

Public Assistance Committee—Bray.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;
 Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;
 Resolved—That we hereby appoint the members of the Council elected for the Bray Electoral Area, together with the members of the Bray Urban District Council as a Public Assistance Committee for the Bray Electoral Area, including the Bray Urban District.
 Passed unanimously.

Public Assistance Committee—Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;
 Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;
 Resolved—That we hereby appoint the members of the County Council for the Wicklow County Electoral Area, together with the members of Wicklow Urban District Council, as a Public Assistance Committee for the Wicklow County Electoral Area, including the Urban District of Wicklow.
 Passed unanimously.

Hospital Visiting Committees.

The Council decided to appoint the one Visiting Committee in respect of St. Colman's Hospital and St. Kevin's Sanatorium, Rathdrum, the County Hospital, Wicklow, and Fever Hospital, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
 Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
 Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following members as Visiting Committee for St. Colman's Hospital, and St. Kevin's Sanatorium, Rathdrum, the County Hospital, Wicklow, and Fever Hospital, Wicklow:
 Arklow Electoral Area: Councillors P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D.;
 W. Hammond and Senator J. McCrea.
 Bray Electoral Area: Councillors P. Ledwidge, Chairman; H. J. Byrne and W. Lawless.

Wicklow Electoral Area: Councillors C. W. Hudson, C. M. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, and Miss E. F. Bobbett.

Passed unanimously.

Visiting Committee, Baltinglass District Hospital.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
 Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe;
 Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following to constitute the Visiting Committee to District Hospital, Baltinglass: Councillors P. P. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, and J. O'Reilly; Mr. R. L. Barron, N.T., Baltinglass, and Mr. L. K. O'Reilly, P.C., Donard.
 Passed unanimously.

Scholarship Committee.

The Council decided to defer the appointment of a Scholarship Committee to the next meeting.

The Council decided to hold the meeting of the Housing Committee on Monday, 9th October, 1950, and a Meeting of the County Council on 16th October, 1950.

*Peter Ledwidge
13/11/50*

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 16th October, 1950, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:

Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman;
 Councillors J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D., Jas. O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, Paul Kehoe, Ed. E. Byrne, Liam O Laoighleis, P. N. Murdoch, C. M. O Broin, C. W. Hudson, J. Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. J. Brennan.
 The Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley, and M. Healy were present.
 The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, attended.

BUSINESS:

1. To confirm and sign minutes of Meetings held on 14th August, 4th and 11th September, 1950.
2. Renewal of Cinematograph Licence.
3. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Lawless re increase in wages of men employed on Drainage Schemes during Winter months.
4. Letter dated 5th October, 1950, from Department of Local Government regarding remuneration of carters.
5. Correspondence regarding condition of roads at (a) Ballintekin to Ballyhara; (b) Jack White's Cross to Ballyroan; and (c) Ballyknocken, Rathdrum.
6. Correspondence regarding condition of roadway at Rathnew.
7. To approve of draft Mortgage from National Bank, Ltd., for Loan of £5,000 re Silver Strand Road, and to pass required resolution.
8. Representations from Messrs. Scraggs Bros., Bray, regarding repairs to roadway from Greenane to Drumgoff, and necessity for public sanitary conveniences at the Meetings, and Glendalough.
9. Letters dated 26th and 29th September, 1950, from Department of Education re awards of Scholarships under 1950 Scheme.
10. To confirm resolution re guaranteeing of Loan to be raised by Arklow Harbour Commissioners.
11. Reports of County Librarian re Enniskerry Library.
12. Letter dated 30th September, 1950, from the Department of Local Government forwarding copy of Order varying Rate Collection Districts.
13. Report of County Engineer on Engineering Services for half-year ended 30th September, 1950.
14. Application from County Engineer for approval to purchase of Diaphragm Pump, Diesel Engine and Large Compressor.
15. Report of meeting of Housing Committee held on 9th October, 1950.
16. To authorise borrowing of £20,000 for purposes of advances under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.
17. Application for grant for erection of house for letting.
18. Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950 (Memorandum and copy of Act circulated to Members).
19. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Lawless re travelling expenses of Acting Medical Officer, Newcastle Dispensary District.
20. Erection of New County Hospital:—
 (a) Report of Meeting of Councillors for Wicklow Area re acquisition of lands at Rathnew for entrance to proposed new Hospital;
 (b) Staffing of new County Hospital.
21. Proposed appointment of additional Medical Officer, Bray Dispensary District—Letter dated 21st September, 1950, from Department of Health.
22. To approve of draft Mortgage from National Bank, Ltd., for Loan of £540 re proposed sewerage extension at Coolattin Row, Carnew, and to pass required resolution.

23. Public Lighting—Killadreenan.
 24. Public Lighting—Tinahely and Enniskerry.
 25. Public Lighting—Greystones.
 26. Glenealy Water Supply—Letter dated 4th September, 1950, from Department of Local Government.
 27. Rathdrum Water Supply—Report of Assistant Engineer dated 5th September, 1950.
 28. Water Supply to cottages at Coollatin Row, Carnew — Report of Assistant Engineer dated 23rd September, 1950.
 29. Baltinglass Water Supply—Correspondence re acquisition of water rights.
 30. Letter from Department of Industry and Commerce re application for Licence to operate service of Touring Buses from Arklow.
 31. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Resolution of Sympathy.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
 Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge.
 Resolved—That we the members of Wicklow County Council have heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. John J. Barry, Rathdrum, a former member of Wicklow County Council, and we hereby extend to his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.
 Passed unanimously.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;
 Seconded by Councillor J. Jacob.
 Resolved—That we confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 14th August, 1950, 4th and 11th September, 1950.
 Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Cinematograph Licence.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. John Cunningham, Manager, Imaal Hall, Dunlavin, for the renewal of Cinematograph Licence in respect of this Hall. The Chief Fire Officer reported that the Hall was suitable for the use of non-inflammable films only. The County Secretary stated that he understood that the Hall was used only for non-inflammable films, and accordingly a Licence under the Cinematograph Act was not required.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;
 Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly.
 Resolved—That we refuse to renew the Licence for the Imaal Hall, Dunlavin, under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
 Passed.

Item No. 3—Wages of Workers on Drainage Schemes.

Councillor W. Lawless stated that he did not wish to proceed with the Notice of Motion in his name, having regard to the recent increase of 5s. per week granted to the Council's workers.

Item No. 4—Remuneration of Carters.

The County Secretary stated that at the meeting of the Council held on 8th May, 1950, the Council passed a resolution recommending an increase of 10s. per week in the wages of Carters. The Carters had received an increase of 5s. per week, corresponding to increase granted to Road Workers. In regard to the additional 5s. per week, the following letter had been received from the Department of Local Government: RM/33 (W). Custom House, Dublin. 5th October, 1950. E.L. 5156/50.

A Chara,
 I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 11th May, 1950, regarding the remuneration of Co. Council carters providing their animals and carts and to state that the matter has been carefully considered. The existing differential over the labourers rate was based on figures furnished to the Department regarding the cost of providing and maintaining a horse and cart in 1948. Up to date figures show no increase in these costs in the aggregate, and accordingly the Minister is unable to approve of any departure from the rates at present in operation.

Mise, le meas,
 T. J. Barrington.

The Secretary,
 County Council Offices,
 Courthouse, Wicklow.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor P. McCarthy the County Sec. stated that the Council had been informed by the Department of Local Government that the rate at which carters should be paid in respect of holidays was a matter for the Council. The Opinion of the Council's Solicitor had been obtained, and was as follows:—

4 Church St., Wicklow.
 6th September, 1950.

re: Remuneration of Carters—Holiday Leave.

Dear Sir,
 With reference to the above matter,
 We note that the Union have lodged a claim that holiday leave for carters should be paid for at the same rate as is allowed for normal periods of employment, and that the present weekly rate is £6.

We observe that carters come under two headings: (1) a payment to the carter as an employee, and (2) a payment to him in respect of a horse and cart provided by him.

Where, of course, the carters do not attend themselves, but send a man to work the horse, they are contractors, but where they attend themselves with the horse they should be regarded as employees.

We note that the sanction of the Minister was sought when the Council decided to pay an "employee carter" at the full rate for annual leave or holiday pay, and that the Minister indicated that his sanction to rates of remuneration for employees would not be necessary provided that such rates did not exceed those paid in comparable employment in the area.

We also observe that there is no such employment that could be used as a parallel in this instance.

We believe that the Council are not legally liable to pay an employee the full rate. He is paid for himself and also for his horse and there is only a legal liability on the Council to pay him in respect of holidays and this would not cover the allowance in respect of the horse, and in the absence of a Court decision we believe an Auditor would surcharge any such payment.

This test would be, could an employee recover the full amount in a Court against the Council?

Yours faithfully,
 J. H. McCarroll & Co.

M. Flannery, Esq.,
 County Manager,
 Courthouse, Wicklow.

The Council asked that the Minister be requested to re-consider his decision in regard to the increase in wages proposed by the Council, and also in relation to the rate of payment to Carters for holidays.

Item No. 5—County Roads.

The following letter received from Mr. C. D. Morley, Ballyhara, Two Mile Water, Wicklow, was submitted:—

3rd September, 1950.

Dear Sir,
 In enclosing my cheque for the rates for current quarter I should be grateful if you would draw the attention of the appropriate authority to the following facts:—

Messrs. Hughes Brothers, Ltd., of Hazelbrook Dairy, say that they are being forced to alter their collection routes to prevent further damage to their lorries, and will be unable to collect milk from Ballyhara. They request us to send our milk to Ballintekin Cross Roads. The road from here to Ballintekin was partially repaired over a year ago, but was not finished.

In view of the fact that the road charges are the highest item in the County Rate, would it be possible for this road which is not more than a mile in length, to be repaired, before some more extravagant highways are completed.

Yours faithfully,
 Signed—C. D. Morley.

The following letter, received from Messrs. Daniel H. O'Leary & Co., Solicitors, was also submitted:—

Law Chambers, Arklow.
 15th Sept., 1950.

Dear Sir,
 We have been instructed by Mr. Nicholas Mullins of Ballyrogan, Redcross, Co. Wicklow; Richard Kingston, Kilpatrick, Redcross; Wm. Sunderland, Ballinvalley, Redcross, and James Doyle, of Crannagh, Redcross, Co. Wicklow, that they all sell their milk to Messrs. Hughes Bros. of Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin, who send a lorry to collect it each day, but they have sent a Notice to our clients that their lorry will not collect the milk on and after the 1st October from their Milk Stands which are all situate on the road leading from Jack White's to Crannagh via Ballyrogan, as this road is getting into such a state from neglect that the Milk Lorry is constantly breaking down, and that if our clients wish to continue selling milk to them they will have to bring their milk to the main road at Jack White's Cross Roads, where it will be collected by the Milk Lorry.

Our clients have instructed us to point out to the County Council the great loss and expense they will incur by reason of this fact, as most of our clients will have to bring their milk practically two miles to the main road each day, and their own vehicles will probably then break down by reason of the bad repair of said road, and we would feel obliged if you would bring this matter before the next meeting of the Council so that arrangements may be made to have this road repaired as quickly as possible.

Yours faithfully,
 D. H. O'Leary & Co.

The Secretary,
 Wicklow County Council,
 Courthouse, Wicklow.

The Assistant Engineer had reported as follows:—
 J. T. O'Byrne, Esq., B.E., Courthouse, Arklow.
 County Engineer, 28th Sept., 1950.
 Courthouse, Wicklow.

re: Road from Jack White's to Ballyrogan.

Dear Sir,
 I am in receipt of letter concerning complaint from Messrs. D. H. O'Leary about the condition of the above road.

This road is an unrolled County Road and provision for its reconstruction has not been made in this year's estimate. Owing to excessive lorry and tractor traffic it is getting very badly cut up and breaks up into potholes very quickly.

We are keeping it in as good order as we can, but it will never be in proper order until it is reconstructed.

Yours faithfully,
 J. P. Caffrey.

In regard to the road from Ballyteskin to Ballyhara, the Assistant Engineer in report of 28th September, 1950, stated that his reply in relation to the Jack White's/Crannagh road covered that case also. He added that excessive milk lorry traffic, in some cases a competition between rival firms, was causing a great amount of the damage.

The County Manager stated that he had endeavoured, in submitting the Estimates for the current year, to cover the matter of County Roads. He pointed out that County Roads were not suitable for the type of traffic which they now carried. The County Manager stated that milk was formerly carried, to a large extent by rail, but that now milk was collected by lorries which travelled on County Roads not suitable for carrying such heavy traffic. The Council had adopted a policy for the gradual reconstruction of County Roads and the monies available in the current year had been carefully allocated by the Council.

Councillor C. W. Hudson stated he would hand in Notice of Motion for the raising of a Loan for the purpose of reconstructing the roads complained of.

The County Engineer was asked to prepare an estimate of the cost of reconstructing these roads.

The following letter was received from Mr. John L. Skinner, Ballyknocken, Rathdrum, and was submitted to the Meeting:—
 To: The Wicklow County Council. 2nd October, 1950.

Dear Sir,

I wish to complain of the road, which runs outside our drive and joins the road from Rathdrum to Ballinacash. From its present state, it could not have been touched for at least ten years—there are potholes everywhere, in places the grass and weeds are growing in the centre of the road. The grass edges are gradually growing in towards each other.

Suttons Tel-el-Kebir Dairies, who collect the milk from my farm, have now refused to come down this road owing to its terrible state, and the damage that it causes its lorries.

Considering the high rates that we are asked to pay by your Council, it causes me serious concern to see what little is done to recompense.

If I cannot get any satisfactory reply from you, I will have to take the matter further. To my knowledge several other farmers who live adjacent to this road, have complained to you without success.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.
 Yours truly,
 John L. Skinner.

The Assistant Engineer was asked to submit a report in regard to the condition of the road complained of.

Long Hill Road.
 Councillor M. Brennan stated that part of the Long Hill Road, north of Mountain Side Tavern, was dangerous. He considered that about one-fifth of a mile required to be widened.

The County Engineer was asked to submit an estimate of the cost and report for the next meeting.

Item No. 6—Roadway at Rathnew.
 The County Secretary read correspondence with Mr. J. Jacob, Junr., Rathnew, in which Mr. Jacob had asked that the road leading from the Broomhall/Wicklow Road to the Church at Rathnew should be repaired.

The Co. Engineer had reported that the roadway referred to was merely a passageway, and was not a public road. It was not 11 feet wide and at one end was only a footpath approximately 3 feet wide. It could not, therefore, be taken over as a public road.

The Council noted that the roadway referred to was not a public road, and that the Council had no responsibility in regard to it. The Council directed that the facilities afforded by the Rural Improvements Schemes be brought to the notice of Mr. Jacob.

Item No. 7—Silver Strand Road.
 Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
 Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister dated 18th day of September, 1950, the sum of £5,000 be borrowed from The National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the construction of a new road from Silver Strand, Wicklow, to Magherymore, 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 within 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. 8—Road from Greenane to Drumgoff, and Sanitary Conveniences.

The County Manager stated that representations had been made by Messrs. Scraggs Bros., Bray, in an interview with the Chairman and the County Manager in regard to the condition of the roadway from Greenane to Drumgoff. Messrs. Scraggs Bros. organise tours to parts of Wicklow, and stated that English visitors were very anxious to travel to Glennalure, but that the roadway between Greenane and Drumgoff needed repair. The County Manager stated that portion of this road had been repaired in the current year.

The Council agreed that an estimate for the repair of the Road be submitted to the Council when the Estimates for the year 1950/51 were under consideration.

The County Manager stated that Messrs. Scraggs Bros. had also referred to the need for Public Sanitary Conveniences at The Meetings and Glendalough. Councillor P. McCarthy stated that a Sanitary Convenience was also required at Woodenbridge.

The Council asked the County Engineer to submit an estimate of the cost of providing these Sanitary Conveniences.

Item No. 9—Scholarship Scheme.
 The County Secretary stated that in letter dated 26th September, 1950, from the Department of Education, it was pointed out that the awards of Scholarships proposed by the Council did not appear to be in accordance with the terms of Clause 1 of the Council's Scheme. It was stated in the letter that it would appear that the twelve Scholarships provided in the Scheme should be awarded as follows:—

Under 1(a)

Examination Number.	Name and School	Place in order of merit.
(i) 6746	Hann, Padraig, S.C., Christian Brothers' School Blacklion, Greystones	1
(ii) 6736	Brennan, Terence F., Christian Brothers' School, Blacklion, Greystones	3
(iii) 6765	Byrne, Mary P., Our Lady's Convent N.S., Rathdrum	10
(iv) 6759	As only one girl under Clause 1(a) qualified at the examination the second scholarship reserved for girls under this section reverts to— Reynolds, James O., Christian Brothers' School, Blacklion, Greystones	4

(As candidate No. 6768, Mary C. Farrelly, Number 14 in order of merit, resides within two miles of an approved Secondary School, viz. Holy Faith Convent, Greystones, she is not eligible under this section and is being included under Section 1(c)).

Examination Number.	Name and School	Place in order of merit.
(i) 6764	Byrne, Annie T., Rathcoyle National School	8
(ii) 6754	Murphy, Patrick J., Aughrim Boys' N.S.	25

Under 1(c)...

Examination Number.	Name and School	Place in order of merit.
(i) 6745	Graham, Patrick J., De La Salle College, St. Joseph's, Wicklow	2
(ii) 6752	Magee, Thomas N., De La Salle College, St. Joseph's, Wicklow	5
(iii) 6758	Purcell, William E., Kilkenny College	6
(iv) 6767	Dowds, Ruth Anna, Diocesan Girls' School, Adelaide Road, Dublin	9
(v) 6769	Farrelly, Mary C., St. Brigid's N.S., Holy Faith Convent, Greystones	14
(vi) 6781	O'Toole, Elizabeth M., St. Michael's Convent N.S., Arklow	20

The County Secretary stated that the Council had proposed to award a Scholarship under Clause 1(a) of the Scheme to Miss Mary C. Farrelly, but that the Department had pointed out that this candidate resided within two miles of an approved Secondary School, and was therefore eligible for the award of a Scholarship only under Clause 1(c). This resulted in only one girl qualifying under Clause 1(a), and accordingly Mr. James O. Reynolds, who obtained the next highest marks qualified for a Scholarship under that Clause. As Miss Farrelly qualified for a Scholarship under Clause 1(c), only three Scholarships were available for boys under that Clause.

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

Resolved—That having considered letter dated 26th September, 1950, from the Department of Education, we hereby award scholarships to the following successful candidates under Wicklow County Council Secondary and Vocational Schools Scholarship Scheme, 1950, subject to the sanction of the Minister, and hereby rescind our resolution of 14th August, 1950, in relation to the award of Scholarships under the Scheme:

Under Section 1(a): Padraig S.C. Hann, Terence F. Brennan, Mary P. Byrne, James O. Reynolds.
 Under Section 1(b): Annie T. Byrne, Patrick J. Murphy.
 Under Section 1(c): Patrick J. Graham, Thomas N. Magee, William E. Purcell, Ruth Anna Dowds, Mary C. Farrelly, Elizabeth M. O'Toole.
 Passed.

The following letter received from the Department of Education was submitted and noted by the Council:—

Roinn Oideachais,
 Brainsé an Bhun-Oideachais,
 Sraid Maolbriú,
 Baile Átha Cliath,
 29 Mean Fomhair, 1950.

Oil. (2) 77360.

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

Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1950 — Co. Wicklow, A Chara.

With reference to your communication of the 7th September, 1950, and 13th September, 1950, regarding the Council's proposals to increase the values of scholarships awarded under Clause 1(c) of the above-mentioned Scheme, I am directed to inform you that the scheme contains no provision whereby the value of such scholarships may be increased. The granting of scholarships at the higher rate appropriate to categories (a) and (b) to candidates qualifying under category (c) would operate to defeat the distinction drawn in the Scheme between the two types of scholarship. It is regretted, therefore, that the Minister could not approve of the Council's proposal to increase the scholarships awarded under clause 1(c) in certain cases.

In this connection I am to advert to this Department's letter of the 26th instant and to state that it would appear that Timothy O'Brien—referred to in your letter of 13th idem, would not be entitled to the award of any scholarship under the terms of the scheme as published.
 Mise, le meas,
 D. O. Laoighaire.

The Council directed that the Minister be asked to re-consider his decision regarding the increase in the value of the two scholarships.

Item No. 10—Arklow Harbour Loan Guarantee.
 The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary for the Council to pass a further resolution confirming the resolution passed on 14th August, 1950, in regard to the guaranteeing by the Council of the repayment of a Loan of £1,500 proposed to be raised by Arklow Harbour Commissioners.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;
 Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That in accordance with Section 7 of the Harbours Act, 1947, we hereby confirm the resolution passed by Wicklow Co. Council at the meeting held on 14th August, 1950, to assist the Arklow Harbour Commissioners by guaranteeing the repayment of a loan of £1,500 intended to be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works, in Ireland, and also by guaranteeing the payment of interest on such loan which is required for the purpose of carrying out improvement works at Arklow Harbour.

Passed.
Item No. 11—Enniskerry Library.

The County Secretary stated that the County Librarian had inspected Enniskerry Library and had reported as follows:—
 Copy.

On my last visit to Enniskerry Library on the 5th September, 1950, I found the following:—

Condition of the Library Building—Exterior: The grounds are grass grown and need immediate cleaning and thereafter regular cleaning. I suggest that the County Surveyor's Department be employed to have the grounds cleaned now and regularly in future.

(2) The gutters of the building appear to be choked and need immediate cleaning.

Interior: The two rooms appear to be in good repair except for the following.

- (1) One pane of broken glass needs immediate replacement, as pane has been broken away altogether from the window.
- (2) Two other panes are cracked.
- (3) The back wall of the larger room is defaced with holes made by dart throwing.
- (4) One ventilator over the fireplace of the larger room appears to be damaged and out of order.

The smaller room is at present used for Domestic classes by the County Vocational Education Committee and is kept clean and in good order.

The larger room is cluttered with accessories of the Parish Hall Committee: tug-of-war team ropes, tennis table, poles, broken-legged piano, derelict benches, damaged desks thrown out of the schoolroom, dark window blinds lying in dusty heaps on the window sills, the remains of festive celebrations still clinging to electric lamps and ceiling beams, fireplace full of ashes.

I was informed by the Hon. Sec. of the Parish Hall Committee, Mr. Corcoran, N.T., that owing to lack of funds, they do not employ anyone to clean the place, but had arranged for some boy members to do the cleaning now and then.

On looking over the place with me, he admitted the necessity for regular cleaning by a skilled cleaner.

Miss Cullen, Caretaker, sweeps the place periodically, but complains of the extra unpaid work involved in cleaning after the meeting of the Parish Club.

An old and useless harmonium formerly belonging to the old school, is dumped in the porch, together with a lot of planks and poles. One cloakroom contains junk from the old school and equipment belonging to the County Vocational Education Committee.

Miss Cullen, Caretaker, informs me that the Parish Hall Committee have occasionally used the place for dances and that an empty book-press was removed from the larger rooms to the smaller for the convenience of dances.

Library: The library, which includes 526 volumes, is accommodated in two book-presses in the larger room. Miss Cullen issues books to readers from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 4½ hours weekly.

From the foregoing it appears that the Parish Hall Committee have not kept the terms of the Agreement as to "keeping the premises clean" and as to "using the place for educational purposes," but "not for dances."

Your letter to me of the 20/11/47, states "that the Parish Hall Committee is willing to take the responsibility of keeping the place clean and will appoint a member who will look after the heating, cleaning and general care of the room."

The Parish Hall Committee have made no arrangements for adequate regular cleaning of the Library premises. The damages to windows, wall and ventilator noted were done while the Parish Hall Committee were occupying the building. The fact that the Parish Hall Committee possess a duplicate key of the building prevents the caretaker from exercising any adequate control.

Rev. F. J. Doyle, Chairman of the Parish Hall Committee, suggested that in future the County Vocational Committee should run a woodwork class in the Library presumably in place of the Parish Club activities.

I recommend:—

- (1) That a cleaner be appointed to clean the Library regularly.
- Miss A. Cullen was appointed caretaker, cleaner and Library attendant

at £9 per annum. Up to January, 1948, when the Parish Hall Committee started to occupy the Library, she carried out the cleaning satisfactorily. She informs me that she will be unable to continue the cleaning part of her duties, so that it will be necessary to employ another person for this work.

(2) That all furniture equipment and materials not belonging to the Library, to the Co. Vocational Education Committee or to the Parish Hall Committee be removed at once from the Library Building. I refer especially to worm-eaten timbers from the old school now lying in a cloakroom of the Library building.

(3) That any classes approved by the County Vocational Committee be granted permission to hold their sessions in the Library, but that the County Librarian be notified of such lettings.

(4) That the long, low bookpresses now in the smaller room be constructed into one large press and be transferred to the larger room, to the place it formerly occupied.

(5) That the proper maintenance, care and development of the library prohibits the letting of the Library building to such organisations as the Enniskerry Parish Hall Committee, and that the Library building in future be devoted primarily to Library purposes and secondarily only to specific Educational uses, such as the holding of classes sponsored by the County Vocational Education Committee.

As the cleaning of the grounds and of the gutters of the building is now urgently necessary, I would be glad if you would kindly arrange with the County Surveyor's Department to have this work carried out immediately.

Mise, le meas,

B. Redmond,

County Librarian.

It was agreed that the members of the Council for the Bray area would inspect the Library and meet members of the Parish Committee, and would submit their recommendations to the Council. The Co. Engineer was asked to submit a report in regard to the Library premises.

Item No. 12—Rate Collection District No. 18.

The County Secretary stated that the Minister for Local Government, by Order dated 22nd September, 1950, had varied Rate Collection Districts Nos. 2, 17, 18 and 19, as proposed by the Council. In order that the position of Rate Collector in any district be regarded as pensionable, it was necessary that the remuneration in respect of that district in the year 1947/48 would have exceeded £200. Districts Nos. 2, 17 and 19 as now revised would comply with this condition, and the Collectors in these districts could be regarded as pensionable. As the estimated total earnings in district No. 18 as revised, in the year 1947/48 would have been less than £185, the position of Rate Collector for this district could not be regarded as pensionable.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we approve of applications being invited by public advertisement for the position of Rate Collector for No. 18 district as altered by Order of the Minister for Local Government dated 22nd September, 1950.

Passed.

Item No. 13—Report of County Engineer on Engineering Services for half year ended 30th September, 1950.

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

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

To: The Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council.

11th Oct., 1950.

Half-yearly Report—September, 1950.

Dear Sirs,

I beg to submit report on the progress of the Engineering services in the County during the half year ended 30th September, 1950.

Roads: Work has proceeded satisfactorily on Main and County Roads despite unsatisfactory weather, and the programme under the Road Works Scheme is well advanced. The policy of the Council to concentrate on resurfacing County Roads has shown good results, and letters of appreciation have been received from residents in the Greenane, Glenmalure and Knockananna Districts.

The increase of 5s. per week as from 8th May, 1950, for Road Workers, etc., was not provided for in the Estimates; a separate report on this matter is being submitted to you.

The production of stone and chippings was carried out in the following quarries: Ballyusk, Ballyduff, Tonleeg, Ballinacarrig, Tomacork, Coolroe, Doyle's Stoops, Ballrahan, Merginstown, Newtown, Donard.

The average number of men employed on Roads was 520.

The reconstruction of a road by the Soil Stabilization method was carried out successfully on a mile of the Brittas Bay-Ardanary Road, and is being kept under observation for future reference. A summary of the work done is as follows:—

Roads reconstructed and surfaced—21½ miles.

Roads resurfaced—14½ miles.

Roads: sides strengthened and levelled—12½ miles.

Eight dangerous corners eased.

Bridge: Ashford Bridge—Good progress has been made by the Contractor and half the bridge is nearing completion. The construction of the approach roads is well in hands.

Ballyrahan Bridge: Work is in progress on the construction of a new bridge, and the re-alignment of the approach roads to ease this dangerous corner.

Silver Strand Road: Work is in progress draining and grading this road, and the construction of a new bridge.

Drainage: The position of work on Schemes under the Local Authorities (Works) Act is as follows:—

Northern Area: Schemes finished, 14; Schemes in progress, 7.

S/Eastern Area: Schemes finished, 3; Schemes in progress, 6.

Southern Area: Schemes finished, 1; Schemes in progress, 5.

Western Area: Schemes finished, 1; Schemes in progress, 4.

Housing: Good progress has been maintained in the construction and repairs to houses. Since 1st April, 71 houses have been completed; 76 are in progress, not including those being built by Contract; 158 cottages have been repaired; 165 houses erected since the present scheme was undertaken.

Institutions: Considerable repairs have been carried out to a number of Institutions including the County Hospital and Fever Hospital, Wicklow; Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum; The Child Welfare Clinic, Bray; Baltinglass Hospital and several dispensaries. Repairs were also carried out to the Courthouses in Wicklow and Tinahely, and to the Doctor's residence in Arklow.

Sea Wall: A new sea wall 60 yards long has been erected at Greystones, and the footpath at the South Beach has been restored.

Water Supplies: The following wells have been sunk and completed with the Well-Boring Plant purchased by the Council:—

Plant No. 1: 2 Pumps Arklow Rock, 1 Pump Croneynhorn, 1 Pump Crablane, 1 Pump Kilcarra, 1 Pump Kilbride, 1 Pump Ballynerrin.

At present this plant is completing a well in Tomacork, and will proceed from there to Parkbridge, Tullowclay and Kilballyowen.

Plant No. 2: 1 Pump Three Castles, 1 Pump Lemonstown, 1 Pump Blacklion, 1 Pump Baltinglass, 1 Pump Ballyhook, 1 Pump Clough (in progress).

This plant will proceed to Doody's Bottoms, Castleruddery, Oulcourt, Fyanstown and Granabeg.

Improvements have been carried out at Kilcavan to the water supply for Carnew, and arrangements have been made to extend the supply to Schoolheight, Carnew.

The usual maintenance work and minor repairs have been carried out to all water supply schemes throughout the County.

Sanitary Services: The extension of the Carnew Sewerage Scheme to Coollatin Row is almost completed. Maintenance and repairs have been carried out on all other schemes throughout the County.

The Roads Estimates for the year 1951/52 are in preparation and recommendations from Councillors are requested. Forms for this purpose will be forwarded to each Councillor at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'Byrne,

County Engineer.

Employment in Tinahely Area.

The following letter, received by the Chairman from the Secretary, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Tinahely, was submitted:—

Rosbawn, Tinahely.

14th October, 1950.

Sir,

There are 28 men unemployed in Tinahely district, with the expectation of 3 weeks river work, those men are idle since April. They have no Unemployment Benefit to draw and are in very bad circumstances. There is also a large number unemployed in Aughrim, Carnew and Knockananna.

Will you please bring this forward at Wicklow County Council meeting to be held Monday, 16/10/50. Also that 5 unemployed carters in Tinahely area be given the carting of gravel and sand to the houses about to be built in the area. The distance from the gravel pit to the cottage sites is very short, and therefore the carters will deliver the building material cheaper than the lorries.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Byrne, Secretary.

The Assistant Engineer, C. J. Byrne, stated that carters would be employed for carting gravel and sand to houses under construction in the area if this method proved more economical than the use of lorries. The County Manager pointed out that on a previous occasion he had represented to the Council that the Engineering Staff should be left free in relation to the employment of men, as it was necessary for them to ensure that costs of houses were kept as low as possible. The matter was referred to the Assistant Engineer for attention.

Drainage Schemes—Potter's River.

Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett inquired when the Drainage Scheme on Potter's River would be completed.

The Assistant Engineer stated that an additional Grant would be necessary in order to complete this work. The Council asked that representations be made to the Minister for Local Government for additional Grants for Drainage Schemes and directed that the Engineers submit proposals in regard to the most necessary works in their respective areas.

Road from Whitestown to Glen of Imaal.

The County Secretary stated that no indication had yet been received from the Department of Defence in regard to the proposed Grant towards the cost of repair of the Road to the Glen of Imaal. The Council asked that a further reminder be addressed to the Department.

Access roads to Housing Schemes.

Councillor W. Lawless asked that the County Engineer submit a report in regard to the access road to the cottages at Killincarrig, Kelly's Field, and to those at Sea Road, Kilcoole. He considered that these roads should be repaired in the present year.

Road from Laragh Bridge to Gienmacnass Waterfall.

At the request of Councillor M. Brennan the County Engineer was asked to submit a report on the condition of the road from Laragh Bridge to Gienmacnass Waterfall.

Increase in Wages of Road Workers.

The following report had been submitted by the County Engineer:—

14th October, 1950.

re Wages.

The increase of 5s. per week to Road Workers sanctioned as from 8th May last, will mean an increase of approximately £5,300 which has not been provided for in the Roads Estimates, and £3,000 on works carried out under the Local Authorities (Works) Act.

Estimated amounts under the following headings:—

Roads: Main and County Road Grants £1,200

Main and County Road Maintenance £4,100

£5,300

£3,000

Drainage

Signed—J. T. O'Byrne,

County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure of £4,100 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates for the maintenance of Main and County Roads.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we request the Minister for Local Government to allocate additional grants of £1,200 in respect of Main and County Roads, and of £3,000 in respect of drainage schemes under the Local Authorities (Works) Act to meet the increased cost of works consequent on the increase in wages of workers.

Passed, Councillor W. Hammond dissenting.

Item No. 14—Purchase of Machinery.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had requested approval to the purchase of a Diaphragm Pump to be used for the cleaning of sewerage works as follows:—

Enniskerry, Greystones, Killincarrig, Delgany, Kilcoole, Rathdrum, Rathnew, Roundwood, Newtown, Carnew, Tinahely, Blessington, Baltinglass, Donard and Dunlavin. The County Engineer recommended the purchase of a 4" pump from Messrs. Millars, this pump being the most suitable, and their quotation being the cheapest for that type and size. The total cost of the pump and fittings was £168 9s.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had also requested approval to the purchase of 12 h.p. Lister Diesel Engine, at cost of £127, from Messrs. Coleborn and Hopkins, Ltd., Wicklow. The County Engineer had reported that the engine driving the screen of the crusher at Tonlagree Quarry was too small, and that for some time previously it had been necessary to use a tractor to drive it, and that this method was uneconomical.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
Seconded by Councillor J. Jacob:
Resolved—That we approve of the County Engineer's recommendations for the purchase of a Diaphragm Pump at cost of £168 9s., and of a Diesel Engine at a cost of £127.

Passed.
Proposed purchase of Large Compressor.
The following report of the Co. Engineer was submitted:—
County Secretary. 12th October, 1950.

Re: Machinery Compressors.

Dear Sir,

There are sixteen quarries worked by the County Council throughout the County and it is found that during periods of maximum work the Compressors available for boring are not sufficient to keep the work going.

I have examined this situation carefully and I find that it would be more economical to dispose of most of our small compressors and sharpening equipment and to purchase one large compressor capable of working three hammers, mount it on a lorry chassis which we have, and send it from quarry to quarry as required, drilling out each quarry in a few days. Normally, we have four compressors working and each is capable of working one hammer only.

The cost of working and maintaining these four compressors, including wages, fuel, oil, etc., amounts to approximately £42 per week, and this figure does not include the cost of transporting them by lorry from one quarry to another.

A large compressor mounted on a lorry would be completely mobile and the driver of the lorry would also run the compressor and dress the bits when required, and it is estimated that the cost of running this compressor, including the lorry, would be approximately £16 per week.

This would mean a saving of £26 per week on the running costs alone and does not include a saving in the cost of transporting the present machines. Further, we have found from experience that in the hard and excellent stone which we have in our quarries, the use of carbon-tungsten steel bits gives far greater footage and are far more economical to use than the ordinary bits dressed by hand. By the use of these bits with the large compressor the need for a forge will be eliminated and a further saving effected.

Quotations have been received for compressors of sufficient capacity to drive three hammers, and these are set out hereunder:—

Ingersoll Rand Model: capacity 210 c. ft. per min.—£1,764; C.P.T. Model H: 210 c. ft. per min.—£1,517; Atlas Diesel Co. Model HRAY: 236 c. ft. per min.—£1,485; Goodwin Barsby "Broomwade": 250 c. ft. per min.—£1,370.

I would recommend the Broomwade SVD 3 of 250 c.ft. capacity as it is of sufficient size to work three hammers, and from experience we find the Broomwade compressors very satisfactory.

The compressors and equipment which I would recommend for disposal are set out hereunder, with an estimated value on each:—

	Estimated Value.
2 C.P.T. compressors 80-90 c. ft. per min. 25 h.p. petrol driven. Petrol consumption 10 gals. per day. One of these compressors is in working order and is capable of driving one hammer or paving breaker. Parts are hard to get for these machines and as the other is in bad repair and parts taken off for the other machine I would suggest that the two be sold together.	£150 0 0
1 Ingersoll Rand 110 c. ft. 40 h.p. petrol driven. Petrol consumption, 15 gals. per day. In good working order.	£250 0 0
1 Ingersoll Rand, 110 c. ft., 40 h.p. Diesel. In perfect working order.	£500 0 0
1 Ingersoll Rand Drill Sharpener, complete. In perfect working order.	£50 0 0
1 Ingersoll Rand Diesel Furnace.	£50 0 0
Total:	£1,000 0 0

I would suggest that permission be obtained from the Council to dispose of the above plant and equipment if a figure around £1,000 can be realised and to set this against the purchase of the large compressor.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

The Council decided to defer the purchase of the Compressor, but agreed to advertise for sale the machinery as suggested by the Co. Engineer, in order to ascertain what price might be obtained for them.

Item No. 15—Report of Meeting of Housing Committee held on 9th October, 1950.

The following report was submitted:—
A Meeting of the Housing Committee of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th October, 1950, at 12 o'clock, noon.

The following Members were present: Councillor Peter Ledwidge, Chairman; Councillors Senator J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D.; Jas. O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, Paul Kehoe, H. J. Byrne, L. O. Laoighleis, Wm. Cleary, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs; C. M. Byrne, Jos. Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. J. Brennan.

The Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant Engineers C. J. Byrne, P. J. Foley, J. P. Caffrey and M. Healy were present.
Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, attended.

Progress Report: The Committee noted the attached report of the County Engineer on the progress of the Housing Scheme during the month of September, 1950.

Newtownmountkennedy Housing Scheme—Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, inquired when the Council would be in a position to commence building houses at Newtownmountkennedy. The County Secretary stated that the layout plan for the houses to be built in Newtownmountkennedy had been prepared and would be submitted to the Department of Local Government.

Cottage Design Competition—The Committee expressed concern at the delay in completing arrangements for the Cottage Design Competition. The Committee agreed that representations should be made to the Minister in regard to the matter and indicated that if a decision could not be reached in regard to the completion of the Scheme, at an early date, the Council would arrange to proceed with the erection of the houses.

Erection of Houses in Arklow Area—Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., suggested that the "O'Sullivan" system be abandoned if sufficient progress was not made with this system, and that mass concrete be used instead.

Derelict Site at Newtownmountkennedy—Councillor W. Lawless stated that the derelict site at Newtownmountkennedy had not been completely cleared. The County Manager stated that the derelict building had been demolished by the owner, but that the work had not been properly completed. The owner would be instructed to complete the demolition without further delay.

Storage of Timber—The County Secretary stated that the Council had placed orders for timber and other materials to ensure that there would be no interruption in the progress of the Housing Scheme. The County Engineer reported that eight huts would be required for the storage of these materials, and recommended the purchase of eight Nissen huts. The Committee agreed that quotations be invited for the supply of eight Nissen huts.

The Committee recommended that details of the cottages completed during each particular month be given in the Engineer's Housing Progress Report, and that the particular cottages in progress should also be indicated.

Tenders for the Erection of Cottages—The Committee agreed that tenders be invited for the erection of cottages on sites as follows:—

Site No.	Townland	No. of Cottages
26, 27	Killegar	2
28	Kilmolin	1
30, 31	Parkmallogue	4
252	Ballymattin	1
257	Boglands	1
260	Killicarra East	1
261	Kish	1
262	Moaeylette	1
265	Thomastown	2

Rents Proposed for Cottages to be Erected at Kindlestown:

The County Secretary stated that the estimated cost of the erection of 99 cottages at Kindlestown was £99,950, giving a cost per house of £1,010. Having allowed for the normal housing subsidy and a Grant of £400 per house from the Transition Development Fund, together with a subsidy of 1/1d. from Rates, the rents of the houses would be 7/6d. per week, plus rates 2/- per week. The economic rent of the houses would be 18/3d. per week.

In reply to inquiries from members of the Committee, the County Manager stated that owing to the urgent need for cottages in this area, the Committee had given preference to a Scheme for the erection of houses at Kindlestown. In other areas of the County applicants were able to suggest suitable sites for the erection of cottages, but in the North-Eastern area there was a scarcity of land and the Council had agreed to acquire this site, which would be capable of accommodating 99 houses. The site would have to be developed, and roads and paths, water-mains and sewers provided. The cottages proposed to be erected on the site had a floor area of 643 square feet, as compared with a floor area of 572 square feet for the cottages erected in other areas. The houses would be provided with piped water supply and sewerage system, and would include a bathroom.

Members of the Committee having suggested that many applicants would not be able to afford a rent of 7/6d. per week, plus rates, it was suggested by Councillor H. J. Byrne that an advertisement be inserted inviting applications from persons in the area for houses at Kindlestown, and indicating that the rent would be 7/6d. per week. The Committee agreed that an advertisement be inserted to this effect.

Title to Lands at Kindlestown:

The County Secretary stated that in letter dated 2nd October, 1950, received from the Council's solicitor it was stated that Thos. Murphy from whom the Council propose to acquire some of the lands at Kindlestown, held the land under an agreement for temporary convenience only. The Council's Solicitor stated that if representations were made by the Council to the Land Commission, they might be agreeable to vest the holding in Mr. Murphy, and if this were done, Mr. Murphy could give a good title to the Council. In further letter regarding land to be acquired from James Downey, the Council's Solicitor stated that on investigation of the title, it was found that Kate Downey was the registered owner subject to equities. The Council's Solicitor stated that Mr. Downey's Solicitor was arranging to put the title in order, but until this was done the Council could not take over the property, as it was necessary for the Council to have a fee simple interest.

The Committee agreed that representations be made to the Land Commission for the vesting of these lands in Mr. Thomas Murphy, in order that Mr. Murphy could give a good title to the Council.

