaking is given that the difference between the capitation rate of 10s. 6d. per day paid by the Council for Public Assistance Patients and the rate of 7s. 6d. per day allowed by your Society will be paid by the County Council where patients recommended for admission by the County Council are found to be eligible for National Health Insurance Benefit. It will be clear to your Society that this means that in such instances, members of your Society will have to be regarded as Public Assistance patients inasmuch as part of the cost of their maintenance will have to be defrayed by the County Council as Public Assistance Authority. Furthermore, it is assumed that your Society, consequently, recognises that the Hospital Benefit Scheme in such cases does not cover the full cost of treatment which has to be borne in part by the Public Assistance Authority.

I am to stress that the procedure outlined in the second paragraph of your letter is one which could only have a limited application and in the experience of the Council is rarely followed.

Mise, le meas,

Chief Officer.

Proposed by Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That we call the attention of the Ministers for Social Welfare and Health to the unsatisfactory position which has arisen in regard to the provision of Hospital treatment for National Health Insurance patients.

Passed unanimously.

Use of Turf.

The following Circular from the Department of Health was submitted:—

COPY/
Circ. P.14/50.

Department of Health,
Custom House,
Dublin.

A Chara,

1st April, 1950.

The Minister for Health desires me to say that he has under consideration the use of native fuel in Institutions operated and

controlled by public assistance authorities, health authorities and mental hospital authorities. It is understood that in some cases coal is being used where turf would prove satisfactory, and that in some areas in which turf is extensively produced the local authorities make no use of this form of fuel.

Local authorities will appreciate that the use of native fuel wherever possible would considerably reduce the country's dependence upon imported fuel and would, at the same time, provide a substantial measure of employment.

The Minister considers that home produced fuel should be used to the maximum extent wherever practicable, and I am accordingly to recommend that health, public assistance and mental hospital authorities should now take steps to ascertain how far the use of native fuel (including anthracite) could be substituted for imported fuel, particularly in areas where such fuel is readily obtainable.

I am to request that a reply may be submitted within one month from this date indicating the action which has been taken on this Circular and the extent to which it has been found possible to substitute native fuel for imported fuel in each Institution under the control of your local authority.

Mise, le meas,

The Secretary,
County Council.

Runaidhe.

The County Secretary stated that inquiries had been made for quotations for turf delivered to the Courthouse, Wicklow, and it was found that the cost of Lullymore Turf Briffettes was £5 5s. per ton, and machine-won turf £4 5s. per ton.

The Council directed that quotations be invited by public advertisement for the supply of dry suitable hand-won turf for use in open fires in the Council's offices and institutions. It was suggested that the advertisement be issued later in the year.

Applications for Permission to Compete under Council's University Scholarship Scheme, 1950.

The following list of candidates for competition for University Scholarships under the Scheme for the year 1950, was submitted:—

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME—1950.

Name of Candidate	Home Address	School Address	Date of Birth	Observations Candidate for Scholarship re- served for Degree in Faculty of General Agriculture.
Dougan, John V.	37, O'Byrne Rd., Bray	C.E.S., Syngé St. School	14th Feb., 1932	
Duggan, James A.	6, The Mall, Wicklow	St. Joseph's College, Wicklow	30th April, 1933	
Earle, Edward	3, Mill Bank Cottages, Killincarrig, Delgany	Albert College, Dublin	27th Jan., 1931	
Hayden, William J.	Novara, Blacklion, Greystones	C.E.S., Syngé St., Dublin	28th March 1933	
Kennedy, Cornelius T.	Mount Colman, Meath Road, Bray	C.E.S., Dun Laoghaire	29th Dec., 1932	
Kennedy, Mary J.	6, Beresford Tce., Arklow	St. Mary's College, Arklow.	20th April, 1932	
Marah, Michael	Rathnew	St. Joseph's College, Wicklow.	22nd April, 1933	
Murphy, Mary	Aughrim	Loreto Convent, Bray	7th Nov., 1932	
O'Callaghan, William C.	"Lismaura," Galtrim Road, Bray	Presentation College, Bray	4th June, 1933	
Reale, John	7, St. Aidan's Tce., Duncairn Ave., Bray	C.E.S., Dun Laoghaire	11th July, 1931	
Ward, Bridget Carmel	Rahaval, Redcross	Loreto Abbey, Gorey.	26th April, 1931	
Ward, Katherine J.	8, Arch Villas, Greystones	Holy Faith Secondary School, Greystones	16th Aug., 1933	
Watson, Mary M.	Colbinstown	Brigidine Convent, Tullow.	28th May, 1933	
Whiston, John James	Redford, Greystones	C.E.S., Syngé St., Dublin	2nd Jan., 1932	

Proposed by Councillor Dr. J. J. Hickey;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of the list of applicants for competition under the Council's University Scholarship Scheme for the year 1950, as submitted to this meeting.

Passed unanimously.

Rent of Cottage at Kilpedder.

The Council decided to refer to the Housing Committee the following letter received from James Gregory, tenant of cottage at Kilpedder:—

Sir,

With regard to the house at Kilpedder which I have, I would be very glad if you will reconsider the rent, as I think 14/- per week is very high for a house like this; in fact, I am sure there is not another like it in the country with the same rent. It is also in very bad repair. There is not even a range in it. Ther is no fence at all.

Yours Sincerely,

JAMES GREGORY,
Kilpedder, Newtownmountkennedy.

Employment of Carters at Newtown.

The following letter was submitted to the Council:—

Newtownmountkennedy,

Sir,

We the undersigned carters of Newtownmountkennedy request you to give us a fair deal as regards employment. We did the work when the lorries were off the road. Please do your best in the matter.

Signed: Thos. Gorman, Thos. Kearney, J. Duffy.

The County Engineer stated that there was a temporary stoppage of work in Newtownmountkennedy District, but that carters would be re-employed as soon as possible.

Application for Loan Under Small Dwellings (Acq.) Acts.

The following letter from Mr. J. E. Meredith, Killinure, Tullow, had been received by the Chairman:—

Dear Mr. McCrea,

21st April, 1950.

I applied for a Loan of £1,500, as far as I can remember, under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts last year to the Council which at the time was turned down. During this time I was in trouble over payment and a 12-acre field which I wanted. Since then I have got settled up.

I am now in a position to put up some of the money myself if the Council would lend me £800. I also can now offer you twelve acres of land as a security. Hoping you will see your way to help me.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

J. E. MEREDITH.

The Council agreed to recommend a Loan of £800.

The County Manager stated that the application would be submitted to the Council's Housing Committee, together with certificate of valuation of the proposed building.

Drainage Works and Employment.

Councillor P. McCarthy inquired why single men had been retained in employment on Drainage Schemes and married men discharged.

The County Engineer explained that in previous years it had not been possible to keep workers in employment during the full year up to 31st March, and that this was the first year in which it had been arranged. At present the Council was awaiting approval to new Schemes.

Water Supplies—West Wicklow.

The County Manager stated that the members of the Council for West Wicklow District and the Chairman had met at Baltinglass on 21st April, 1950, to consider the order of priority of water supply

schemes in West Wicklow. It had been decided that, for the present, Schemes which would involve very heavy capital outlay might be deferred, and that the following schemes should be proceeded with:—

1. Lemonstown—Installation of pump.
2. Ballyhook—Completion of provision of pump.
3. Boherboy—Water supply extension.
4. Barraderry—Water supply.

It was agreed that the following schemes would be undertaken after those above-mentioned had been completed:—

- Clough, Baltinglass:** Boring of well at estimated cost of £250.
Doody's Bottoms: Sinking of pump near Bridge at cost of £100.
Castleruddery: Installation of ram; 150 yards piping and concrete tank at cost of £400.
Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride: Provision of gravitation supply from springs and laying of pipeline—400 yards—at cost of £250.
Fryanstown: Deepening of existing well and installation of pump at cost of £70.

Granbeg N.S.: Sinking of pump.

The Council decided that plans for the water supply scheme at Boherboy should be prepared as soon as possible and submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval in order that the work may be put in hands at an early date.

The Council also agreed that the Barraderry Water Supply Scheme should be undertaken immediately.

Dumping Ground at Dunlavin.

Councillor B. Farrell stated that persons were dumping bottles and other rubbish on the borders of the County Roads near Dunlavin. He asked that action be taken against those persons.

Supply of Meat to Baltinglass Hospital.

Councillor B. Farrell complained of the quality of the meat supplied to the District Hospital, Baltinglass.

Mr. T. Byrne, Chief Officer, stated that when inviting tenders, the tenders were requested for the best Irish beef. The quality of the meat was examined by the Medical Officer.

Report on Inspection of Sanatorium.

In reply to inquiries from members, the Co. Manager explained that the various improvements effected in regard to diet and cooking arrangements for the Sanatorium at Rathdrum. The Council had endeavoured to obtain a specially qualified cook for the Sanatorium, but no replies had been received to the advertisement.

Report on Inspection of County Hospital, Wicklow.

Members referred to the unsatisfactory terms of the report of the recent inspection of the County Hospital, and it was directed that the report of the Matron be submitted to the next meeting of the County Council.

The County Manager explained that possibly the Inspector in examining the Hospital took his standards from modern Hospital buildings in other counties. He pointed out that the County Hospital building at Wicklow was an old building and was difficult to keep clean. In addition, no provision was made in the Hospital for an Out-Patients' Department.