Loan for Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts:

The County Secretary stated that the first Loan of £10,000 for the purposes of advances under the Small Dwelling (Acquisition) Acts, had been exhausted, and that of the second £10,000, a balance of £1,100 only remained. Applications which were under consideration by the Council amounted to £14,750. The County Secretary suggested that the Council might authorise the borrowing of a further sum of £20,000.

The Committee recommended that a further Loan of £20,000 be obtained.

Applications for Loans under Small Dwellings (Acquisitions) Acts:

The Committee considered the application of Martin Lynch, Builder, Redford, Greystones, for loan of £1,000 for the erection of a house at Redford. Messrs. James M. Magee & Co., Solicitors, Bray, had submitted particulars of Mr. Lynch's earnings during the previous year. The Committee recommended that the application be refused.

Application of Ernest Langan: The Co. Secretary stated that a letter had been received from Messrs. Gore & Grimes, Solicitors, for Mr. R. D. Madigan, stating that the Judgment Debt had been paid off by the defendant Ernest Langan, and that a note of the satisfaction of the Judgment would shortly be entered in the Judgment Registry Office. The Committee agreed that further particulars in regard to the debt be obtained from Messrs. Gore & Grimes.

Development of Mr. Giltsoff's Lands at Kilquade:

The County Secretary stated that, following the last meeting of the Housing Committee, the County Manager and Chief Assistant Engineer had a further interview with Mrs. Giltsoff and Mr. Woods, Secretary. The views of the Council in regard to the provision of the water main at Kilquade were conveyed to Mr. Giltsoff, and it was indicated that the Council expected a contribution from him towards the cost of the main. Mr. Giltsoff was informed that a contribution of 50 per cent. was felt to be the minimum which the Council would accept. In letter dated 4th October, 1950, Mr. Giltsoff submitted the 44-inch scale plan of his development at Kilquade, as requested by the Council, but regretted that the position of the houses had not been marked in. He stated that his Engineer had been instructed to do this. Mr. Giltsoff stated he would write within a few days regarding the water main installation.

The Committee adjourned the matter pending a reply from Mr. Giltsoff.

Tile Factory at Kilquade:

The County Secretary stated that plans and specifications for the erection of Tile Factory and Garages at Kilquade had been submitted by the Kilquade Sand Company. The Town Planning Consultant had stated that he agreed with the County Engineer's recommendations regarding the position of the buildings and "bell-mouthing" of the entrance, but considered that the buildings as designed were unsatisfactory architecturally. He also considered that the

Company should be requested to carry out their sand operations in a manner whereby the land could ultimately be used for agriculture or other development purposes, and that the Company should submit plans of any fixed machinery or plant which might be above ground level to an extent which might affect the appearance of the surroundings. The Company were informed of the views of the Town Planning Committee and requested to submit amended plans. As the amended plans had not been received within the statutory period of two months, it was necessary to make an Order refusing permission. The Company had not submitted amended plans, but the Assistant Engineer reported that work was in progress on the Factory.

The Committee agreed that in the circumstances a Prohibition Order should be made in respect of the premises.

Councillor W. Lawless stated that the Kilquade Sand Company were using water from the river which served the Kilcoole Water Supply, and asked that a report be submitted as to the effect of this consumption on the Kilcoole Supply.

Applications for Licences in Respect of Temporary Dwellings:

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received on behalf of Richard and Sarah Bradshaw, Greystones, for a Licence for the use of lands off Hillside and Bellvue Roads, Greystones, for temporary dwellings. The number of temporary dwellings was 15, and consisted of huts composed of wood or asbestos, comprising bedroom and livingroom, one tram body and two bus bodies. The water supply was a pump in the garden of the house occupied by the applicants, and the sanitary convenience consisted of elsan containers with chemicals. With the approval of the Council, Mr. Bradshaw had been prosecuted and fined in respect of the use of his lands at Greystones for temporary dwellings without a Licence.

The Assistant Engineer reported that he had again inspected Mr. Bradshaw's lands and that the structures had not yet been removed. He stated that Mr. Bradshaw's land adjoined a very select residential area in Greystones, and that he considered it very inadvisable to issue any Licence for structures of this type in the area.

The Committee recommended that the application be refused.

In March, 1950, the Council had received applications for approval to the erection of a Poultry House at Windgates, Bray, for Mr. Van Tuinen, and also for a proposed cottage at Windgates for this person. Approval had been given for the erection of the Poultry House, but as the cottage was intended for a temporary residence only, pending the preparation of plans for a bungalow on the same site, the Council had not granted permission, and had inquired when the plans for the permanent structure would be submitted. The Assistant Engineer had reported as follows:—

Re: Structures Erected by Mr. Van Tuinen.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 3rd instant, I wish to state that I have interviewed Mr. Van Tuinen and inspected the structures on his land. The principal structure is a concrete-block Hatchery with tiled roof; it measures approximately 20ft. x 10ft. and consequently it is not in accordance with plan submitted by Mr. O'Driscoll.

Mr. Van Tuinen and his wife are living in this structure and a number of ducks also occupy portion of the building. Mr. Van Tuinen has also erected a small out-house which is apparently used for fuel, etc. In addition, work has commenced on a further structure which apparently is intended to be something similar to the Hatchery in which Mr. Van Tuinen is living.

I would recommend that Mr. Van Tuinen be prohibited from continuing with this work until proper plans have been submitted and approved.

I would further point out that there is no sanitary accommodation of any description in this structure.

Yours faithfully,

M. HEALY,
Assist. County Engineer.

The Committee agreed that a Prohibition Order be made and that the matter be referred to the Council's Law Agent.

Repairs to Cottages Carried Out in September, 1950:
The Committee noted the report on the cottages repaired during the month of September, 1950.

Authorisation of Repairs to Cottages:

The Committee approved of the carrying out of repairs to cottages as set out in the list attached.

The Committee agreed that the repairs required to the cottages of Mr. Dunbar, Ballykillavane, Glenealy, and Mr. Peter Brennan, Carnew, in respect of which estimates had not yet been submitted, should also be approved.

The Committee asked that a special report be submitted in regard to the cottage occupied by Mrs. Ann O'Neill of Coolfancy, in respect of which repairs estimated to cost £20 5 6 had been approved.

The Committee directed that the Engineers in submitting estimates should indicate if repairs were necessary owing to neglect of the tenants in any instance.

The Committee also requested that a special report be submitted in regard to the cottage occupied by M. Neill at Coolruss, for which 30 panes of glass were required.

Report of Chief Officer on Additional Houses Sought:

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Officer had reported that during the month of August, meetings of the local Councillors were held at Aughrim, Tinahely, Shillelagh, Carnew, Rathdrum, Balinglass, Donard, Dunlavin and Blessington for the purpose of ascertaining the further need for houses in or near the various towns or villages. It was noted at the meetings that applicants preferred to be housed as near as possible to villages. It was noted also by the Committees that the applicants who attended the meetings did not fully represent the actual need for houses in the villages, as further applications have since been submitted. The Chief Officer suggested that further meetings of local Councillors be held in the near future to consider all applications received. Details of the meetings held were as follows:—

Aughrim.—15 applicants attended of whom 5 were included in 1949 Scheme. Five required cottages in a Village Scheme, and five in rural areas. Since the meeting five additional applications have been received for houses in a Village Scheme and five additional applications for cottages in rural areas. One application has been received for a better-class house. The requirements would be as follows:—Village Scheme Houses, 10; Better-Class Houses, 1; Cottages in rural area, 10.

Tinahely.—8 applicants attended. The Committee agreed that seven houses were required for a Village Scheme at Churchlands on plots owned by the Council.

Shillelagh.—Seven applicants attended of whom three were included in 1949 Scheme. The Committee agreed that unless further applications were received, there was no demand for a Village Scheme. It was agreed that the names of the four additional applicants be added to the 1949 Scheme.

Carnew.—15 applicants attended, five of whom the Committee considered should be included in a Village Scheme. Since the meeting four further applications have been received. It is suggested that the need in Carnew would be for eight or possibly ten cottages. Four

applications had been received also for better-class houses.

Lugduff.—Six applications for cottages on the Council's plot at Lugduff were approved under the 1946 Scheme. Two further applications which might be accommodated on these sites had since been received. It was suggested that the eight cottages might be proceeded with, either as a single scheme or as an addition to the 1946 Scheme.

Cronehorn.—The Committee considered it advisable to add also four or six cottages on Council plots at Cronehorn, Carnew, where the demand for houses is fairly considerable. Three applications for cottages on these sites have been passed under the 1949 Scheme.

Balinglass.—The Committee recommended that six additional cottages be built in the town on O'Neill's site, and that these six, in addition to the four extra on Derelict Sites, making ten in all, would meet the housing needs of the town.

Donard and Dunlavin.—The Committee agreed that five additional cottages in the Village Scheme were required at Dunlavin, and five in the Village Scheme at Donard. It was considered that two better-class houses were required at Donard.

Blessington.—Ten applications for cottages in a Village Scheme were considered and recommended. Sites suggested were (1) spare plot near Kelly's Garage; (2) Miller's field on Naas Road. Four applications for better-class houses were recommended.

Rathdrum.—The housing position in Rathdrum was specially considered by the Wicklow Committee following representations received. The Committee agreed that ten additional cottages were required. No site suitable to the applicants can be found. The field suggested lacked sufficient frontage, and could not be serviced as it was situated at a very dangerous turn on the Main Road. This field has since been sold. Suitable sites the property of the Council were available at Corballis, about two miles outside the town, on the Arklow-Aughrim Road but applicants will not accept cottages there.

Rathnew.—Eighteen applications were received in response to advertisement for the tenancy of ten cottages recently completed in Rathnew. Four of the applications were rejected, leaving four still to be provided for. In view of the number of applications received it was considered that not more than five cottages should be provided.

The Committee noted the report of the Chief Officer, and agreed that further meetings of the Councillors for the Electoral Areas be held to reconsider the need for additional cottages.

The Committee recommended that advertisements be inserted inviting applicants to attend the Meetings.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea suggested that special attention be directed in the advertisement to the facilities under the Housing Act, 1950, for the provision of better-class houses to be let at economic rents. The Committee agreed to this proposal.

Electricity Supply to Cottages at Churchland, Tinahely.

The County Secretary stated that at the meeting of the Housing Committee on 4th September, the Committee had considered an estimate from the Electricity Supply Board for the extension of electricity supply to cottages at Churchland, Tinahely. The cost of the extension was £368. A reply had been received from the Electricity Supply Board to the Council's inquiry as to whether a refund would be made to the Council of portion of the capital costs involved if other persons availed of the supply. In the reply, the Electricity Supply Board stated that persons who may subsequently seek connection to a contributory extension (if within seven years) were required to contribute as if they had participated in the original extension and corresponding refunds were paid to the original contributors. No refund was payable after a lapse of seven years, or in respect of small residences whose owners might not be in a position to pay the necessary contribution.

The Committee recommended that in view of the high cost of the extension the proposal be deferred.

The Council adopted the report of the Housing Committee.

Item No. 16—Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.

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

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £20,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland repayable by the annuity system over a period of 35 years, with interest at 3½%, for the purpose of advances to borrowers under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts, 1899-1950.

Item No. 17—Application for Grant for Erection of House for Letting.

The County Secretary stated that Assistant Engineer Healy had inspected the house at Delgany in respect of which an application for a Grant had been received from Mrs. U. Moore. The Assistant Engineer stated that the house would be eligible for a letting grant of £350, payable over ten years. The rent proposed to be charged for the house was £120 per annum, the owner paying rates.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless.

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne.
Resolved—That we approve of the application of Mrs. U. Moore, Kindlestown Road, Delgany, for a Grant in respect of the erection of a house at Delgany for letting.

Item No. 18—Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950.

The Council noted the copy of the Act and memorandum which had been circulated to the members.

Item No. 19—Travelling Expenses of Acting Medical Officer, Newcastle Dispensary District.

Councillor W. Lawless stated that he did not wish to proceed with the Notice of Motion, as he had been informed by the Co. Manager that there was no statutory authority for the payment of travelling expenses to Medical Officers of Dispensary Districts.

Item No. 20—New County Hospital.

The County Secretary stated that a meeting of the members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area had been held on Monday, 9th October, 1950, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of discussing with Mr. Kavanagh, Rathnew, the proposed acquisition of certain of his lands at Rathnew, which were required in connection with the entrance to the site of the new Hospital. The meeting was attended by Councillors Miss E. F. Bobbett, C. M. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs; J. Jacob, and C. W. Hudson. Mr. Cullen, Solicitor for Mr. Kavanagh, and Mr. Kavanagh attended. The Co. Manager, Chief Assistant Engineer, and Assist. Engineer M. Healy were present.

The price asked by Mr. Kavanagh in respect of the land and the structures erected thereon had been £350. The County Engineer had reported that he considered the maximum value of the plot and buildings would be £150. Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor, stated that Mr. Kavanagh would be prepared to accept £250 for his interest in the lands and buildings.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, suggested that the principal entrance to the Hospital should be from the Rathdrum Road, and referred to the heavy traffic on the Dublin-Rathnew Road, particularly during the Summer time. The Committee agreed that this suggestion should be investigated by the Architect.

The Committee agreed to a provisional offer of £250 to Mr. Kavanagh in respect of both sites, i.e., on the Dublin road and Rathdrum road—Mr. Kavanagh to bear the legal costs.

The Committee recommended that the matter be deferred pending the re-examination of the proposed entrance to the site by the Council's Architect.

The Council noted the Committee's recommendation and agreed to await the report of the Architect.

Staffing of New County Hospital.

The Council decided to consider in committee the report of the County Manager regarding the staffing of the County Hospital. The County Manager referred to his previous report to the Council in regard to the staffing of the new County Hospital. He had stated that the Hospital might be staffed in one of three ways—namely (1) by a Religious Order; (2) by a lay staff supervised by members of a Religious Order; and (3) by a lay staff only. He had recommended at the time that a lay staff be recruited, and he had pointed out the desirability of providing an avenue of promotion to senior positions in the Nursing service, for nurses in this country. Furthermore, if the new Hospital were staffed entirely by a Religious Order, it would be necessary to compensate the staff of the present County Hospital in respect of loss of office. The County Manager stated that he had interviews with the Secretary to His Grace, the Archbishop of Dublin, in regard to the matter, and had been in communication with a number of Religious Orders. The Archbishop would be prepared to approve of the Hospital being staffed by the French Sisters of Charity, but this Order was doubtful if they could provide the necessary staff due to other commitments. The Archbishop had asked that the matter be deferred in order that he might examine the matter further. The County Manager explained that, pending a decision in relation to the staffing of the County Hospital, it would not be possible to complete the Schedule of Accommodation.

Baltinglass District Hospital.

The County Manager stated that the designs for the Hospital were now completed, and it was expected that tenders for the work could be invited before Christmas. He stated that the question of providing a static water supply had been considered, and that it would be necessary to provide for a reserve of some days' supply in order that a supply would be ensured to the Hospital in the event of a temporary breakdown in the water main at any time. The manner in which the Hospital might be operated during the progress of the work was also being examined. If it were necessary, he suggested that medical cases might be accommodated at The Fever Hospital in Wicklow.

Ambulance Service—Arklow.

In reply to Councillor P. McCarthy, the County Secretary stated that inquiries had been made from Doctors practising in the Arklow area in relation to the need for an Ambulance in the area. The following queries had been addressed to each doctor: (a) the number of cases arising within the twelve months ending 31st August, 1950, that necessitated the use of the ambulance; (b) the number of cases in which it was not found possible to procure the services of the Council's ambulance at Rathdrum and Wicklow; (c) the number of cases where the service of an ambulance other than the Council's ambulance had to be procured; (d) the number of cases taken to hospital and dispensaries in the Doctor's own car or a hired taxi as a result of no ambulance being available. One Doctor stated he had only 20 cases which required an ambulance, and that he had never sought the use of the Council's ambulance, as patient's relatives were usually reluctant to await the arrival of any ambulance and he had procured the Gorey Red Cross hired a taxi. He stated that he had procured the Belvedere Ambulance Service on two occasions, and the Belvedere Ambulance Service during one occasion. The other Doctor stated he had twelve cases during the year. In no case was it found impossible to procure the services of the Council's ambulances, and in no case had any other ambulance been procured. In four cases private cars had been used and the ambulance had not been summoned.

The Council noted the report submitted.

Item No. 21—Additional Medical Officer, Bray Dispensary District.

The following letter received from the Department of Health was submitted:—

COPY/ Department of Health,
Custom House,
Dublin.
21 Mean Foir, 1950.

A/32/36.
A Chara.

The Minister for Health has asked me to refer to your communication of the 1st September, 1950, regarding the dispensary services in Bray No. 1 Dispensary District, and to refer you to this Department's letter of the 12th May, 1950, in which it was stated that it is considered that an additional Medical Officer should be appointed for this district, on a temporary basis, even though it is not possible at present to proceed with the re-organisation of the districts in the County as a whole.

I am, accordingly, to request the favour of the County Manager's observations on the appointment of an additional temporary Medical Officer, without making any alteration in the boundaries of the District.

Mise, le meas,
S. O MATHUM.

Secretary, Wicklow Co. Council.

The Council decided that the proposal to appoint an additional Medical Officer should be adjourned pending the general revision of Dispensary Districts in the County.

Item No. 22—Sewerage Extension to Coollatin Row, Carnew.

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

Resolved—That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister, dated 18th September, 1950, the sum of £340 be borrowed from The National Bank Limited, Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the proposed sewerage extension at Coollatin Row, Carnew, said sum to be repaid within a period of 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 County Council be affixed to said Mortgage to The National Bank Limited.

Passed.

Sewerage Scheme for Cottages at Churchlands, Tinahely.

Councillor J. O'Neill stated that a sewerage scheme was needed for eleven cottages at Churchlands, Tinahely.

The County Engineer was asked to submit a report and estimate of the cost of providing a sewerage scheme. The Chief Medical Officer was also requested to submit report in regard to the need for a sewerage scheme for these cottages.

Item No. 23—Public Lighting: Killadreenan.

The County Secretary stated that the estimate received from the Electricity Supply Board for the provision of two additional lights at Killadreenan amounted to £42 in respect of poles, switch wire and time switches.

Councillor W. Lawless stated that two lights were not adequate for this district.

The Council agreed that five lamps were necessary, and directed that an estimate of the cost of providing five lamps be obtained.

Item No. 24—Public Lighting: Tinahely and Enniskerry.

The following letters received from the Electricity Supply Board were submitted:—

COPY/ Electricity Supply Board,
JD/66/133. 43, Merrion Square,
Dublin.
A. O'Connor, Esq.,
Staff Officer, Wicklow Co. Council, 20th Sept., 1950.
Rathdrum.

Public Lighting: Enniskerry and Tinahely.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter dated 15th instant, in above regard, and note that your Council is of opinion that the quotations submitted for additional lamps in these places are excessive.

We have had the matter investigated with regard to the new lamps required at Enniskerry, and regret to state that no reduction is possible in the quotations submitted for same.

We are communicating with the Board's District Engineer in Waterford regarding the lamp proposed for erection in Tinahely and shall write you further on receipt of his report.

Yours faithfully,
F. ALGAR,
Public Lighting Section, Sales Dept.
Electricity Supply Board,
43, Merrion Square,
Dublin.
11th October, 1950.
Dublin.

COPY/
A. O'Connor, Esq.,
JD/133.

Rathdrum.
Staff Officer, Wicklow Co. Council,
Public Lighting: Tinahely.

Dear Sir,

Further to our letter of the 20th ultimo, in above regard, we have received a report from the Board's District Engineer concerning the installation of proposed new lamp in the vicinity of the Methodist Church.

It has been ascertained that the revenue to be derived from one householder in the locality would not affect the costs already quoted for extension of mains to supply the proposed new lamp. It is regretted, therefore, that no reduction can be made in the estimate submitted in our letter dated 22/8/50, respecting proposed new lamp near the Methodist Church in above town.

On receipt of an acceptance of the quotation in question, arrangements will be made for the necessary work to have attention.

Yours faithfully,
F. ALGAR,
Public Lighting Section, Sales Dept.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the estimates of the Electricity Supply Board for the provision of additional public lights at Enniskerry and Tinahely, as follows:—Two lamps at White Line Corner, Enniskerry—£44; one lamp at Methodist Church, Tinahely—£22 8s.

Passed.

Item No. 25—Public Lighting at Greystones.

The Co. Secretary stated that representations had been received from Greystones and District Ratepayers' Association regarding the urgent need for electric lamps on the bus route, Delgany Road, from the corner of Kinlan Road to junction with Killincarrick lights and thence to Delgany. It was stated that these roads carry heavy traffic, and, on account of overhanging trees and high ditches, public lighting was needed.

The Assistant Engineer submitted the following report:—

COPY/ Court House,
16th October, 1950.

County Secretary.
Re: Public Lighting—Greystones District.

Dear Sir,

With reference to recent representations from the Greystones Ratepayers' Association in connection with the above, I have now inspected the area between Kinlan Road, Greystones and Delgany.

There is a distance of approximately 700 yards between the Kinlan Road and Killincarrick Crossroads, which has no public lighting at present. Unfortunately, there are no poles or electric wiring along the road at this point, consequently the provision of public lighting would entail the erection of a new line of poles, and the cost would be prohibitive.

Between Delgany National School and Killincarrick Crossroads there is a distance of about 500 yards which is not lighted. In view of the narrowness of this road and the fact that it is built up practically the whole way between Delgany and Killincarrick Crossroads, I would recommend the provision of three lights.

Yours faithfully,
M. HEALY,
Assist. Co. Engineer.

The Council approved of the provision of three lights as recommended by the Assistant Engineer.

Public Lighting—Dunlavin.

Councillor J. O'Reilly stated that two extra lights were needed at Dunlavin—one at Church Road and one at the Market House. The County Manager stated that the matter would be investigated.

Item No. 26—Glenealy Water Supply.

The following letter received from the Department of Local Government was submitted:—

L.1436/50. Custom House,
A Chara, Dublin.
4th September, 1950.

With reference to your letter of the 15th ultimo, relative to the proposed water supply scheme for Glenealy, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that consideration of this scheme might be deferred pending further consideration of the regional scheme referred to in the Department's letter of the 16th ultimo.

Mise, le meas,
D. ROCHE.

Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

On the proposal of Councillor C. M. Byrne, the Council agreed that a protest be made to the Department of Local Government against the proposed deferring of the Glenealy Water Supply Scheme, and that the Dept. be informed that the Council's Consultant Engineer had advised that the scheme should be carried out independently of the Wicklow Regional Scheme.

Item No. 27—Rathdrum Water Supply.

The following report in regard to the Rathdrum Water Supply was submitted:—

A. O'Connor, Esq.,
Staff Officer,
Co. Council Offices,
Rathdrum.

Re: Rathdrum Water Supply.

Dear Sir,

I made a report about the Water Supply to Rathdrum in December, 1949. There is still plenty of water at the intake, but the position is that the 42,000 gallons daily supplied at the tank is not equal to the demand. The 800 inhabitants, including about 300 in the Hospital and the Sanatorium, are using over 50 gallons per head per day.

Mr. Felix Kavanagh, Prospect House (which is a mile outside the town) has a supply from the main delivery pipe to the service tank. When the tank is low he receives no water and there is no remedy for this.

While there is such a heavy usage of water, it is essential to conserve the supply in the service tank so as to keep the County Institutions supplied. To do this the main supply to the town has to be cut off at nights and this causes a shortage to some users such as Mr. Haughton.

It appears to me that the only way to increase the supply would be to duplicate the pipe line from the intake to the service tank. This would cost about £4,000.

Yours faithfully,

J. P. CAFFREY.

The Council agreed that meters be installed on non-domestic supplies in the town, and that the supply to the County Institutions should also be metered. If the installation of meters did not effect a reduction in the consumption of water, the Council would then consider the Assistant Engineer's proposal for the duplication of the pipe line.

Item No. 28—Water Supply to Coollatin Row, Carnew.

The County Secretary stated that the extension of the water supply to cottages at Coollatin Row, Carnew, would entail 150 lineal yards of 3-inch water main laid through rock at cost of about £250. This would be available for 17 houses and one Council cottage. The Assist. Engineer stated that there were no houses on the same side of the road as the existing water main.

The Council directed that an estimate of the cost of connecting to the water main, together with cost of fittings, be obtained, and that the Assistant Engineer should also submit particulars of the cost of pipe line laid in front of the cottages and of one laid at the rear.

Item No. 29—Baltinglass Water Supply.

The Co. Manager submitted the following letter received from Assist. Engineer P. J. Foley, in regard to water rights at Baltinglass:

COPY/
M. Flannery, Esq.,
County Manager,
Court House, Wicklow.

Blessington,
Co. Wicklow,
11th October, 1950.

Baltinglass Water Supply.

Dear Sir,

Following the conversation I had with you at Baltinglass Hospital in connection with above, I visited Mrs. Timmins and pointed out the undesirability of making any exchange of land for the springs, and she agreed to accept £125, and that the Council would pay the legal costs.

I mentioned to her that I thought you had objection to paying any legal costs, as frequently it was found that the sum was rather big. Perhaps you would consider paying a fixed sum and not exceeding that, in respect of her solicitor's costs. I have not any idea what the costs would come to, but the sum could be based on what should be the cost for straightforward title, and if any difficulty arose then about the title, the Council would not be liable for any additional cost. You may take it in any case that Mrs. Timmins will facilitate you in every way, and there will be no further trouble in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

P. J. FOLEY.

The County Manager stated that the land referred to in the Assistant Engineer's report, contained about seven acres, and would appear to be of greater value than the water rights. He was prepared to recommend the payment of £125, plus a fixed sum for legal costs. The County Manager suggested £10 in this respect.

The Council recommended that payment of £125 be made to Mrs. Timmins in respect of the water rights, together with a sum of £20 to cover legal costs.

Roundwood Water Supply.

Councillor M. Brennan stated that the filter beds at Roundwood had been neglected, and that the water supply was dirty.

The Assistant Engineer stated that he would inspect the system, and submit a report for the next meeting.

Boherboy Water Supply.

The County Secretary stated that the plans for the Boherboy Water Supply Scheme had been submitted to the Department, and had not yet been approved. The agreement in regard to the Scheme had not been completed by the owner.

Coolboy Water Supply.

The County Manager stated that revised plans for this Scheme were now ready for submission to the Dept. of Local Government.

Item No. 30—Service of Touring Buses from Arklow.

The Council noted the following letter from the Department of Industry and Commerce in regard to an application for a Licence to operate a service of Touring Buses from the town of Arklow:—

Dept. of Industry & Commerce,
Kildare St.,
Dublin.

T.S.10560/14.

22 Mean Foghmain, 1950.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer to your letter of the 16th September in regard to an application by Mr. Noel Kenny, 34, Main St., Arklow, for a licence to operate a service of touring buses from the town of Arklow. The Minister has carefully considered this matter. He regrets, however, that he could not see his way to grant Mr. Kenny's application.

Mise, le meas,

J. T. GODFREY,

Runai,
Comhairle Comndae Chille Manntain,
Teach na Cuirte,
Cill Manntain.

Public Holiday.

At the request of Councillor P. McCarthy, the Council agreed to recommend that the office staffs be granted a holiday on 1st November, 1950, being the date of the announcement by His Holiness the Pope of the Dogma of the Assumption.

Vocational Education Committees.

Councillor P. McCarthy stated that he wished to resign his membership of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, and asked that Mr. T. Birthistle be appointed in his stead.

The Council agreed to this proposal.

Cottage Purchase Scheme.

Vesting Orders in respect of the following applicants were submitted for sealing:—

1. Patrick Murphy, Irongrange, Baltinglass.
2. James Driver, Mountlusk, Rathdrum.
3. Peter Neill, Tigrone, Avoca.
4. Michael Lacey, Ballycoogue, Woodenbridge.
5. Martin Byrne, Coolflake, Rathdrum.
6. Daniel Byrne, Killelagh, Aughrim.
7. Rose Lawlor, Baltinglass.
8. James Byrne, Mucklagh, Aughrim.
9. William Lee, Aghowle, Ashford.
10. James Treacy, Kilmagig Upper, Avoca.
11. John Earls, Coolanearl, Avoca.
12. William O'Brien, Knockenree, Avoca.
13. John O'Toole, Rosbawn, Tinahely.
14. Patrick Southern, Boleybawn, Tinahely.
15. May Byrne, Tomcoyle, Ballinglen.
16. Thomas St. Ledger, Mountpleasant, Tinahely.
17. George Cullen, Curraghlawn, Tinahely.
18. James Fitzgerald, Tomcoyle, Ballinglen.
19. Tobias Byrne, Lugduff, Tinahely.
20. John Doran, Lugduff, Tinahely.
21. Catherine Roberts, Ballybeg, Ballinglen.
22. Thomas Murphy, Ballyshonogue, Tinahely.
23. Robert Dagg, Deerpark, Shillelagh.
24. Patrick Lawlor, Lathaleer, Baltinglass.
25. James Lawlor, Baltinglass.
26. James Kehoe, Newtown Saunders, Baltinglass.

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

By Councillor C. W. Hudson:

"I propose to move at our next meeting that we ask the Department to sanction a loan for the purpose of repairing roads in the Jack White's-Redcross area, and that an estimate of cost of same be put before us at that meeting."

By Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

"I hereby give notice that I or some Councillor for me will move at the November meeting that a sum of £20,000 be raised out of 1951-52 Road Estimates, for the purpose of raising and repairing of material for the 1951-52 Roads Works Scheme."

Meeting of the Housing Committee.

The Council agreed that the next meeting of the Housing Committee be held at 2 p.m. on the first Monday in November. The meeting then terminated.

Peter Redbridge
13/11/50.

The Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 13th November, 1950, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman;
Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, W. Hammond, P. McCarthy, Thos. Brennan, T.D.; L. O. Cleirigh, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, J. J. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, P. Murdoch, W. Lawless, M. Brennan, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs; C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, J. Jacob and Miss E. F. Bobbett.
The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, attended.
The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey and M. Healy were present.

BUSINESS:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 16th October, 1950.
2. University Scholarship Scheme, 1951.
3. To fill vacancy on County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee caused by resignation of Councillor P. McCarthy.
4. To fill vacancy on Rathdrum O.A.P. Sub-Committee caused by the death of Mr. John Barry.
5. To fill vacancy on Arklow O.A.P. Sub-Committee caused by resignation of Mr. Weadick.
6. Letter from Clerk to Rathdown No. 2 O.A.P. Sub-Committee re attendance of members of the Sub-Committee.
7. Report of Local Government Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of the Council for the two years ended 31st March, 1949.
8. Appointment of Rate Collector, No. 18 District.
9. Letter dated 26th October, 1950, from Department of Local Government re Council's request for additional Road Grants.
10. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C. W. Hudson re raising of loan for repair of roads in Jack Whites Redcross area.
11. Report of Engineer re road from Ballinacarrig to Garrymore.
12. Report of Engineer re portion of Long Hill Road.
13. Report of Engineer re road from Laragh Bridge to Glenmacnass.
14. To authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to Mortgage from National Bank, Ltd., for £5,000 re new road at Silver Strand.
15. Inquiries submitted by Councillor W. Hammond re:
 - (1) System of engaging workers.
 - (2) Cost of work on Coolattin-Tinahely Road;
 - (3) Revised estimate for Coolboy-Hillbrook branch of Derry River.
16. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Senator J. McCrea re revision of sum of £20,000 for purpose of raising materials for 1951/52 Road Works Scheme.
17. Letter from the Secretary, Oglagh na hEireann (Pre-Truce I.R.A.), East Wicklow Brigade Area, Arklow, forwarding resolution requesting that preferential treatment be given to members of Pre-Truce I.R.A. in the matter of employment by the Council, and referring to the hire of lorry at Arklow by the Council.
18. Resolution from Wicklow Farmers' Party for diversion of grants from drainage schemes to repair of County Roads.
19. Report on Enniskerry Library.
20. Reports of Chief Fire Officer and County Engineer on provision of new Fire Engine at Bray, and Fire Engine for Arklow.
21. Application from Mr. W. H. Cavey, Royal Hotel, Bray, for purchase of plot of ground at back of Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, Bray.
22. Circular letter dated 28th October, 1950, from the Department of Health regarding County Homes (Copy enclosed).
23. To consider further report of Committee in relation to acquisition of lands at Rathnew for entrance to new County Hospital.

24. Report of Engineer on repairs to Kiltegan Dispensary residence.
25. Public Lighting—Darlington's Entrance, Monastery, Enniskerry.
26. Report re need for public lighting on accommodation road for Council Cottages leading from Killincarrig to Cherry Orchard.
27. Report on access roads to cottages at Kelly's Field, Killincarrig, and Sea Road, Kilcoole.
28. Report of Meeting of Housing Committee held on 6th Nov., 1950.
29. To authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to Mortgage from National Bank, Ltd., for £540 re sewerage extension at Coolattin Row, Carnew.
30. Report on Roundwood Water Supply.
31. Estimate of cost of sewerage scheme for 11 cottages at Churchlands, Tinahely.
32. Water Supply to cottages at Ashtown.
33. Estimate of County Engineer for provision of Sanitary Conveniences at The Meetings, Glendalough, and Woodenbridge.
34. Estimate of costs of pipeline connections and cost of fittings re sewerage scheme at Coolattin Row, Carnew.
35. Resolution from Dublin County Council in regard to legislation to assist persons disabled by Infantile Paralysis.
36. Application from the Irish Society for the Protection of Birds for an extension of the Order protecting Wild Birds in the County.
37. Circular from Catholic Societies Vocational Organisation Conference re Scheme for Social Security.
38. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett;
Resolved—That we confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 16th October, 1950.
Passed unanimously.

Resolution of Sympathy.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson;
Resolved—That we the members of Wicklow County Council hereby extend to the families of the victims of the fire at the Bray Printing Works the assurance of our sincere sympathy.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—University Scholarship Scheme.

The County Secretary submitted a draft University Scholarship Scheme for the year 1951.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
Resolved—That we appoint the following members to constitute a Committee to examine the Council's Schemes of Scholarships and to submit recommendations to the Council:—
Councillors P. Ledwidge, P. Murdoch, Senator, J. McCrea, W. Cleary, J. O'Reilly, P. P. O'Reilly, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs; C. W. Hudson.

Passed unanimously.
The Council agreed that the County Secretary should communicate with the local Teachers' Organisation to obtain their views in regard to the Scholarship Schemes.

Item No. 3—Vocational Education Committee.

The County Secretary stated that at the previous meeting Councillor P. McCarthy had indicated that he wished to resign from the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, and had requested that Mr. T. Birthistle be appointed in his place. The Council had agreed to this arrangement. Councillor P. McCarthy had since submitted his resignation to the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, and it was necessary to formally fill the vacancy.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson;
That we hereby appoint Mr. Thomas Birthistle, Main St., Arklow, as a member of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee in place of Councillor P. McCarthy, resigned.

As an Amendment, it was
Proposed by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan;
That Councillor W. Cleary be appointed a member of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee in place of Councillor P. McCarthy, resigned.

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

In Favour of Mr. T. Birthistle: Councillors Senator J. McCrea, W. Hammond, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, P. Murdoch, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs; Joseph Jacob, C. W. Hudson, Miss E. F. Bobbett—(11).

In Favour of Councillor W. Cleary: Councillors T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, P. Kehoe, J. O'Reilly, W. Lawless, M. Brennan, C. M. Byrne, and P. Ledwidge—(8).

Mr. T. Birthistle was declared appointed by eleven votes in his favour to eight in favour of Councillor W. Cleary.

Item No. 4—Rathdrum Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.

The following letter from the Clerk to the Rathdrum O.A.P. Sub-Committee was submitted:—

Mr. K. J. Brangan, Main St., Rathdrum,
County Secretary, 30th October, 1950.
Courthouse, Wicklow.

A Chara,

I have been instructed by the Chairman of the above Sub-Committee, Rev. Father O'Keefe, to write to you to appoint Rev. Father Michael Gleeson, P.P., Aughrim, to fill the vacancy on the Rathdrum O.A.P. Sub-Committee caused by the death of the late John Barry, Rathdrum.

Mise, le meas,
Annie Lambert, Clerk.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.;
Resolved—That we hereby appoint Very Rev. M. Gleeson, P.P., Aughrim, as a member of the Rathdrum Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee in place of Mr. John Barry, deceased.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Arklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

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

Courthouse, Arklow,
30th October, 1950.

I am obliged for yours of the 16th instant, enclosing resignation from Mr. Weadick, 41 Ferrybank, Arklow, from membership of my Committee. I placed Mr. Weadick's resignation before my Committee at a meeting on the 27th instant, and the following resolution was passed:

"Proposed by Mr. P. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. T. J. Birthistle and unanimously resolved—That having accepted with regret the resignation of Mr. Weadick, we hereby recommend that Mr. John E. McElheron, 2 South Quay, Arklow, replace him on this Committee."

The County Council's approval to the above resolution would be much appreciated.

Mise, le meas,
K. J. Brangan, Esq., J. J. Hurley, Clerk,
Secretary, Co. Wicklow O.A.P. Committee,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;
 Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson:
 Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr. John E. McElheron, Arklow,
 as a member of Arklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee in place of
 Mr. Weadick, resigned.
 Mr. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Rathdown Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.
 The following letter received from the Clerk to the Rathdown No.
 2 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee, was submitted:—
 K. J. Brangan, Esq., A.C.A., 14 Kennelsfort Road,
 Secretary, Wicklow Co. Council, Palmerstown,
 Courthouse, Wicklow Co. Dublin.

A Chara, 19th October, 1950.
 Referring to list of members of the Rathdown No. 2 Old Age Pen-
 sions Sub-Committee furnished in your letter of 11th instant, I desire
 to inform you of the number of meetings attended by each member
 since my appointment as clerk to the Sub-Committee:—

Meetings held—13.
 Mr. Wm. Douglas, 49 Main St., Bray—attended 12 meetings.
 Mr. Norman Walker, Annacreevy, Enniskerry—attended 10 meetings.
 Mr. Peter Ledwidge, M.C.C., 29 Dargan St., Bray—attended 3 meetings.
 Rev. P. Hennessey, C.C., Kilmacanogue—attended 2 meetings.
 Rev. Mr. Murray, The Rectory, Enniskerry—attended 1 meeting (four
 meetings held since his appointment).

Following did not attend any meeting—Very Rev. Canon Kennedy,
 P.P., V.F., Enniskerry; Rev. J. F. Doyle, C.C., Enniskerry; Mr. John
 Swan, Killincarrig, Delgany; Dr. J. J. Hickey, Clonsilla, Burnaby Road,
 Greystones.

I also wish to inform you that I have recently acquired a new
 house at above address which will be my permanent residence. I have
 informed Mr. Mortell, Social Welfare Officer, Bray, of my change of
 address.

Mise, le meas,
 Denis J. McGinn.

Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 A.O.P. Sub-Committee.
 The Council directed that the matter be placed on the Agenda for
 next meeting, and that in the meantime members who had not attended
 be asked for the reasons for their non-attendance and whether they
 wish to remain members of the Sub-Committee.

Item No. 7—Report of Local Government Auditor.
 The following report of the Local Government Auditor, copy of
 which had been circulated to each member, was submitted:—
 Dublin, 24th August, 1950.

A Chara,
 I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the
 Wicklow County Council for the two years ended 31st March, 1949.
 Transmitted, herewith, are copies of the Abstract of Accounts, duly
 certified.

Rates in the £ levied for the service of the three years ended 31st
 March, 1949, were:—

	pence	pence	pence
	1947	1948	1949
Road Charges	49½	57½	59½
Public Assistance Charges	61½	67½	63½
Mental Hospital Charges	23	26	35½
Health Charges	27½	26	14½
Housing Charges	20½	20	21
General Purposes Charges	1½	17½	29½
Sanitary Charges	—	—	14½
Total	184	214	238

Following is a summary of Receipts and Expenditure to nearest £.
 on the Revenue Accounts for the two years under audit:—

	1948	1949
	£	£
Rates	151,737	167,509
Agricultural Grant	80,930	86,755
Other State Grants	165,617	182,478
Other Receipts	40,807	46,876
Amounts charged to Urban Districts	31,500	39,001
Total	470,591	522,619
Expenditure	£	£
Roads	189,421	217,404
Public Assistance	99,188	101,961
Mental Hospital	35,239	45,835
Health	41,867	16,875
Sanitary	—	61,945
Housing	58,275	48,131
General Purposes	45,739	7,579
Separate Charges	9,092	—
Total	478,821	540,229

The net balance against the account at 31st March, 1949, was
 £17,610, as compared with £3,230 at 31st March, 1948.

Set out, hereunder, are details of the rate collection for the period
 under review:—

	1948	1949
Total of Warrant (inc. arrears)	149,764	161,861
Collected within year (inc. dis- Counts)	144,408	158,918
Percentages of rate collected	96.43	98.18
Percentage of rate irrecoverable	1.27	.43
Percentage of rate carried forward	2.30	1.39
	100.0	100.0

Expenditure on the construction and maintenance of roads in the
 County amounted to £187,567 in the year ended 31st March, 1949, as
 compared with £156,509 in the previous year. The apportionment of
 this expenditure was as follows:—

	1948	1949
Main Roads	95,010	134,733
Cost per mile	364	516
County Roads	61,499	52,834
Cost per mile	70	60

Advances under the Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme for the
 1947/48 season amounted to £2,900. Of this, £329 was shown as out-
 standing at 31st March, 1950.

These accounts, together with arrears from previous schemes have
 been referred to the Council's solicitor for collection and will be the
 subject of review at the next audit.

An analysis of Home Assistance is given hereunder:—

	1948	1949
Boarded-out Children	3,792	3,795
Ordinary Home Assistance	16,365	15,790
Additional Allowances	5,596	4,429
Assistance in kind to recipients of Home Assistance	4,253	4,768
Footwear Scheme	1,459	1,303
Winter Fuel Scheme	569	309

The cost of treatment of patients in Extern Hospitals was £7,728
 in 1949, as compared with £7,368 in 1948. Ambulance and other trans-
 port charges, at £3,404 in 1949, showed an increase of £1,460 over the
 preceding year.

Repayment of Assistance in District Institutions totalled £4,337 in
 1949. The amount received in 1948 was £3,840. The Repayment of
 Maintenance Register in one of the Institutions shows considerable
 arrears. As a substantial portion of these arrears appears to be irre-
 coverable no advantage is gained by carrying the amounts forward
 from year to year. An early opportunity should be availed of to
 examine each account and, where found to be uncollectable, the amount
 should be struck off.

Expenditure on the treatment of Tuberculosis increased from
 £18,430 in the year ended 31/3/48 to £28,057 in 1949.

Rents and Purchase Annuities of labourers' cottages accrued dur-
 ing the two years were: 1948, £17,435; 1949, £18,510. Including arrears
 brought forward the total for collection in 1948 was £18,338 and in
 1949 £19,123. The amounts collected were: 1948, £17,596; 1949, £18,480,
 equivalent to 95.95 per cent. and 96.64 per cent. respectively.

In one of the Burial Grounds under the Council's control head-
 stones have been erected on certain graves for which no charge has
 been made. It should be made clear, in the interests of the persons
 concerned, that no legal title to these grave spaces can exist unless and
 until they have been duly paid for and registered.

Average daily costs of maintenance in the various institutions
 under the control of the Council were:—

	1948	1949
	s. d.	s. d.
County Home	2— 8.726	2— 9.81
County Hospital	4—11.404	4—11.5
Fever Hospital	9— 5.981	6— 4.5
District Hospital	5—10.185	5—11.18
County Sanatorium	7— 3.14	6— 3.18

Following an epidemic in the County in 1946, the Council, being
 of opinion that the existing facilities were inadequate to deal with a
 similar outbreak in the future, acquired the Marine Hotel with the
 object of converting the building into a fever hospital. Subsequent
 revision of policy in regard to hospitalisation in the County, generally,
 caused an alteration of plans and it was decided to dispose of the prop-
 erty. The premises were ultimately sold to a manufacturing firm for
 use as a factory, a condition of sale being that should the premises be
 no longer used as a factory they would revert to the Council. The
 price realised on re-sale showed a net profit to the Council of £471.
 A loan of £2,700 raised for the purchase of the premises was duly re-
 redeemed.

Indebtedness on foot of loans amounted to £780,900 at 31st March,
 1949, as compared with £789,871 at 31st March, 1947. During the year
 ended 31st March, 1948, a loan of £17,000, repayable over 7 years, was
 raised for the purchase of machinery. In assessing the period of re-
 payment of such loans, which should approximate to the probable life
 of the asset, regard should be had to the relatively rapid depreciation
 of certain types of machinery.

Road Charges Account shows receipts from the sale of tar drums
 and other materials. Since the cost of these commodities was origin-
 ally debited to the Materials Expenses Account all receipts under these
 heads should be credited to that account.

The accounts of a burial ground collector showed an underlodgment
 of £2 10s. This amount was lodged during audit.

A clerical officer who was paid temporary bonus at the rate of 11s.
 per week, instead of the appropriate rate of 5s. 6d. per week, refunded
 the amount thus overpaid during the course of the audit.

Numerous adjustments fall to be made as between the Revenue
 Account and the Capital Account. These adjustments, which I have
 indicated in the ledger, will be affected during the current year.

Insurance and Fidelity Bonds are in order.
 Mise, le meas, Signed—J. E. CURRAN,
 Local Government Auditor.

The Minister for Local Government,
 Dublin.

The Council noted the terms of the report.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor W. Hammond, the Co. Manager
 explained that the cost per mile for the maintenance of roads is based
 on the total expenditure in each year in relation to the total Main
 Road mileage, and not on the actual number of miles of road repaired
 or improved.

Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett referred to the amount of indebted-
 ness on foot of loans, and to the rates of interest charged, and stated
 she would hand in Notice of Motion on this subject.

Item No. 8—Appointment of Rate Collector, No. 18 District.

The Council Secretary stated that in response to public advertise-
 ment, nine applications had been received for the position as follows:

- Vincent Blake, Mullinacuffe, Timahely.
- Joseph Doyle, Ballinacuffe Lower, Aghrim.
- Lawrence Egan, Park Bridge, Clonegal, Ferns.
- William Faulkner, 21 O'Higgins Road, Curragh Camp.
- John Hayden, Ballynagore, Woodenbridge.
- Charles Maguire, Main St., Shillelagh.
- Sean McCrea, Main St., Carnew.
- Timothy O'Sullivan, Trudder, Newtownmountkennedy.
- Michael O'Toole, Carnew.

Particulars of the applicants' qualifications and experience were
 given by the County Secretary.

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

FOR VINCENT BLAKE: Councillors W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P.
 Kehoe, P. Murdoch, Miss E. F. Bobbett—(5).

FOR CHAS. MAGUIRE: Councillors T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Law-
 less—(2).

FOR SEAN MCCREA: Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy,
 J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for
 Posts and Telegraphs; J. Jacob, C. W. Hudson—(8).

FOR MICHAEL O'TOOLE: Councillors W. Cleary, J. O'Reilly, M.
 Brennan, C. M. Byrne, P. Ledwidge—(5).

The applicants who received no vote, and the applicant receiving
 the lowest number of votes having been eliminated, a further vote
 was taken, which resulted as follows:—

FOR VINCENT BLAKE: Councillors W. Hammond, G. Timmins,
 P. Kehoe, P. Murdoch and Miss E. F. Bobbett—(5).

FOR SEAN MCCREA: Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. Mc-
 Carthy, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., Minister
 for Posts and Telegraphs; J. Jacob, and C. W. Hudson—(8).

FOR MICHAEL O'TOOLE: Councillors T. Brennan, T.D., Cleary, J. O'Reilly, W. Lawless, M. Brennan, C. M. Byrne and P. Ledwidge—7.

Mr. Blake having been eliminated, a further vote was taken, which resulted as follows:—

FOR SEAN MCCREA: Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, W. Hammond, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, P. Murdoch, Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, J. Jacob and C. W. Hudson—10.

FOR MICHAEL O'TOOLE: Councillors T. Brennan, T.D., W. Cleary, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, J. O'Reilly, W. Lawless, M. Brennan, C. M. Byrne, Miss E. F. Bobbett and P. Ledwidge—10.

The voting being equal, the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of Mr. Michael O'Toole.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan;

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

Passed unanimously.

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

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary;

Resolved—That, having considered and examined the applications received for the position of Rate Collector, No. 18 Collection District, we hereby appoint, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, Michael O'Toole to the position in accordance with the qualifications and particulars of office approved by the Minister for Local Government on 30th July, 1947.

Passed on Chairman's casting vote.

Item No. 9—Additional Road Grants.

The Council noted the following letter, received from the Department of Local Government:—

Custom House,
Dublin.

RGM/33. 26 Deireadh Fomhair, 1950.
A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 19th ultimo relative to a resolution passed by the Wicklow County Council requesting that additional grants be made available to cover additional expenditure consequent on the recent increase in the wages of road workers, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that the maximum amount which can be made available by way of grant from the Road Fund for the present financial year has already been allocated. The share of Wicklow County Council has already been notified and applied to specific works. It is regretted that this amount cannot be exceeded.

Mise, le meas,

E. T. SHEEHY.

The Secretary,

Wicklow Co. Council.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we request the General Council of County Councils to make representations to the Minister for Local Government for the re-classification of Main Roads and an increase in the amount of grants for roads.

As an Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Resolved—That we request the Minister for Local Government to receive a deputation from the Council for the purpose of putting before him the Council's views regarding the difficulties arising from the exceptionally heavy traffic on roads in this County and the necessity for Special Grants towards their maintenance.

Following a discussion, Councillor H. J. Byrne agreed to withdraw his proposal, and the proposal of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea was passed unanimously. The Council appointed the following members to constitute the deputation:—

Councillor F. Ledwidge, Chairman; Councillors H. J. Byrne, Senator J. J. McCrea, P. P. O'Reilly, M. Brennan, T.D.; J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs.

Roads at Delgany.

Councillor W. Lawless asked if the Council would receive a deputation in regard to roads in the Delgany district.

The Council having agreed, the members of the deputation, Councillor M. Cullen, Dun Laoghaire Borough Corporation, Mr. Hendrick and Mr. Leo Harmon were introduced and addressed the Council. Councillor M. Cullen stated that he wished to refer to the condition of the roads from Delgany to Bellevue, and from Delgany to Stylebawn. He submitted that a proper surface on these two roads would be an advantage, as the present surfacing was liable to be washed away owing to the steep gradient of the road. He stated that the roads were in a dangerous condition at the present time with large potholes. Three hotels were situated on these roads, viz.: Easton Guest House, Delgany Hotel, and Straun Hill Hotel. If it were necessary to widen the road, Mr. Cullen stated he was prepared to give a piece of ground free of charge for this purpose. He stated also that a contribution towards the cost would be made.

Mr. Cullen said that there were 116 hotel owners in the County and that they were at present preparing a scheme to attract further tourists to the County. Mr. Cullen stated that the road from Kilquade Church to Delgany had been improved for part of its length, and that a continuation of the improved surface to Delgany would meet their requirements. Mr. Harmon and Mr. Hendrick also addressed the Council in regard to these roads.

The Council agreed that the County Engineer be asked to submit a report in regard to the condition of the roads, together with an estimate of the cost of improvements.

Item No. 10—Roads in Jack White's Redcross Area.

The Council deferred consideration of this item for the attendance of Councillor Hudson.

Item No. 11—Road from Ballyknockan to Garrymore.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had submitted the following report in regard to the road from Ballyknockan to Garrymore:—

Roads—Ballyknockan-Garrymore.

With reference to repairs to Road No. 145—Ballyknockan to Garrymore, it will be necessary to reconstruct this road, and I estimate the cost of reconstructing one and a half miles to be £3,630.

Signed: J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett stated that it would be more desirable to improve the road from Rathdrum to Wheeler's Cross.

The Council deferred consideration of the matter to the Roads Estimate Meeting, and asked that the County Engineer submit an estimate for improving the road as recommended by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett.

Item No. 12—Long Hill Road.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
Courthouse, Wicklow.
9th November, 1950.

In reply to your letter of 19th ultimo in above, I desire to report that there is a total of 300 yards of this road near "Mountain Side Tavern" which has a road surface of from 14' to 15'. The minimum width of road surface of the remainder of this road is 16 ft.

I recommend the excavation of the grass margin along this length of road and the rolling in of the back drains. This will give a road width of 22 feet. It would be impossible to widen the road without taking in back drains owing to the boggy nature of the subsoil. It may be necessary to run a drain through the adjoining land to take the surface water from these back drains.

The estimated cost is: Excavation—£108; Pitching—£530; Surfacing and Tar Dressing—£160. Total: £798.

Signed: J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

Councillor M. Brennan suggested that the work proposed by the County Engineer was more extensive than he had anticipated. He considered the estimate altogether too high. The Council agreed that the County Engineer should again inspect the road, with Councillor M. Brennan.

Item No. 13—Glenmacnass Road.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

Courthouse, Wicklow.

10th November, 1950.

The above road is an old Military Road about 12 miles in length and an average of 12ft. wide. The road runs through some very mountainous country and the foundations are very unsatisfactory for a number of miles, which it runs across very boggy ground. During the year 1948, about three-quarters of a mile was rolled and tarred at the Sallygap end. Considerable repairs have been carried out during the past two years, but no further rolling has been done. The road at present is in a better condition than it has ever been, although it is still very inferior and is not up to the standard of the other county roads in this area. There is a notice board at each end of this road stating that it is dangerous for motor traffic, and unless a very large grant is made available, it will be impossible to carry out any major improvements at present.

Our policy is to roll and tar the road in each area in order of importance, and on this basis, it will be several years before we can hope to complete the rolling of the Glenmacnass Road.

The Council may consider the advisability of raising a special loan for work on this road.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

Councillor M. Brennan stated that he had referred only to that part of the road from Laragh Bridge to the last residence on the road at Glenmacnass. The Council agreed that provision for the repair of this road be included in the Estimates for the 1951/52 Road Works Programme. The County Engineer was requested to submit a report in regard to the section of the road referred to by Councillor M. Brennan.

Item No. 14—Silver Strand Road.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to the Mortgage from the National Bank, Ltd., in respect of Loan of £5,000 for the purpose of constructing new road at Silver Strand, Wicklow.

Item No. 15—System of Engaging Workers, Etc.

The County Secretary stated that the following inquiries had been received from Councillor W. Hammond:—

1. What is the plan or system of enrolment or engaging of men: (a) on County Roads; (b) on River Drainage Schemes. Also, if engaged otherwise than through Labour Exchanges, have steps been taken to ascertain if they have left their previous employment in a regular and satisfactory manner.
2. Is it ascertainable what the preparation for tarring less than one mile of the road from Tinahely-Coolattin costs?
3. Did the responsible authority accept or decline the revised estimate which we were informed of at the Meeting of Local Committees in Shillelagh, was to be submitted for the Coolboy-Hillbrook branch of the Derry River?

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

Re: Item No. 15 on Agenda—Meeting, Monday, 13/11/50.

(1) System of engaging workers: Where a number of men are required, application is made to Local Labour Exchange. On occasion men are engaged from local knowledge, having regard to suitability as to efficiency and the domestic conditions in regard to his family dependants, etc., are taken into account. The County Council requirements are to give priority to married men with dependants, and, secondly, single men with deserving dependants, and this rule has always been adhered to as far as generally possible, having regard to suitability or otherwise.

(2) The work carried out on the Coolattin-Shillelagh Road, between Coolboy Cross Roads and Paulbeg, consisted in the employment of 8 men to brush off the surface with the intention of tar-dressing afterwards. The cost of the work was £58. Having regard to the fact that the increase in the rate of wages curtailed the programme as originally intended, it was decided to defer this tarring to 1951/52, and to leave such funds as were available for essential attention to the maintenance of the roads in the area generally as such might arise during the Winter months. The work carried out in sweeping the road is not lost: the accumulation of clay and mud on the sides was removed and the surface improved and less work will need to be done when we come to complete the tarring early in the forthcoming financial year.

(3) At a meeting of Local Councillors held in Shillelagh on 18th August, 1950, certain Schemes for Drainage, as submitted by me, were approved. The Scheme referred to by Councillor Hammond is C.6 on the list: the amount of estimate as now amended is £2,100, including removal of spoil on banks—if spoil is permitted to remain on the sides, the estimate of cost is £1,800. This work cannot be done except in the Spring-Summer period. No funds are available to carry it out now, in any event, as the Department has made its allocation for this current year. If the Council wishes, it can be submitted to the Department with next year's Schemes.

In connection with the Drainage Schemes and Proposals for 1951/52, I would be glad if each Councillor would submit to me, before 1st December, 1950, a list of works which would be considered desirable, having regard to his own local knowledge. I will then have the proposals examined and estimates prepared and forwarded to the Department.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., stressed the need for further work on the Derry River if the Drainage Scheme on this river was to be effective. He contended that it was essential to remove the weir at

Glen Brook. The Council asked that a full report in relation to Derry River Scheme be submitted to the next meeting.

Councillor W. Hammond asked that the County Engineer give details of the fall in the river from Shillelagh Bridge to Ballingate Bridge.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, seconded by Councillor W. Lawless, the Council agreed that representations be made to the Minister that Wexford County Council and Carlow County Council be required to carry out the necessary works to make the Drainage Works on the River Derry effective, and that if they did not do so, that Wicklow Co. Council be empowered to carry out the works on behalf of these Councils.

Item No. 16—1951/52 Road Works Scheme.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was
Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy:

That we hereby authorise the expenditure of a sum of £20,000 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates for the purpose of raising materials for the 1951/52 Road Works Programme.

The County Manager pointed out that if an additional £20,000 were to be spent on the preparation of materials, this sum would have to be met in the coming year either by an increase in the rates, or a reduction in the amount of expenditure on roads. An excess on the estimate had been allowed by the Council for the purpose of the preparation of materials on two previous occasions, but at that time the Council obtained substantial grants in respect of the excess expenditure.

The Co. Manager indicated that the Council's function as Road Authority was the maintenance of the roads in the County. The provision of employment was not a direct responsibility of the Council.

In regard to the amount of employment which might be made available if the additional sum of £20,000 were provided, the County Manager stated that the County Engineer estimated that the maximum number of men which could be employed in addition to the Council's normal maintenance staff, would be 154, as follows—

Northern Area:	
Ballylusk Quarry	15 Men
Kilpoole Quarry	12 men
Glencormac Quarry	15 men
	42 men
South-Eastern Area:	
Tonaglee Quarry	15 men
Ballinacarrig Quarry	10 men
Ballymorris Quarry	15 men
	40 men
Southern Area:	
Coolroe Quarry	15 men
Tomacork Quarry	15 men
The Rock	10 men
	40 men
Western Area:	
Newtown Quarry	12 men
Merginstown Quarry	10 men
Redwells and Others	10 men
	32 men

TOTAL: 154 men

Councillor H. J. Byrne suggested that this matter might be raised by the members of the Deputation to the Minister.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea agreed to adjourn the proposal to the meeting of the Housing Committee, which would be held on first Monday in December. The Council agreed to take this Item as a special Item on that day.

Item No. 17—Hire of Lorry at Arklow.

The County Secretary stated that the following letter had been received:—

OGHLAIGH NA HEIREANN
(Pre-Truce I.R.A.).
EAST WICKLOW BRIGADE,
2, Seabank Terrace,
Ferrybank, Arklow.
9th October, 1950.

A Chara.

At a Brigade Council Meeting of the above organisation held on the 4th October, 1950, at Wicklow, a resolution was passed "that all things being equal, preferential treatment should be given to members of the Pre-Truce I.R.A. in the matter of employment by the County Council or subsidiary bodies, and we desire to draw the attention of the Wicklow County Council to the fact that at a very recent date the County Surveyor's Department committed a breach of an Act of Parliament by employing an unlicensed lorry, whilst a member of our organisation, who is a licensed carrier, had a lorry lying idle, and we respectfully suggest that the Council have this matter investigated."

Copies of the resolution to be sent to the Chairman, Wicklow Co. Council, the Co. Surveyor and the Co. Secretary.

Do chara,

E. KAVANAGH, Runai.

The County Engineer submitted the following report:—

County Secretary, Courthouse, Wicklow.
Dear Sir, 6th November, 1950.

With reference to your letter of 12th ultimo regarding complaint received from The Secretary, Oghlaigh Na hEireann (Pre-Truce I.R.A.), East Wicklow Brigade Area, 2 Seabank Terrace, Ferrybank, Arklow, I append hereunder copy of report received from Assistant Engineer J. P. Caffrey, B.E.:—

"I return herewith file concerning complaint of Oghlaigh na h-Eireann about lorry haulage in this area.

"During the recent lorry drivers' strike, we employed a local lorry on which we paid the tax and insurance, and we thought that this would legalise our position. It was necessary to engage the lorry to keep a large number of men in employment and to keep on with our road work. I must add that the lorry was not engaged by me.

"We were not aware that Mr. Kavanagh had a lorry for hire. Mr. Kavanagh sold his garage business and, to the best of our knowledge, had also sold his haulage plate. If he wished to have it hired he should have made some effort to advertise the fact. Certainly, if we knew Mr. Kavanagh's lorry was available we would have engaged it."

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

M. M. Kavanagh attended the Council meeting and made a statement on the subject.

On the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson, the Council agreed that preference should be given to local lorries when lorries were being hired.

Item No. 18—Resolution from Wicklow Farmers' Party.

The County Secretary stated that the following resolution had been received:—

"Proposed by Nicholas O'Toole and seconded by W. F. Lynch:—
"That in view of the deterioration of our County Roads and the apparent inability of our local authority to give proper attention to their repair, We of the Wicklow Farmers' Party respectfully request the Minister for Local Government to have portion of the money at present being expended on cleaning rivers diverted towards the repair of County Roads and erection of bridges where needed."

The Council decided that no useful action could be taken in the matter, as the Council considered that there was no possibility of the proposal being accepted by the Government.

Item No. 19—Enniskerry Library.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
Courthouse, Wicklow,
County Secretary, 10th November, 1950.

Re: Enniskerry Library.

Dear Sir,

An inspection of Enniskerry Library has been carried out by the Assistant Engineer, and it was found in very good condition with the exception of the windows. There is a total of 14 panes of glass broken: there are mostly cracked except for two small panes which are missing. The frames of the windows are steel and it is probable that the glass was cracked because it was fitted too tightly to the frame.

The grounds attached to the library have recently been cleaned and gravelled, and are in very good condition. Internally there are no major defects, and I consider that the library is properly kept. The only major improvement I would recommend is the provision of water and sewerage which are very urgently needed in this building.

The estimated cost of this work is £70. Repairs to the windows would cost £6.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of water and sewerage system for the library at Enniskerry, and repairs to the windows of the Library, as recommended by the County Engineer in his report of 7th November, 1950.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor H. J. Byrne asked that an effort be made to improve the library service at Enniskerry.

Item No. 20—Fire Service.

The following reports of the Chief Officer and the Co. Engineer were submitted:—

Courthouse, Wicklow,
3rd November, 1950.

Re: Bray Fire Brigade.

Dear Sir,

I recommend the purchase of a modern fire appliance for this Station. The fire risk is high as shown by the records of the past two years. Since July, 1950, three serious fires have occurred with a loss of four lives.

The Rathdrum Brigade is over 25 miles from Bray and cannot be regarded as suitable for attending fires in Bray owing to the time lost in travelling.

The present fire appliance in this station consists of one heavy duty unit which is in need of major repairs. The appliance is constructed of war grade materials and has no first-aid horse or searchlight equipment.

I suggest that this appliance after repairs be transferred to Arklow, as it would be suitable for conditions at this station; it would also save the cost of providing a towing vehicle in Arklow.

I estimate the cost of a new Merryweather complete with all necessary equipment to be approximately £2,800. I regard the Bray Unit should be capable of dealing with all major fires in the north of the County. Another aspect is that the Dun Laoghaire Brigade do not wish to attend any fires outside their area and, of course, the cost of using their services must be borne in mind.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: H. R. H. SHARPE,
County Fire Officer,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

County Manager.

Re: Bray Fire Brigade.

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith copy of report received from the County Fire Officer.

I agree that it is very necessary to have modern Fire Engine to serve Bray and adjoining district where the fire risk is so great. I also agree that the Rathdrum Fire Engine is too far away in the case of an emergency, as has been demonstrated in the recent fire in Bray.

The transferring of the present fire engine from Bray to Arklow is a very good suggestion, as at present there is no towing vehicle specially provided for the Arklow Trailer Pump and this would obviate the necessity of purchasing one in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that during the period 31st October, 1947, to 31st December, 1947, the Bray Fire Brigade attended six fires; during the year to 31st December, 1948, 30 fires were attended; during the year to 31st December, 1949, 62 fires were attended, and during period 1st January, 1950, to 9th November, 1950, 82 fires were attended. During the year 1948, three of the fires attended were outside the Urban Area, in the County Health District. In 1949 there were four such calls and in 1950 seven such calls.

The County Secretary stated that the following letter had been received by the Chief Fire Officer from the Town Clerk, Bray:—
H. R. H. Sharpe, Esq.,
Appointed Fire Officer,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

A Chara.

I was directed by the Urban District Council at their meeting on the 31st ultimo to convey to you their appreciation of the gallantry and efficiency displayed by, and co-operation received from, the personnel of the Rathdrum Fire Brigade upon the occasion of the fire at the premises of the Bray Printing Company, Main St., Bray, on 24th idem.

Mise, le meas,

E. J. FENNELL,
Town Clerk.

Proposed by Councillor P. Murdoch;
 Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
 Resolved—That, having considered reports of County Engineer and Chief Fire Officer, we approve of the provision of a new Fire Engine to be stationed at Bray, and authorise the raising of Loan of £2,800, repayable over a period of 10 years, from the Council's Treasurer, for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Fire Engine and equipment.
 Passed unanimously.

Item No. 29—Sewerage Extension, Coollatin Row, Carnew.
 Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;
 Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;
 Resolved—That we hereby authorise the affixing of the seal of the Council to the Mortgage from the National Bank, Ltd., in respect of Loan of £540 for sewerage extension at Coollatin Row, Carnew.
 Passed unanimously.

Ormonde Cinema, Greystones.
 The following letter, received from Messrs. Ormonde Cinemas, was submitted:—
 53 Main St.,
 Arklow.
 Wicklow Co. Council, Courthouse, Wicklow. 13th November, 1950.
 Dear Sirs,

With reference to the Order made some time ago by your Fire Officer, Mr. Sharp, and which related to Ormonde Cinema, Greystones, I wish to state that this Cinema was only built four years ago and at a cost of £20,000. It was built to the plans of Mr. William O'Dwyer, Architect, Dublin, who is considered one of the country's leading Cinema Architects.

The plan was submitted to your Co. Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, who passed it.

I would mention that this Cinema is considered by the trade to be one of the best Provincial Cinemas in Eire, and I doubt if it could be even deliberately set on fire. In fact, the danger of fire does not exist, except, as I say, to the seating, which you will agree cannot very well be dispensed with.

This alteration to the stairs would be most difficult and very costly, and, as the danger of fire is so remote, I will respectfully ask you to reconsider this matter.

The other precautionary regulations ordered by Mr. Sharpe have been complied with.

Yours faithfully, JAMES J. KAVANAGH.

The County Engineer pointed out that it was the duty of the Chief Fire Officer to direct attention to the danger which might arise as the result of the winders on the stairs from the balcony. The County Engineer stated, however, that he did not think that the winders in this instance constituted an appreciable risk, as the stairs was constructed of fire-proof material.

The Council considered that the danger was so remote, and that since plans were recently approved in respect of this building, that the requirement to remove the winders in the stairs should not be pursued.

Meeting of Local Housing Committee at Bray.
 Councillor W. Lawless stated that he wished to protest against the rent of 14s. per week charged to a tenant, Mr. Whelan, in respect of cottage recently allocated to him. The County Manager stated that from the particulars given by the applicant, the total income to the house was £6 17s. 6d. per week, and that the rent in accordance with the scale of graded rents would therefore be 14s. per week. Councillor W. Lawless asked that the rent in this case be revised.

Amount of Purchase Annuity on Cottages.
 Councillor J. O'Neill asked if the amount of Purchase Annuity in respect of cottages would remain the same, though the rent might be altered.

The County Manager stated that in the case of new tenancies it would appear desirable that the amount of the Annuity should also be altered.

At the request of Councillor J. O'Neill, and Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, the Co. Manager stated he would investigate the matter.

Potter's River.
 The Council heard Mr. W. C. Byrne, who attended the meeting in connection with the drainage of Potter's River.

Mr. Byrne stated that the river had been cleaned both above and below his lands; but that the portion of the river flowing through his lands had not been attended to, and that as a result his lands were submerged.

Assistant Engineer P. J. Caffrey stated that the original estimated cost for doing eight miles of the river was £3,000. Seven miles of the river had been completed. He agreed that it was most desirable that the remaining portion of the river should be cleared. He estimated that a further sum of £800 would be required.

The Council agreed that this Scheme should be included in the list of urgent Schemes to be submitted to the Department with a request for additional grants.

It was also agreed that this matter be raised by the deputation to the Minister.

The Council adjourned the remaining items on the Agenda to a Special Meeting to be held on Monday, 20th November, 1950, at 11 a.m.

The following Notice of Motion was headed in and accepted by the Chairman:—

By Councillor J. O'Reilly:
 "That I or some member for me will raise at the next meeting of the Wicklow County Council that £800 be secured for road from Graigue Cross to Killamoate Church, including village of Rathdangan."

*Peter Ledwidge
11/12/50.*

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 20th November, 1950, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:—Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman; Councillors Senator J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; James O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, Paul Kehoe, H. J. Byrne, L. O. Laoghleis, P. N. Murdoch, W. Cleary, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, Jos. Jacob and Miss E. F. Bobbett.

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, M. M. Flannery, attended.

The Agenda comprised those items adjourned from the meeting on 13th November, together with the following three additional items:
 Letter from the Department of Health in relation to Mass Radiography Service.

Application from Mr. C. Terry, Ashford, for permission to erect a shop at Newtownmountkennedy.

Application for renewal of Cinematograph Licences.

Item No. 10—Roads in Jack Whites—Redcross Area.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
 9th November, 1950.

Re: Roads—Jack White's/Redcross District.

A Chara,
 With reference to enquiries made by Councillor C. W. Hudson concerning repairs to roads in the Jack White's/Redcross area, I set out hereunder schedule of these roads and estimated cost of reconstruction:—

Road No.	Terminal Points	Length	Type of work	Estimated Cost
163	Jack White's-Rahaval (Red-cross)	2	Widen, grout and reconstruct	£4,940
175	Scratenagh-Kilpatrick	1	Widen and grout	£2,420
174	Kilpatrick-Jack White's	1½	do.	£2,235
177	Tonlagree-Scratenagh	2½	do.	£6,050
178	Ballytunny-Sallymount	1	do.	£1,210
106	Ballinteskinn-Ballyhara	1	do.	£1,420
108	Ballykeppoge-Brittis	3½	do.	£7,260
				£28,535

Mise, le meas,
 J. T. O'BYRNE,
 County Engineer.

On the suggestion of Councillor C. W. Hudson, it was decided to adjourn the matter to the Roads Estimates meeting.

Item No. 21—Maternity and Child Welfare Centre at Bray.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. W. C. Cavey, Royal Hotel, Bray, for the purchase of a plot of ground at the rear of the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, Bray. From an examination of the map attached to the Lease to the Council, it had been ascertained that this plot of ground was not in the ownership of the Council, but that the Council possessed a right-of-way across it. Members of the Council recommended that this plot of land be acquired by the Council if it should be found necessary in connection with the developments in the health services in Bray. It was agreed that the Chief Medical Officer would again examine the possibility of using this plot in connection with any possible extension of the Clinic.

Peter Ledwidge.

Item No. 22—County Homes.

The following Circular from the Department of Health had been circulated to the members of the Council:—

An Roinn Slainte,
Teach An Chustaim,
Baile Atha Cliath,
26 Deire Foir, 1950.
A Chara,

Circular No. 49/50.

The Minister for Health desires to bring to the notice of Public Assistance Authorities the necessity for an improvement in the accommodation and the standard of comfort provided for the aged and sick and infirm persons in County Homes.

These homes were erected in the years 1848 to 1842 by the then Poor Law Commissioners as Workhouses. The avowed purpose of the Poor Law Commissioners was to discourage applications for relief so thoroughly that the administrators of the "Poor Laws" could be certain that any applications received resulted from absolute destitution. The result of this policy was that the very minimum standard of comfort and maintenance was provided, despite the protests of the then "Poor Law Guardians."

The "Workhouses" were abolished and converted into County Homes under the "County Schemes" formulated by County Councils in 1921 and legalised by the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1921. There was an implied intention that County Homes should be reserved for old and infirm persons and chronic sick, but unfortunately, the "County Schemes," by making insufficient provision for classes such as unmarried mothers' children, mental defectives, etc., who are still accommodated in County Homes, made it inevitable that the new County Homes continued to accommodate persons who should properly be accommodated elsewhere. The result is that, despite the efforts of the Public Assistance Authorities to improve matters, many of the County Homes have not lost the characteristic of a mixed general Workhouse.

There has been a growing appreciation in recent years that aged and infirm persons who, through economic and other circumstances outside their control, are obliged to end their lives in a County Home, deserve proper care and a decent standard of comfort. Vast strides towards this aim have been made in neighbouring countries.

The Minister hopes to be in a position in due course to make recommendations to Public Assistance Authorities regarding more extensive improvements which may be required in these institutions. He desires, however, that early consideration be given to the following suggestions which can be implemented at an early date without imposing any appreciable financial burden upon the ratepayers:—

(a) Freedom of Inmates to Leave the Home:

It is felt that it would contribute considerably to the happiness of the old people if they were allowed to visit friends in the neighbourhood, or to visit the town in or near which the Home is situated. It is appreciated that abuses of freedom will have to be guarded against, and it is believed that this can best be done by the exercise of reasonable discretion by the Matron and Staff.

(b) Manner of Serving Food:

While some Homes make considerable efforts to attain a reasonable standard in this respect, the arrangements in others have been found to be inexcusably coarse. Bare wooden tables should be replaced by tables covered with cloths, oilcloth or some material which can be maintained in a clean and attractive condition. Where they can be used, small tables and chairs are preferable to the very large tables and forms still in use in some Homes. Crude and damaged crockery and enamel ware should be eliminated, and knives, forks, spoons, etc., provided to enable the inmates to eat in decent comfort.

(c) Clothing of Inmates:

An important consideration in the provision of clothes should be the avoidance of uniformity either in colour or pattern. Any attire which is readily recognisable as that provided for residents in a Home must cause the wearers to be regarded as a class apart and must perpetuate a suggestion of pauperism, the consciousness of which inevitably lowers their self-respect.

One of the main reasons for the uniform appearance of inmates of County Homes is the failure of the responsible officers to take advantage of the variety of colours and patterns of made-up clothing, and clothing materials available from the Official Contractors at no extra cost. The attention of the officers concerned should be directed especially to this matter and they should be urged to take full advantage of the varieties available, bearing in mind that durability of the garments and fabrics should not be the sole criterion when ordering supplies. The Medical Inspectors and the Inspectors under the Combined Purchasing Act have been directed to pay particular attention to this matter in future.

(d) Improvement of Grounds, etc.:

Almost all County Homes are well sited and have sufficiently large grounds for their needs. In many Homes, however, there are walls and derelict outhouses which serve no useful purpose, and which, apart from being unsightly, obstruct the outlook. The effect in many instances is to create an atmosphere of oppressive seclusion, and it is suggested that this could be remedied with very little expenditure. It is desirable that all unnecessary walls should be removed, as should all derelict portions of buildings, and that very high boundary walls should be lowered, being replaced, when necessary, by a form of fencing which should not obstruct the view. (This latter course has been adopted with good results in a number of County Homes). In some Homes the open spaces are in a very neglected state, and it should be possible to improve them by loading down grass and planting shrubs and flowers. Footpaths in the grounds and yards could in most Homes also be much improved by re-surfacing. The Minister will be prepared to consider proposals for the employment of a gardener to attend to the grounds.

(e) Decoration of Wards, etc.:

Drab colours should be avoided in the decoration of wards, dining rooms, etc., the appearance of which would be improved by placing flowers on the tables or in other suitable places.

(f) Occupational Therapy:

One of the greatest burdens to be borne by a person who is accommodated in a Home arises from the absence of any interesting occupation. Long periods of complete idleness must result in the development of an apathetic attitude, even in a person who is admitted to the Home without any physical or mental deterioration. The turn must inevitably result in mental and physical deterioration. The Minister is of opinion that much could be done to improve the condition and brighten the lives of inmates in a Home may, by choice, suitable work. Some of the residents in a Home may, by choice, undertake chores in the Homes and grounds, and it is desirable to encourage any such inclination. For the majority, however, it would be necessary to make special provision in the form of a supply of materials and instruction or guidance in suitable work. In a few instances at present, male residents engage in such work as carpentry, painting and (including bed patients) rug-making, while more frequently, female patients engage in knitting and sewing. There can be little doubt that if materials and other facilities were provided and real encouragement given, the active interest of many more inmates

could be aroused. In considering the best lines to be followed in the particular circumstances of each Home, it is suggested that regard might be had to such possibilities as securing an outlet for the sale at local shows, etc., of articles produced by the patients, the assistance that might be obtainable from benevolent societies by way of voluntary visitors who could give instruction in crafts, suitable rewards for work useful to the institution, and, if necessary, the employment of suitable instructors.

The provision of reading matter could also be much improved in most Homes and, as far as possible, an effort might be made to meet the preference of individuals or small groups as well as catering for the majority in this respect. Recreational facilities, outdoor (e.g., bowls) and indoor (e.g., billiards, rings) as well as cinema shows and concerts would do much to relieve the tedium of the lives of the inmates. Radio receivers should be provided and consideration should be given to the installation of a system which would permit of the enjoyment of a radio programme by small groups of persons.

(g) Employment of Inmate Labour:

The Minister strongly deprecates the employment of inmates on ward duties.

The Minister is of opinion that the manner of effecting the improvements referred to above must be determined by the circumstances existing in each Home and must be planned by the officers of the Local Authority and the staff of the Home in each case. The views expressed in this Circular are advanced as a basis from which a scheme of improvement for each Home may be evolved and any matters in which this Department might be in a position to assist should be dealt with in your observations and proposals, which it is requested should be formulated as soon as possible.

Misc. le meas, P. O. CINNEIDE.

TO/
Each County Manager.

The following report of the Chief Officer had been circulated to the members of the Council:—

CIRCULAR No. 49/50 OF 26/10/50 FROM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH: CONDITIONS OF CO. HOMES.

The Rathdrum County Home replacing the Rathdrum Union was established under the County Scheme in 1921.

Regarding the references to insufficient accommodation for unmarried mothers, children and mental defectives, it is right to point out that as far as this Institution is concerned, children are boarded-out in foster homes as soon as they are fit, i.e., at about the age of eight months to one year. Mental defectives are, except in exceptional circumstances, maintained in suitable Extern Institutions proper to their class. Unmarried mothers (first offenders) were for a short time sent to Shan Ross Abbey, but the experiment did not meet with the success hoped for. Many of them had to be admitted again to the County Home. It would appear that, pending the establishment of suitable homes for all unmarried mothers, whether first or subsequent offenders, the present arrangement whereby they are accommodated in the County Home must continue. Apart from unmarried mothers and babies, chronic sick, aged and infirm persons form 95 per cent. of the population of the Institution.

(a) Freedom of Inmates to Leave the Home.

In no case is a pass out refused to such inmates as conduct themselves properly outside; refusals of passes only apply to such cases as persons returning to the Home in an intoxicated condition or who make themselves a nuisance to the public. Fortunately, such cases are very rare. Except in very few cases the unmarried mother class shows no desire to appear in public, but they are occasionally taken out for walks and picnics on fine Sundays, Church holidays, and fine Summer days in the care of a Sister. These girls have their own special parlour with couches, chairs, tables, bookcase, piano, gramophone and wireless, where they are allowed to spend their evenings and Sundays. The spare plot of garden about half-acre adjoining the Sanatorium grounds, might, however, be walled in and grounds converted into a lawn with paths, shrubs, flowers, garden seats and shelters for use by the female inmates, particularly unmarried mothers.

(b) Manner of Serving Food.

Dining Hall on Male and Female side is adequate in size and well lighted; tables in use accommodate six persons and are covered with heavy oilcloth. Forms are used instead of chairs. To replace these forms about sixty chairs would require to be purchased. Enamel plates and mugs are used in order that breakages may be reduced to minimum. All such enamel ware is in good condition; chipped mugs and plates are replaced by new ones, and to replace these it would require the purchase of about 250 delph dinner plates and bread plates. It might be considered advisable that mugs be replaced by large cups and saucers. If so, a similar number of these articles might be purchased. There is an adequate supply of knives, forks, and spoons, all of which are in good condition.

(c) Clothing of Inmates.

Two colours in men's suits are in use, both of which are quite decent in appearance. The stock at the moment is very low, only six suits in fact, and the Matron has been instructed when next ordering to procure suits of five or six different patterns and colours. In the case of the female section, clothes are largely made up in the Institution and vary very much as regards material, colour and pattern, and it is not seen that any improvement is required.

(d) Improvement of Grounds.

The County Home Buildings stand on six acres. All the available ground is cultivated. It is fairly well laid out for recreational purposes. The walks are adequate, but the provision of more flowers, ornamental shrubs and garden seats would add to the amenities very much. The entire six acres are enclosed by a wall about ten feet high; the lowering of this would entail very considerable expense. The view, however, from the wards on the first floor to which all inmates have access is probably the best in Ireland. With the exception of the Old Fever Hospital, which is situated at the rear of the building and shut off from view by trees, no old, vacant buildings now remain. The building referred to has been used as a fuel and general store and it is now proposed to use it as a store for building materials.

The facilities for outdoor recreation on the female side are very limited, but if the garden, about half-acre adjoining the Sanatorium grounds, was fenced in and laid out with paths, flowers, shrubs and shelter, it would be a decided improvement.

(e) Decoration of Wards.

During the past few years several of the Wards have been re-plastered, painted and distempered in bright colours and ceilings have been plastered. The present appearance of these wards compare favourably with many Institutions and Hospitals in Dublin. Work of replastering, distempering, painting and ceiling repairs of the remaining wards is about to commence. Practically all the old diamond pane windows have been replaced by modern windows. Sanitation has been greatly improved by the provision of Sanitary Annexes to all wards, which are also equipped with baths; additional outside W.C.s

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and Urinals have also been provided; and a long hall has been fitted with wash-hand basins, hot and cold water.

Flowers in season are always placed in the Infirmary Wards. The placing of flowers in non-sick portion of the Institution and in Dining Halls is not likely to be appreciated. However, more flowers, plants and bulbs could be sown in coming season for this purpose.

(f) **Occupational Therapy.**

The majority of the healthy inmates are of the farm labouring class. There is plenty of scope for employment of this nature in the garden and sanatorium grounds, but it must be said that there is not much inclination on part of such inmates to work in garden or field. In any event, owing to old age, it might be said that 90% are incapable of being interested in such employment as gardening, carpentry, painting or rug making. The experiment could, however, be tried in a very small way at first.

The females are, of course, fully engaged in dressmaking, mending and knitting. After the needs of the institution are met, in this respect, there is little, if any, time available for craft work. It would, however, be desirable to revive the Domestic Science Classes so that the girls taking part would be better fitted for domestic situations when they leave the Institution.

With reference to Reading matter, there is an adequate supply of books in the Institution for every class of inmate; such books can always be procured on application to the Matron. The Library Service is fully availed of. With reference to recreational facilities, it is certain, owing to age and mentality of inmates in the Rathdrum Institution, that the overwhelming majority of inmates could not be interested in such pastimes as outdoor (bowls), and indoor (billiards). The chief pastime in which all male inmates seem to be interested is Card Playing and study of horse racing, and their needs in this respect are fully catered for. Radios are provided in Infirmary and Female section, but it might be desirable to provide Radio in the General Male Section; one set would suffice. A Cinema Entertainment or Concert, say, once monthly, might be desirable.

The County and other Libraries might be appealed to for Books out of circulation which could be rebound or recovered in the Institution.

(g) **Employment of Inmate Labour.**

The replacement of Inmate Labour on ward duties would add very considerably to the cost of running the Institution, and would necessitate the employment of at least six male and six female ward attendants. If such were appointed, the housing of these employees would create serious difficulty.

The employment of Inmate Labour on Ward duties or other duties is arranged strictly in accordance with Article 38 of the Public Assistance (General Regulations) Order, 1942.

(h) **Estimates of Cost.**

The estimated cost of the foregoing recommendations would be £534 as shown in attached statement.

(i) **Cost of Repairs, Etc., in Recent Years.**

For a number of years past the Council has pursued a progressive policy of effecting repairs and improvements in this institution with a view to providing more amenities and raising the standard of accommodation and treatment. Apart from repairs, many new fittings were installed.