Lorry Drivers Strike.

Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that he wished to register a protest in regard to the action taken by the Council at the previous meeting concerning the strike of lorry drivers. He pointed out that he had been appointed a member of the Committee to meet the representatives of the lorry drivers, subject to certain conditions, and that he had received no invitation to attend the Committee meeting.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman, explained what had taken place at the meeting, and regretted that in the circumstances

Councillor H. J. Byrne had been unable to attend the Committee meeting.

Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

The proposed appointment of Mr. Michael O'Kelly, The Grove, Hollywood, as a member of Baltinglass Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee and of the re-appointment of Councillor J. O'Reilly as a member of the Sub-Committee were deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

The Secretary was directed to ascertain the number of members authorised for the Sub-Committee.

Dispensary Medical Officer, Aughrim.

The Chairman stated that he had received a telephone call from Mr. Andrew Doyle, Aughrim, on behalf of Aughrim Parish Council, requesting that the Dispensary Doctor for Aughrim reside in Aughrim.

The County Manager stated that the temporary Medical Officer had been instructed to reside within half a mile of the Dispensary, Aughrim.

Members of the Council pointed out that the Council's direction at the previous meeting was that the Doctor reside within the Dispensary Area.

Proposed Holiday Village at Windgates.

The Housing Committee for the Bray Electoral Area had considered an application received from Mr. Vincent B. Gallagher, Architect, for approval in principle to the erection of a Holiday Village at Windgates. The site maps submitted showed that the lay-out would provide for the erection of 55 structures, described as bungalows, and would include also the erection of 29 garages. The proposal had been fully considered by the Housing Committee for the area, and the Committee recommended that the Council should not approve of the proposed scheme.

The Council noted the report of the Committee and decided not to approve of the proposal.

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

By Councillor P. McCarthy:

"That I or someone for me will move at the next meeting of the Council that an increase of 15s. per week be given to carters in the employment of the Council."

By Councillor George Doyle:

"I or someone for me will move at the next meeting of the Council that the application of the Federation of Rural Workers to increase the wages of Road Workers to £4 per week, and increasing by 15/- per week the wages of tractor, compressor and dumper drivers be approved."

By Councillor John O'Reilly:

"That I or someone for me will move at our next meeting that this Council shall sublet certain roads in the county for maintenance."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 8th May, 1950, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:—Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, Chairman; Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; B. Farrell, J. J. Metcalfe, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, George Doyle, L. O Laoighleis, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs; C. M. Byrne and C. W. Hudson.

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant Engineer and Assistant Engineers C. J. Byrne, P. J. Foley, J. P. Caffrey and M. Healy were present.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, attended.

BUSINESS:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 23rd January, and 6th March, 1950.
2. To authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to the Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works for the Loan of £10,000 for purposes of the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.
3. Letter dated 14th April, 1950, from the Department of Local Government regarding Drainage Schemes under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949, for the year 1950/51.
4. To consider the following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors P. McCarthy and L. O Laoighleis: "That the lorry drivers and roller drivers in the employment of the Council be remunerated in accordance with the recommendation of the Special Negotiating Committee which was accepted by the Council at its meeting on the 17th April, 1950."
5. To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Doyle:—"That the application of the Federation of Rural Workers to increase the wages of road workers to £4 per week, and to increasing by 15s. per week the wages of tractor compressor and dumper drivers, be approved."
6. To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy:—"That an increase of 15s. per week be given to carters in the employment of the Council."
7. To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor John O'Reilly:—"That the Council sublet certain roads in the County for maintenance."
8. To receive a deputation from Arklow Young Farmers' Club regarding the condition of roads in Arklow Rural Area.
9. Letter dated 13th March, 1950, received by Department of Local Government from D. M. O Dubhghaill, Glenealy.
10. To consider Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C. W. Hudson in regard to closing of roads near Wicklow for purposes of International Motor Car Races in July, 1950.
11. To consider proposed appointments to Baltinglass O.A.P. Sub-Committee.
12. To consider letter dated 20th April, 1950, from Rate Collector T. Fleming, submitting his resignation.
13. Report of Matron of County Hospital regarding recent inspection of hospital by Department's Inspector.
14. Letter from Dr. M. G. O'Brien, Arklow, regarding issue of medicines from Dispensary.
15. To approve of draft Mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works for Loan of £9,000 for purposes of Aughrim Water Supply.
16. Letter from Aughrim Parish Committee in regard to provision of sewerage scheme, etc.
17. Application for Water Supply to cottages at Croneyhorn.
18. Application for water supply to cottages at Ballygriffin, Arklow.