In the period 1st April, 1941, to 31st March, 1947, the total outlay on repairs and improvements was £3,261 15s. 11d. In the past three years to 31st March, 1950, the expenditure on repairs and painting, etc., was £567 16s. 8d., £1,173 0s. 9d., and £1,865 16s. 10d. In the present year the Council already has approved of an expenditure of £1,058.

(Signed): THOMAS BYRNE,
Chief Officer, Assistance Section,
7th day of November, 1950.

SUMMARY OF SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS.
EXPENDITURE.

	£	s	d
1. Replacement of Forms in men's Dining Hall, with 60 Kitchen Chairs @ 12/6 each	37	10	0
2. Provision of Six Garden Seats @ 50/- each (made locally)	15	0	0
3. Improvements to existing Paths	10	0	0
4. Walling in of Plot for Women's Recreation; dashed on Inside	280	0	0
5. Paths, Shelter Flowers and Shrubs	25	0	0
6. Decoration of Wards: Purchase of Flower Plants, Seeds and Bulbs	10	0	0
7. Occupational Therapy: Utensils, etc., for Domestic Science Class, i.e., cookery and needlework	15	0	0
8. Provision of One Radio Receiver for Men's Recreation Hall, with Extension Speaker to Men's Dining Hall	15	0	0
9. Cinema Performance (16 MM. Machine) (Hunts) one day each month (per year)	72	0	0
10. Two Ring Boards with Rings	1	0	0
10. Delph Ware: 250 Cups and Saucers (delph), £20 13s. 0d.; 250 Dinner Plates (do.), £22 5s. 0d.; 250 Bread Plates (do.), £10 6s. 6d.	53	4	6
Total Expenditure	£553	14	6

(Signed): THOMAS BYRNE,
Chief Officer, Assistance Section,
7th day of November, 1950.

The Council approved of the report of the Chief Officer, and noted that many of the matters referred to in the Circular from the Department had already received the attention of the Council's officers. With reference to repairs to St. Colman's Hospital, the Co. Manager stated that the present range in the kitchen was obsolete and that it would be necessary to instal a new range. He was obtaining expert advice as to the most suitable type of range, and would submit particulars to the Council at a later date. It was estimated that the proposed new cooking arrangements would cost about £400. The Council decided that the Visiting Committee should inspect the Institutions at Rathdrum and submit a report to the Council.

Item No. 23—Entrance to New County Hospital at Rathnew.

The County Secretary stated that a further meeting of the Local Committee appointed by the Council, had been held, and the Committee had considered the following report of the Architect:—

County Manager, 2nd November, 1950.
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

Re: Wicklow Co. Hospital.

In accordance with your instructions, I have investigated the possibility of providing an entrance to the County Hospital Site on the Wicklow side of the stream which, I understand, defines the boundary between the parishes of Wicklow and Ashford.

On referring to the enclosed Site Plan, Marked A, it will be noted that the nearest possible entry to the site from the Main Dublin-Wicklow Road is within the area coloured pink. The distance from the edge of the road to the point marked X is approximately 130 yds. From the same point to the nearest boundary of the Rathnew-Rathdrum Road is, approximately, 246 yards.

Having inspected the site and surrounding lands, I formed the opinion that the construction of the roadway from any point of the Rathnew-Rathdrum road would be very costly. The land shelves excessively from the side of this road, averaging a difference in level amounting to 20' 0" to 25' 0" in places where it would be more suitable to provide an entry.

The difference in level would necessitate the provision of a reinforced concrete causeway to bridge the stream and the lower portions of the intervening land.

Assuming it would be feasible to provide an entry on the Rathnew-Rathdrum road, the only possible location would be within the area coloured pink on the Plan B. At a later date the roadway could be continued to the Main Road, as originally planned. The approximate length of this roadway would be about 430 yards to the point marked X on Plan B.

At this stage, and indeed in the future, it is questionable whether it would be feasible or justifiable to construct this portion of the road when a convenient entry approximately 130 yards in length can be provided at a comparatively low cost. In my opinion, the Department would not sanction such a proposal. The question of providing an entrance to the site of the County Clinic will arise in the near future. This building will be sanctioned and completed far in advance of any of the proposed hospital buildings.

The only entry which could be provided conveniently, quickly and at comparatively low cost would be that coloured pink on Plan A.

I should be obliged if you would inform me of the Council's decision at an early date, as the Architect dealing with the County Clinic is pressing me for information with regard to the siting of the County Clinic.

Yours faithfully,

VINCENT KELLY.

The Committee had suggested that the County Engineer should again investigate the question of the access to the site.

Subsequent to the meeting of the Committee, the County Engineer had again inspected the site, and suggested an entrance from the Rathnew-Rathdrum road, which was estimated to cost £3,550. The County Engineer considered that this would be the least costly method of obtaining access to the site from the Rathnew-Rathdrum Road.

Members of the Council suggested that the views of the Department of Health be obtained as to the proposed entrances to the site. The Council decided to adjourn the matter to the next meeting in order that members of the Council might have an opportunity of inspecting the site, and the alternative entrances proposed.

Item No. 24—Kiltegan Dispensary Residence.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

COPY/ Court House,
County Secretary, Wicklow,
7th November, 1950.

Re: Kiltegan Dispensary Residence.

Dear Sir,

The Dispensary Residence at Kiltegan has been examined by the Chief Assistant County Engineer, and I am satisfied that the work as set out by Mr. Foley is necessary and that the interior walls were subjected to damp from the outside which destroyed the paper.

This defect, which was caused by a faulty string course and plaster, should not be overcome, as Mr. Foley has repaired the string-course and given the outside walls three coats of Snowcem.

In addition, I consider that the concrete in the small yard should be repaired at an addition cost of £3 to Mr. Foley's estimate.

I therefore recommend the expenditure of £160 on these premises as per details submitted by Mr. Foley.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we approve of the carrying out of repairs to Kiltegan Dispensary Residence at estimated cost of £160, as recommended by the County Engineer in his report dated 7th November, 1950. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 25—Public Lighting: Enniskerry.

COPY/ Electricity Supply Board,
MR/169E, 43, Merrion Square,
A. O'Connor, Esq., Dublin,
Staff Officer, Rathdrum, 18th October, 1950.

Rural Public Lighting—Monastery, Enniskerry.

Dear Sir,

Regarding the additional public lamp required at Darlington's Entrance, the following quotation is submitted for the consideration of your Council:—

The Board will supply and erect at the required position 1/200 watt lantern and bracket at a charge to your Council of £30, payable on completion of the work.

The Board will replace this lamp twice yearly and clean the equipment once yearly at an annual charge to your Council of 14/6. This charge will be payable in six equal instalments of 2/5d. each, which will be added to the Board's bi-monthly accounts for electricity.

On receipt of your Council's acceptance of the terms submitted herein, arrangements will be made accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: H. ALGAR,
Public Lighting Section, Sales Dept.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the tender of the Electricity Supply Board in the sum of £30 for the provision of a public lamp at Darlington's Entrance, Monastery, Enniskerry. Passed unanimously.

Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that a public light was required at the entrance to the Protestant Church at Enniskerry.
The Council directed that the County Engineer submit a report on the matter.

Item No. 26—Public Lighting: Accommodation Road to Council Cottages at Killincarrig.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
COPY/ Court House, Wicklow.
Co. Secretary. 9th November, 1950.

Re: Public Lighting—Killincarrig to Cherry Orchard Cottages.

Dear Sir,
With reference to the above, there are no lights on the accommodation roads serving Killincarrig and Cherry Orchard cottages. There is one light near the entrance road to O'Connor's Public House and one light on the main road to Greystones near the bus stop.

I recommend the provision of three lights on the accommodation roads.

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

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;
Resolved—That we approve of the provision of three public lamps on the accommodation road at Killincarrig, as recommended by the County Engineer in his letter of 9th November, 1950.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 27—Access Roads to Cottages at Killincarrig and Kilcoole.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
COPY/ Court House, Wicklow.
Co. Secretary. 9th November, 1950.

Re: Access Roads to Cottages—Sea Road, Kilcoole.

Dear Sir,
With reference to Item No. 27 on the Agenda for Co. Council meeting to be held on the 13th instant, I wish to report on Access Roads to cottages in the North-Eastern District:—

Sea Road, Kilcoole: This road serves a total of 16 cottages and its surface is in poor condition. I recommend the rolling and tarring of this road at the estimated cost of £220.

Kelly's Field: The access road to Kelly's Field serves 18 cottages, and the surface is in an extremely rough condition. I consider this the worst access road in the Northern Area. I recommend the rolling and tarring of same at estimated cost of £288.

Killincarrig: Portion of the access road serving those cottages has already been rolled and tarred. The remainder is in a very bad condition, and I recommend the rolling and tarring of same at an estimated cost of £600.

Kilmacullagh: There is a short length of accommodation road in front of the cottages at Kilmacullagh which is in a bad condition, and I recommend surfacing same with pre-mixed macadam at an estimated cost of £30.

The total estimated cost of Access Roads—£1,138.

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

In reply to Councillor W. Lawless, the County Manager stated that no further funds were available in the present year for carrying out repairs to access roads. The road leading to the site at Ballywaltrim had been repaired during the current year. Councillor W. Lawless stated he would hand in Notice of Motion in regard to the matter. Councillor W. Lawless referred to a dangerous dyke at the entrance to the cottages at Castleview, Killincarrig, and asked that arrangements be made to have this filled in.

Item No. 28—Housing Committee Report.

The following report of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on the 6th November, 1950, had been circulated to the members:

A meeting of the Housing Committee of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 6th November, 1950, at 2 p.m.

The following members were present:—
Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman;
Councillors Senator J. McCrea, W. Hammond, P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, J. J. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, W. Lawless, N. P. Murdoch, M. Brennan, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs; C. M. Byrne, J. Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett.

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant Engineers J. P. Caffrey, C. J. Byrne, and M. Healy were present. Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, attended.

Progress Report.

The Committee noted the attached report of the County Engineer on the progress of the Housing Scheme during the month of Oct., 1950.

Employment in Tinahely Area.—Councillor J. O'Neill urged that men unemployed in the Tinahely district, should be employed by the Council on the erection of houses in the district.

The following report of the Assistant Engineer was submitted and noted by the Committee:—

A Chara,
2nd November, 1950.
With reference to your letter of 30th ult., regarding employment of non local men in Tinahely on cottage construction, I wish to report as follows:—

On the commencement of the direct labour housing very poor returns were received from the labour employed. In order to reduce the cost of houses I therefore re-organised the personnel employed. Each man was assigned to a particular sphere in housing operations and informed that if he worked satisfactorily he would be retained until the completion of housing in the area.

As a result of the specialisation of work and the guarantee of constant employment, this gang steadily increased their output and very substantially reduced the cost of building. To change the policy of having a permanent gang of housing would have a disastrous effect on the cost of the cottages. Firstly because it is not possible to replace these men with equally efficient men in Tinahely, and secondly because it would lower the morale of our present gang on whom we must rely to build the great majority of the cottages in this district.

The small extra expense involved in transporting these men is negligible in comparison with the saving involved.

Mise, le meas.
C. J. BYRNE, County Engineer.

Meetings of Local Committees.—The Committee agreed that meetings of the Local Housing Committees should be held at an early date.

Purchase of Building Materials.
The circular dated 28th October, 1950, from the Department of Local Government in connection with the purchase of supplies was submitted. The Committee noted the report of the County Manager on the action taken in regard to the circular.

Order for Materials.

The County Secretary stated that an inquiry had been received from Messrs. D. H. Haskins and Sons, Ltd., as to whether they were receiving a fair proportion of the orders for building materials, etc.

The Committee noted the following report submitted by the Co. Engineer, Councillor J. Everett, T.D., dissenting:—

6th November, 1950.

re: Orders for Materials.

With reference to Messrs. D. H. Haskins and Sons' letter in above connection, I have investigated their complaint and find that they were asked to quote for the supply and delivery of materials on several occasions. In May, 1948, this firm was asked to quote for materials for cottage scheme at Ballywaltrim, but did not quote; on 1st August, 1950, they were asked to quote for the supply and delivery of materials to Wicklow Urban Housing Scheme, but did not reply.

In the case of rural housing, it has been found that the tenders submitted by certain Dublin Firms are in most cases lower than those received from local traders, except for a few items, and consequently tenders were not generally sought locally.

Regarding orders for cement, these are usually placed locally, but it has been our experience that Messrs. D. H. Haskins and Son were unable to keep up the necessary supplies as required to rural housing schemes, and this, of course, interfered with building operations and organisation.

Messrs. D. H. Haskins and Son have recently been requested to submit quotations for the supply and delivery of materials for rural and urban housing schemes.

Incidentally, I might add that in the past 12 months, payments amounting to £431 8s. 8d. were made by Wicklow County Council to Messrs. D. H. Haskins and Son in respect of materials supplied.

Signed—R. L. FARRELL,
Chief Assistant Engineer.

Regulations Regarding Reconstruction Grants.

The County Secretary read circular letter H.63/50 dated 14th October, 1950, received from the Department of Local Government, enclosing copy of the Housing (Reconstruction Grants) Regulations, 1950. The Committee noted the terms of the letter.

Grants in respect of the Purchase of Houses.

Circular H. 67/50 dated 28th October, 1950, from the Department of Local Government, enclosing copy of the Housing (New Houses) Regulations, 1950, governing the making of grants under Section 6 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, was submitted to the Committee and noted.

Site for House at Baltinglass.

The Committee considered an application received from Mr. Thos. Murphy, Baltinglass, and Mr. Thos. O'Connor, Blessington, for the acquisition by the Council of a site at Baltinglass on their behalf, for the erection of houses thereon. At the suggestion of the Members of the Committee for the Western Area, it was decided to adjourn the matter to the next meeting, as it was understood that it might be possible for the applicants to acquire the site directly by agreement.

Transfer of Sites.
The Committee approved of the recommendation of the Clerk of Works for the transfer of sites Nos. 344 and 345 on the lands of Mr. Michael O'Brien, Seabank, Arklow, to alternative sites on the south corner of the same field, subject to the applicants for the cottages having no objection to the transfer.

Passway to Cottages and Workshop at Rathnew.

In letter dated 30th September, 1950, Mr. J. Marah, Rathnew, stated that the Council had erected two additional cottages at the Old Village at Rathnew, and had left no passway for him to bring a car to his workshop, which was situated about 200 yards from his residence. Mr. Marah stated that the old passway was closed when the Council were erecting other cottages. He also stated that the Council wished to have the workshop demolished in order to erect additional cottages, and that he was agreeable if the Council submitted a map showing building for him. The County Engineer submitted a map showing the sites of the new houses and of Mr. Marah's workshop, and indicating the alternative right of way to Mr. Marah's house and also the old right of way. In the report submitted by the Clerk of Works he stated that he had consulted the Law Agent and that the Law Agent was of the opinion that since there was an alternative right of way, Mr. Marah had no grievance.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had had under consideration the acquiring of Mr. Marah's workshop for demolition for a site for a cottage, and had offered Mr. Marah the sum of £20 compensation. The Council was not prepared to erect a workshop for Mr. Marah. As Mr. Marah had not been agreeable to accept the offer made by the Council, the matter had not been proceeded with.

The Committee decided that the matter be adjourned for a further discussion between the Council's Engineer, the Law Agent and the local Councillors.

Site at Chapel Hill, Baltinglass.

The County Secretary stated that a valuation had been obtained of the site at Chapel Hill, Baltinglass, owned by Mr. Leonard and let to Mr. Rogers. The site adjoined the site on which the Council were erecting houses at Baltinglass. The valuation received from Mr. H. C. Doyle, Baltinglass, was as follows:—

Mr. Leonard's interest, £7 10s.; Mr. J. Rogers' interest, £17 10s.; Total, £25.

In further letter dated 28th October, 1950, Mr. Doyle stated that Mr. Leonard was the owner of the plot and had let it to Mr. Rogers who had a cowhouse and piggery on the plot. The cowhouse was in poor condition, but the piggery was new, and hence the difference in the valuation. The area of the plot was 2.6 perches, and the County Manager pointed out that on an acreage basis the valuation submitted was equivalent to a valuation of £1,539 per acre.

The Committee adjourned the matter and asked that the Assistant Engineer for the district interview Mr. Rogers again in regard to the acquisition of the plot. Members of the Council for the district suggested that it might be possible to offer Mr. Rogers an alternative site in lieu of that required by the Council.

Kilquade Sand Company.

The County Secretary stated that following the previous meeting of the Council he had an interview with Dr. Patrick McCartan, Director of Kilquade Sand Company, and had received letter from him dated 23rd October, 1950, in which he stated that: (1) the Company had not yet received the plans for the garages, and no work had been carried out in connection with them; (2) the roof of the tile factory was being completed, and the Company would comply with the Council's request that it be coloured green; (3) the exit from the plant had to be adhered to as the Company had no power to cut hedges on one side since it was not on their property; the Company intended to make a new exit which would be constructed in accordance with the instructions of the Co. Engineer, and in addition there would be wire paling on both sides so that lorry drivers could see the road and be seen by those using vehicles on the road; (4) the water supply for the washing plant was

from the river, and also that for the tile factory; the water was led to the river through filter beds. Dr. McCartan stated that other questions raised were technical matters which would be referred to the Company's Engineer. The Council's Engineer had reported that no work had yet been commenced on the garages, and that the roof of the tile factory was completed. He stated that no alteration had yet been carried out to the entrance to the pit. The Assistant Engineer stated that the water supply for the washing plant was being taken from the stream which supplied Killool Water Supply, and that the water returning from the washing plant was properly filtered through a gravel bed and that no contamination took place.

Following a discussion, it was decided to adjourn the matter for the purpose of allowing members of the Council to inspect the buildings. Development of Mr. Giltsoff's Lands at Kilquade.

The County Sec. stated that at the previous meeting of the Committee held on 9th October, 1950, a letter dated 4th October, 1950, from Mr. Giltsoff had been submitted, in which he had forwarded the scale plan of his development at Kilquade, but had not marked in the position of the houses. Mr. Giltsoff stated that his Engineer had been instructed to do this, and also stated that he would write within a few days, regarding the water main installation. The Committee adjourned the matter pending a reply from Mr. Giltsoff. The County Sec. stated that no further letter had been received from Mr. Giltsoff, and the development plan had not yet been completed and submitted.

The Committee adjourned the matter pending a reply from Mr. Giltsoff.

Sewer on La Touche Estate, Greystones.

The County Sec. stated that the Council's Engineer had reported that a sewer at New Road, Greystones, on the La Touche Estate, which had a total length of 440 feet, had a fall of only 2.8 inches. In the opinion of the Council's Engineer a total length 860 ft. of sewer would require to be relaid, in order that a suitable gradient could be obtained to render the sewer self-cleansing. The Architects and Engineers for the La Touche Estate had been informed of the need for re-laying the sewer and in letter dated 28th October, 1950, they had indicated that the La Touche Estate had decided to relay the length of sewer as required by the Council, and had placed a contract for the work. The La Touche Estate desired that ultimately the County Council should take over the Road for maintenance, and hoped that this could be arranged when the re-laying of the sewer was completed.

In report of Assistant Engineer dated 6th November, 1950, the Assistant Engineer pointed out that the roads and footpaths of the Estate were in a very bad state of repair, and that considerable repairs would be required before the Council could consider taking them over.

The Committee noted the report and directed that the La Touche Estate be informed of the need for repairing the roads and footpaths. Application for Approval to use the Site at Blacklion for Bungalows.

The County Sec. stated that an application had been received from Mervyn Jones, Architect, for approval to the use of a site on the corner of the Rathdown Road at Blacklion, for the erection of bungalows. The Assistant Engineer had discussed the matter with the Architect, and had informed him that the Council would not agree to buildings being erected near the corner of Blacklion Village, and that the Council would not be prepared to allow more than one entrance to the site from the Rathdown Road. The Architect had been requested to submit a plan showing his proposals, having regard to the points mentioned by the Council's Engineer.

The Committee approved of the recommendation of the Engineer. Erection of Nissen Hut at Glen of the Downs by Mr. Somerville.

The County Sec. stated that Assistant Engineer M. Healy had reported that Mr. Somerville, Glen of the Downs, Delgany, was erecting a nissen hut which he proposed to use as a garage. The hut was 37ft. x 17ft. with a concrete slab base, and was situated 16ft. from the centre of the road. The Assis. Engineer stated that Mr. Somerville had been informed when he commenced the erection of the hut, that it would be necessary to submit plans, but that he had not done so. The County Sec. stated that he had received that morning a letter from Mr. W. R. Lendrum, Builder, Greystones, stating that Mr. Somerville had asked him to submit plans for the erection of the nissen hut, and that his Architect had been asked to prepare the plans, but that they were not yet available.

The Committee recommended that permission for the hut be refused.

Applications for Loans under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts. The Committee recommended the issue of Loan of £950 to Mr. Michael O'Sullivan, Bray, in respect of the erection of house at Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue.

The Committee refused the application of Mrs. Brigid Patterson for Loan of £1,100 in respect of the erection of house at Church Road, Greystones.

Report on applications for tenancy of cottages to be built at Kindlestown.

The Chief Officer stated that 66 applications had been received up to Saturday, 4th November, 1950, for the tenancy of cottages proposed to be built at Kindlestown. The Committee noted the number of applications received.

Rent of Cottage occupied by Mr. James Fennell, Knockatillane.

The Committee referred to the local Housing Committee, and the County Manager the question of the adjustment of the rent fixed in respect of the cottage occupied by Mr. James Fennell at Knockatillane.

Rent of Cottage occupied by ex-Garda McCarthy at Newtownmckenny. The Committee referred to the County Manager and the local Housing Committee, the revision of the rent of the cottage occupied by ex-Garda McCarthy at Newtownmckenny.

Cottage repaired during Month of October, 1950.

The Committee noted the report on cottages repaired during the month of October, 1950. Report of Rent Collector on Cottages in Newtownmckenny occupied by James Duffy and P. Burke.

The County Sec. stated that the Rent Collector had reported that James Duffy, Church Road, Newtown, kept his cottage in good order and was practically clear in his rent. The Rent Collector reported that Patrick Burke, Killadreenan, kept his cottage in exceptionally good order, he had owed some arrears when the Collector started collecting, but was now practically clear. The Collector stated that he considered both tenants satisfactory.

The Committee agreed that ranges might be provided in the cottages occupied by these two tenants, provided that they paid for the ranges at the rate of 2s. 6d. per week.

Report of Assistant Engineer re cottage occupied by Annie O'Neill, Coofancy, Tinahely.

The County Sec. stated that the Assis. Engineer had reported that the cottage occupied by Annie O'Neill at Coofancy had been built by contract. The walls had cracked badly and this may have been due to a poor foundation, or bad concrete. The ceilings had also developed a number of cracks, but it would be impossible to say why without taking them down.

The Committee approved of repairs being carried out to the cottage recommended by the Engineer.

With regard to the cottage occupied by M. Neill at Coolruss, the Assistant Engineer reported that the glass had been fitted too tightly in the steel frames, and that the glass would then crack from vibration unless closed very gently. This cottage was also erected by contractor.

Cottage Repairs.

The Committee authorised repairs to cottages as set out on attached list, subject to the following alterations:—

Rental No.	Tenant and Townland.
272/9	T. Mulhall, Tomacork—Supply of 20 lin. yards of wire netting not approved.
158	Patrick Byrne, Glenphilipeen—Not approved.
559	P. Ryan, Glenphilipeen—Not approved.
3/11	Mrs. Devlin, Ballybeg—Not approved.
154/11	J. Duffy, Ballybeg—Not approved.
21/11	James Carney, Ballybeg—Not approved.
184/6	Wm. Kavanagh, Merrymeeing—Not approved.
22/11	John Jacob, Ballybeg—Night latch not approved.

The Committee approved of the provision of a water supply to the cottage occupied by W. McCabe, Kicronee, by the County Council, subject to the refund of the cost by the tenant.

The Committee approved of the building of an annexe scullery at the back of the house for the cottage of George Dwyer, Tomacork, subject to the repayment of the cost by the tenant.

Erection of cottages in Kilbride District under 1946 Scheme.

The Assistant Engineer having informed Councillor Miss E. Bobbett that it would not be possible to erect cottages in this area for a further year. The Committee recommended that tenders be invited for the erection of cottages by contract in this district.

Licence for Temporary Dwellings.

The County Sec. referred to the previous decision of the Council refusing the application for a licence for the use of land at Greystones, owned by Mr. Bradshaw, for temporary dwellings, and stated that the Solicitor acting for Mr. Bradshaw had informed the Council that it was intended to appeal to the Minister against the refusal of permission.

The Committee noted the matter.

Nissen Hut erected by Mr. Somerville.

Councillor C. W. Hudson made representations in regard to the Nissen Hut erected at the Glen of the Downs by Mr. Somerville. The Chairman pointed out that the Council had already taken a decision in the matter. Councillor C. W. Hudson indicated that he would hand in Notice of Motion on the matter.

Tile Factory at Kilquade.

Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that he had inspected the Tile Factory at Kilquade, and considered that the buildings could not be improved by the provision of a parapet. He suggested that formal permission for the work be granted. The Council agreed that in the circumstances permission for the work should be given.

Development of Mr. Giltsoff's land at Kilquade.

Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that he considered there was a serious fire risk in respect of the buildings erected by Mr. Giltsoff at Kilquade in the absence of a proper water supply to the district. Mr. Giltsoff had not indicated that he was prepared to make any contribution towards the cost of a new water main, and since he was continuing to build houses without the formal approval of the Council, Councillor H. J. Byrne proposed that action be taken by the Council to prohibit any further building in the area. Councillor H. J. Byrne pointed out that the access roads to the site were not of a suitable type.

The Council agreed that a Prohibition Order should be made in respect of the houses being erected by Mr. Giltsoff at Kilquade, and that legal proceedings be instituted against Mr. Giltsoff.

Erection of Cottages at Avoca.

Councillor P. McCarthy inquired as to the reason for the delay in the erection of cottage at Avoca in respect of which the tender of Mr. Lennon had been accepted. The County Manager stated he would investigate the matter.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Reilly.

Resolved—That we approve of the report of the Housing Committee in regard to the meeting held on 6th November, 1950.

Passed, several items having been referred to and dealt with.

Item No. 30—Roundwood Water Supply.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
Copy. Courthouse, Wicklow.
County Secretary. 9th November, 1950.

re: Roundwood Water Supply.

Dear Sir,

This supply has been inspected and it was found necessary to change the sand in the filters and to clean the intake and service tank. It will be necessary to construct a fence of barbed wire and link-mesh wire to prevent trespass by cattle. The estimated cost of this is £27.

Yours faithfully,

Signed—J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne.

Resolved—That we approve of the construction of a fence at Roundwood Water Supply, at estimated cost of £27 as recommended by the County Engineer in report dated 9th November, 1950.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 31—Proposed Sewerage Scheme for Churchlands, Tinahely.

The following estimate was submitted by the Assistant Engineer:—

Copy. Courthouse, Tinahely.

J. T. O'Byrne, Esq., B.E., 2nd November, 1950.

County Engineer, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

The following is the estimate for construction of a public sewer to drain the 9 cottages at Churchlands as requested:—
680 c. yards excavation (@ 10s.)—£320.
150 c. yards (Provisional) extra for rock (@ 20s.)—£150.
50 c. yards bed and benching (@ £3)—£150.
Laying and jointing 634 l. yards 6" pipe (@ 8/-)—£273.
12 No. Manholes with covers (@ £18)—£210.
Total—£1,203.

This does not provide for any percolating filter which is not very good practice, but a percolating filter would increase the cost by another £200. The cost of providing annexes in the cottages, where required or partitioning off existing annexes, fitting W.C.'s and connecting with water and sewer would be as follows:—

Building 3 new annexes and opening entrance from kitchens (7ft. 6ins. x 3ins. inside) (@ £33)—£99.
Partitioning off 6 existing annexes (@ £6)—£36.
Fitting 9 W.C. pans, cisterns and seats (@ £10)—£90.
Connecting 8 W.C.'s with water (@ £2)—£16.
Connecting 1 W.C. with water from the mains (@ £8)—£8.
Total—£334.

Yours faithfully,

C. J. BYRNE.

The Council agreed that it would be desirable to make provision in the Scheme for a percolating filter. The total cost of the Scheme would, therefore, be £1,793.

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill;
Seconded by Councillor Senator J. McCrea.
Resolved—That we include in list of Water Supplies and Sewerage Schemes to be provided by the Council, the Sewerage Scheme for cottages at Churchlands.

Passed unanimously.
In reply to members of the Council, the County Manager stated that an application would be made for a Government Grant towards the cost of the Scheme. He was unable to state whether such a Grant would be available.

Item No. 32—Water Supply to Cottages at Ashtown, Roundwood.

The County Secretary stated that at the meeting of the Council held in August, the Council had considered a proposal to provide a water supply for 15 cottages at Ashtown, Roundwood. The Council had agreed on the County Engineer's recommendation that the proposal be left in abeyance until a further 10 cottages to be erected at Roundwood were built. The 25 cottages would then be dealt with together. A further letter had been received from the Irish Countrywomen's Association, Roundwood Guild, suggesting that a temporary supply could be provided quickly and cheaply and asking that this be done. The County Engineer, in report dated 30th October, 1950, stated that it would be impossible to extend the existing supply as suggested by the Association. The existing fountain is supplied by 3-inch pipe, and consequently any extension would be out of the question. The County Engineer again recommended that the cottages at Ashtown, plus ten cottages at present in course of erection at Roundwood, be dealt with as a unit, and water and sewerage services installed in all the cottages at the same time.

The Council approved of the County Engineer's report, and recommended that all the cottages be dealt with together.

Item No. 31—Sanitary Conveniences at The Meetings, Glendalough and Woodenbridge.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
Copy. Courthouse, Tinahely,
County Secretary. 11th November, 1950.

re: Public Conveniences.

Dear Sir,

I append copy of report received from Assistant Engineer J. P. Caffrey in connection with the above:—

Convenience at Woodenbridge: "I wish to report that the owner of Woodenbridge Hotel, Captain Binstead, will not give the only suitable site for above, as it would interfere with the amenities of the hotel. However, the Public Convenience at the Railway Station is about 100 yards only from the Bus Stop and there is a direction sign there to the Lavatories. The Council may consider this sufficient accommodation."

Convenience at The Meetings: Mr. Doyle, the owner of The Meetings Bar, is willing to give a site near his premises as he has a pump for pumping water to his own premises and would be willing, if suitable arrangements could be made, to pump the water necessary for flushing the new Public Conveniences. The estimated maximum cost for this building would be about £800.

Yours faithfully,

Signed—J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

On the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Wm. Cleary, the Council approved of the provision of a Sanitary Convenience at The Meetings, Avoca, at an estimated cost of £800.

The Council deferred consideration of the provision of a Sanitary Convenience at Glendalough pending the submission of a report from the County Engineer.

Item No. 34—Sewerage Scheme—Coollatin Row, Carnew.

The following reports of the Assistant County Engineer were submitted:—

Copy. Courthouse, Tinahely,
J. T. O'Byrne, Esq., B.E., 11th November, 1950.
County Engineer,
Court House, Wicklow.

re: Coollatin Row, Carnew—Water Extension.

Dear Sir,

With reference to above, I wish to report as follows:—
The existing main is laid on the far side of the road from the houses in question. If the Council wish, the extension can be laid on the near side, and the main would then be 20 feet from the front doors. If a main were laid at the rear of the houses as was suggested it would be 23 feet from the back doors to avoid yards, pigstys, etc. It is apparent, then, that as far as the owners are concerned it makes very little difference where the main is laid, and from the point of view of people who may build houses on the opposite side of the road it would be impossible for them to connect with the main unless it were on the road. Also from the point of view of efficient maintenance, inspection and accessibility the only place for a watermain is on the public road.

Yours faithfully,

C. J. BYRNE,
County Engineer.

Copy. Courthouse, Tinahely,
J. T. O'Byrne, Esq., B.E., 11th November, 1950.
County Engineer,
Court House, Wicklow.

re: Provision of W.C.s and Water at Coollatin Row, Carnew.

Dear Sir,

With reference to proposal to install W.C.s taps and basins in 23 private houses at Coollatin Row the following is my report.
Most of those houses are in a very bad state of repair, in some cases the annexes which would house the W.C.s, etc., are almost roofless and very shaky. In my opinion if the Council were to enter those houses to build W.C. compartments, knock out windows, rip up floors, etc., they would be running the risk of having any subsequent or perhaps existing defects attributed to the Council's work.

Perhaps, the Council would consider the advisability of giving a loan to the owners and letting the owners carry out the work.

I have not yet had an opportunity of fully inspecting all the houses and I am not therefore in a position to give an accurate estimate of the cost.

Yours faithfully,

C. J. BYRNE, Assist. Engineer.

The Council adjourned the matter, and asked that the views of the tenants be obtained in regard to the position of the main, and also as to whether the tenants would instal the service, if provided.

Item No. 35—Infantile Paralysis Fellowship.

The Council adopted the following resolution which had been passed by Dublin County Council at their meeting held on 9th October, 1950:
"That we members of the Dublin County Council, having read the Aims and Objects of the Infantile Paralysis Fellowship of Ireland, deem it to be worthy of support and call on the Government to introduce legislation to assist disabled people in the several directions set out in

the memorandum of this organisation. We are appalled to learn that the White Paper on the Social Welfare Bill specifically excludes remedies for the conditions of the disabled and urge all Deputies to insist on bringing the disabled within the scope of the Bill. We further ask that this resolution be circulated to all public bodies through the Republic and seek their co-operation in voicing their views in favour of this section of our community."

Item No. 36—Protection of Wild Birds.

The following letter received from the Irish Society for the Protection of Birds, was submitted:—

The Manager, 12 Woodside Grove,
Wicklow Co. Council, Rathgar, Dublin.
Wicklow. October, 1950.

Dear Sir,

The Minister for Justice has given your Co. Council an order prohibiting the taking or destroying of the eggs of all wild birds during the whole of every year. He has also given an order protecting a limited number of wild birds, both under the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1930.

The Committee of the above Society, would be very grateful if you would consider, very seriously, this latter order.

All birds add to the attractiveness of the countryside, through their beauty and song, many of them being, as well, of great economic value in all forms of agriculture, because of the insect and animal pests which form their diet. This latter fact is not generally known.

When there is an order in force, protecting a limited number of birds during part or the whole of the year, there is a possibility that the capture and export of our song birds especially, with all the attendant cruelties, may become a commercial proposition to the great loss to our countryside.

We therefore ask your County Council to apply to the Minister for Justice for a new Order, protecting all wild birds during the whole of every year, except the Cormorant, Hoodie Crow, Magpie and Woodpigeon.

I will be willing to give you more information in this matter, and I have pleasure in enclosing our current report.

Yours faithfully,

A. M. WIGHAM,
Hon. Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that representations had been made on this subject by the County Wicklow Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

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

Resolved—That, having considered representations received from the Irish Society for the Protection of Birds, and the County Wicklow Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, we hereby apply to the Minister for Justice for an Order protecting all wild birds in the County Wicklow, except cormorants, hoodie crows, magpies and woodpigeons, during the whole of every year.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 37—Social Security.

The Council directed that the document received from the Catholic Societies Vocational Organisation Conference in regard to the Scheme for Social Security be circulated to the members of the Council, and included on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Item No. 38—County Manager's Orders.

The Council noted the Orders made by the County Manager during the month of October.

Mass Radiography Service.

The following report of the County Manager, in regard to the Mass Radiography Service, as outlined in the Circular of 9th November, 1950, Ref. D/53/50, received from the Department of Health, had been circulated to the members of the Council:—

Courthouse, Wicklow.
14th Nov. 1950.

To: The Chairman and Members
of Wicklow Co. Council.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY SERVICE.

A Chara,

With the permission of the Chairman, it has been arranged, as a matter of urgency, that details of the proposed Mass Radiography Service, which is being prepared by the Minister for Health, and will be put into operation by health authorities, will be submitted for your consideration at the Adjourned Meeting of the County Council to be held on Monday, 20th November, 1950.

For some time past the Department of Health has had under consideration the provision of this type of service, which is considered very essential in order to arrest the incidence of tuberculosis and also to diagnose other chest conditions requiring medical treatment. Originally it was intended that Mass Radiography Service might be arranged by means of Mobile X-Ray Units operating in various regions under the control of health authorities. For example, the Counties of Wicklow, Kildare, Carlow and Wexford would have been grouped as a region in which to operate such a Service. Under such a Scheme each Unit would take miniature and large plate films, and would have facilities for developing such films. It was found, however, that the capital and operating costs of this type of Unit would be high, and consequently the Department decided to examine the Mass Radiography Service carried on by health authorities in countries where the health services have reached a high standard of efficiency.

As a result of the foregoing examination, the Minister now is of the opinion that a more efficient and economical method would be to operate a number of Mobile Units from a single Centre under the direction of a qualified Radiologist. The films would be taken by these Mobile Units and would be despatched to the Centre for processing and interpretation. After such examination at the Centre, the Chief Medical Officers would be notified of cases requiring further examination by full-scale radiology. In this way the number of cases requiring large-scale radiography could be reduced to a minimum, and the capital equipment and operation costs would be reduced.

It is considered by the Minister that the most suitable type of organisation to operate the latter Scheme would be an incorporated company limited by guarantee—the company to be controlled by eight directors, six of whom would be executive officers of local authorities, and two to be officers of the Department of Health. This company would purchase the necessary equipment, arrange for recruitment of personnel from the staffs of health authorities, and generally operate and control the Mass Radiography Service. It is proposed to make available a State Grant of £15,000 towards the cost of the Scheme. Health authorities would subscribe the balance of the capital costs, and the costs of operation and maintenance. Any expenditure incurred by a health authority would rank for recoupment from the Health Services Grant. It is expected that the contribution towards costs which each health authority would have to make would be comparatively small, if all health authorities agree to become shareholders in such company.

In submitting this Scheme for your consideration, the Minister considers that individual health authorities would thereby be relieved

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of the burden of recruiting and controlling special staff, and of maintaining records, whilst a high standard of efficiency in radiographical results would be achieved.

In asking health authorities to agree to the introduction of Mass Radiography Service, the Department of Health point out that a relatively large number of cases admitted to institutions for the treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis have reached a stage where treatment must necessarily be prolonged and costly. It is felt that sickness and mortality due to this disease could be greatly curtailed if the disease could be diagnosed in the early stage. Other chest conditions, e.g., cancer of the lung, abnormal heart conditions, etc., likewise could be diagnosed at an early stage by means of Mass Radiography and suitable treatment could be prescribed and provided. It is considered by the Department that early diagnosis is essential in any further efforts to improve the health of the community and Mass Radiography would be a most important factor towards this end.

Mise, le meas,

M. FLANNERY,
Wicklow County Manager.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge.
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond.

Resolved—That we approve in principle of the provision of a Mass Radiography Service as outlined in Circular from Dept. of Health of 9th November, 1950.

Passed unanimously.

Erection of Shop at Newtownmountkennedy.

The following letter, received from Mr. C. Terry, Ashford, in regard to the reconstruction of a house at Newtownmountkennedy, was submitted:—

COPY/

Ballinalea, Ashford,
Co. Wicklow,
17th November, 1950.

Re: Cullen to Terry, House Reconstruction at Kilmacullagh.

Dear Sir,

I refer to the County Manager's Stop Order dated the 8th inst. in respect of my work on the above property. I have already submitted plans for approval under the Town Planning Acts and I understand that my application to continue with the work will be on the Council's Agenda at the meeting on Monday next, 20th inst.

I would point out that I have entered into a Contract for the reconstruction of these premises for approximately £800, including cost of materials. I had intended putting on an asbestos roof and have, in fact, purchased £80 worth of this material. I understand that asbestos may not be acceptable, and, if not, then I will find myself at a considerable loss, as I will have to dispose of this material as best I can.

There is already £35 worth of timber in the roof, and if slates have to be used, additional timber will have to be put in which will cost me approximately the same amount. In this connection, I would point out that it would require four thousand slates for roofing, but my supplier informs me that I could only get about one thousand of these now, the balance to be delivered next year.

I had hoped to commence business selling furniture and agricultural machinery in these premises before Christmas. This, of course, would be impossible if slates have to be used for roofing, as the premises could only be partially roofed at the moment.

If the Council insist upon slates, then I would suggest that for the moment they agree to asbestos roofing and extend the time for slate roofing for, say, two years, within which time sufficient slates would, no doubt, be available.

The work of reconstruction involves the breaking down to a certain extent of existing walls. The windows will be steel framed, and I may add that all materials used in the reconstruction are of Irish manufacture.

Trusting the matter will have the Council's favourable consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: C. TERRY.

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

The Council adjourned the matter for a report from the Engineer.

Cinema Licences.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly.

Resolved—That we approve of the issue of Cinematograph Licences to the following applicants:—

Mr. Edwd. Bradley, in respect of The Cinema, Baltinglass;
Mr. James Kavanagh, in respect of Ormonde Cinema, Greystones;
Mr. James Kavanagh, in respect of Ormonde Cinema, Rathdrum,
subject to complying with the requirements of the Chief Fire Officer.
Passed unanimously.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th December, 1950, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:—Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman; Councillors Senator J. J. McCreagh, P. McCarthy, M. J. Brennan, T. Brennan, T.D.; James O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, Paul Kehoe, H. J. Byrne, L. O. Laoighleis, P. N. Murdoch, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, Joseph Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and W. Hammond.

Mr. R. L. Farrell, Deputy County Engineer, and Assist. Engineers J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley, C. J. Byrne and M. Healy were present. Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, attended.

BUSINESS:

1. Minutes of Meetings held on 13th and 20th November, 1950.
2. To authorize overdraft on Council's General Account for quarter to 31st March, 1951.
3. University Scholarship Scheme, 1951.
4. Letter dated 28th November, 1950, from Department of Education re Council's proposal to increase value of Scholarships awarded to William E. Purcell and Miss Mary O'Toole.
5. Letter dated 30th November, 1950, from Department of Education regarding Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1951.
6. Membership of Rathdown No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.
7. Extension of Bray Urban Boundary at Boghall.
8. Application from Muintir na Tire, Stratford-on-Slaney, for provision of Parish Hall.
9. Shrine at Grangecon—Estimate of County Engineer and advice of Law Agent.
10. Fire Brigades—Attendance of Bray Fire Brigade at fires in South County Dublin.
11. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett regarding monies borrowed by County Council, and rates of interest on such loans.
12. Report of County Engineer re provision of office for Assistant Engineer at Blessington.
13. Application of County Engineer for approval to purchase of tools for Well-Boring Plant.
14. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. O'Reilly re road from Graigue Cross to Killamoate Church.
15. Memorial from residents of Knockenree and Ballydonnell re road from Knockenree to Kilmacoo.
16. Letter dated 10th November, 1950, from Federation of Rural Workers regarding weekly payments.
17. Report of County Engineer re Derry River Drainage Scheme.
18. To consider tenders received for extension to County Library at Greystones.
19. Report of meeting of Housing Committee held on 4th December, 1950, and matters arising therefrom.
20. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. P. O'Reilly re provision by the Council of grants under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950.
21. To approve of Draft Mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works for loan of £20,000 for purposes of Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

22. New County Hospital at Rathnew—Access to site and letter from Department of Health.
23. St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum—Purchase of Refrigerator.
24. Site for Dispensary at Kilcoole.
25. Repairs to Aughtrim Dispensary Residence.
26. Proposed appointment of additional Health Inspectors.
27. Public Lighting—Newtownmountkennedy.
28. Letter dated 11th November, 1950, from Federation of Rural Workers, Shillelagh, re (1) water supply scheme for Coolboy area, and (2) use of lorry at Coolroe Quarry.
29. Report of County Engineer re provision of Pump at Ballyconnell.
30. Boherboy Water Supply Scheme—Letter from Department of Local Government and Report of County Engineer.
31. Hollywood, Castleruddery and Kylebeg Water Supply Schemes.
32. Report of Assistant County Engineer re Public Convenience at Glendalough.
33. Outline of Scheme for Social Security proposed by the Catholic Societies' Vocational Organisation Conference.
34. Resolution from Limerick County Council re Maintenance Grants, Main Roads.
35. Resolution from Waterford County Council re Employment Allowance of Agricultural Grant.
36. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

The County Secretary stated that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th November, 1950, had not yet been received from the Printers. Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea; Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson; Resolved—That we confirm and sign Minutes of meeting held on 13th November, 1950.

Passed, Councillor W. Hammond dissenting, as he did not consider the Minutes a complete record of the proceedings.

Milk Supply to Wicklow and Greystones District.

Councillor C. W. Hudson referred to the deputation which visited the Department of Industry and Commerce, and stated that the representations made were not accepted in regard to the breakdown in the milk supply to the Urban Districts of Wicklow, and Greystones and Blacklion Districts. He stated that 176 families in the Wicklow Urban District were without milk. The Chairman suggested that a deputation from the County Council be sent again to the Department of Industry and Commerce, and also to the Department of Agriculture.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson; Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That we urge that the Departments of Industry and Commerce and Agriculture take immediate steps to ensure a milk supply to Wicklow Urban District, and Greystones and Blacklion Districts, where grave distress is being caused owing to the breakdown in the milk supply; and that the Ministers for these Departments be asked to receive forthwith a deputation from the Council on the subject.

Passed unanimously.

In view of the urgency of the matter, the Council agreed that the Departments of Industry and Commerce and Agriculture be informed by telegram of the terms of the resolution.

Item No. 2—Overdraft Accommodation.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless; 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 Co. Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum for the quarter ending 31st March, 1951, shall not exceed £80,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—University Scholarship Scheme, 1951.

The County Secretary stated that a meeting of the Scholarship Committee appointed by the Council had been called for Friday, 8th December, 1950, and that the following members had attended: Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman; Councillor C. W. Hudson, Councillor J. O'Reilly, Councillor P. P. O'Reilly. The Committee had examined the draft of the University Scholarship Scheme for the year 1951, and had considered also the correspondence from the Department of Education in regard to the Secondary Scholarship Scheme. The Committee recommended that the University Scholarship Scheme as submitted be approved.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we approve of the University Scholarship Scheme for the year 1951, as submitted to this meeting.

The Scheme as approved read as follows:—

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1951.

Wicklow County Council offer for competition three (3) Scholarships value One Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds (£125) each annually tenable for three years at University College, Dublin (National University of Ireland) only, subject to the following conditions:—

1. One Scholarship will be reserved for allocation to a student pursuing a course for a degree in the Faculty of General Agriculture. Candidates who intend to compete for this Scholarship must indicate their intention on the Application Form (See Clause 11).

The Scholarship in the Faculty of Agriculture will be awarded on a special examination conducted by the College. The maximum age of candidates for this examination is 21 years on the 15th January, 1951.

The Special Examination will be held on the Matriculation Syllabus for Agricultural Science and there will be a written, oral and practical test. A test of the candidate's experience of farm work and knowledge of ordinary farming operations, including the feeding, management and care of livestock, field work, and the use of agricultural machinery will form an important part of the examination. In addition, candidates will be required to pass the Matriculation Examination of the National University in the following subjects: (1) Irish; (2) English; (3) Mathematics; (4) Latin, Greek, or a Modern Continental Language; (5) any other subject of the Matriculation Programme, or the equivalent subjects of the Leaving Certificate Examination.

2. Candidates, who shall not be more than nineteen (19) years of age, nor less than sixteen (16) years of age on the 15th January, 1951 (except as provided in paragraph 1) must be children of parents or guardians, who have resided continuously in the County Wicklow for the three years ending the 1st January, 1951.

3. Competition for these Scholarships shall be confined to children whose parents or guardians

- (a) Occupy agricultural land the annual Poor Law Valuation of which does not exceed:—
 - (i) £200 in the case of families of 3 children or less;
 - (ii) £225 in the case of families of 4 children;
 - (iii) £250 in the case of families of 5 children;
 - (iv) £275 in the case of families of 6 children or more.
- (b) Derive an annual income from all sources not exceeding:—
 - (i) £500 in the case of families of 3 children or less;
 - (ii) £525 in the case of families of 4 children;
 - (iii) £550 in the case of families of 5 children;
 - (iv) £575 in the case of families of 6 children;
 - (v) The annual income limit shall be extended by an amount of £25 in respect of each additional child over 6 children.

Children referred to in this clause must be under 19 years of age.

4. These University Scholarships will be awarded by Wicklow County Council on the recommendation of the Academic Council of University College, Dublin, on the results obtained by candidates for such Scholarships at the Leaving Certificate Examination to be held in 1951, subject to the following conditions (except as provided in paragraph 1):—

- (1) Candidates must obtain Honours at the Leaving Certificate Examination;
- (2) Candidates must obtain the Matriculation Certificate of the National University of Ireland in the Faculty in which it is intended to pursue courses;
- (3) 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 honours subjects will be 150 for honours mathematics; 150 for honours Irish; 100 for each other honours subject. For the fifth subject, if a pass subject, the maximum mark will be 50.
- (4) Subject to the provisions of clause 1, the three Scholarships will be awarded to the candidates obtaining the highest total marks. A minimum of 250 marks is required for the award of a Scholarship. Where no qualified candidate is available for the award of the Scholarship reserved for the Faculty of General Agriculture, the Scholarship will be awarded to the qualifying candidate obtaining next highest marks at the Examination. The Scholarship will be tenable in any faculty at University College, Dublin.

5. The following are the recognised subjects:—

Irish	Portuguese	Chemistry
English	Welsh or any other	Botany
Mathematics	"modern language approved by the Senate.	Music
Latin	History	Agric. Science
Greek	Geography	Commerce and General Science, consisting of Chemistry, Physics and Biology.
French	Applied Mathematics	
German	Physics	
Italian		
Spanish		

*Candidates desiring to present, at the Matriculation Examination, a modern language not mentioned in the Matriculation Syllabus, must make application before November 1st in the year immediately preceding that in which they intend to present themselves for examination.

†No student may present in both Applied Mathematics and Physics. ‡Students selecting General Science may not present themselves for examination in any of the following separate subjects: Chemistry, Physics or Botany.

6. The County Council will pay over 50 per cent. of the Scholarship in Dublin, and the remaining 50 per cent. in the following February, and no payment will be made in respect of the Second Year in the case of a Scholarship Holder who fails to produce a Certificate that he, or she, has passed the first University Examination, and also a Certificate from the College or the duly authorised Officer thereof, of good conduct and satisfactory progress during the previous year, and no payment will be made in respect of the Third Year in the case of a Scholar who fails to produce such a Certificate of satisfactory conduct and progress in respect of the year previous to the application for renewal.

7. The successful candidate must reside in the Collegiate Hostel when possible, or other place of residence approved by the Deans of Residence.

8. Applications for the renewal of the payments in respect of the Second and Third year shall be made by each Scholarship Holder, and no payment will be made in respect of the Second Year in the case of a Scholarship Holder who fails to produce a Certificate that he, or she, has passed the first University Examination, and also a Certificate from the College or the duly authorised Officer thereof, of good conduct and satisfactory progress during the previous year, and no payment will be made in respect of the Third Year in the case of a Scholar who fails to produce such a Certificate of satisfactory conduct and progress in respect of the year previous to the application for renewal.

9. A renewal of the Scholarship for the Second and Third Year will not be granted if the student takes up paid employment or transfers to Evening Classes.

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

11. The application from intending candidates, accompanied by Birth Certificate, will be received up to 19th April, 1951, by the Secretary of the County Council, from whom a Form of Declaration can be obtained which is to be verified by a parent or guardian of the applicant, and a Form of Certificate to be filled up by a Clergyman or Peace Commissioner. Candidates must state the course of studies they intend to pursue and indicate whether they wish to compete for the Scholarship reserved for the Faculty of General Agriculture. These documents, when properly completed, should be submitted to the Co. Secretary, Courthouse, Wicklow, and if the application is approved, the applicant will, in due course, be notified to that effect.

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

13. Students desirous of competing for these University Scholarships, and who are not eligible for admission to the Leaving Certificate Examination by reason of their not pursuing an approved course of study as pupils of a Secondary School, may be admitted to that Examination at the request of the Council for the purpose of that Examination for these Scholarships, but will not be eligible for the award of the Secondary Leaving Certificate. Application for admission to the Examination should be sent to the undersigned accompanied by a Postal Order for 12/6 (or 22/6 if the candidate has already been twice examined at Leaving Certificate Examination), payable to "The

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Secretary, Department of Education." in respect of the examination fee required.

14. Any successful candidate for one of these Scholarships who has been (a) a student in a Preparatory College, or (b) recognised as a Pupil Teacher, or (c) admitted to a Training College in preparation for the position of National School Teacher, is hereby reminded that under the Rules of the Department of Education, and in accordance with the undertaking signed by him and on his behalf by his parent (or guardian) in the event of his acceptance of the Scholarship, any money expended by the State upon him must be refunded to the Department.

Co. Council Offices, K. J. BRANGAN,
Courthouse, Wicklow. County Secretary.

Item No. 4—Proposal to Increase Value of Scholarships.

The following letter from the Department of Education was submitted:—

Oil (2)77360. An Roinn Oideachais,
The Secretary, Baile Atha Cliath.
Wicklow Co. Council, 28 Samhain, 1950.
Court House, Wicklow.

A Chara,

With reference to your communication of the 2nd November, 1950, and to previous correspondence regarding the Council's proposal to increase the values of the scholarships awarded to Elizabeth O'Toole and William E Purcell, I am directed to say that the Minister regrets that he cannot alter the decision conveyed in the letter addressed to you on the 29th September, 1950, in so far as the case of Miss O'Toole is concerned, since there is an approved secondary school available to her in Arklow. As regards William E. Purcell, the Minister will be prepared to approve of the amendment of section (c) of Clause 1 of the 1950 Scheme by the addition of the following:—

"Provided, however, that if there is not an available approved secondary school within reasonable distance of the student's home residence, the annual value of the scholarship may with the approval of the Minister for Education be increased to £65 in the first year and £55 in the second and each subsequent year."

Since there is no Secondary School in Arklow available to Wm. E. Purcell, it would then be possible to approve of the Council's recommendation in this case.

Should the Council decide to amend the Scheme as suggested above, the amendment should be submitted for the formal approval of the Minister.

Mise, le meas,
D. O LAOGHAIRE.

Having considered the matter at some length, the Council decided not to make any amendment in the 1950 Scheme.

Item No. 5—Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1951.

The following letter from the Dept. of Education was submitted:—

Oil (2)79522. Dept. of Education,
The Secretary, Primary Branch,
Wicklow Co. Council, Marlboro' St., Dublin.
Courthouse, Wicklow. 30 Samhain, 1950.

Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1951, Co. Wicklow. A Chara,

1. With reference to the copies forwarded by you of the draft Scheme for 1951, I am directed to inform you that the Minister for Education has approved, under the powers conferred on him by Section 2 (3) (b) of the Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) Act, 1944, of the Scheme submitted by you, subject to the following conditions:

(a) Clause 1—The paragraph beginning with the words "Of the Six Scholarships" should be altered to read as follows: "Two of the Six Scholarships to be awarded under Category 1 (a) shall be reserved for pupils of schools in a rural area in which schools there were not more than three teachers serving during the greater part of the calendar year ended 31st December, 1950. If less than two such candidates qualify at the examination, the unawarded scholarship or scholarships shall be awarded to the candidate or candidates highest in order of merit under Category 1 (a)."

Half the number of scholarships allocated to Category 1 (a) and half the number of scholarships allocated to Category 1 (b) shall be reserved for boys, and half the number in each of these categories shall be reserved for girls, provided that in the event of an insufficient number of boys or girls qualifying at the examination in either Category, the unawarded scholarship or scholarships shall be awarded to the next highest qualifying candidate or candidates in that category, irrespective of sex, who has not already received a scholarship."

It will be noted that the above wording does not provide for the award to a boy of one of the two scholarships reserved for pupils of rural schools with not more than three teachers and for the award of the other scholarship to a girl. It appears to be preferable not to make this distinction. If the Council desires to reserve one of the scholarships for boys and one for girls, it will be necessary for the Council to prepare and submit to the Minister a revised draft of Clause 1.

2. I am to refer to the terms of Section 2(4) of the Act and to ask that the Minister be informed in due course whether the Council has determined to carry into execution the Scheme approved. If the Council so determines, please forward for official purposes twelve copies of the Scheme when printed for circulation.

3. I am to advert to this Department's letter of the 28th November, 1950, regarding the value of the scholarship awarded under the 1950 Scheme to the candidate William E. Purcell, and to say that it would be well to revise the last sentence of Clause 1 of the Scheme for 1951 by the addition of the following:—

"Provided, however, that if there is not an available approved secondary school within reasonable distance of the student's home residence, the annual value of the scholarship may with the approval of the Minister for Education be increased to £65 in the first year, and £55 in the second and each subsequent year."

4. With regard to the means limits adopted by the Council for 1951, I am to say that the Minister regrets to note that the alteration in the basis of the means limitation which was suggested in the Department's circular letter of the 25th July, 1950, has not been adopted. The Council will appreciate that the present basis in the case of their Scheme reacts unfavourably on families with two or three children as compared with families with only one child. It would be more equitable to formulate a scheme based on £350 income or £130 valuation for parents with one child, with an increase of £25 and £10, respectively, for each additional child. This would preserve the same treatment as at present for families with three or more children. The Minister would be glad if the Council would consider the matter again in connection with the scheme to be carried into execution for 1951.

5. Application Form: (i) The words "and is in need of assistance to obtain such instruction (c)" should be deleted from section 3 of

the first page of the form and the words "(c) Here fill in any other special circumstances" should also be deleted from this page.

(ii) Section 4 of the last page of the form should be deleted. The note "(g)" which appears in the margin of that page should also be deleted.

(iii) The words "The Statutory Declaration Act, 1935 (5 & 6 Wm. IV., c. 62) in the last page of the form should be altered to "The Statutory Declaration Act, 1938."

Mise, le meas,
D. O LAOGHAIRE.

The County Secretary stated that the Scholarship Committee had considered representations received from the Secretary, Iris National Teachers' Organisation, Wicklow Branch, and recommended that Clause 13 of the Scheme be amended so as to provide that the award of a Scholarship be based on the obligatory subjects only.

The Council accepted the amended wording for Clause 1 of the Scheme as suggested in paragraph 1 of the Department's letter, and noted that the wording did not provide for the award to a boy of one of the two scholarships reserved for pupils of rural schools with not more than three teachers, and the award of the other scholarship to a girl. The Council agreed that it was preferable not to make this distinction.

The Council decided not to make the addition to Clause 1 of the Scheme as suggested in paragraph 3 of the Department's letter. The Council agreed to the amendment of Clause 4 of the Scheme, as suggested in paragraph 4 of the Department's letter.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,
Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan.

Resolved—That, having considered letter dated 30th November, 1950, Ref. Oil (2) 79522, from the Dept. of Education, we determine to carry into effect the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools for the year 1951, as approved by the Minister, subject to the conditions set out in the letter referred to, and subject to the following amendments:—

1. That the means limit in Clause 4 of the Scheme be amended to read as follows:—

(a) Occupy agricultural land, the annual Poor Law Valuation of which does not exceed:—

£130 in the case of families with 1 child.
£140 in the case of families of two children.
£150 in the case of families of three children.
£160 in the case of families of four children.
£170 in the case of families of five children.
£180 in the case of families of six children or more.

(b) Derive an annual income from all sources not exceeding:—

£350 in the case of families of 1 child.
£375 in the case of families of 2 children.
£400 in the case of families of 3 children.
£425 in the case of families of 4 children.
£450 in the case of families of 5 children.
£475 in the case of families of 6 children or more.

2. That Clause 13 be amended to read as follows:—

"That the following shall be the subjects for the examination— (a) Irish; (b) English; (c) Arithmetic, and (d) History and Geography. Irish and English versions of the question papers will be set in each of the following subjects: Arithmetic, History and Geography, but only one version, either Irish or English, will be supplied to candidates. Candidates who answer the questions in History and Geography in Irish from the Irish version of the question paper will get a bonus of not more than 10% of the marks awarded; candidates who answer the questions in Arithmetic wholly in Irish from the Irish version of the question papers will get a bonus of not more than 5% of the marks awarded. No bonus will be awarded to a candidate who answers in Irish from the English version of the paper."

Copies of the question papers set out in 1950 for this examination may be obtained from Government Publications Sale Office, 3/4, College St., Dublin, price 1/3 per copy."

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the last date for receiving applications from candidates to compete for the scholarships was 15th January, 1951. The applications had to be submitted to the Council, and forwarded to the Department of Education not later than 1st February, 1951. The County Secretary suggested that the Council fix the date of the monthly meeting for January for the 15th January, in order that the applications could be submitted to the Council on that date.

The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary to advertise the Scheme immediately, pending the sanction of the Minister to the amendments suggested by the Council.

The Council fixed the 15th January, 1951, as the date for the meeting of the Council to be held in January, and authorised the County Secretary to proceed with the Scheme on such terms as might be sanctioned by the Minister.

Item No. 6—Rathdown No. 2 O.A.P. Sub-Committee.

The County Secretary stated that, as requested by the Council at the previous meeting, he had communicated with the members of the Rathdown No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, who had not attended meetings recently. Dr. J. J. Hickey, Clonsilla, Burnaby Road, Greystones, had replied and stated that he wished to resign from the Sub-Committee owing to his inability to attend meetings of the Sub-Committee due to other engagements. Very Rev. Canon Kennedy, St. Mary's, Enniskerry, had written to state that owing to his advanced age, and his not being so well, he had been unable to attend meetings of the Sub-Committee for some while. Canon Kennedy stated that he wished to resign from the Chairmanship of the Sub-Committee, but desired to remain a member.

The Council directed that the Sub-Committee be asked to recommend a person for appointment to the Sub-Committee in place of Dr. J. J. Hickey, who desired to resign.

Item No. 7—Extension of Bray Urban Boundary at Boghall.

The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary to hold a Public Inquiry in connection with the application of Bray Urban District Council for an extension of the Urban Boundary at Boghall. It would be necessary also to reappoint the Committee constituted by the Council at the meeting held on 8th May, 1950, since two of the members appointed at that meeting were not now members of the Council

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

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following members to constitute the Committee for the holding of a Local Inquiry in connection with the application of Bray Urban District Council for an extension of the Urban District Boundary at Boghall—the Inquiry to be held on 5th February, 1951, at 11 a.m. Resolution passed at meeting of the Council held on the 8th May, 1950, is hereby rescinded:—

Councillors P. Ledwidge, Chairman; P. Murdoch, P. P. O'Reilly, Senator J. J. McCrea, H. J. Byrne, C. M. Byrne, E. Byrne, W. Lawless, John O'Reilly and P. McCarthy.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Application from Muintir na Tire, Stratford-on-Slaney, for Provision of a Parish Hall.

The Council decided to receive a deputation from Stratford-on-Slaney, who were present at the meeting. Mr. Patk. Doyle, Mr. Jos. Murray, Secretary, Muintir na Tire, Stratford-on-Slaney Parish Guild, and Mr. T. Redhouse addressed the Council on the subject.

The Chairman thanked the deputation for attending, and assured them that their representations would receive full consideration by the Council.

In reply to an inquiry by Councillor W. Lawless, members of the deputation stated that they would be prepared to assist in the erection of the Hall by the provision of free labour.

The County Manager, in reply to an inquiry from Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., stated that the Council had powers to provide a Parish Hall, but that as far as he knew no Co. Council had taken advantage of these powers up to the present.

The Council approved of Councillor Hudson's suggestion that Mr. P. J. Foley, Assistant County Engineer, arrange a meeting with representatives of Muintir na Tire, Stratford-on-Slaney Parish Guild, and prepare an estimate of the cost of providing a Hall, for submission to the next meeting of the Council.

Item No. 9—Shrine at Grangecon.

The County Secretary stated that the following estimate had been submitted by the Assistant County Engineer:—

6th December, 1950.

Re: Erection of Shrine at "Green Patch," Grangecon.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 4th instant, I wish to inform you that I have gone into the question of the monument at Grangecon, which you asked me to make out a price for.

The base would be 7' sq. and 1' high. The column would be 4' sq. height 5' in random rubble masonry. The surrounding railing would be 3' 6" high, 3" bars spaced at 8" and set on a concrete kerb 9" high, and the cost of the lot would be £190.

If the surrounding railing were reduced to 16' sq. it would reduce the cost by £32.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: P. J. FOLEY.

The advice of the Council's Law Agent had been obtained, which was as follows:—

4, Church St.,

Wicklow.

4th December, 1950

Re: Erection of Shrine at Grangecon.

Dear Sir,

Further to yours of the 30th ult. The Council have no statutory power to comply with the request of Mr. Hillis herein, and, accordingly, would be liable to surcharge.

The Council have power under the Sanitary Services Act to provide recreation grounds, and under another Act have power to preserve monuments, etc., but there is no statutory provision to enable the Council to comply with Mrs. Hillis' suggestion.

Yours faithfully,

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

J. H. McCARROLL & Co.

The Council noted that, having regard to the opinion of the Law Agent, the Council would have no statutory power to comply with the request of Mrs. Hillis.

Item No. 10—Attendance of Bray Fire Brigade at Fires in South County Dublin.

The County Secretary stated that the following report had been submitted by the Chief Fire Officer:—

9th November, 1950.

Bray Fire Brigade.

Dear Sir,

Immediately adjacent to the Bray Urban District boundary and situated in South County Dublin, lies an area with a high potential fire risk, i.e., Old Connaught, Solus Teo, Crinken, etc. This area is served by the Dtn Laoghaire Fire Services, but it is usual for persons in this locality to call out the Bray Fire Brigade, who would be at the scene of the fire before the Dun Laoghaire Brigade.

However, I am given to understand by the Chief Fire Officer of the Dun Laoghaire Service that he would prefer any fire calls from the above-mentioned area to the Bray Station to be transferred to Dun Laoghaire, as it would be difficult to obtain payment to the Bray Brigade from the Dublin County Council.

At present I have given orders that the Bray Brigade attend any fire calls from any area adjacent to their Urban District boundary. However, under the circumstances, I would be glad to have a definite ruling on the matter.

Yours faithfully,

H. R. H. SHARPE,

County Fire Officer.

An inquiry had been addressed to Dublin County Council in regard to the matter, and the following reply had been received:—

11, Parnell Square,

Dublin, C.16.

14th Nov., 1950.

Co. Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.**Fire Brigades Act.**

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 13th instant, regarding the attendance of Bray U.D. Fire Brigade attending fires in the county area adjoining the Bray Urban Boundary, this Council has an arrangement with the Dun Laoghaire Borough Brigade whereby that Brigade covers the County area up to the Bray Urban Boundary, any fire-calls from this area should, therefore, be transferred to the Dun Laoghaire Brigade Headquarters, for the present. It may be that the Council may enter into an arrangement with the Bray Brigade, but pending a decision on the matter, the calls should be made to Dun Laoghaire.

Mise, le meas,

Assistant County Engineer.

The Council noted the arrangements made by Dublin Co. Council with the Dun Laoghaire Fire Brigade for attendance at fires in this district, and directed that these arrangements should be brought to the notice of the residents of the district.

Item No. 11—Interest on Loans.

Proposed by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That report in detail be supplied and circulated to all members, giving particulars of (a) total loans at present under issue to the County Council (i) in whole, and (ii) in part; (b) the different rates of interest applicable to these loans; (c) the cost to the rates of interest per annum for 1949/50 on the total loan account.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that copies of the Loans Table in the Abstract of Accounts for the year to the 31st of March, 1950, would be circulated to the members of the Council, and that the matter would be included on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

Item No. 12—Office for Assistant Engineer at Blessington.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
11th November, 1950.

Co. Secretary.

Re: County Council Offices at Blessington, Co. Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

The provision of a suitable office to accommodate the County Engineering staff, typist, files, etc., in West Wicklow, is urgently necessary. The present accommodation consists of a small apartment measuring about 8' 0" x 10' floor space; it is merely a galvanised hut and is most inconvenient for a typist, Assistant Engineer and files, and a weekly rent has to be paid. The owner of a plot adjoining the garage in Blessington has agreed to sell to the Council a plot of ground fronting on the Main Street, and measuring 25' x 30' for the sum of £30, upon which it would be possible to erect a suitable structure.

The cost of the offices all-in, including land, furniture, cloakroom accommodation, etc., would be £390, and I ask the approval to proceed. Our files, maps, drawings, etc., cannot be properly kept under present conditions.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That having considered the report of County Engineer, dated 11th November, 1950, we approve of the purchase of plot of ground fronting on the Main Street at Blessington, and adjoining the garage, and measuring 25' x 30' for the sum of £30, and of the erection thereon of offices for the Assistant Engineer at an estimated cost, inclusive of furniture, etc., of £390. We authorise expenditure of the sum of £420 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's estimates for the purpose of providing this office.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Tools for Well-Boring Plant.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
30th November, 1950.

Re: Well Boring Plant.

Dear Sir,

We are using the latest type of Well Boring Bit which costs approximately £45, and sometimes it gets stuck in the bore-hole and in one instance the steel wire rope broke.

It will be appreciated that at a depth of 50 to 60 feet or even more, and working in a bore hole of 6" diameter, great difficulty is experienced in extracting the Bit, and several times it was thought that it would have to be left there and the hole abandoned.

In order to avoid, if possible, such an occurrence, I propose to purchase a selection of tools specially designed for extracting the Bit and a special block to reduce the jolt in the wire rope, at a cost of £94.

I hereby apply for sanction to purchase.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

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

Resolved—That, having considered report of County Engineer dated 13th November, 1950, we approve of the purchase of the tools recommended by him, and the special block, at an estimated cost of £94.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Road from Graigue Cross to Killamoate Church.

Councillor J. O'Reilly stated that a further £300 would be required to complete the work on the road at Rathdangan from Graigue Cross to Killamoate Church. The Council agreed that this work be included in the Works to be carried out from Grants during the coming financial year.

Item No. 15—Road From Knockenree to Kilmacoo.

The following memorial, received from residents at Knockenree and Ballydonnell, in regard to the road from Knockenree to Kilmacoo, was submitted:—

COPY/

Knockenree and Ballydonnell.

Avoca, Co. Wicklow.

November, 1950.

We the undersigned, farmers and householders, living in the area served by the road leading from Knockenree Lower to Kilmacoo Cross (via Ballydonnell Cross-roads), hereby make application to the County Council to have this road put into reasonable order to bear the heavy traffic which it is called on to carry at present.

Very little indeed has been done to this hilly section of the road for a considerable time, and practically no stones have been used on it. The channels have become choked, and are quite unable to carry the water, which flows freely on to the road surface, with the result that the surface is badly damaged in many places.

It is urgently necessary that a considerable amount of good metalling be used on this road, as the sand and clay which is usually spread on it is useless, and is usually washed off again following the first rains.

Apart from those living on this road, who use it both for horse and motor traffic, oil lorries have to visit the farms regularly to supply tractor fuel, and each morning a heavy lorry collects the milk from the farms for conveyance to Dublin.

The drivers of these vehicles are complaining bitterly of the state of this road, and have intimated recently that unless it is put into repair, they will be obliged to discontinue using it, for fear of seriously damaging their lorries.

Should this occur it will immediately place the milk producers in a most difficult position regarding the disposal of their supplies of milk each day.

A very dangerous corner (known as Knockenree Turn) is situated at the lower end of this section of road, where it joins the Avoca to Wicklow road, about a quarter-mile from Avoca Village. In its present state it is most difficult to negotiate with a lorry or other motor, and can rarely be turned in one 'lock.' This corner has for some years been urgently needing attention.

We, therefore, desire to appeal to the County Council in the strongest possible terms that they will have this section of road and this dangerous corner attended to without delay, the matter being really urgent.

Signed—Aaron Burns, Knockenree—Farmer; James O'Brien Knockenree—Householder; Joseph Nolan, Knockenree—Householder; Peter Dickenson, Knockenree—Farmer; Reginald Fitzgerald, Ballydonnell—Farmer; Henry Johnson, Knockenree—Farmer; Peter Treacy, do.—Farmer; Patk. O'Neill, do.—Farmer; John Kearns, Kilmacoo, Avoca—Farmer; George Burns, Knockenree, Avoca—Farmer; John Kavanagh, Knockenree—Farmer; Mary Anne Earls, Knockenree—Householder; Mary M. Meagher—Householder; James Doyle, Milk Lorry Driver; C. C. Hoare, Lower Knockenree—Motor Engineer; Henry Alexander—

Farmer; Michael Doyle, Knockenree; W. Burke, Knockenree Upper; William O'Reilly, Ballydonnell—Farmer; Margaret Moore, Ballydonnell—Householder.

The following report of the Assistant Co. Engineer was submitted.
K. J. Brangan, Esq., 20th November, 1950.
County Secretary,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,
I am in receipt of Memorial from residents of Knockenree and Ballydonnell concerning Road No. 167 from Knockenree to Kilmacoo. This road is an unrolled County Road and is about 2½ miles long. Generally it is in as good condition as we can keep it, but it is not fit for heavy modern traffic without reconstruction. The cost of reconstruction and removing the dangerous corner mentioned would be about £5,150.

Yours faithfully,

J. P. CAFFREY.

The Council decided that this work be included in the Road Works Scheme to be submitted for the year 1951/52.

Item No. 16—Weekly Payments to Road Workers.

The following letter received from the Federation of Rural Workers was submitted:—

The Secretary, 21, Molesworth St.,
Wicklow Co. Council, Dublin,
Courthouse, Wicklow. 10th November, 1950.

Dear Sir,
On behalf of our members employed by your Council, I desire to bring the following matter to your attention.

Very considerable hardship is being caused to a large number of the employees of the County Council who are engaged upon road work by reason of the present system of fortnightly pay. I think the Council is probably aware of the views of this Union in regard to this system. We have, on a number of occasions, endeavoured to secure your agreement to the operation of the normal method of payment of workers, i.e., weekly wage payments, which is the custom in every other form of employment.

The system of fortnightly payments can be disastrous in so far as the economy of the worker's household is concerned. It tends to make the worker and his family dependent upon the good-will of traders and business people. Regardless of how obliging and co-operative the latter may be, it is, nevertheless, a bad principle that business people should be required to provide credit for what must be regarded as comparatively long periods, while it is the continual tendency, in view of the high living costs, for workers and their families to exceed their resources. This, of course, is a danger inherent in every system of credit.

It may be said that a number of workers employed by your Council are not anxious for a change in the present system. It is beyond question that such workers have other means of livelihood, such as small parcels of land, and the fortnightly pay system may suit them, but it certainly does create hardships for the men who must depend solely upon the result of their labour upon the Council.

In the light of these facts, I shall be obliged if you will have this question reviewed again by your Council. I might point out that the following Counties are now operating the weekly payment system or are in the course of preparing to do so: Dublin, Sligo, Cork, Kildare and Carlow.

Yours faithfully,

SEAN DUNNE,

General Secretary

Following a discussion in which the members of the Council pointed out that the matter had been investigated very fully on a previous occasion, and that the Council had not been in a position to provide the additional funds required for the operation of a weekly system, it was decided to adjourn the matter to the Estimates Meeting.

Item No. 17—Derry River Drainage Scheme.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
Co. Secretary, 9th December, 1950.

Re: Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949: Scheme C2—Derry River.

Dear Sir,

I set out hereunder a resumé of the development of this Scheme:

10th March, 1950: Circular from the Department outlining the proposed works to be carried out under this Act.

15th March, 1949: Meeting held in Carnew which was attended by Mr. Dillon, Minister for Agriculture, Senator McCrea, Local Councillors and a large attendance of farmers. The importance of draining the Derry River was emphasised to prevent severe flooding in Shillelagh and also surrounding lands.

13th April, 1949: Schemes submitted to the Department, including £8,000 for C2.

29th July, 1949: Letter received from the Department sanctioning expenditure of 25% of schemes submitted.

18th August, 1949: Work commenced on the Derry River.

26th August, 1949: Letter received from the Department in which it was stated that C2 would not be approved, as it incorporated the use of special machinery.

29th August, 1949: Letter sent to the Department indicating that work was already in progress on C2 in accordance with their letter of 29th July.

13th October, 1949: Detailed plans and estimate sent to the Dept.

15th October, 1949: Sanction received subject to revise estimate, omitting cost of machinery.

27th October, 1949: Revised estimate submitted and additional amount of £17,720 asked for. Sanction was received on 2nd Nov., 1949.

9th December, 1949: Sanction received for purchase of Dragline.

1st December, 1949: Correspondence commenced with No. 2 Wexford District Board of Conservators in connection with effect of drainage on fishing.

1st December, 1949: Letters sent to County Engineers of Wexford and Carlow informing them of work being done on Derry River.

13th December, 1949: Letter sent to the Dept. indicating that to complete the scheme in accordance with design submitted, would cost £80,000.

22nd December, 1949: Letter received from Coollattin Estate Co., objecting to proposed widening of stretch of river running through woods.

8th March, 1950: Discussion with representative of Dept. of Fisheries re effects of work being done on spawning beds.

1949/50: Total expenditure on C2 for year—£18,015.

30th May, 1950: Estimate for 1950/51 sent to the Dept.—£42,052.

23rd June, 1950: After consultation with Department's Engineers, in which they indicated that an estimate was to be prepared for finishing off by machinery the lower portions of the river on which work had been done. An estimate of £7,500 was submitted.

6th July, 1950: Sanction for an expenditure of £7,500 was received.

7th December, 1950: An estimate for £3,000 submitted to the Department for carrying out work from Glenashouk towards Slaney River on Co. Wicklow side.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

Councillor W. Hammond stated that he had asked for details of the gradient of the river from Shillelagh to Clonegal. He agreed that the work carried out on the upper reaches of the Derry River was very necessary, and had yielded good results, but considered that the works on the lower reaches of the river were more extensive than required.

Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., suggested that the monies spent on the Scheme might have been expended to better effect as regards portion of the works. He agreed, however, that the full effect of the Scheme could not be seen until the Wexford and Carlow sections of the river had been attended to.

Following a further discussion on the subject, the Council agreed that the Minister for Local Government be requested to authorise the Wicklow County Council to carry out the necessary works on the portion of the Derry River flowing through the Counties of Wexford and Carlow, in order to ensure that the Drainage Scheme would be effective.

Item No. 18—Extension of County Library at Greystones.

The County Secretary submitted details of the tenders received in response to public advertisement for the extension to the County Library at Greystones. The Co. Engineer had examined the tenders, and recommended the acceptance of the tender amounting to £588 10s. submitted by Michael Lyons, Esq., Avoca, Newcourt Road, Bray, provided that the local County Councillors and the Assistant Engineer, Mr. M. Healy, B.E., were satisfied as to Mr. Lyons' capabilities.

The Council decided that the Assistant Engineer, Mr. Healy, should interview Mr. Lyons, and if he was satisfied as to his capabilities, the Council would approve of the acceptance of the tender.

Item No. 19—Housing Committee Report.

The following report of the Meeting of the Housing Committee held on 4th December, 1950, had been circulated to the members:

A Meeting of the Housing Committee of the Council was held at the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 4th December, 1950, at 2 p.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman;
Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, M. J. Brennan, Thos. Brennan, T.D.; Jas. O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, P. N. Murch, W. Hammond, L. O'Loighneis, C. M. Byrne, Joseph Jacob and Miss E. F. Bobbett.

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

Mr. K. J. Brangan, Deputy County Manager, attended.
The Chairman referred to the illness of Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, and of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, and the Committee directed that the Secretary convey to the County Manager, and to Deputy Everett the best wishes of the members for their speedy recovery.

Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

The County Secretary stated that in letter dated 24th November, 1950, received from the Department of Local Government, in regard to the Council's request for the reception by the Minister of a deputation to discuss the maintenance of the roads in the County, it was indicated that the maximum amount which could be made available by way of Grant from the Road Fund for the present financial year had already been allocated, and applied to specific works, and that in the circumstances no useful purpose would be served in receiving the proposed deputation.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea stated that he was concerned at the amount of unemployment in parts of the County and that if no additional grants were available for road works or drainage works, he would move his resolution for the raising of monies by the Council for the preparation of materials for road works to be carried out in the coming financial year.

In reply to inquiry regarding the amount of money available for Drainage Schemes, the County Secretary stated that the total spent on Drainage since 1st April, 1950, was £25,853, leaving a balance available of £24,147. The County Engineer had submitted a report dated 4th December, 1950, in which he stated that due to the weather conditions during the Summer and Autumn it would appear that it would not be possible to carry out the Drainage Schemes as selected by the members of the Council, and he suggested that certain monies be transferred from Schemes selected to other Schemes which could be completed and were in areas where there was a large number of unemployed. The County Engineer requested approval to the following re-allocations:—

Northern Area:

£500 from A 68 (Wicklow Gap £700) to Drainage of Redford Graveyard.

South-Eastern Area:

Transfer from B9 (Kish River, Arklow, £1,740), £800 to B6 Potter's River, to complete portion still unfinished, and £800 to Scheme B15, Mongnacool and B16 Ballymorris, to extend the work already done on these Schemes. The County Engineer also recommended that the unexpected balance of £193 on B1 (Avondale River) be transferred to reconstruct the gullet on the Laragh-Rathdrum Road, which was in danger of flooding and might cause a landslide. The flood in the avonmore River prevented any more work being done there.

Transfer £150 from B4 (Kilpoole-Wicklow) to clean the Ballnteskin River from Wolohan's Bridge, which was washed away two years ago.

Southern Area:

Transfer £800 from C14 (Kilcarney £1,200) to C6 (Coollattin-Coolboy) as it would be difficult to construct the bridge at Kilcarney during the Winter.

Western Area:

Transfer from D83 (Ballysmutton £600) £147 to D1 (Kilmurry); £130 to D2 (Woodfield); and £280 to D57 (Tuckmill-Rampere). Work was also commencing on D30 (Grangecon) and the money for this work would be transferred from D77 (Slaney), unless additional funds were provided.

The County Engineer stated that application had been made to the Department for additional monies in excess of the present allocation of £60,000 for Schemes sanctioned, and other Schemes submitted, amounting in all to £19,570. The County Engineer stated that the total number of men employed on Drainage on 1st December, 1950, was 262. He submitted list of Schemes at present in progress.

The Committee recommended that the transfers proposed by the County Engineer be approved, and that application be made to the Minister for additional monies to enable other Schemes to be carried out. The Committee also agreed that should no additional monies be available for Drainage Schemes, a sum of £5,000 be raised by the Council for the purpose of providing materials in anticipation of the coming year's Road Works Programme.

Progress Report.

The Committee noted the attached report of the County Engineer on the progress of the Housing Scheme during the month of Nov., 1950.

Contract for the erection of houses at Stratford: In reply to Councillor John O'Reilly, the Deputy Manager stated that it would be necessary to demolish two old houses on a site at Stratford to enable the Contractor to build the remaining house under his Contract. The Committee recommended that arrangements for demolishing these houses should be expedited.

Site at Lisheen: In regard to the proposal to utilise an alternative site at Lisheen, the County Engineer stated that the alternative site was not as good as the original site, and accordingly the original site would be used.

Sites Nos. 583 and 586: Councillor P. P. O'Reilly handed in a letter from Mr. B. Hamilton, Tulfarris, Blessington, stating that he was agreeable to give a plot as a site for one or two Council houses, on his land at that address, and was prepared to accept the price fixed by the Arbitrator in respect of the plots for the houses which were being transferred to his land.

The Committee recommended that the cottages to be built on sites 583 and 586 be transferred to lands of Mr. B. Hamilton.

Revised List of Sites for Cottages under 1946 Scheme.

The attached list of sites for cottages to be built under the 1946 Scheme had been circulated to the members of the Committee.

The County Secretary pointed out that the 12 cottages proposed to be built on Mr. Farrell's land at Kipldestown had now been excluded from the 1946 Scheme, and included in the special Scheme for the erection of 99 houses at Kindlestown. An additional ten houses had been included for the site at Killarrey Road, Bray. Numerous other transfers of sites made by the Council during the previous two years had been recorded.

The Committee noted the revised list of sites submitted.

Employment of non-local men on cottage construction at Tinahely.

A letter received from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Tinahely, demanding that members of the Union in the Tinahely area be employed on cottage construction in that area, was submitted to the Committee.

The Committee noted that this matter had already been reported on by the Assistant Engineer, and that his report had been approved. The County Engineer stated that he hoped to be able to employ these workers on other Schemes immediately.

In reply to an inquiry by Councillor J. O'Neill, the County Sec. read report of Assistant Engineer dated 9th November, 1950, in regard to the employment of carters on cottage construction at Lugduff. The Assistant Engineer had stated that he had had carters working on the Scheme drawing gravel for the previous week, and that the cost was satisfactory. He would favour employing carters for such short hauls if the weather were dry. He pointed out, however, that the ground was very soft, and that horses and carts cut it up so badly that it made movement of men and barrows almost impossible and that for this reason he was discontinuing the work unless the weather improved and the ground dried out. He stated also that it was now necessary to go about 10 miles to get suitable gravel, and that in these circumstances carters could not be employed.

Advertising of Cottages for Tender.

The Committee approved of the County Engineer's recommendation that the following cottages be advertised for tender:—

- Site No. 327 at Furzeditch.
- Site No. 328 at Ballinacor East.
- Site No. 329 at Ballinacolare.
- Site No. 330 at Ballinamona.
- Site No. 331 at Ballyvaliron.
- Site No. 332 at Kilmurray North.
- Site No. 334 at Ballytunny. Total, 7 cottages.

Tenders for the erection of cottages: The County Secretary stated that tenders had been received in response to public advertisement for the erection of cottages on Sites Nos. 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 252, 257, 261, 262, and 265. Two tenders had been received in respect of the erection of cottages on the first five sites, viz.: from Messrs. Jordan and Gallagher, 2 Sidminton Square, Bray, at price per house of £800, and from Mr. J. Farrelly, Dunaan Hotel, Bray, at price of £800 for semi-detached cottages, and £810 for one single cottage at Kilmolin, Site No. 28. Only one tender had been received for the erection of cottages on the remaining sites, namely, from Mr. E. Lee, Arklow, at figure of £1,050 per cottage.

The Committee recommended that the tender of Mr. J. Farrelly, be accepted for the erection of four cottages at Parknasilloge, Sites Nos. 30 and 31, and that the tender of Messrs. Jordan and Gallagher be accepted for the erection of two cottages at Killegar on Sites Nos. 26 and 27, and one cottage at Kilmolin on Site No. 28.

The Committee recommended that tenders be again invited in respect of the remaining sites.

Housing Site at Kilgarron, Enniskerry.

The County Secretary stated that an inquiry had been addressed to Lord Powerscourt as to whether he would agree to the provision of a substantial wire fence and shrubbery to surround the site at Kilgarron in place of the wall originally proposed. A reply, dated 14th November, had been received from the Agent, Powerscourt Estate Office, stating that Lord Powerscourt could not agree to a fence, and that the original wall was the only one which would meet the case.

The Committee noted the reply received and confirmed their decision that a wall should be erected.

Letter from Mr. Edward O'Connor, Contractor, Valleymount.

The Committee considered an application received from Mr. Ed. O'Connor, requesting that a Prices Variation Clause be included in his contract for the erection of nine cottages in West Wicklow.

The Deputy County Manager explained that it would not be possible to accede to Mr. O'Connor's request, as this Clause had not been included in the Conditions of Contract under which tenders were invited.

The Committee noted the position in regard to the matter.

Provision of Houses under Sect. 17 of Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950.

The Committee deferred consideration of this matter to the meeting of the Council to be held on 11th December, 1950, to enable the members to examine the report on the matter prepared by the Co. Manager.

Additional Temporary Dwellings on lands at Silver Strand, Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that two applications had been received for the erection of temporary dwellings on the lands of Mr. Smith at Silver Strand, Wicklow, namely Mr. R. G. Moppett, Blackrock, and Mr. Thomas Deacon, Clontarf, Dublin. Having considered report dated 2nd December, 1950, of the Acting Chief Medical Officer, the Committee recommended that these applications be refused.

New Shop at Newtownmountkennedy.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that he had inspected the premises formerly owned by Mrs. Cullen, at Reapers Row, Newtownmountkennedy. The Assistant Engineer recommended that Mr. Terry be allowed to complete the work on condition that (1) the building was roofed with concrete tiles or slates, and that (2) a satisfactory external finish to the requirements of the Council's Engineer was provided for the reconstructed shop.

The Committee recommended that permission be granted, subject to the conditions suggested by the Engineer.

Development of Lands of Mr. Giltsoff at Kilquade.

The County Secretary stated that in letter dated 18th November, 1950, Mr. Giltsoff stated that the maximum amount which he could contribute towards the cost of the installation of water main from Killpedder to Kilquade, was £200, to be paid when the pipeline had been laid. Mr. Giltsoff suggested that other persons who would be availing of the water main should also contribute towards the cost. Mr. Giltsoff's Secretary and his Solicitor had interviewed the Co. Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant Engineer M. Healy, at the Council Offices on the 25th November, 1950. He had submitted the contoured lay-out plan of his lands at Kilquade. The plan did not show the location and number of houses already built, and also required amendment in relation to the roads to be provided and the houses proposed to be built. It was returned to Mr. Giltsoff for these amendments to be made. The plan had been returned to the Council's Offices that morning, 4th December, 1950.

The Committee deferred consideration of the matter pending report from the County Engineer on the lay-out plan submitted. The County Engineer was instructed to ascertain whether any other persons should be required to contribute towards the cost of laying the water main, and the Committee recommended that a copy of the agreement with the owners of the houses erected by Mr. Giltsoff in relation to the maintenance of the roads serving the houses should be obtained.

Applications for Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The Committee deferred consideration of the application of Mr. G. G. Patterson for a Loan in respect of the erection of a house at Church Road, Greystones, pending an inspection of the site by members of the Committee with the Assistant Engineer.

Applications for Increases in Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:

The Committee deferred consideration of the application of Mr. R. J. Collier for an increased Loan in respect of the erection of a house at Carnew.

The Committee recommended that an increased loan of £400 be granted to Mrs. Mary Byrne, Glenburgh, Dargle Road, Bray, in respect of the erection of a house at Kilmacanogue, Councillor H. J. Byrne dissenting.

Repairs to Cottages during month of November, 1950.

The Committee noted the report on the cottages repaired during the month of November, 1950.

Ranges in Cottages. The Committee noted report dated 14th November, 1950, of County Engineer, in regard to types of ranges used in cottages.

Authorisation of Cottage Repairs.

The Committee approved of repairs being carried out to cottages in accordance with the list submitted by the County Engineer, subject to the following amendments: The provision for the cutting of ivy on cottage occupied by Mr. Mooney at Ffranstown was disallowed. The provision of ranges in cottages was approved, subject to the tenant in each case agreeing to repay the cost of weekly instalments of 2s. 6d.

The Committee approved of the supplying of range for cottage of William Greene, Sea Road, Kiloole, having regard to the Engineer's report that the range had previously been removed from the cottage to the Council's Stores.

The Committee asked that a report be submitted by the County Engineer in regard to the fencing of cottage plots adjoining the lands of Mr. Pierce, at Tinahely.

The County Engineer was asked to submit an estimate of the cost of fencing cottage plots at Ballygannon, Rathdrum, which plots had not been previously fenced.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

HOUSING SECTION.

To: The Chairman and Members, Wicklow County Council, Housing Committee, Co. Engineer's Office, Courthouse, Wicklow, 1st December, 1950.

re Housing Progress Report—Month of November, 1950.

Gentlemen,

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

The total number of cottages completed to date under the 1946 Scheme is 178 (including 14 by Contract).

The total number of Cottages in progress to date is 74 including 19 by Contract).

The number of men employed during November was as follows:—
Skilled, 60 Unskilled, 87.

The total expenditure to date under the Scheme is £168,249 0s. 5d., made up as follows:—

Wages	£72,188 19 6
Materials	£79,986 15 11
Payments on Contracts	£16,073 5 0

The following are details of Schemes in the various districts:—

North Eastern Area:

Cottages completed to 31st October, 1950: 61

Cottages completed during month of November, 1950:

Site No.	Townland	No. of Cottages.
122	Bellevue Demesne	4
		4
		Total Completed: 65

Cottages in Progress by Direct Labour:

Site No.	Townland	No. of Cottages.
103, 106, 180		
109, 110	Brockagh	5
113, 114	Laragh East	3
152, 153	Woodlands	3
191, 196	Togherbeg	10
143	The Downs	1
		22

Total number of Cottages in progress by Direct Labour: 22

Cottages in progress by Contract:

Site No.	Townland	No. of Cottages.
54, 55	Hollybrook	2
71	Kilmacanogue	1
72, 75	Ballybawn Lower	8
		11
		33

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 18th December, 1950, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of dealing with the remaining items on the Agenda for the Meeting held on 11th December, 1950.

The following members were present: Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman; Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D., James O'Neill, G. Timmins, John O'Reilly, Paul Kehoe, H. J. Byrne, L. O. Laoighleis, P. N. Murdoch, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, J. Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. Brennan.

The Chief Assistant Co. Engineer, and Assist. Engineers C. J. Byrne, P. J. Foley, J. P. Caffrey and M. Healy were present. Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, attended.

BUSINESS:

Illness of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs.
The following letter from Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, was submitted and noted:

Dublin, 11 Nollaig, 1950.
Dear Mr. Brangan, I have received your letter and I should be glad if you would convey to the Members of the Council my sincere thanks for their good wishes.
I am completely recovered, T.G.

Yours sincerely,
J. EVERETT,
Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

18. To consider tenders received for extension to County Library at Greystones.
20. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. P. O'Reilly re provision by the Council of grants under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950.
21. To approve of Draft Mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works for loan of £20,000 for purposes of Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
22. New County Hospital at Rathnew—Access to site and letter from Department of Health.
23. St. Colman's Hospital, Rathrath—Purchase of Refrigerator.
24. Site for Dispensary at Kilcoole.
25. Repairs to Auhgrim Dispensary Residence.
26. Proposed appointment of additional Health Inspectors.
27. Public Lighting—Newtownmountkenedy.
28. Letter dated 11th November, 1950, from Federation of Rural Workers, Shillelagh, re (1) water supply scheme for Coolboy area, and (2) use of lorry at Coolroe Quarry.
29. Report of County Engineer re provision of Pump at Ballyconnell.
30. Boherboy Water Supply Scheme—Letter from Department of Local Government and Report of County Engineer.
31. Hollywood, Castleruddery and Kylebeg Water Supply Schemes.
32. Report of Assistant County Engineer re Public Convenience at Glendalough.
33. Outline of Scheme for Social Security proposed by the Catholic Societies' Vocational Organisation Conference (copy enclosed).
34. Resolution from Limerick County Council re Maintenance Grants, Main Roads.
35. Resolution from Waterford County Council re Employment Allowance of Agricultural Grant.
36. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 18—Extensions to Library at Greystones.

The following letter received from the Assistant Co. Engineer was submitted:—
Courthouse, Wicklow,
The Co. Secretary, 12th December, 1950.

Re: Greystones Library.

I have now interviewed Mr. M. Lyons, "Avoca," New Court Road, Bray, in connection with his tender for extension to above Library. I have discussed the plans and specification with him, and he is quite satisfied to carry out the work for the sum mentioned in his tender. I am satisfied that Mr. Lyons is a competent contractor and will carry out the work in a satisfactory manner.

Yours faithfully,

M. HEALY,
Assistant Co. Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor P. N. Murdoch;
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond:

Resolved—That, having considered tenders received for the extension of the County Library at Greystones, and reports of the County Engineer thereon, we recommend the acceptance of the tender of Michael Lyons, Esq., "Avoca," Newcourt Road, Bray, in the sum of £588 10s.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the raising of a Loan of £700 from the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, repayable over a period of ten years, by half-yearly instalments of principal, together with interest on the amount outstanding at 1% under the Irish Banks rate, with a minimum of 4% to defray the cost of the erection of the extension to the Library at Greystones.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed Factory at Woodstock Demesne, near Newcastle, by Wicklow Fertilizers, Ltd.

In report received from the Assistant Engineer, it was stated that the proposed building would be sited over 100 ft. from the Main Road. The Assistant Engineer indicated that there was no objection to the proposal, provided that proper arrangements were made to deal with any effluent from the factory, and that a satisfactory external finish was guaranteed.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

Resolved—That we recommend that permission be granted for the erection of a factory at Woodstock, Kilcoole, by Irish Fertilizers, Ltd. in accordance with the plans and specification submitted.

Passed unanimously.

Application for Approval to Erection of House at Ballywaltrim:

Applicant—Brian O'Brien, Architect.

Having considered the report of the Assistant Engineer, the Council recommended that permission for this work be granted.

Proposed Development of Site at Blacklion Corner—Applicant: Mervyn Jones, Architect.

Having regard to the difficulties arising from any development at this corner, and the necessity to improve it, the Council adjourned the matter for a further discussion between the Council's Engineer and the Architect.

Development of Lands at Kilquade—Mr. B. Giltsoff.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
Courthouse, Wicklow,
County Secretary, 8th December, 1950.

Dear Sir,

With reference to site plan recently submitted by Mr. Giltsoff, I wish to state that this is not in accordance with our recommendations or agreements made with him at our interview on 25th Nov., 1950.

He pointed out certain roads and houses which, although shown on the drawings he had with him, he stated that he did not intend to construct. Nevertheless, on the drawing now submitted these are included. Furthermore, he was asked to give details of the roads, i.e., widths, and construction, but this information has not yet been received. I am unable, therefore, to let you have a report on the layout as submitted by Mr. Giltsoff.

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that Mr. Giltsoff is building houses without permission, and I understand he is proceeding with the building of more.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

In reference to the proposed contribution of £200 by Mr. Giltsoff towards the cost of the water main, Councillor W. Lawless suggested that the other persons would benefit from the water main, and that a contribution should be made by Kilquade Sand Company.

Proposed by Councillor P. Murdoch;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond:

Resolved—That, having considered report of County Engineer dated 8th December, 1950, we confirm the recommendation that a Prohibition Order be made and served on Mr. Giltsoff prohibiting any further proceeding with the work of erection of houses on his lands.

Passed unanimously.

The Council recommended that the making of a Prohibition Order be deferred for one week to enable Mr. Giltsoff to submit any further representations he might wish to make on the matter.

Item No. 20—Grants under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950.

In the absence of Councillor P. P. O'Reilly, the Council decided to defer his Notice of Motion to the next meeting, and to consider it in conjunction with the report of the County Manager in regard to the provision of better-class houses.

Item No. 21—Loan of £20,000: Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

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

Resolved—That we approve of the Draft Deed of Mortgage received from the Commissioners of Public Works for the Loan of £20,000 for the purpose of making advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and hereby undertake that the instalments of the repayment of the loan as well as any existing loan will be punctually repaid at the dates at which they become due, i.e., 1st May and 1st November each year, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Undertaking required by the Commissioners of Public Works.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 22—New County Hospital at Rathnew.

The County Secretary stated that at the meeting of the Council held on 20th November, 1950, the Council considered report of the Architect, and of the County Engineer, in regard to the proposed

entrance to the site of the new County Hospital. The Council, at that meeting decided to adjourn the matter, in order that members of the Council might have an opportunity of inspecting the site, and the alternative entrance proposed.

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

Resolved—That, having considered Reports from the Architect and County Engineer on the subject, we approve of the original entrance to the proposed County Hospital at Rathnew, viz.: the entrance adjacent to the junction of the Newrath Bridge-Rathnew Road, and the Ashford-Rathnew Road.
Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the Committee appointed by the Council had recommended that a provisional offer of £250 be made to Mr. Kavanagh, owner of the lands required for the purpose of the entrance to the site, in respect of both sites owned by him, i.e., the site on the Dublin Road and that on the Rathdrum road. Mr. Kavanagh to bear his legal costs in connection with the matter.

The Council now proposed to acquire only the site on the Dublin Road.

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

Resolved—That we recommend that an offer of £200 be made to Mr. T. Kavanagh, Rathnew, for the area of land comprising slightly over one acre, required in connection with the entrance to the Hospital site at Rathnew, this price to include the value of any buildings on the site, and Mr. Kavanagh to bear his legal costs in connection with the acquisition of the land.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D.; J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, J. O'Reilly, W. Lawless, C. M. Byrne, J. Jacob, C. W. Hudson, and Miss E. F. Bobbett—11.

AGAINST: Councillors H. J. Byrne, P. N. Murdoch, M. Brennan and P. Ledwidge—4.

Councillor W. Hammond did not vote.

The resolution was declared passed by 11 votes in favour to 4 against.

The following letter received from the Department of Health was submitted:—

COPY/
H.33/1/B. Department of Health,
A Chara, Custom House, Dublin,
30 Samhain, 1950.

The Minister for Health has asked me to refer to your letters of the 25th and 28th July, 1950, regarding the proposed new County Hospital to be erected at Rathnew and to inform you that the points raised have been carefully considered. In view of the extensive works of improvement and enlargement which are shortly to be undertaken at the existing fever hospital, and as the Architect feels that the reservation of a section of the site for a new fever hospital would lead to congestion, the Minister agrees that consideration of the layout of the new buildings on the site should proceed on the basis of providing only for the County Hospital and associated buildings and the County Clinic. In this connection account should be taken of the recommendation made below that the possibility of a future extension of up to one-third in the accommodation of the Co. Hospital should be provided for in the planning.

The fact that separate architects have been appointed for the County Hospital and the County Clinic may give rise to some complications. In other cases where the County Clinic is being provided on the site of a proposed County Hospital, the local authorities have been advised to plan the Clinic combined with the outpatients' department and to build the section of the County Hospital in advance of the main structure. It is suggested that an early discussion between the two architects and the officers of the local authority should be arranged to see if it would be feasible to proceed in this way at Rathnew.

With regard to the bed complement of the proposed hospital, the Minister considers that initially about 60 beds should be provided. The proposed hospital, however, should be planned so as to permit of extensions at a future date of up to one-third of the proposed accommodation, if it is found that the demand would justify such extension. In view of the Chief Medical Officer's recommendation regarding children's accommodation, the Minister is prepared to agree to the provision of an additional 4-cot ward, making a total of 10 cots for children. These wards should be planned to take a 4' 6" cot. As regards infants' accommodation, it is considered a neo-natal unit in the form of six isolation cubicles should be provided for sick infants.

As regards the question of arrangements for laundry work, it is considered that a final decision should be deferred until the matter is reported on by the Consulting Mechanical and Electrical Engineer appointed for the project. Arrangement for making such an appointment should be put in hand without delay. The appointment of a Consulting Civil Engineer for the site work and water and sewerage services should also be considered.

It is noted from recent inquiries that it is expected that a final decision regarding the nursing staff will be taken in the near future. Notwithstanding that a decision on this question will be necessary before a complete detailed schedule of accommodation (see attached note) can be prepared, the Minister wishes that the preparation of such a schedule covering the remainder of the accommodation should be put in hand immediately.

Mise, le meas.
Signed—L. O'HARFLAITHE.
Co. Manager,
Wicklow.
AC/

In reply to Councillor C. W. Hudson, who stated he would not favour the exclusion of the proposed new Fever Hospital from the site, the County Manager stated that the present Fever Hospital would be extended very shortly, and that the Hospital would then be quite adequate for any demands which at present could be foreseen. There had been only a small number of patients in the Fever Hospital in recent years. The County Manager stated that a discussion would be arranged between the Architect for the County Hospital, and the Architect for the Clinic, as suggested in the Department's letter. As regards the arrangements for laundry work, the County Manager pointed out that there were three proposals: (1) that the laundry work be done at the new County Hospital; (2) that the laundry be sent to St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum; (3) that the laundry work be done by a private firm. The Council considered that the laundry work should be done at the Hospital and provision be made in the designs for the laundry. The County Manager recommended that the Council approve of the appointment of a Consulting Mechanical and Electrical Engineer in connection with the matter.

In regard to the staffing of the County Hospital, the Co. Manager stated that up to the present it had not been found possible to obtain

the services of a Religious Order who would be prepared to undertake the staffing of the Hospital. He expected to have a further interview with the Private Secretary to His Grace, the Archbishop of Dublin, in regard to the matter.

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

Resolved—That we approve of the appointment of a Consultant Mechanical and Electrical Engineer in connection with the plans for the proposed new County Hospital at Rathnew.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 23—Purchase of Refrigerator for St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.

The following report of the Deputy County Engineer was submitted:—

COPY/
T. Byrne, Esq., Court House,
Chief Officer, Rathdrum. Wicklow,
18th Oct., 1950.

Re: Refrigerator—St. Colman's Hospital.

Dear Sir,

I have examined tenders and specifications sent to me by you from Messrs. Masser Refrigeration, Ltd., and Messrs. Oswald and H. Jameson, Ltd., and I enclose a schedule setting out the salient features of each type of cold room:—

The most important differences, apart from prices quoted, are:— Messrs. Masser Refrigeration Co., Ltd., in the sum of £38 6s. for Oswald and H. Jameson, Ltd.—Probably better finish. Distance reading thermometer; a special American ice-making coil.

The prices quoted are: Masser Refrigeration Ltd.—£378 6s. 0d., exclusive of all builders' work in cleaning site, preparing walls and floor for insulation; breaking through and making good, and all plumber's work in providing connections, etc., from drip trap in the cold chamber. All electrical work except the connection of the lead from motor to main switch within 10ft. of condensing unit.

Oswald and H. Jameson, Ltd.—£445, less 10 per cent.—£400, exclusive of wiring to compressor and motor and any interior lighting.

As I consider that there would be very little between the two prices when the work was completed, and as Messrs. Masser Refrigeration Co. supply thicker insulation, I would recommend the acceptance of their tender.

I return herewith tenders, specifications and all documents received.

Yours faithfully,
Signed: R. L. FARRELL,
Deputy County Engineer.

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

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Masser Refrigeration Co., Ltd., in the sum of £378 6s. for the provision of a Cold Room at St. Colman's Hospital, and authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's estimate for the purpose of meeting the cost of the work.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 24—Site for Dispensary at Kilcoole.

Following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

COPY/
T. Byrne, Esq., Court House,
Chief Officer, Wicklow,
Co. Council Offices, 20th October, 1950.
Rathdrum.

Re: Dispensary for Kilcoole.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 8th June, 1950, and subsequent correspondence in above connection, I wish to inform you that on the 20th April, 1950, I wrote to the County Secretary giving tracing showing proposed site for new dispensary at Kilcoole village. This site had already been examined by myself and Councillor Lawless. I understand, however, that since then the owner of the site, a Mr. Kiernan, had died, and I have not yet ascertained the name of the present owner. Regarding the cottage which is at present being used as a dispensary, I wish to state that this cottage is occupied by a Mrs. Whelan in Main St., Kilcoole. There is a small room 12' 6" x 7' 3" set aside for the Doctor's use, and the patients wait in the kitchen.

I might add that there are three small children in this house. The house is very clean and well kept, but the accommodation is entirely unsatisfactory.

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

Councillor Lawless stated that the present owner of the site was Miss Thompson, Pine Lodge, Roundwood.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we approve of the acquisition of a site for a new Dispensary at Kilcoole Village, as recommended by the Co. Engineer in his report of 20th October, 1950.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 25—Repairs to Auhgrim Dispensary Residence.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

T. Byrne, Esq., Courthouse,
Chief Officer, Wicklow,
Rathdrum. 9th December, 1950.

Re: Auhgrim Dispensary Residence.

Dear Sir,

I enclose schedule showing repairs to Dispensary Residence, Auhgrim, together with estimate of cost of such repairs.

This is a stone-built house and it is inclined to sweat and cause damp patches on the walls and thus damage the paper; also it does not appear to be watertight at the windows. I am recommending that all joints between doors, windows and walls should be sealed by putty, using a Seelastic gum. I am also recommending that the front wall and south gable should be given two coats of Szelermay to prevent dampness.

Mrs. O'Sullivan has left her Esse Cooker installed, I understand, with the idea that it should be bought at a reduced price either by the Council or the new Doctor. It should be examined by the suppliers to see if it needs any fittings, or adjustments. If found suitable and price is reasonable, there is no reason why the Council should not purchase it. It is not a fixture.

The arrangements for heating the waiting room are not satisfactory. The little stove draws very badly and we have never been able to improve it.

I understand that the E.S.B. will be coming to Aughrim shortly, and I would recommend the installation of an electric storage heater then. They are dear on first cost, but are very cheap to run.

Yours faithfully,
Signed: J. T. O'BYRNE.

COPY/

Repairs to Dispensary Residence, Aughrim.		£	s	d
Paint and Decorate.				
Drawing Room:	14' x 10'			
2 bays	3' x 8'		9"	high
2 bays	3' 6" x 4' 9"			
Dining Room:	13' 6" x 10'		9"	high.
1 bay	3' 9" x 3' 6"			
Consulting Room:	10' x 10' x		9"	high
Bedroom 1:	14' x 10' x 8'		6"	high
2:	13' 6" x 10' x 8'		6"	high.
3:	10' x 10' x 8'		6"	high.
4:	10' x 10' x 8'		6"	high.
Porch:	5' x 5' 9"	84	0	0
Hall:	5' 9" x 16' 6"			
Landing:	5' 9" x 21' 6"			
All above to be cleaned down and repapered and ceilings whitened				
Kitchen:	10' x 14' 4" x 8' 4"	20	0	0
Nursery:	8' 6" x 6' 9" x 8' 2"			
Bathroom and W.C.				
All above to be scraped, cleaned down, painted and ceilings whitened				
Remove any necessary window cords		15	0	0
Paint 13 inside doors		2	0	0
" 2 press doors		13	0	0
" Staircase and Bannisters		1	0	0
" 3 Bay windows		4	0	0
" 3 Windows with inside shutters		6	0	0
" 12 Windows		6	0	0
" 1 Outside door		6	0	0
" 1 Hall door burn, stain, grain and varnish		1	0	0
Plastering:				
Drawing Room: Cracks in ceiling and 2 sq. yds. plaster		1	5	0
Dining Room: 1 sq. ft. plaster		5	0	0
Kitchen: 3 sq. yds. hacked off and replastered		1	10	0
Porch: 3 sq. yds. hacked off and replastered		1	10	0
Hall and Landing: 4 sq. yds. hacked off and replastered		2	0	0
Bathroom: 1 sq. yd. ceiling		1	0	0
General:				
Rehang coal-house door, new joists and new bolt		15	0	0
Garage door repair and rehang 6' x 7' 6"		2	10	0
Supply and fix six slates		18	0	0
Point all door and window joists and stills in front, using Selastic gum		10	0	0
Supply and fix two new wash-hand basins to two bedrooms		30	0	0
Dispensary and outlets to G.T. in yard		1	0	0
Supply and fix knob to front door		1	0	0
Window boards 3' 6" x 7' 1" to waiting room and nail up skirting		10	0	0
Paint front and gable with two coats Szelermay		10	0	0
Clean out ashpit		3	0	0
Fit back bricks, fire baskets and frets to two bedrooms		6	0	0
		£236	3	0

Councillor W. Hammond inquired as to the price to be paid for wallpaper to be used in this Dispensary Residence. He suggested that the price of 15/- per piece recommended by the Engineer was excessive. Councillor P. Murdoch stated that a price of 4/- to 5/- per piece would be reasonable.

The Council agreed that not more than 6/- per piece should be allowed for wallpaper.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of repairs and decorations to Aughrim Dispensary Residence at estimated cost of £236 3s. and approve of the purchase and installation of a suitable Cooker.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 26—Additional Health Inspectors.

The following letter from the Department of Health was submitted:—

COPY/ Department of Health,
Custom House, Dublin.
27 Samhain, 1950.

A Chara,
I am directed by the Minister for Health to refer to previous correspondence with regard to the adequacy of the health inspector staff and to state that he is of the opinion that the present number of health inspector posts is not adequate for County Wicklow, in view of the number and size of the urban districts it contains, and having regard to the demands which the administration of the Food Hygiene Regulations alone will make on the services of the health inspectors. In the Minister's view an increase of at least three in the permanent health inspector staff is urgently necessary.

In this connection I am to inform you that the Minister intends to bring into operation at a very early date the registration provisions of the Regulations, on the lines set out in the final sentence of paragraph 18 of the Explanatory Memorandum issued with Circular 36/50.

I am to request that the position should be re-examined immediately and that a copy of the relevant report of the County Medical Officer together with the County Manager's proposals be submitted without delay.

With regard to the list, contained in your letter of 19th October, of duties to be assigned to the existing sanitary sub-officers, I am to request you to furnish particulars of the duties in connection with dairies that will be so assigned.

Mise, le meas,

An Rnail,
Comhairle Chontae Cill Manntain.
M.F.

The following report of the Acting Chief Medical Officer was submitted:—

Copy.
Mr. O'Connor, Public Health Offices,
Staff Officer, 4th December, 1950.
Health Section.

Adequacy of Health Inspectorate Staff.

A Chara,
I have received your letter with the enclosed communication from the Department of Health regarding the adequacy of the Health Inspectorate Staff. It would appear from the investigations already made that the Food Hygiene Regulations would involve a large amount of work in this county and with the additional work—the registration of the different types of premises, etc., I feel that further health in-

spectors would be required. The number suggested by the Department a total of five inspectors should be adequate and I would recommend that the additional number required should be appointed.

With regard to the duties assigned to the Sub-Sanitary Officers these Officers make periodical inspections of the dairies in their areas as part of their duties.

Mise, le meas,
Signed—J. A. Dunlevy,
Acting Chief Medical Officer.

The County Manager stated that the provisions of the Food Hygiene Regulations in relation to registration of premises, would come into operation on 1st February, 1951. Additional Health Inspectors would be required in connection with these duties.

Councillor W. Hammond suggested that care and discretion should be exercised by the Inspectors in the enforcement of the Regulations. Councillor P. Murdoch suggested that the appointment of the additional Health Inspectors should be on a temporary basis, pending further experience of the operation of the Food Hygiene Regulations. He stated that it might be found subsequently that this number of Inspectors would not be required.

Councillor M. Brennan referred to the harrassing conditions which would be imposed on rural shopkeepers by the Regulations. He agreed that the production and sale of milk should be strictly supervised in view of its importance as regards health. He did not see the need for the employment of additional Health Inspectors.

The County Manager stated that the Regulations, as well as applying to hotels and guesthouses, would apply also to butchers' shops, fishmongers' shops, dairies, restaurants, and to the production of ice cream. He agreed that care and discretion were necessary in connection with the enforcement of the Regulations. He stated also that there would be more rigid control of the production of milk. As regards the duties of Sanitary Sub-Officers, the County Manager stated that when the existing Officers retired the positions would not be filled. He added that Health Inspectors also had duties in relation to water supplies, sewerage systems, etc.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That having considered letter dated 27th November, 1950, Ref. B.32/5 from the Department of Health, and report of the Acting Chief Medical Officer, dated 4th December, 1950, we approve of the appointment of three additional Health Inspectors, on a temporary basis pending further review of the matter by the Council following experience of the operation of the Food Hygiene Regulations.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 27—Public Lighting—Newtownmountkennedy.

The following letter from the Electricity Supply Board was submitted:—

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD,
MR/110, 43, Merrion Square, Dublin.
A. O'Connor, Esq., 24th November, 1950.
Staff Officer,
Wicklow Co. Council, Rathdrum.

PUBLIC LIGHTING—NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter dated 27th ultimo concerning the provision of five public lamps at Kiladreenan, the following quotation is submitted for the consideration of your Council.

The operation of public lamps at the positions as marked on your tracing returned herewith will necessitate an extension of the Board's networks at a cost of £138, payable on completion of the work.

On receipt of your Council's undertaking to pay above amount 5/300 watt lanterns and brackets will be supplied and erected at the required positions. These lamps will be lighted and maintained in operation from 1/2 an hour after Sunset until Midnight during the year ending 31st March, 1951, at a charge of £3 12s. + 30 per cent., i.e., £4 13s. 7d. per lamp per annum.

If above lamps are installed we shall notify you on completion of some of the actual charge arising for their lighting and maintenance based on unexpired lighting hours remaining between the date of installation and 31/4/51.

We shall be glad to hear from you in regard to the foregoing at your convenience.

Yours faithfully,
Public Lighting Section,
Sales Department.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan;

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the tender of the Electricity Supply Board in the sum of £138 for the extension of the electricity service at Newtownmountkennedy, in connection with the installation of five new lights at Killadreenan.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 28—Letter from Shillelagh Branch, Federation of Rural Workers.

The County Secretary stated that the following letter had been received from the Secretary to the Shillelagh Branch of the Federation of Rural Workers:—

Shillelagh, Co. Wicklow.
11th November, 1950.
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

A Chara,
I am instructed to forward the following resolutions passed at a special meeting of Coolboy Branch, Federation of Rural Workers, held on 10th November, 1950:—

- (1) That in view of the great hardships suffered by the people of Coolfancy, Coolroe and Coolboy, the Coolboy Branch, Federation of Rural Workers calls upon the Wicklow County Council to provide a water scheme for these areas;
- (2) That we the members of the Coolboy Branch, Federation of Rural Workers, protest against the employment of a lorry for the removal of stones from Coolroe Quarry to the Tnahely-Coolboy Road, a short distance, while carters in the area were dismissed.

Mise, le meas,
Denis Moore, Secretary.
The County Secretary stated that the plans for the Coolboy water supply scheme as amended, had been submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval.

As regards the second matter mentioned in the letter, the following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

re: Labour—South Wicklow—Carting.

A Chara,
I have investigated the complaint from the Federation of Rural Workers, and I am informed that the lorry was used for hauling stone from Coolroe Quarry to rolling on the Coolboy Road in addition to seven carters.

The seven carters were not able to keep the roller going and extra carters were not available, as they were employed on harvest work.

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

The Council noted the report.

Item No. 29—Pump at Ballyconnell.

The following report from the County Engineer was submitted:—
Copy. Court House, Wicklow.
The County Secretary. 27th November, 1950.

re: Ballyconnell Pump.

Dear Sir,

The Council recently agreed to take over the well at Ballyconnell School and remove the existing defective pump. When the old pump was removed, however, a sample of water was taken and the analysis was extremely bad. I might add that this was not surprising as the well is adjacent to the school lavatories.

I would recommend that permission be sought from the Council to the sinking of a new well in a better position, nearer the road. The estimated cost of a new well would be £240.

The following people would be served by the proposed new well:—

J. Kelly, Ballyconnell	6 in family, B.O.H. Cottage.
J. Brennan, Ballyconnell	3 in family, B.O.H. Cottage.
P. Hunt, Crecin	5 in family, B.O.H. Cottage.
J. Lacey, Ballyconnell	2 in family, Cottage.
Mrs. Carroll	4 in family, Cottage.
Curate's Residence	3 in house.
School	60 on rolls and teacher.

There is no reliable source of drinking water at all at present less than half a mile away and no public supply.

Yours faithfully,

Signed—J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That having considered report dated 27th November, 1950, from the County Engineer, we approve of his recommendation for the sinking of a new well at an estimated cost of £240.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 30—Boherboy Water Supply Scheme.

The following letter from the Department of Local Government was submitted:—

Copy. Department of Local Government,
L.7151/50. Custom House, Dublin.
A Chara. 27th November, 1950.

With reference to your letter of the 20th ultimo, relative to the proposed water supply scheme for Boherboy, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that the necessity for the scheme is not apparent. No estimate of the population to be served or the anticipated daily demand has been furnished. There does not appear to be any concentration of population which would justify the proposal.

Even if the necessity for water supply scheme were established it is not understood why a hydraulic ram has been proposed and why an ordinary pump would not suffice.

There is no indication as to the amount of water available at the source or whether there would be sufficient to drive the ram. To supply a daily quantity of 1,000 gallons at the levels shown, it would appear that 36,000 gallons of drive water would be required.

No serving main is being provided from the storage tank and connections of the ram delivery pipe are apparently contemplated. Such connections are undesirable as they will be subject to the pulsations of the ram and will not be suitable for domestic supply.

Having regard to the foregoing observations, it is suggested that the proposals should be considered further by the County Council.

Mise, le meas,

N. de Paor.

Secretary, Wicklow Co. Council,
Rathdrum.

The Assistant Engineer had reported as follows:—

Copy. Blessington, Co. Wicklow.
R. I. Farrell, Esq., B.E., 13th December, 1950.
Chief Assistant Engineer, Wicklow.

Boherboy Water Supply.

A Chara,

The answers you require are:

The population which it would serve in scattered houses is forty-five, within a radius of a quarter of a mile. This would be four private houses and five labourers' cottages.

The quantity of water available for driving the ram, gauged during 1949 was 60 gallons per minute minimum.

It is not the intention to take water off the rising main and the only supply to be taken is to a fountain on the roadside which is to be taken in a half-inch lead pipe from the tank.

The reason this scheme was adopted was that a well was sunk and no water was found, and it seemed unlikely that we would get water except at a very great depth.

Yours faithfully,

Signed—P. J. Foley.

The Council agreed that the services of a water diviner be procured in order to locate a site for a pump.

Item No. 31—Hollywood-Castleruddery-Kylebeg Water Supply Scheme.

The following report of the Assistant Engineer was submitted:—

Copy. Blessington, Co. Wicklow.
K. J. Brangan, Esq., 7th December, 1950.
County Secretary,
Court House, Wicklow.

re: Hollywood Water Supply.

Dear Sir,

I attach details in connection with Hollywood Water Supply which is as the result of a preliminary survey. Copies of this information have been sent to the County Surveyor and to Mr. O'Connor at Rathdrum.

The supply is from a stream and for that reason, I believe it will be necessary to use rapid filters, which are more expensive than the slow sand filters. The analysis of the water has not yet come to hand but from the general position, I would be inclined to say that it will be acid and it may at times be inclined to become turf coloured and that being so, it will be necessary to use the type of rapid filter.

The estimate I have attached provides for bringing the water to Rathdrum and also as far as the Grove, Hollywood, where it will supply two houses, the School and five Council houses.

In my original report, you will note that I proposed that the branch pipes would be only 2 ins. dia., but following a conversation I had with the County Surveyor, he suggested that we should have them at least 3 ins. dia. This will allow them to be extended further if found necessary at a later date without so much loss of head, as would be obtained in the 2 inch dia. pipes.

If the scheme is formally approved, it will take some time to get working drawings done and in addition to that a much more extensive chemical analysis will have to be undertaken.

There is no doubt that the quantity of water is more than ample.

Yours faithfully,

P. J. Foley.

HOLLYWOOD WATER SUPPLY.
DETAILS.

Particulars of Service for:

12 Houses.	
10 Council Cottages.	
1 School.	
1 Dispensary.	
Representing 120 resident population, and 80 in School.	
Main Supply in Stream—120 gals. per minute (1949).	
Analysis—Not yet returned.	
Proposed head working 200 feet.	
1,200 lin. yds. 4" C.I. pipe at 20s.	£1,200
1,200 lin. yds. 3" C.I. Pipe at 17s.	£1,020
Tank 20' x 20' x 5'	£240
Filter Rapid	£600
House for do. 14' x 10' x 9'	£150
8 Valves at £6	£48
5 A Valves at £4	£20
3 Water Pillars at £3	£9
Compensation for land, etc., say	£80
Total	£3,367

The above cost may be reduced by the use of asbestos pipes and the estimated reduction would be £650.

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we approve of the proposal to provide a water supply for Hollywood, and direct that detailed plans and specification for the work be prepared. That this scheme be included in the Priority List of Water Supplies to be provided by the Council.

Passed unanimously.

In regard to the Castleruddery Water Supply Scheme, the Assistant Engineer stated that the cost of the Scheme would be approximately £480. Samples of the water had been submitted for analysis but the analysis had not yet been received. If the analysis proved satisfactory, detailed plans and specifications would be prepared.

The Council approved of plans and specifications for the scheme being prepared and submitted to the Department of Local Government.

Item No. 32—Public Convenience at Glendalough.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

Courthouse, Wicklow.
11th December, 1950.

re: Public Convenience at Glendalough.

I suggest that the proposed convenience at Glendalough should be sited on the car park near the entrance to the saw mill and opposite the entrance to the graveyard.

It will be necessary to pump water from the river to a supply tank, and to provide a septic tank to purify the effluent.

The estimated cost of the work is £800.

Signed—J.T. O'Byrne,

County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan;

Resolved—That having considered report of Assistant Engineer dated 11th December, 1950, we approve of the provision of a Public Convenience at Glendalough at an estimated cost of £800.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor M. Brennan suggested that the possibility of obtaining a gravitation supply of water for the Public Convenience might be examined.

Item No. 33—Social Security Scheme.

The following outline of a Scheme for Social Security proposed by the Catholic Societies Vocational Organisation Conference had been circulated to the members of the Council.

OUTLINE OF SCHEME FOR SOCIAL SECURITY PROPOSED BY THE CATHOLIC SOCIETIES VOCATIONAL ORGANISATION CONFERENCE.

The Catholic Societies Vocational Organisation Conference submits for your consideration an outline of a Scheme for Social Security founded on the principles of subsidiary function and a vocational order of society set forth in the Social Encyclicals.

Any scheme of Social Security must inevitably fail if it is not backed by adequate productive effort. Honest labour particularly applied to the land and other natural resources is the basis of personal and national security. A man has a moral responsibility to provide for himself and his dependants. This is primarily his personal responsibility and the State should not lightly presume to relieve him of this obligation, but, must rather arrange circumstances by wise measures so that he is enabled to fulfil it by his own efforts. Men are entitled to live as men, with human dignity, and must not be considered as cogs in a machine or the tools of finance or the slaves of bureaucracy.

Growth of State paternalism is a cancer and will undoubtedly lead eventually to bureaucratic dictatorship; it is completely at variance with the principle of subsidiary function. When subordinate bodies are fit to cope efficiently with any problem it is wrong for the State to shoulder it.

We believe that a scheme worked mainly through vocationally organised groups would provide a better form of social security than that proposed in the White Paper.

We all want Social Security but would prefer to have our say in management and benefits than to have such important matters which affect our daily lives decided by even the best intentioned Civil Servants.

The Conference is not in a position to supply a detailed plan as it lacks the necessary actuarial and statistical information, but it is convinced that a Christian approach on the lines suggested would repay any effort involved.

On behalf of the C.S.V.O.C.

T.C. O'Gorman, Hon. Secretary,
38 Westmoreland Street, Dublin.

PROPOSED OUTLINE OF SCHEME FOR SOCIAL SECURITY COUNCIL.

1. Social Insurance to be organised on vocational lines and not on the basis suggested in White Paper.
2. Scheme to apply to all classes capable of being organised vocationally.
3. To be in essence a scheme of mutual insurance with limited aid from the State.
4. In the initial stages, the contributions by employers and workers and the benefits to be similar to that proposed in the White Paper.
5. The scale of benefits should not be limited to those proposed in the White Paper, but should increase in value as the Insurance position becomes stronger. The State might guarantee benefits for the first few years while the funds of each organisation are being built up. It is probable that the benefits later on would be considerably better than would be obtainable under a State Scheme.
6. It should be compulsory on all members of vocationally organised industry, commerce, professions, farmers and other occupational groups to join the mutual security scheme. Provision should also be made whereby a worker or member would be able to agument

his benefits up to a certain maximum level by increasing his voluntary subscription to the fund. This would give the worker a greater stage in industry and would act as an incentive to higher production. A bonus might be added to the Fund by the management when production or profits exceeded a certain level. Employers should be allowed to join the mutual insurance scheme on the same terms as workers (employees).

7. For the basic benefits contributions of workers and employers should be in the ratio of 50/50 in respect of each worker.
8. Each vocational group or Joint Industrial Council to be empowered to administer its own scheme and its own Social Security Fund subject to a minimum of State intervention.
9. The State to contribute to the Social Security Fund of each vocational group a sum based on the average unemployment percentage in the industry or profession, i.e., if the normal percentage of unemployment in an industry is 10 per cent, the State's annual contribution would be 10 per cent. of the total of the annual contributions of workers and employers to the Fund. The level of unemployment over the whole country is approximately 8 per cent, and therefore the State's contribution would be much less than the 33 per cent. foreshadowed in the White Paper. The principle on which this recommendation is based is that the worker should pay his own contribution when working and that the State should pay them for him only when he cannot get work. The State contribution is not to relieve the State of its duty to provide conditions favourable for full employment or of its duty to provide adequate Health Services.
10. The State should, where feasible, encourage and aid mutual insurance schemes for groups not already fully organised on vocational lines such as farmers or self-employed persons.
11. Employers should be responsible for insurance against accidents in their employment as pertains under Employers Accident Liability.
12. Public Assistance should be available to assist those who have no opportunity to provide for themselves under mutual insurance schemes, also where necessary to supplement benefits under such schemes. It should be laid down as an administrative principle that Public Assistance should be given more grudgingly where an applicant neglected opportunities to insure himself under a mutual scheme when available. In such cases assistance should where possible be given through public works.
13. The scale of benefits might vary from industry to industry and from group to group as wages and working conditions also vary. This is not a valid objection to the scheme. The Government contribution (see Recommendation 3) would, however, do something to level out inequalities between the groups as the group with the higher incidence of employment, and consequently higher risks, would get a higher contribution.

The Council decided to mark the matter "read."

Item No. 34—Resolution from Limerick County Council re Maintenance Grants—Main Roads.

The Council adopted the resolution forwarded from Limerick Co. Council demanding that 80 per cent. of the cost of maintenance of main roads be borne by the National Exchequer.

Item No. 35—Resolution from Waterford Co. Council re Employment Allowance of Agricultural Grant.

The Council adopted the resolution received from Waterford Co. Council urging that the Department of Local Government increase by 50 per cent. the allowance for employees, both male and female, towards reduction of rates under the Agricultural Grant Abatement.

Kilcoole Water Supply.
Councillor W. Lawless referred to his request for particulars of the expenditure incurred in connection with the Kilcoole Water Supply during the previous year.

The Assistant Engineer reported as follows:—

Courthouse, Wicklow,
16th December, 1950.

re: **Kilcoole Water Supply.**

As you are aware the above water supply has been causing considerable difficulty for the past two years due to the increase in consumption of water in Kilcoole. The ram at Kilcoole pumps about 10,000 gallons per day, but this is not sufficient to meet the consumption, and it is necessary to pump water to the storage tank about twice per week. In summer time the stream has not sufficient volume of water to work a larger ram, and in the circumstances I recommend the purchase of a pump (Electric) capable of pumping 20,000 gallons per 24 hours.

The estimated cost of this work will be as follows:—

Pump, switch, pressure tank, etc	£145 13
Installation of pump	£30 0
Extension of E.S.B. to pump house	£75 0
Alterations to pump house	£70 0

Total cost .. £320 13

Signed—M. HEALY,
Assistant County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That an electric pump be installed for water supply at Kilcoole, in accordance with the report of the Assistant Engineer dated 16th December, 1950, and that appointment of caretaker be deferred pending the installation of the pump.

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that particulars of the cost of maintenance of an electric pump be submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

Home Assistance.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we recommend that the extra allowance granted at Christmas to recipients of Home Assistance be increased to 5s.

Passed unanimously.

Derelict Site at Newtownmountkennedy.

In reply to an inquiry by Councillor W. Lawless, in regard to damage caused to a house at Newtownmountkennedy following the demolition of a derelict house on the adjoining site, the County Manager stated that the Council did not demolish this house, and had no responsibility in relation to the matter.

Seating on Greystones Seafront.

The County Engineer was asked to report in regard to the condition of the seats on the Seafront at Greystones.

Proposed removal of Water Trough at Greystones.

The County Engineer was asked to report on the suggestion that the water Trough at Greystones Station be removed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett, and accepted by the Chairman:—

- "I or some member for me will propose at the next meeting:—
- (1) That a Public Weighbridge be erected in Rathdrum;
 - (2) That the derelict buildings (formerly a bakery) at Fair Green, Rathdrum, be demolished, and
 - (3) That a Gents' Convenience be erected at the Fair Green, Rathdrum."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 15th January, 1951, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman; Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; James O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. P. O'Reilly, J. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, Wm. Cleary, L. O Laoighleis, Ed. J. Byrne, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, J. Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. J. Brennan.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor P. Murdoch.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, attended.

The County Engineer, and Chief Assist. Co. Engineer, and Assist. Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley and M. Healy attended.

BUSINESS:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 20th Nov., 1950.
2. Letter dated 14th Dec., 1950, from the Department of Local Government, Ref. RPC/201, re Schemes under Local Authorities (Works) Act, for year 1951/52.
3. Resolution from Arklow Urban District Council regarding footpaths in Rural area of Arklow.
4. Letter from A. Cullen, Esq., Solicitor, re roads in townlands of Coolmore, Ballytunney, Raherd, Ballysallagh, and Tonlague.
5. Scheme of Road Works for 1951/52.
6. Letter dated 4th December, 1950, Ref. RU/217/33, from the Dept. of Local Government regarding Grant from Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1950/51.
7. Telegram from Secretary, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Dunlavin Branch, re men disemployed from Drainage Works.
8. Letter dated 5th Dec., 1950, from Department, L.G., re remuneration of Carters.
9. Letter dated 23rd Dec., 1950, Ref. EL/76/50, from the Dept. of Local Government regarding wages of employees of local authorities (Copy circulated).
10. Application from Bray Branch, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, for increase in allowances to fire brigade personnel at Bray.
11. Interest charges on loans in respect of year ended 31st March, 1950 (Statement circulated).
12. To authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to Mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works for loan of £20,000 for purpose of Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
13. Letter dated 18th Dec., 1950, from Dept. of Education regarding Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1951.
14. Applications under Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1951.
15. Letter dated 6th January, 1951, from Department of Education re Scholarship.
16. Civil Defence—Letter from Dept. of Defence, and summary of statement of Parliamentary Secretary (copies circulated).
17. Report of Meeting of Housing Committee held on 8th Jan., 1951.
18. Letter dated 8th Jan., 1951, from Dept. of Local Government re sites reserved for housing scheme designs competition.
19. Letter from Wm. T. Leeson, Mongnacool, re tender for erection of cottages and report of Assist. Co. Engineer re tender of Patk. Lennon for erection of cottages.

20. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor P. McCarthy regarding payment of a bonus to all workers employed on Housing Schemes.
 21. Letter dated 1st Jan., 1951, from Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor, re acquisition of lands at Rathnew for entrance to Co. Hospital.
 22. Public Health Nursing Service—Report of Acting Chief Medical Officer dated 2nd January, 1951.
 23. Application of Acting Chief Medical Officer for increase in office staff.
 24. Letter dated 21st Dec., 1950, from Dept. of Health re vacancies in Newcastle Sanatorium.
 25. Report of Rent Collector re proposed extension of water main at Carnew.
 26. Report of Co. Engineer regarding Boherboy Water Supply.
 27. Water Supply Scheme—Castleruddery.
 28. Report of Assistant Co. Engineer re Well at Coolafancy.
 29. Kilcoole Water Supply—Costs of maintenance of electric pump.
 30. Report of Co. Engineer re condition of seats at Seafrost, Greystones.
 31. Report of Co. Engineer and letter from Hon. Assist. Sec., County Wicklow Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, re proposal to remove drinking trough at Greystones.
 32. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett re-erection of public weighbridge and sanitary convenience at Fair Green, Rathdrum, and demolition of derelict buildings at Fair Green.
 33. Report of Co. Engineer on application for Parish Hall at Stratford-on-Slaney.
 34. Resolution from Arklow Urban District Council re political collections outside Church gates, etc.
 35. Resolution from Corporation of Sligo re National Flag.
 36. Resolution from Longford County Council re repairs and improvements to County Homes.
 37. Resolution from Trim Urban District Council re provincial bus terminus and Waiting Shelters at Aston Quay, Dublin.
 38. Minutes of Annual Meeting of County Councils' General Council held on 10th August, 1950.
 39. County Manager's Orders.
- The Council directed that their best wishes be conveyed to Mr. J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, for his recovery after his operation.
- The Council asked also that their best wishes be conveyed to Mr. P. J. Noonan, representative of the Wicklow People, for his speedy recovery.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

The County Secretary stated that the Minutes of the previous meeting were not available for confirmation. He stated that the foreman printer of The Echo Printing Works had died recently, and work had got into arrears.

The Council deferred consideration of the Minutes to the next meeting.

Item No. 2—Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949.

The following letter received from the Department of Local Government, was submitted:—

Department of L.G.,
Roads,
Custom House, Dublin,
14 Nollaig, 1950.

PRC/201.

Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949—1951/52.

A Chara,

1. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to remind local authorities that the grant allocations notified in the financial year 1950/51 for schemes under the above Act have been restricted to work for completion before 31st March, 1951. 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 1951/52. He, therefore, recommends local authorities to consider without delay, and in any event not later than the middle of February, such works under the above Acts as could be executed in the financial year, 1951/52. Any preliminary planning and any surveys which can be made should proceed without delay.

2. I am to request that by 14th February, 1951, the Council submit to the Department a statement showing, as in attached Form RPC/1, the works under the Act which they consider can and should be executed by them during the year ending 31st March, 1952. The following considerations should be borne in mind in the preparation of the statement:—

- A. The works should be within the technical capacity and scope of the Council's Staff. They should be planned so that their execution will not interfere with the Council's other operations, such as road works, housing, etc., agricultural work schemes such as 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 works proposed by him are reasonably planned both as regards location and timing, and that each work can be completed by 31st March, 1952.
- 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 letters RS/20 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. In this connection I am to point out that it is a condition of any grant allocated for schemes under the Act that the works carried out thereunder must be efficiently planned and executed and that payment of the grant may be withheld in the event of a breach of this condition. In view of the large scale operations of local authorities under the Act, and the widely dispersed location of the works, it is essential that adequate consideration be given to the planning of the individual schemes and that their execution be efficiently supervised. 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 items such as the following would not so rank, viz.—engineers' salaries, any compensation that may be payable for damages, the cost of machinery purchased (as distinct from daily charges for its use, calculated under Articles 38 of the Public Bodies Order).

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: Each County Secretary, Signed: P. J. DALY,
Town Clerk,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

The County Engineer had requested members of the Council to submit any Scheme which they might consider should be carried out in the coming financial year.

The Council decided that a list of the Schemes be submitted for approval by the Council at the next meeting.

Item No. 3—Footpaths in the Rural Area of Arklow.

The following resolution received from Arklow Urban District Council was submitted:—"That this Council agree unanimously with the views expressed in Mrs. K. Brennan's letter of 1st December, 1950, in connection with the Condition of the various footpaths in the Rural Area adjacent to the town."

The letter received by Arklow Urban District Council from Mrs. K. Brennan, read as follows:—

Mr. P. McCarthy, 1st Dec., 1950.
Chairman, Arklow U.D.C.,
Arklow.

Dear Mr. McCarthy,

I wish to draw your attention to the very disgraceful, neglected condition of the foot-paths in the Rural Area of our town. Our townspeople cannot enjoy a walk with safety on any side of the town, they must of necessity walk on the main road.

The Press just now is giving wide publicity to the urgent need of reducing the appalling death-rate from road accidents. Won't you agree with me that a very primary and efficient means of doing so, is to give the pedestrians a proper, well-made, well surfaced footpath where they can walk with safety.

Make the path sufficiently wide that mothers can comfortably wheel their prams on it.

The people of this town are fond of walking, but at present we are imperilling our own lives and are a menace to motor traffic.

I know this is a County Council job, will you kindly see that the matter is put before the proper body.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed): K. BRENNAN.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Roads Estimates Meeting.

Item No. 4—Roads in Townlands of Coolmore, Ballytorney, etc.

The following letter received from Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor, was submitted:—

28th December, 1950.

Dear Sir,
I have been consulted by a number of residents in the Coolmore Ballytorney, Raherd, Ballysallagh and Tonlagree areas, with reference to the condition of the roads servicing these townlands. I am instructed that this road is in a very bad condition, with the result that the Milk Lorry that collected the Milk in these townlands is not now permitted to use these roads, owing to the damage caused to the lorry by the condition of the road.

The position now is that any of the Farmers in the above townlands who had been Milk Producers have now to bring their milk to a collecting centre on the main road, and in some cases the parties have to travel several miles.

I understand that complaints have already been made to your Council concerning the condition of affairs, but nothing appears to have been done. You will realise that these ratepayers are entitled to receive reasonable facilities but same apparently have been denied them.

I must ask you to have early arrangements made to alleviate the hardships and expense imposed upon these Ratepayers by the failure of your Council to carry out its public duty.

Yours faithfully,

AUGUSTUS CULLEN.

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

Councillor C. W. Hudson stated that he took exception to the terms of the letter received from Mr. Cullen. He stated that the matter of these roads had already been brought to the notice of the Council by the Councillors for the district, and had been deferred by the Council for further consideration at the Roads Estimates Meeting. The Council referred the matter to the Roads Estimates Meeting.

Item No. 5—Scheme of Road Works for Year 1951/1952.

Particulars of the County Engineer's estimates for Road Works for the year 1951/52 had been circulated to the members of the Council. The Council decided to hold a Special Meeting on Monday, 29th January, 1951, for the purpose of considering the Estimates for Roads for the coming year.

Item No. 6—Grant from Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1950/51.

The County Secretary stated that a Grant of £225, subject to a local contribution of £75, had been allocated to the Co. Council from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1950/51.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor Edwd. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure of £300 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates for the purpose of carrying out road works (No. 486) with the aid of a grant from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1950/51. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Employment of Men at Dunlavin.

The following telegram received from the Secretary, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Dunlavin Branch, was submitted:—

Secretary,
County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

8th Jan., 1951.

Please notify meeting, twenty men disemployed drainage work, Dunlavin. Request furnish employment their behalf. Urgent.

Signed: KELLY, Secretary,
Transport Union, Dunlavin.

The Council noted that arrangements had been made in the meantime in regard to the employment of workers in the Dunlavin area.

Item No. 8—Remuneration of Carters.

The following letter received from the Department of Local Government, was submitted:— Custom House, Dublin. 5th December, 1950. A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 18th October last, regarding the remuneration of carters, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that in the absence of any evidence to show that the cost of providing and maintaining a horse and cart in 1950, has increased by comparison with the cost in 1948, he is not prepared to alter his decision as conveyed in this Department's letter of 5th idem.

In regard to the payment of Carters who are employees for public and annual holidays, I am to state that as already pointed out this is a matter for the local authority, subject, of course, to compliance with the statutory provisions in relation to holidays for employees. I am to add, however, that the relevant statutory provisions lay down minimum requirements in the matter of holidays with pay, and the local authority is not thereby precluded from granting more generous treatment.

This does not, of course, apply to carters who are contractors. Mise, le meas.

Secretary, T. J. BARRINGTON. Co. Council Offices, Wicklow.

Members of the Council stated that they could not agree that there had been no increase in the cost of providing and maintaining a horse and cart in 1950, over the cost in 1948.

The Council decided to request the Minister to reconsider his decision in the matter.

Item No. 9—Wages of Employees of Local Authorities.

The following letter received from the Department of Local Government had been circulated to the members of the Council:— COPY Department of Local Government, Custom House, Dublin. 23rd December, 1950.

WAGES OF EMPLOYEES OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

A Chara,

1. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to set out for the guidance of local authorities the nature and extent of the control he proposes to exercise under Section 42 of the Local Government Act, 1946, of the remuneration of all classes of local employees for which he is the appropriate Minister. This Circular Letter is issued in replacement of Circular Letters Nos. 11/49 of 11th February, 1949; RM/201/W(g) of 10 Meitheamh, 1948, and RM/20/W(c) of 30 Marta, 1948, which are hereby withdrawn. Part-time fire brigade personnel whose remuneration is governed by the terms of Circular Letter G.386/48 of 24/5/48 are not affected by this Circular.

2. This Circular letter should not be interpreted as an instruction to a local authority to pay any particular level of remuneration to their employees; it merely indicates for the assistance of local authorities the consideration that, in the Minister's view, might suitably be taken into account in fixing wages for the categories of employees set out below.

A. COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD WORKERS.

3. Proposals to increase the wages of Co. Council road labourers apart from those employed in urban districts should, as heretofore, be submitted to the Minister for his sanction. The wages of road labourers employed by County Councils in urban districts should be determined in accordance with the principles set out below under the heading "Other Employees."

4. Supervisory road workers may at the discretion of the local authority be paid a differential over the labourers' rate within the following maxima: Overseer—10s. a day; Foreman—7s. a day; Ganger—4s. a day.

For convenience of reference the definitions of these three grades of employees are set out again:—

Overseer: The employee who, under the direction of the assistant county engineer, exercises control over all other employees, including foremen and gangers in his area.

Foreman: The employee who, under the supervision of the overseer, takes charge of special works involving two or more operations simultaneously in progress, such as quarrying, crushing and rolling, usually with the assistance of a ganger in charge of the working group on each operation.

Ganger: The employee in immediate control of a gang of men, working with them where necessary.

5. Engineer's office assistants may be paid a wage scale rising from the rate of gangers prevailing from time to time by annual increments of 1s. a day to a maximum not greater than the rate appropriate to Foreman. This wage scale may also be applied to Storemen, that is, employees, in charge of engineering stores, depots, other than persons holding the office of Storekeeper of central engineering stores.

6. Machinery Overseers may be paid the appropriate rate for Fitters plus a differential not exceeding £1 per week, or, where it is greater, their existing remuneration.

7. Carters of all kinds of local authorities may be paid at the labourer's rate plus a differential in respect of the provision of an animal and cart not exceeding the following amounts:—

- 7s. 8d. a day in respect of the provision of a horse and cart. 6s. 8d. a day in respect of the provision of a pony and cart. 5s. 2d. a day in respect of the provision of a donkey and cart.

Of the foregoing differentials, 7s., 6s., and 4s. 6d. represent respectively the daily allowance to cover the particular expense of providing the appropriate animal and cart. Thus, for established servants, these amounts will not reckon as "wages" in accordance with the terms of section 58 (1) (a) (ii) of the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1948.

8. Road labourers while engaged on duties considered to be more arduous or to involve more skill or responsibility than the normal duties of labourers (e.g., surface men, chargehands, flagmen, and men engaged on tar spraying operations or in the handling of explosives) may be paid such differential not exceeding 2s. per day as may be considered appropriate. Where, however, any employee engaged on such duties is at present in receipt of a differential in excess of 2s. a day, the existing differential may, if so desired, be maintained in his case.

9. Other classes of road workers, e.g., machinery operatives, may be paid in accordance with the principles set out below under the heading "Other Employees."

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B. WORKERS ENGAGED ON SCHEMES UNDER THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT, 1949.

10. These workers should be paid at the appropriate rate for road workers in the same area.

C. OTHER EMPLOYEES.

11. The remuneration of all employees for whom the Minister is the appropriate Minister, other than those referred to above, should not, for tradesmen and skilled employees, exceed the locally recognised Trade Union rate, and for other employees the wage rate paid locally in what is regarded by the local authority of a comparable nature. Where, however, differentials now exist over the local rates these may be maintained.

12. Where there is no local employment of a comparable nature (e.g., Waterworks Caretakers and other Caretakers) the road labourer's rate prevailing in the area should be taken as the maximum remuneration for wholtime employment. If, however, the local authority is satisfied that the responsibilities of the employment are comparable with those attaching to one or other of the supervisory grades of road workers referred to in paragraph 4 above, such differential as may be considered appropriate not exceeding that allowable to the comparable grade may be paid.

13. Where the employment is of such an exceptional or occasional nature that there is no comparable rate or where persons are employed on an occasional daily basis (e.g., garmen at fairs), the maximum wage rate may be fixed at such level as may be found necessary provided it does not exceed the highest daily rate payable in the area to the highest grade of supervisory road worker.

14. For part-time employees an appropriate fraction of the rate for whole-time employment of a comparable nature may be paid, but where the fraction is small, such wages as may be considered suitable may be allowed up to a maximum weekly rate of £1, or the equivalent monthly, quarterly or annual rate. Where an employee holds a number of part-time jobs his total remuneration should not exceed what would be payable to him under the foregoing paragraphs for whole-time employment of a comparable nature.

15. Employments remunerated on a performance basis (e.g., Water Rent, tool, etc., Collectors) may be paid at a rate not exceeding 5% of the amount collected unless, prior to the date of this Circular Letter, a higher rate has been approved for an individual employee. This paragraph does not, of course, refer to offices, such as housing rent collectors or rate collectors.

D. GENERAL.

16. Where an employee is in receipt of emoluments, the value of these and the amount of his remuneration should not together exceed the maximum rate of remuneration appropriate under the terms of this Circular letter.

17. Wages of the foregoing classes of employees may be varied in line with fluctuations in the wages of classes with which they have been linked above.

18. Adjusted rates of wages not exceeding those which would be arrived at in the manner provided for in the preceding paragraphs of this Circular Letter may be regarded as the rates for the time being sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government for the purposes of Section 42 of the Local Government Act, 1946. Accordingly, the specific sanction of the Minister need not be sought, where the local authority wish to vary the wages of any employee or employees within the terms of the appropriate paragraphs.

19. Particulars of the rates of remuneration paid to employees as at 30th June and 31st December, in each year should be furnished

to the Department in the form set out in the Appendix to this Circular Letter. Two copies of this form should be submitted not later than 21 days after the close of each half-year.

Mise, le meas.

To each: City, County and Assist. Manager. To each: County Secretary. To each: Town Clerk.

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Table with 3 columns: Class of Employee, Wage Rate on last day of half-year, Wage Rate on first day of half-year. Includes an Appendix section for details of changes giving brief accounts of considerations governing the fixing of new rates.

The Council noted the terms of the letter.

Item No. 10—Allowances to Fire Brigade Personnel at Bray.

The following application from the Bray Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union was submitted:—

No. 5, Wolfe Tone Sq., West,
Bray.

Dear Sir, 16th November, 1950.

Our members employed by your Council as firemen have requested that the present agreement in respect to (1) Call allowance paid to officers, and (2) Allowance paid to firemen for stand-to duty, should be revised to the following rates:—

- (1) Officers Call on rate to be increased by 5s. per call;
- (2) Stand-to Allowance to be increased to 15s. per week;
- (3) When the Leading Fireman has to take charge of Crew in the absence of the Officer, that he should be paid the Officer's rate for this work;
- (4) The personnel desire that the allowance for practices should be increased to 7s. 6d.

Our members feel that after giving the present Agreement a fair trial of a period of twelve months, consider that the present allowance is totally inadequate, as they must confine themselves to their home during the period of stand-to for such a small sum as 7s. 6d. per week.

I feel sure the Council will agree that in view of the very excellent work these employees have done, that their request is a very reasonable one.

Trusting you will give this matter your earliest consideration and favour me with an early reply.

Yours faithfully,
Signed: JOHN TEMPLE,
Branch Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that the matter had been considered by Bray Urban District Council, and submitted the following letter received from the Town Clerk, Bray:—

K. J. Brangan, Esq., 10th January, 1951.
County Secretary,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Remuneration of Fire Brigade Personnel

A Chara,

I have to refer to previous correspondence regarding the claim submitted by the Branch Secretary, I.T. & G.W.U., concerning increased allowances to personnel of the Urban Council's Fire Brigade.

The Council at its meeting last evening unanimously decided to accede to the request of the Union for revision of rates of remuneration.

Incidentally, many tributes were paid to the personnel of the Brigade for the very efficient and expeditious manner in which fire outbreaks have been dealt with to date.

The allowances payable to personnel of Fire Brigade in respect of Retention Money, Attendance at Fires, at Practices, etc., are fixed by the Minister for Local Government in accordance with the Circular of 24th May, 1948. The existing allowance in respect of Stand-to duty was approved specially by the Department following representations made by the Council in the matter. I enclose a copy of a report of the 3rd instant, which was submitted by me to the Council at its meeting on the 9th instant. As far as can be reasonably anticipated, the additional expenditure which would be involved annually, if your Council and the Minister agree, would be approximately £340.

I shall be glad if you will submit the Urban Council's recommendation to your Council for consideration at an early date.

Mise, le meas,

E. J. FENNELL,
Town Clerk.

Proposed by Councillor Ed. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That, having considered application dated 16th Nov., 1950, from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union (Bray Branch), we recommend this application for favourable consideration at the Estimates Meeting.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Interest Charges.

A copy of the Statement of Capital Debt, as shown in the Abstracts of Accounts of the Council for the year ended 31st March, 1950, has been circulated to the members. The total interest charges in respect of the year 1949/50 was £27,231 13s. 11d. The Amount of the Housing Subsidy received in the year 1949/50 was £18,315 3s. 9d. A proportion of this sum would be available to offset the interest paid on Housing Loans.

Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett stated that she had given a good deal of study to the matter of Bank created credits, over a number of years, and had consulted very eminent people who were in a position to give sound advice on it. She referred to the statement made by Professor Busted at the Annual Congress of Municipal Authorities, in which he urged that a joint inquiry by representatives of all local authorities into the whole question of local borrowing might be of great practical value. Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett suggested that Wicklow County Council should give the lead in the matter, and invite representatives from all County Councils and municipal authorities to join in having an inquiry held. She stated that she believed that if all County Councils and municipal authorities requested the Government to take the necessary legal action, the Banks could be instructed to issue the necessary credits to the County Council free of interest, but subject to a fee for their services.

The County Manager stated that interest charges were charges made for the use of money, just as rent was charged for the use of a house. He pointed out that the State had to offer interest to persons lending money to the State, and could not loan money at a lesser rate than was charged to itself. He pointed out that much thought had been devoted to the problem, but no simple remedy had been found.

Proposed by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett;
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Resolved—That the County Councils' General Council and the Municipal Authorities Congress be requested to examine the entire question of Interest Charges to local authorities, with a view to securing a reduction in the very heavy commitments which at present have had to be met from Rates in respect of borrowed moneys.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12—Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts—Loan of £20,000.

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

Resolved—That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the

Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds (£20,000) proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899-1950. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1951.

The following letter, received from the Department of Education, was submitted:—

Oil (2)79522.
The Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Brainse an Bhun Oideachais,
Sraid Maolbride,
Baile Atha Cliath, C.8.
18 Nollaig, 1950.

**Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1951—
County Wicklow.**

A Chara,

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 12th December, 1950, regarding the Scholarship Scheme for 1951, and to say that it is noted that the Council have agreed to the amendment to the Scheme contained in this Department's letter of the 30th November, 1950, with the exception of the alteration of Clause 1, suggested in Paragraph 3 of the letter.

2. With regard to the Council's suggested amendment of Clause 13, I am to inform you that the Minister is unable to agree either to the proposed exclusion of optional subjects from the Programme of the Examination for 1951, or to the alternative proposal that not more than one optional subject be taken by a candidate. Careful consideration will, however, be given to the proposals in connection with the Programme of the Examination for 1952.

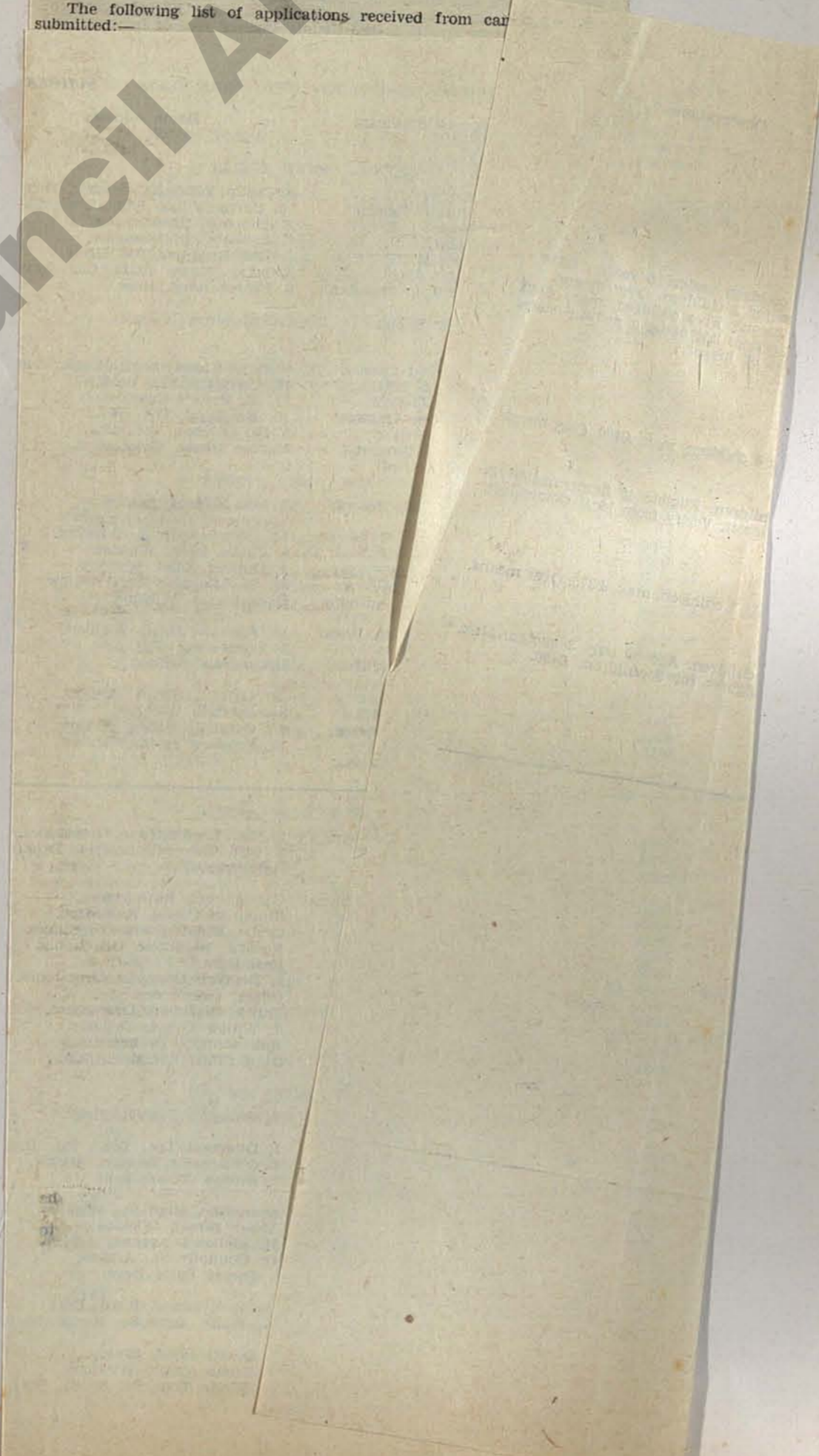
Mise, le meas,

D. O. LAOGHAIRE.

The Council noted the letter.

**Item No. 14—Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational
Schools, 1951.**

The following list of applications received from candidates submitted:—



Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary;

Resolved—That we approve of the list of applicants to compete under the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1951, subject to verification of incomes.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Application for Renewal of Scholarship.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received for renewal of scholarship formerly held by Miss Mary Murphy. Miss Murphy had entered the Novitiate at Loreto Abbey, Rathfarnham. The following letter had been received from the Department of Education in regard to the matter:—

An Runai, Secondary Education Branch,
Comhairle Contae Chille Manntain, 1 Hume Street,
Teach na Cuirte, Cill Manntain, Dublin,
A Chara, 6 Eanáir, 1951.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th December, 1950, together with enclosure in regard to the scholarship formerly held by Miss Mary Murphy at Loreto Convent, Bray, and to state that the enclosure in question would appear to be a matter for consideration by your Council in the first instance.

It may be mentioned, however, in view of the fact that Miss Murphy would appear to have entered the Novitiate at Loreto Abbey, Rathfarnham, that Novitates are not "approved schools" for scholarship purposes.

The enclosure to your letter is required herewith.

Mise,

S. O. Conchobhair.

The Council noted that Novitates were not approved Schools for scholarship purposes, and that the Scholarship could not be renewed.

Item No. 16—Civil Defence.

The following letter and enclosure, received from the Department of Defence had been circulated to the members of the Council:—

Copy, Department of Defence,
CD/2, Parkgate, Dublin,
A Chara, 21st December, 1950.

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to refer to the discussion which the Parliamentary Secretary had at these offices on the 20th instant with City and County Managers relative to the civil defence services which will have to be set up by Local Authorities. A few copies of a summary of the statement made by the Parliamentary Sec. at the opening of the discussion are enclosed and I am to direct your attention to that portion of the summary dealing with the qualifications, duties and appointment of Civil Defence Officers.

I am directed to request that you will now make arrangements for the appointment of Civil Defence Officers to cover scheme making authorities in your functional area as provided in the A.R.P. Acts 1939 to 1946. Proposals in the matter should be submitted for the approval of the Minister for Defence and should be accompanied by particulars of the name and qualifications of and the proposed rate of remuneration of allowance for each Officer whose appointment is suggested.

Mise, le meas,

Runai,

M. Flannery, Esq.,
County Manager, Wicklow.

CIVIL DEFENCE.

Discussion with City and Co. Managers on Wednesday, 20th Dec., 1950. Summary of the statement read on behalf of the Minister for Defence by the Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. E. Corish, T.D.

The Minister for Defence has been considering the position with regard to the Civil Defence Services which will have to be set up by Local Authorities and, in particular, he has been giving thought to the question of the selection by local authorities of personnel to undergo training at the Civil Defence School about to be set up by the Department, the formulation of schemes by Local Authorities and the recruitment and training of volunteer personnel for the purpose of the various local Civil Defence services. The Minister made the following statement in the Dail on the 14th December, 1950:—

"An overall plan for the Civil Defence arrangements in this country has not yet been finally completed. Before this can be done, I am awaiting advice and recommendations from personnel of my Department who are proceeding next month on courses of training in England which will cover the most up-to-date arrangements which are being adopted or proposed there for the purposes of civilian defence. My Department has been endeavouring for a considerable time past to secure vacancies on such courses. The earliest vacancies which could be secured were those which I referred to in my reply to the Deputy's question on the 7th instant. The first of the courses will begin on the 1st January, 1951, and the last will begin on the 29th January, 1951. The information which will be obtained by these officers will be applied to our conditions here in connection with the drawing up of an overall Civil Defence plan. When this plan has been completed and approved any consequential amendments which may be necessary in our A.R.P. legislation will come before the Oireachtas. I will then be in a position to convey fuller information with regard to the specific matters raised in the Deputy's questions.

"I am also awaiting information to the latest types of Civil Defence equipment which have been officially adopted in England and which could be made available for use in connection with our schemes in so far as they might be suitable therefor and I am making arrangements to secure supplies of such equipment.

"I have arranged to see the Chairman of the Red Cross Society on next Monday, 18th instant, and have asked the City and County Managers to meet me on the following day."

The Minister had a discussion with Mrs. Barry, the Chairman of the Central Council of the Red Cross Society, on the 18th December, 1950, and discussed with her problems in connection with the recruitment and organisation of first aid personnel, both male and female, for service with the Armed Forces and also with the Civil Defence Services. As regards the Casualty Services which will have to be set up by Local Authorities throughout the country under the provisions of the A.R.P. Precautions Acts, the Minister asked the Chairman (1) to encourage the Society's members to volunteer for local Civil Defence Services whenever volunteers are called for by the Government or by a Local Authority and to maintain whatever organisation would be best adapted to facilitate this enrolment; (2) to undertake the training of the Society's members in Civil Defence generally and to arrange for a sufficient number of its members to be trained at the Civil Defence School as instructors, so far as vacancies at the school could be allotted to it; and (3) to secure a response from the Society, so far as was within its power, to reasonable requests from Local Authorities for assistance in the organisation of Civil Defence to deal with civil casualties. The Minister for Defence is also in communication with the St. John

Ambulance Brigade of Ireland and the Ambulance Corps of the Sovereign and Military Order of the St. John of Jerusalem and of Malta (Irish Association) in the matter.

The statutory basis of A.R.P. is contained in the Air Raid Precautions Acts, 1939 to 1946. These Acts are not emergency measures, but are intended to form a permanent part of the defence system of the country. Any amendment of the Acts which may be necessary, as referred to in the statement by the Minister in the Dail on the 14th December, 1950, will be more on question of detail than of principle. It may be taken as certain that the fundamental responsibility of the Local Authorities to formulate and operate schemes will not be interfered with. Local Authorities and their officers and servants have, in some cases, been slow to realise and to appreciate the statutory responsibility laid on them under the Acts. The principle of the responsibility of Local Authorities in the first place to organise measures for the protection of the Civil population against the effects of air attack cannot, however, be too strongly stressed. It is one that is universally accepted. The community should organise itself to look after itself and not leave it completely to the State to do so. The State does of course shoulder certain responsibility—for example, with regard to prescribing the requirements of the overall Civil Defence Scheme for the country, so that communities may know on what lines to plan; the furnishing of certain facilities, including technical advice and training; the supply of certain types of equipment and the provision of financial assistance within defined limits.

While the organisational basis of any future Civil Defence Scheme may be different from the 1939/45 one, it may be mentioned here that the main aspects of the previous scheme were:—

- Local Authorities' schemes designed for the protection of persons and property in the event of air attack.
- Essential undertakers' (e.g., Gas, Electricity, Transport) schemes designed to secure the continued functioning of the undertakings concerned in the event of air attack, and
- An evacuation scheme to secure the transfer of certain sections of civil population from the cities to the country.

The Local Authorities will know from past experience what services were organised to deal with these matters for their own functional areas. That knowledge and those services will, however, have to be brought up to date and adapted not only to developments which occurred in the latter stages of the last emergency, but also to developments which are foreshadowed.

City and County Managers should now take all possible preliminary steps regarding an organisation for Civil Defence in their areas. One of the first steps would be the appointment of a Civil Defence Officer. All scheme-making Local Authorities will be required to appoint such an Officer. Generally, the appointment of a full-time Civil Defence Officer is likely to be necessary. Local Authorities should examine the possibility of re-arranging the duties performed by the existing members of their staffs so as to release one with suitable qualifications for the work without replacement.

Where the appointment of a whole-time Civil Defence Officer is essential, the question of the remuneration of such officer would have to be done into in each case. In the smaller areas, where the duties of a Civil Defence Officer could possibly be added on to the duties of a suitable existing officer, it might be necessary to pay personal allowances of an amount which would have to be agreed. Grants would be payable by the Minister for Defence on expenditure incurred by Local Authorities on salaries or allowances for Civil Defence Officers.

The Civil Defence Officer (if he himself is not the Chief Executive Officer of the Local Authority) would have to give his assistance to the Chief Executive Officer for the purpose of correlating the civil defence plans to be prepared by the relative responsible officers of the Local Authority. For example, the Casualty Service could be organised and operated by the M.O. of Health and the Rescue Service by the Chief Engineer. The Auxiliary Fire Service would seem to fall naturally to the County Fire Officer. Generally, the duties of the Civil Defence Officer would require considerable administrative experience rather than specific technical and professional qualifications. The selection of the person for the post of Civil Defence Officer is, therefore, one of considerable importance. He should be a man of adequate standing and good organising ability. It would be well that he should be of such an age and physical fitness that he would be able to render services for a considerable period.

As soon as the Civil Defence School can be started, the Department of Defence will arrange to call up Civil Defence Officers for training. The School will be in Dublin and the training may be for a period of a week or two. The School will not be residential, but the expenses of the Local Authority, in sending officials for training, will be subject to payment of grant. Full details will be furnished when Local Authorities are being asked to send forward the Civil Defence Officers.

Immediately a Civil Defence Officer is trained at the Civil Defence School, he would have to draw up a plan for his area in the light of the training and instructions received. This plan would, of course, be drawn up in consultation with and with the co-operation of the respective technical officers of the Local Authority. Local Authorities would then have to send forward selected personnel to be trained at the Civil Defence School as local instructors. When the necessary local instructors had been trained, Local Authorities would commence to enrol personnel on a voluntary basis and have them trained for the various Services.

Pending undergoing courses of training, Civil Defence Officers could be doing quite an amount of useful work in their area. In the first place, they could study the conditions of their area in conjunction with the heads of the technical services who would be involved, e.g., the Medical Officer, the Engineer and the Fire Officer. They could ascertain who filled the different key posts under the last scheme and whether such people would be again available and suitable or, if not, they could be on the look-out for suitable substitutes. Premises for various purposes would also be required and a timely survey of possible premises might save considerable trouble later on. Amongst other needs would be premises for the storage not only of equipment which might be issued on loan by the Department of Defence to Local Authorities, but also equipment which would have to be purchased by the Authorities themselves. Another type of storage accommodation would be that for evacuation equipment—mattresses, blankets, cooking utensils, domestic equipment and the like. In the last emergency, large quantities of such equipment were stored in various places throughout the reception area. Considerable trouble and delay was caused in finding accommodation for these stores and in the light of past experience, the Civil Defence Officer should have the storage accommodation in his area for all purposes surveyed.

The Department of Defence in recent months has written to all Local Authorities urging them that, having regard to present supply difficulties generally, the greatest care should be exercised to ensure that A.R.P. equipment at present held by them should be maintained in such a manner that it will not suffer deterioration through unsatisfactory storage conditions. Here again the Civil Defence Officer could exercise foresight both as regards the storage of the equipment and ensuring that the appropriate officer or servant of the Local Authority

has full and complete instructions as to how the equipment can be maintained, as far as possible, against deterioration.

Civil Defence Officers could examine the situation regarding any rescue equipment which Local Authorities are holding on instructions from the Department of Defence. It would be well also that they should know the position regarding the medical and surgical supplies which the Department has distributed through upwards of 100 hospitals throughout the country. The bulk of these supplies comprise bandages and cotton wool, and all Local Authorities were informed of the location of these stocks when the distribution was effected.

When it comes to the question of recruiting Civil Defence personnel, Local Authorities will remember that there is a body of men and women who gave them valuable service in the last emergency. The Minister is confident that the majority of these men and women will again flock to the help of their communities, so far as they are not fit for service. Their past knowledge and experience will be invaluable and can readily be brought up to date by refresher courses. The Local Authorities will have rolls of the names of these personnel and will, the Minister trusts, look upon them as recruiting agents.

The Minister would impress on City and County Managers the statutory responsibility of Local Authorities and their officers and servants, and appeal with confidence for their wholehearted co-operation in the organisation of civil defence measures by complying as rapidly and effectually as may be with any directions he may find it necessary to issue from time to time. The urgent matters calling for the attention of Local Authorities have been indicated and Local Authorities will be given specific instructions according as the time comes for each step to be taken.

The County Manager stated that it was considered by the Department of Defence that a Civil Defence Officer should be appointed for each County, and for each Scheduled Urban Area. Bray was a Scheduled Urban Area, and accordingly a separate Civil Defence Officer would be required for Bray. He suggested that possibly the best method of appointment would be to assign a person from the County Council's staff. The County Manager stated that the post would be a responsible one, and recommended a commencing salary of £600, to be adjusted according to the extent of the duties of the officer. He recommended that a whole-time officer would be appointed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Ed. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of the appointment of a Civil Defence Officer at a commencing salary of £600 per annum, and travelling expenses, and that applications be invited from members of the Council's staff for the appointment. That we request that the Minister for Defence allow recoupment in full of the salary and travelling expenses of the Civil Defence Officer.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 17—Report of Meeting of Housing Committee.

The following report of the meeting of the Housing Committee, held on 8th January, 1951, had been circulated to the members:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of the Housing Committee of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 8th January, 1951, at 2 p.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman;

Councillors W. Hammond, Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, Thos. Brennan, T.D.; Jas. O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. P. O'Reilly, J. O'Reilly, P. Kehoe, H. J. Byrne, P. N. Murdoch, Ed. Byrne, L. O. Laoighleis, C. M.

Byrne, J. Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. J. Brennan.

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant 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.

Pending the arrival of the Chairman, Councillor H. J. Byrne took the Chair on the proposal of Councillor W. Hammond, seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly.

Progress Report.

The attached report of the County Engineer on the progress of the Housing Scheme during the month of December, 1950, was adopted.

Timber Supplies.

The County Secretary submitted letter received from Messrs. Deans, Saw Mills, Glenealy, in reply to inquiry for the supply of timber required by the Council. In the letter Messrs. Deans stated that the Timber Trades Federation of the United Kingdom had drawn up recently lists of timber importers, agents and shippers, and that their firm did not appear on this list for deals, battens and boards. They stated that due to this fact they found themselves in a very difficult position, and were unable to quote. They pointed out that County Wicklow contained no importer on the list, and that practically every other County had one or more included. Messrs. Deans stated that they were making every effort to secure further supplies of imported timber from the very few agents and shippers who were outside the cartel.

The Committee recommended that representations be made to the Department of Industry and Commerce, and to the Department of Local Government on the subject.

Substitution of Site at Templarainey, Arklow, for Site No. 323 at Tigroney East.

The Chief Officer stated that Mr. Nathaniel Agar, Coolboy, Arklow, was prepared to give a half-acre site at Templarainey, Arklow, as a site for a cottage for James Earl, for the sum of £40. The price of the Site No. 323 at Tigroney East, which the Council might consider abandoning, was £12 10s. The Assistant Engineer, Mr. J. P. Caffrey, stated that while the site was suitable for building on, access to it was more difficult, and the cost of building on the site would be somewhat higher.

The Co. Manager suggested that since Mr. Earl was a tradesman and had an income of £7 per week, he might consider building his own house with the assistance of a Loan under the Small Dwellings Acts, and possibly a grant from the Council, if the Council decided to make such grants.

The Committee decided to defer the matter for the present.

Site at Chapel Hill, Baltinglass.

The Chief Officer stated that Mr. Matthew Mulhall, owner of the site at Chapel Hill, Baltinglass, had asked the sum of £125 for the site, which contained about one-half acre.

The Committee decided to adjourn the matter to enable the members of the Council for the district to consider the matter further with Mr. Mulhall.

At this stage, Councillor P. Ledwidge took the Chair.

Provision of Houses for Persons not of the Working Classes, and Grants under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950.

The Committee considered the attached reports of the County Manager in regard to: (1) the provision of houses for persons not of the Working Classes, and (2) Grants by the Council for the purpose of

erection of purchase of houses, which reports had been circulated to the members.

The County Manager stated that there were two matters involved: (1) the building of houses for persons not of the working classes, and (2) the making of special grants by the Council to persons erecting houses for their own occupation. He stated that he had taken the figure of £1,500 as the cost of a house by way of an example. He pointed out that it was doubtful if the Council could undertake a Scheme for the erection of better-class houses in conjunction with the Scheme for the erection of cottages. It had been expected that the present Scheme for the erection of 447 Cottages would be completed within three years, but at present it seemed doubtful if it would be finished within this period. The County Manager also pointed out that the Council could assist persons wishing to build their own houses by acquiring sites, and developing them.

On the suggestion of Councillor H. J. Byrne, the Committee decided to appoint a Committee to draft a Scheme under Sections 7 and 17 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950. The following members were appointed to constitute the Committee—Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman; Councillors H. J. Byrne, J. J. O'Reilly, Senator J. J. McCrea, and C. M. Byrne.

Application from W. R. Lendrum, Esq., Builder, re acquisition of Building Sites.

The Committee considered application, dated 30th December, 1950, received from Mr. W. R. Lendrum, Builder and Contractor, Delgany, for the compulsory acquisition of land on an Estate at Greystones for building sites. In his letter Mr. Lendrum stated he understood that the Council had power under the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, to acquire such land compulsorily, and to let it to builders. He stated that he desired to erect bungalows of a size which would qualify for Government Grants, but that the Estate concerned wished to attach a condition to the lease of any additional lands, that a sum of £3,500 be spent on the construction of each house. In addition he would be required to make the necessary roads, and footpaths and lay sewers and water mains, etc.

The County Manager stated that powers were given to the Council under Section 17 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, for the acquisition of lands for letting to persons, or public utility societies, for the erection of houses. The exercise of the powers given under the Section would be subject to Regulations to be made by the Minister, but these Regulations were not yet available.

The Committee recommended that Mr. Lendrum be requested to give the names of persons who sought sites on these lands, and to state whether these persons were prepared to apply to the Council to assist them in procuring sites.

Application for use of land for temporary dwellings.

The Committee considered application received from Mrs. Una Moore, Bahana, Delgany, for the use of her lands at Delgany for two Caravans. The Assistant Engineer reported that Mrs. Moore had two structures on the land one of which was a trailer from which the wheels had been removed, and the other a caravan of the type used on the bogs during the turf campaign. He stated that both of these were occupied during the summer, and Mrs. Moore's cottage was used for toilet purposes. The Assistant Engineer stated that the structures were very undesirable in the district, and recommended that permission be refused.

The Committee recommended that the application for this Licence be refused.

The Committee also considered application from Mrs. Rose Doyle, Lackendarragh, Enniskerry, for permission to erect a small hut on her lands at Lackendarragh. The hut would be 12ft. in length and 6ft. high with sloping roof and two windows. The Assistant Engineer reported that the hut would be in a very isolated position, and would not be visible from the public road. He stated that there would be no objection to the proposal, provided that the hut was not used for dwelling purposes.

The Committee recommended that Mrs. Doyle be asked to state the purpose for which the hut would be used.

Housing Development at Kilquade—Lands of Mr. Giltsoff.

The report of the County Engineer, dated 8th January, 1951, was submitted. In regard to the roads shown on the layout plan, the Co. Engineer stated that he understood that the roads through the estate were to be private roads, and in order to confirm this he suggested that there should be a main entrance gate erected at the main public road, giving access to these private roads, and that the entrance be marked "private." The Co. Engineer pointed out that the necessity for the provision of a proper water supply for domestic and fire-fighting purposes would not appear to have been fully appreciated by the applicant. He stated that negotiations had taken place in regard to the provision of a new water main of adequate size to be connected to the Dublin Corporation Main at Kilpedder and terminating at Kilquade. An estimate of the cost of this main had been submitted. In this connection, the Co. Engineer indicated that in the Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme, it was proposed to provide a 6-inch diameter water main from Kilpedder through the village of Kilquade to Kilcoole. The Council's Consultant Engineer had indicated that this branch main would be necessary. The County Fire Officer had also confirmed that there was an inadequate supply of water in the district from the point of view of fire hazard.

In his report the Co. Engineer referred to the contribution towards the cost of the main, offered by Mr. Giltsoff, and stated that there were other houses, and proposals for houses in Kilquade District along this road and that it would be for the Council to decide whether an appropriate contribution would be required from all the parties concerned.

The County Engineer stated that it was unsatisfactory to supply the number of houses on Mr. Giltsoff's lands (ultimately 16) with a 1-inch distribution pipe, and 1-inch connections to each house. The smallest diameter pipe which he would recommend, having regard to the fire-fighting hazard in addition to domestic requirements, would be 4-inch diameter throughout the estate.

In regard to the drainage of the houses, the Co. Engineer pointed out that he had recommended that central septic tanks be constructed, but since individual septic tanks had been erected, his original recommendation could now be carried into effect.

In regard to the plans of the houses to be erected by Mr. Giltsoff, the Co. Engineer stated that a plan, dated 21/12/50, submitted for approval, had to be returned to the applicant on account of inaccuracies in the plan, and insufficient information.

The County Engineer suggested that the Council should immediately lay the appropriate 6-inch main from Kilpedder to Kilquade and allow the question of cost to be taken up afterwards with the appropriate land owners.

The County Engineer also stated that Mr. Giltsoff should be requested to submit proper plans and specifications for any other houses which he proposed to erect so that the matter might be brought up to date under the Town Planning Acts.

The Committee recommended that Mr. Giltsoff be informed that the Council would undertake no responsibility or liability for the roads through his lands, and that the owners and occupiers of the houses be

informed accordingly. The Committee also recommended that the sum of £200 offered by Mr. Goltsoff be accepted as a contribution towards the cost of a new water main from Kilpedder to Kilquade, and that no connections be allowed to any other houses of Mr. Goltsoff unless he make such contribution forthwith, and provides a main through his lands which will meet the requirements of the County Engineer.

Applications for Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The Committee recommended the issue of loan of £1,500 to Mr. Jas. J. Ivers, in respect of house to be erected at Dargle Road, Bray.

The Committee recommended an increase of £150 in the amount of the loan to Mr. R. J. Collier, Carnew, to make the total loan £1,650 in place of £950.

In regard to the application of Mr. E. Gallagher for an increase in the amount of the loan in respect of the house erected at 3 Dargle Terrace, Bray, the Committee requested a further report from the Engineer in regard to the value of the house, and agreed that a loan equivalent to three-fourths of the Engineer's valuation be given.

The Committee adjourned consideration of the application of Miss J. Gaughan for a Loan of £1,500, in respect of the erection of a house at Rathdown Road, Greystones, pending the receipt of further information in regard to the application.

In regard to the application of Mr. G. G. Patterson for a loan in respect of a house to be erected at Church Road, Greystones, the Committee again adjourned consideration of this application and directed that the owner of the lands be requested to complete the drainage to the requirements of the Council.

Electricity Supply to Cottages at Ballynerrin.

The Committee noted the letter dated 12th December, 1950, from the Electricity Supply Board, in which it was stated that the Board expected that it would be able to make a supply available to these cottages about next April.

Electricity Supply for Cottages at Dunlavin.

The Chief Officer stated that the Electricity Supply Board required the sum of £121 10s. for the extension of the electricity supply to these cottages. He stated that to date 15 out of the 25 tenants had signed agreements to connect to the Electricity Supply.

The Committee decided to adjourn the matter to enable the Rent Collector to obtain the agreement of other tenants to take the supply.

Application for the Erection of Piggery.

In regard to the application of John Redmond, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh, for the erection of a piggery at his cottage, the Assistant Engineer reported that there was no piggery at the cottage, but that the out-house accommodation provided was at least as extensive as usual. He stated that apparently the piggery was omitted by request, and a small office substituted for the use of the tenant's son, who was an agricultural inspector.

The Committee indicated that there was no objection to the erection of the piggery, but that the tenant should provide it himself.

Repairs to Cottages.

The Committee noted the list of repairs carried out to cottages during the month of December, 1950, as submitted by Co. Engineer.

Fencing of Plot at Knocknaboley.

In regard to the application of Ambrose Flynn for the fencing of plot at Knocknaboley, the Committee recommended that wire and stakes be provided if Mr. Flynn was prepared to erect the fence.

Fencing of Cottage at Ballygannon, Rathdrum.

The Committee deferred consideration of this matter, pending the receipt of report from the Assistant Engineer.

Fencing of Cottage Plots adjoining lands of Mr. Pierce, Tinahely.

The Committee noted that one of the tenants, Patrick Ryan, agreed to have the fencing carried out.

Authorisation of Repairs to Cottages.

The Committee approved of the carrying out of repairs to cottages in accordance with the estimates submitted by the Co. Engineer dated 8/1/51, except for the following item: Vacant cottage, Merrymount, estimated cost £25 10s. The Committee recommended that a further report be obtained in regard to the repairs required in this case, and as to whether the previous tenant of the cottage was responsible for any damage to the cottage.

Application for Plot of Ground at Ballywaltrim.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. B. A. Simson for a strip of land which formed part of the Ballywaltrim Housing Schemes.

The Assistant Engineer stated that the piece of land referred to was waste land, and was not required in connection with the Housing Site. The area of the land was approximately one-fifteenth of an acre.

The Committee recommended that the piece of land be sold to Mr. Simson, provided that the Council had the necessary legal powers to do so. The County Secretary stated that before the land could be disposed of it would be necessary for the Council to inquire from the original owners whether they wished to take back this portion of the land at the price originally paid by the Council for it.

Sewerage Scheme for Cottages at Boghall.

In reply to Councillor M. Brennan, the Co. Manager explained the difficulties which had arisen in connection with the proposed sewerage scheme to serve the cottages at Boghall. The Council had appointed a Consulting Engineer to examine the matter, but his preliminary report had not yet been received.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge.

Resolved—That we approve of the report of the Meeting of the Housing Committee held on the 8th January, 1951.
Passed unanimously.

Fencing of Cottages at Ballygannon, Rathdrum.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy.

Resolved—That wire mesh fencing be provided for cottages at Ballygannon, Rathdrum, by the issue of wire mesh to the tenants.

The County Manager stated that the provision of wire mesh would be very costly. He pointed out that the mesh was requested to prevent the trespass of animals, and that it was not intended that tenants should keep animals.

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

In Favour—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, Ed. Byrne, W. Lawless and J. Jacob—(7).

Against—Councillors W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, J. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, M. Brennan, Miss E. F. Bobbett and P. Ledwidge—(8).

The resolution was declared defeated by eight votes in against to seven votes in favour.

Item No. 18—Cottage Designs Competition.

The following letter, received from the Department of Local Government, was submitted.

A Chara, Custom House, Dublin,
8th January, 1951.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 13th ultimo and to inform you that he has noted the terms of the Wicklow County Council's resolution of the 11th ultimo with regard to the sites reserved for the housing scheme designs competitions. He would be glad if the Council would now reserve suitable sites, in substitution for those referred to, on which the competitions might be based.

It is proposed that the conditions of the competitions be drawn up quickly and the competitions advertised by the earliest possible date, and further that the erection of the houses should follow the issue of the Assessors' Awards.

I am to request your early suggestions on the selection of sites and the details of the competitions.

Mise, le meas,
G. A. MEAGHER,
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

The following report of the Co. Engineer was submitted:—
13th January, 1951

re: Item No. 18—Meeting 15/1/51.

Letter from L.G.D. re Housing Scheme Designs Competitions.

With reference to letter dated 8th instant from the Department of Local Government regarding the sites which have already been reserved for the Housing Scheme Designs Competitions, I would suggest that the Department be asked to state when the conditions of the Competitions will be advertised. It would be unfortunate to have to abandon these sites, and the suggestion to reserve suitable alternative sites would not be very helpful in so far as the acquisition of alternative sites would involve considerable delay extending, perhaps, over many years, having regard to the procedure which must be adopted in relation to such acquisition, e.g., compulsory acquisition, Local Government Inquiries, investigation of title, etc.

Consequently, before finally abandoning these sites, I suggest that a further statement from the Department should be requested.

Signed—J. T. O'Byrne,
County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Resolved—That having considered letter dated 8th January, 1951, from the Department of Local Government we decide to proceed with the erection of cottages on the sites which had been reserved for the Cottage Designs Competitions.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 19—Tenders for the Erection of Cottages.

The County Secretary stated that in letter dated 12th January, 1951, Mr. W. T. Leeson stated that he would require the sum of £860 for the erection of a cottage to the larger floor area on Site No. 333.

In regard to the tender of Patrick Lennon, Kilmacoo, Avoca, the Assistant Engineer had reported that Mr. Lennon was agreeable to erect the larger type of cottage for the sum of £830. The Assistant Engineer stated that he understood Mr. Lennon wished to have the price increased to meet the rise in the cost of materials from the time he originally tendered to the present date, but that he had agreed to

waive his claim and desired instead to include a Prices Variation Clause in the Contract.

The Council decided to invite new tenders for the erection of cottages on the sites in question.

Item No. 20—Bonus to Workers Employed on Housing Schemes.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we recommend that a Bonus be paid to all workers employed on Housing Schemes—provided such workers were in the employment of the Council on the 1st September, 1950, and continue in such employment—the amount of the Bonus to be £5 for married men and single men with dependants, and £3 for other single employees.

The County Engineer had reported on the matter as follows:—
Courthouse, Wicklow,
15th January, 1951.

re: Proposed Bonus to Workers—Housing Scheme, 1949.
With reference to the Resolution proposed by Councillor McCarthy, the number of men, including tradesmen and labourers averages about 160. Of these approximately 120 are married, or single men with dependants, and 40 single.

At a rate of £5 for a married man and single man with dependants, and £3 for single men, the estimated cost of this bonus would be £720.

Signed—J. T. O'Byrne,
County Engineer.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the next meeting of the Housing Committee, and requested that particulars of the costs of the erection of houses in the various areas be made available.

Item No. 21—New County Hospital—Acquisition of Lands at Rathnew.

The following letter received from Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor for Mr. T. Kavanagh, Rathnew, was submitted:—

Church Street, Wicklow,
1st January, 1951.

re: Site for County Hospital at Rathnew—Thomas Kavanagh.

A Chara,
I received your letter of the 28th ultimo, and since had an opportunity of discussing with my client concerning the recent correspondence.

It was very clearly agreed at the Conference on the 9th October that the purchase price was to be the sum of £225, in addition your Council would be responsible for the redemption of the proportionate part of the annuity which the Land Commission might apportion to the area they purchased. It was also pointed out that the costs of the acquisition must be paid by the County Council. My client points out that he sees no reason why there should be any alteration from the recommendation of the local Councillors who are conversant with values in the area.

In order, however, to meet the Council my client has instructed me to say he will accept the responsibility of his costs in the matter, but otherwise desires to adhere to the terms at the Conference of the Local Councillors.

Mise, le meas,
Signed—Augustus Cullen.

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

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;
Resolved—That having considered letter dated 1st January, 1951, from Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor for Mr. Thomas Kavanagh, Rathnew, we

approve or the purchase of the plot of land at Rathnew owned by Mr. Kavanagh, measuring approximately one acre and required for the purposes of an entrance to the site of the new County Hospital, at a price of £225, the Council to be responsible for the redemption of the proportionate part of the Land Purchase Annuity applicable to the area acquired, and Mr. Kavanagh to be responsible for his legal costs in the matter; subject to the sanction of the Minister.

Passed unanimously.

Staffing of New County Hospital.

The County Manager referred to his previous reports in regard to the staffing of the new County Hospital, and stated that it appeared now that it would not be possible to get a Religious Order to undertake the staffing of the Hospital. Accordingly, the Hospital would be staffed by a lay staff.

Fuel for New County Hospital.

The following letter, received from the Department of Health, was submitted:—

Department of Health,
Custom House, Dublin.
H.33/1/1B. 6 Eanáir, 1951.
A Chara.

The Minister for Health has asked me to state that having regard to the Government's policy on the utilisation of native fuel supplies and the continuing difficult international situation, he has been giving very careful consideration to the question of the type of fuel to be used in the new hospitals being provided under the Short Term Hospital Building Programme.

Bord na Mona have given assurances that an adequate supply of machine won sod turf of satisfactory quality will be made available for the new Wicklow County Hospital, and if suitable testing arrangements can be agreed payment will be related to moisture content with the proviso that turf with a moisture content exceeding an agreed figure may be rejected. In the light of these assurances, the Minister feels that the boilerhouse equipment for the new hospital should be planned on the basis of burning machine won sod turf as a normal arrangement. Bord na Mona have indicated that supplies would be made available at the most convenient production centre so that the Hospital Authority could take delivery at regular intervals and so avoid the necessity for providing extensive storage accommodation on the hospital site apart, of course, from about a month's standby supply.

The Minister will be glad if the proposals for fuel handling, stoking and combustion at the new Wicklow County Hospital are submitted on the basis of using machine won turf, and he would be glad to have an assurance that your local authority will proceed on this basis.

Mise, le meas,
D. O'Suilleabhain.

Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

The Council approved of the agreement suggested by the Department.

Item No. 22—Public Health Nursing Service.

The County Manager stated that an Infant Life Protection Visitor employed by the Council had recently resigned her position, and that the duties were being discharged temporarily by the Assistance Officers. A recommendation for a temporary appointment to the post of Infant Life Protection Visitor had been submitted to the Department of Health, and the Department had suggested that the combination of this position with that of Public Health Nurse might be considered.

The Acting Chief Medical Officer had submitted the following report:
Copy. Public Health Section,
Staff Officer, Rathdrum.
Health Section, 2nd January, 1951.
A Chara, Public Health Nursing Service.

I have considered the whole problem of the nursing services and I would consider that the existing staff of two Public Health nurses could not possibly cope with the additional work of Infant Life Protecting Visiting.

In order to do this work it would appear necessary to reorganise the existing Public Health Nursing Service on the following lines:—

Nurse Quigley should be graded as a Public Health Nurse and be assigned the duties of a Public Health Nurse and Infant Life Protection Visitor in the following Dispensary Districts: Powerscourt, Annamoe, Newcastle, Wicklow, Dunganstown, Rathdrum.

Nurse Lynch: In addition to her duties in connection with the Child Welfare Clinic and Sick visiting of children should be assigned the duties of Infant Life Protection Visitor in Bray Dispensary District. She should be graded as a Public Health Nurse.

Nurse Daly: Existing Public Health Nurse to act as Public Health Nurse in Bray and Delgany Dispensary Districts and carry out the duties of Infant Life Protection Visitor in the Delgany Dispensary District. Nurse Daly to continue as Supervisor of Midwives throughout the County. Her present work in connection with the Child Welfare Clinic in Wicklow to be given over to the Jubilee Nurse.

Nurse Bourke: To act as Public Health Nurse and Infant Life Protection Visitor in the following dispensary districts: Arklow (Jubilee Nurse), Avoca, Aghrim and Coolattin. To be assigned to additional office duties in connection with records and co-ordination of nursing services.

This reorganisation would necessitate the appointment of an additional nurse to act as Public Health Nurse and Infant Life Protection Visitor for the Dispensary districts of Blessington (Jubilee Nurse), Baltinglass, Dunlavin, Kilfegan and Tinahely.

It is desirable that all nurses should have their own means of transport and be paid appropriate travelling expenses.

This arrangement would not increase the personnel, but would in fact mean that the position of Infant Life Protection Visitor could be abolished and replaced by a Public Health Nurse.

The duties of all nurses should include such other duties as may be directed. The allocation of districts is only an initial arrangement and may require to be altered from time to time.

Mise, le meas,
Signed—J. A. Dunlevy,
Acting Chief Medical Officer.

Proposed by Councillor John O'Reilly;
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the Acting Chief Medical Officer for the re-organisation of the Public Health Nursing Services as recommended by him in his report of the 2nd Jan., 1951.
Passed, Councillor C. W. Hudson dissenting.

Item No. 23—Office Staff—Office of Chief Medical Officer.
The following application of the Chief Medical Officer was submitted:—
Copy. Public Health Offices,
Mr. O'Connor, Rathdrum,
Staff Officer. 2nd January, 1951.

Additional Staff,
A Chara,
Owing to an accumulation of arrears of clerical work and additional duties imposed by recent legislation, I find that the present staff of two clerks is inadequate.
With the present staff it is impossible to do the required follow up, returns, etc., under the various schemes—Diphtheria Immunisation, Vaccination, Schools, Tuberculosis, X-rays, case sheets and B.C.G. and now the Food Hygiene Regulations. It would be necessary to appoint a further permanent Clerk Typist and pending a permanent appointment, I suggest that a temporary Clerk-Typist be employed.

Mise, le meas,
Signed—J. A. Dunlevy,
Acting Chief Medical Officer.
The Council approved of the employment of an additional temporary Clerk/Typist, and recommended that Miss J. Wilson, Rathdrum, be employed.

Item No. 24—Allocation of Vacancies at Newcastle Sanatorium.
The following letter from the Department of Health was submitted:
Copy. Department of Health,
D.35/328. Custom House, Dublin.
A Chara, 21 Nollaig, 1950.

The Minister for Health has asked me to refer to the arrangements made some twelve months ago whereby one half of the vacancies arising for health authority patients in Newcastle Sanatorium, Co. Wicklow, would be allocated to patients from your area, and to inform you that in view of the considerable improvement in the waiting list of adult pulmonary cases in your area in the last few months, the Minister considers that the special arrangement would not in future be warranted.

I have been asked to add that the authorities of Newcastle Sanatorium have been communicated with to the above effect, and they have been asked to make a special allocation of beds in future to pulmonary cases from County Dublin, in which area the bed accommodation available is not at all adequate.

Your letter of 3rd November, 1949, refers.
Mise, le meas,
Signed—V. A. Kirwan.

Secretary, Wicklow County Council.
The County Secretary stated that the Acting Chief Medical Officer had reported that there was at present no Waiting List of adult pulmonary cases.

The Council directed that the Department of Health be informed that in the circumstances the Council was agreeable to waive their rights to vacancies in Newcastle Sanatorium, but if the position ever disimproved they considered that the Council's claim to special priority in the allocation of beds should be admitted.

Item No. 25—Extension of Water Main at Carnew.
The following report of the Rent Collector was submitted:
Copy. Fern Lodge, Carnew,
Mr. O'Connor, 8th December, 1950.
County Council Offices, Rathdrum.

Dear Sir,
In answer to your letter re extension of Carnew Water Main, I beg to report I called on all the occupants of the houses at Coolattin Row, Carnew, and all except three were prepared to take in the water if the main was extended, and as far as I could find out from them they were not interested if the main was at the rear or the front of their houses. In my opinion the main running in front of the houses would be the most suitable for inspection purposes especially when there would be a night test for leakages.

Yours faithfully,
Signed—Patrick Brennan.

The Council directed that a detailed estimate of the cost of the Scheme be submitted.

Item No. 26—Boherboy Water Supply Scheme.
The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
Copy. Court House, Wicklow,
County Secretary, 13th January, 1951.
re: Boherboy Water Supply—Item 26, Meeting 15/1/51.

Dear Sir,
Further to instructions, I again investigated the proposals to supply water to the district of Boherboy.

On Thursday, 11th instant, I met Councillors Kehoe, Timmins, and J. J. O'Reilly at Boherboy. I also consulted with Councillor P. P. O'Reilly on the matter, although owing to misunderstanding regarding the meeting place, I failed to see him on the site.

In understand that the people of the district are in favour of taking the water from the stream at Toberbeg near Dunlavin and by the use of a ram deliver the water to the highest point of the hill. I examined the stream and there appears to be a large amount of water flowing there at the present moment, but it would be necessary to put a gauge board on this stream and observe the readings during the dry Summer period before a final decision could be made. I informed the Councillors of this.

The distance for pumping from the stream to the proposed position of the tank on Boherboy would be completely longer than from the original source of Scheme No. 1 already submitted. The original source was from three springs adjacent to the present spot which supplies the town of Dunlavin. The supply for this town is at the moment inadequate. I understand that the people of the district are prepared and willing to give a considerable amount of labour free of charge to the County Council if the No. 2 scheme is adopted, and that a memorial and undertaking to this effect is being forwarded to the Secretary of the Wicklow County Council in a few days.

In the meantime, I have directed Mr. P. J. Foley to erect a gauge board on the stream at the end of March next to arrange to have readings taken. Also, I have written to Mr. Maurice Wilson, Montgomery St., Carlow, Water Diviner, asking him to investigate site, position and the possibility of providing sufficient water by means of sinking a well as directed by the County Council. The rate of charge by this Diviner is £3 3s. for the first site any day, all others on the same day £1 1s; Co. Council to provide transport.

In consider this very reasonable.
Yours faithfully,
Signed—J. T. O'Byrne,
County Engineer.

Councillor J. O'Reilly stated that four families in that area were willing to put up a substantial sum of money towards the cost of providing a water supply. He pointed out that the Council had previously sunk a pump to a depth of 40 feet, but no water had been found. He suggested that the Department should approve of the Council's spending £200 which would be equivalent to the cost of a pump, and the remain-

ing cost would be provided by local contribution. The Council agreed that detailed plans of the Scheme be prepared by the County Engineer, together with estimate of cost for submission to the Council.

Item No. 27—Castleruddery Water Supply. The County Secretary stated that a report had been received from the Analyst in regard to the water in the stream at Castleruddery, which it was proposed to use for a water supply. The Analyst stated that the water had suffered from contamination and was unsuitable for use as drinking supply since the spring was a shallow one. The Council noted that the Assistant Engineer had been requested to ascertain whether the stream could be improved or whether an alternative source of supply was available.

Item No. 28—Well at Coolfancy. The County Secretary stated that following a complaint received from Mr. Stiles, Coolfancy, in regard to damage to fence on his land, the Assistant Engineer had reported that there was a well on the lands which served five Board of Health Cottages. The Assistant Engineer stated that Mr. Stiles had not objected to people using the well, but objected to their crossing at different parts of his fence, and breaking it down. To meet his requirements, and provide a proper entrance to the well it would be necessary to construct a gullet, remove portion of the ditch, hang a wicket gate and repair the damaged portions of the fence. The total cost of the work would be £11 10s.

In a further report, the Assistant Engineer stated that there was no entrance of any kind to the well, and that it was to prevent damage, which occurred from climbing over the fence, it was proposed to provide the entrance. The Assistant stated that Mr. Stiles was not prepared to grant any legal right of way over the property, but had guaranteed that if the entrance were provided there would be no objection to people using it. The Assistant Engineer believed that Mr. Stiles had every right to forbid trespass and that it would cost the Council over £200 to provide a pump and well.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea; Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill. Resolved—That we approve of expenditure of £11 10s., on improving the entrance to a well on the lands of Mr. Stiles, Coolfancy, provided that Mr. Stiles permits the adjoining cottage tenants to obtain water from this well. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 29—Kilcoole Water Supply. The Council noted the following report submitted by the County Engineer:—

Copy. County Secretary, Court House, Wicklow, 13th January, 1951.

re Item 29, Agenda Meeting, 15/1/1951—Kilcoole Water Supply.

Dear Sir, As you are aware, the above water supply has been causing considerable difficulty over the past two years due to the vast increase in consumption of water in Kilcoole and district.

The ram in the stream delivers about 10,000 gallons per day and when it was first installed, it was doubly ample to supply the district by pumping only once per fortnight; now it is necessary to pump twice per week to the storage tank. It is impossible to get sufficient driving water to work it especially in the summer time, and there is not sufficient water available to work a larger ram.

The purchase of an electric pump capable of pumping all the available water in the stream is recommended at the estimated cost of:—

Pump, switch, pressure tank, etc.	£145 13 0
Installation of Pump	£30 0 0
Extension of E.S.B. to pumphouse	£75 0 0
Alterations of Pump House	£70 0 0
Total	£320 13 0

The question of a general water supply to the village of Kilcoole and district is under consideration in connection with the Wicklow Regional Water Supply.

The cost of running this electric pump for 12 months will be £52. Yours faithfully, Signed—J. T. O'Byrne, County Engineer.

Item No. 30—Seats at Seafont, Greystones. The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:— Court House, Wicklow, 13th January, 1951.

I have inspected the above seats as requested and found that two of the seats are beyond repair due to rusting of the supports. I recommend the provision of two new wooden seats and the repair of the third. In addition all the seats need re-painting. The estimated cost of this work is £12.

Signed—J. T. O'Byrne, County Engineer.

Councillor W. Lawless stated that there had been a much greater number of seats at the seafont at Greystones, and suggested that new concrete benches should be provided.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter for further consideration at the Estimates Meeting.

Item No. 31—Proposed Removal of Drinking Trough at Greystones. The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:— Courthouse, Wicklow, 13th January, 1951.

re: Removal of Water Trough at Greystones. This trough is on the footpath in front of Scuffil's shop and is very little used. It is maintained by the County Council and cleaned every week by a County Council employee.

I have no objection to the removal of this trough, provided that the N.S.P.C.A. authorities do not object. I also think that the County Council should not be responsible for repairing Scuffil's wall after removing the trough.

Signed—J. T. O'Byrne, County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the following letter had been received from the Hon. Assistant Secretary of the Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Glencapple, Kilmacanogue, Bray, Co. Wicklow, December 28th, 1950.

Dear Sir, I read with some regret that the County Council at its meeting reported in "The Wicklow People" issue of 23rd instant, decided to have the Horse Drinking Trough at Greystones removed.

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly let me know if the Trough is to be re-erected in a suitable place for horses to use in hot weather as my Society would very much regret its removal if it were not to be re-erected. I think the cabmen and car men use it for their horses. I

feel some surprise, as some time ago you told me you would instruct an employee of the Council to keep it clean, and I understood the Council did not claim it as its property.

My Society not long ago seriously considered the purchase and erection of a Trough in another part of the County and were deterred by the expense, so it seems a retrograde step to do away with such a helpful and humane thing.

Yours faithfully, Irene Ball Acton (Miss), Hon. Asslt. Secretary.

The Council decided to defer the matter for consideration at the Estimates Meeting.

Item No. 31—Erection of Weighbridge and Sanitary Convenience at Fairgreen, Rathdrum, and demolition of derelict buildings at the Fairgreen, Rathdrum.

The County Secretary stated that the opinion of the Law Agent had been obtained in regard to the provision of a Weighbridge at Rathdrum. The following letter from the Law Agent was submitted:— 4 Church Street, Wicklow, 15th January, 1951.

re: Provision of Weighbridges by the County Council. Dear Sir, In reply to your query herein we wish to state that there is no statutory obligation on a County Council to provide a weighbridge.

There is an obligation on an Urban Council to provide a weighbridge within their district where markets and fairs are held. Under the Markets and Fairs (Weighing of Cattle) Acts, 1887 to 1891, a Council can provide a weighbridge in a market or fair provided they get the sanction of the Department and provided they pass by-laws for the collecting of tolls so as to enable the Council to recover the cost of providing the weighbridge and the cost of maintaining same.

In other words, the Council can only provide a weighbridge provided they take the necessary steps to see that the people who use it pay all the cost of erection and maintaining same.

As you will see from the foregoing, it would be very little use to the people seeking this weighbridge if the Council provide same, as it would only mean the Council would have to recover the cost from them. Yours faithfully,

K. J. Brangan, Esq., County Secretary, Courthouse, Wicklow. J. H. McCarroll and Co.

The County Manager stated that the provision of a new weighbridge would cost up to £1,500.

Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that there was a disused weighbridge at the premises of Messrs. MacCormack's, Bray, and suggested that the County Engineer obtain a report in regard to its condition.

The Assistant Engineer had reported that a Public Convenience at the Fair Green, Rathdrum, would cost about £700. The Council decided to defer both matters for consideration at the Estimates Meeting.

In regard to the demolition of the ruinous buildings at the Fair Green, the County Manager stated that he had already given instructions in regard to this matter.

Item No. 32—Application for Parish Hall at Stratford-in-Slaney. The Council adjourned consideration of this matter, pending the receipt of a report from the Assistant Engineer.

Item No. 34—Political Collections Outside Church Gates. Following a discussion the Council decided to mark "read" the following resolution received from Arklow Urban District Council: "That Wicklow County Council be asked to prohibit in future all political collections outside Church gates and the placing of all tables,

stands or boxes for such collections." *Refer Ledwidge*

Item No. 35—Resolution from Corporation of Sligo re National Flag. The Council decided to mark "read" the following resolution received from the Corporation of Sligo:—

"That we request the Government to have inserted on the white centre of our National Flag, a Cross of Celtic (or other) design as a symbol of the Christian Faith held by the people of this country."

Item No. 36—Resolution from Longford County Council re repairs and improvements to County Homes. The Council adopted the following resolution received from Longford County Council:—

"That this Council would ask the Government to treat the question of the repair or renovation of County Homes as a National matter, and consequently to amend the law which excludes local authorities from receiving grants from Hospital Trust Funds towards the repair or renovation of County Homes."

Item No. 37—Resolution from Trim Urban District Council re Provincial Bus Terminus and Waiting Shelters at Aston Quay, Dublin. The Council adopted the following resolution received from Trim Urban District Council:—

"That we the members of the Trim Urban District Council considered the present provincial bus terminus and Waiting Shelters at Aston Quay, Dublin, as unsatisfactory and inadequate and we hereby request the Minister for Industry and Commerce to provide a more suitable terminus together with proper waiting-rooms for passengers using such terminus."

Item No. 38—Minutes of Annual Meeting of County Councils' General Council. The Council directed that copies of the Minutes be circulated to the members of the Council.

Milk Shortage at Wicklow. In reply to Mr. C. W. Hudson, the Co. Sec. stated that the following letter had been received from the Department of Agriculture:— Office of Minister for Agriculture, Dublin.

Dear Sir, I am desired by the Minister for Agriculture to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 11th December, conveying the terms of a resolution passed at a meeting of Wicklow County Council on that date in regard to the supply of milk to Wicklow, Greystones and Blacklion districts. Yours faithfully,

The Secretary, Wicklow Co. Council, Wicklow. R. C. Watchorn, Private Secretary. Councillor C. W. Hudson stated that the Department had treated the Council with contempt, and that the Council should take further action in the matter. On the suggestion of the Chairman, Councillor Hudson stated he would hand in a Notice of Motion in regard to the matter.

Training of Dutch Airmen. Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary; Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan; Resolved—That we consider that a protest should be sent to the Dutch Government against the training of Dutch Air Force personnel in a part of our country which is occupied by the British Forces. Passed unanimously.

Railway Strike. Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge; Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary; Resolved—That we request the Taoiseach and Government to intervene in the present Railway Strike with a view to reaching a solution to this problem, which is causing such grave inconvenience to the public and is liable to disrupt completely the economic life of the country. Passed unanimously.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of considering the arrangements to be made for the production of turf for the Council's Institutions, etc., during the year 1951, was held at the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Friday, 26th January, 1951, at 2 p.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman;
Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. MacCarthy, W. Hammond, Thos. Brennan, T.D.; J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, Paul Kehoe, H. J. Byrne, Ed. Byrne, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, Miss E. F. Bobbett, Joseph Jacob and Malachy Brennan.

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Ass't. Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley and M. Healy were present.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, attended.

Resolution of Sympathy.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
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. Laurence Moore, Blessington, a former member of Wicklow County Council, and we hereby extend to his relatives the assurance of our sincere sympathy.
Passed unanimously.

Banks and Railway Strikes.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—Having regard to the breakdown of negotiations for a settlement of the Banks and Railway Strikes and to the inconvenience, disturbance and dislocation to trade and industry and to the community generally which is bound to ensue from any further prolongation of these strikes, we request that the Government would intervene immediately with a view to restoring of banking and railway facilities for the public.
Passed unanimously.

Turf Production.

The County Manager stated that the County Engineer and himself had attended a Conference in the previous week in connection with the production of turf for the Council's Institutions, etc. The Conference had been addressed by An Tanaiste, Mr. Norton, T.D., and by the Minister for Local Government. The County Manager stated that there was a danger of a grave fuel shortage, and that it had not been possible to obtain sufficient coal from Great Britain in recent months. The Minister for Local Government had stated that the Emergency Powers (No. 310) Order, 1944, under which bogs could be acquired, worked or leased was still in existence and that County Councils were now asked to use these powers by the acquisition and development of turbarry for letting to persons or Bodies who wished to cut turf either for their own requirements or for sale to others including local authorities in the non-turf areas.

The County Councils were also requested to produce turf to meet their own needs.

The County Manager stated that the Council was asked to produce in the present year sufficient turf to supply the needs of the Council's institutions, offices and machinery for the next three years. The County Council was asked to cut, save and rick the whole of that quantity in the present year.

The County Manager stated that he had had consultations with

the Engineering Staff in regard to the matter, and it was estimated that 9,000 tons of turf would be required. In this figure no provision had been made for the production of turf for Grangeorman Mental Hospital. The position in regard to the Mental Hospital was not definite at the moment. The County Manager stated that inquiries had been received from Carlow County Council and Wexford Co. Council for the letting of bogs in County Wicklow to these Councils for the production of turf. It was estimated that each County Council would require about 11,000 tons. The County Manager pointed out that it would be necessary to improve the public roads leading to the bogs, as well as roads leading into the bogs.

The following report, prepared by the County Engineer, was circulated to the members:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL. PROPOSED TURF SCHEME, 1951/52.

To: The Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council.

In accordance with the request of the Minister for Local Government, we have been instructed to produce a quantity of Turf during 1951/52 at least equivalent to the requirements of our Institutions and Road Works, Machinery, etc., over 3 years.

Those requirements have been ascertained to be about 9,000 tons. Investigations have been made into the possibility and desirability of producing this quantity of Turf in the single season, and at the outset I must record my opinion that it will be most difficult if not impossible to cut and save and hold in reserve and in good condition over a 3-yearly period.

At any rate, it is considered that any Turf produced must be taken away from the bogs which, in County Wicklow are at such high altitudes, and stacked and stored in suitable dry positions at lower levels if there is to be any likelihood at all of keeping it in condition.

Such operations will, of course, add considerably to the ultimate cost of the Turf. Experience of Turf cutting in the War period proves that the time available for producing and saving Turf in Co. Wicklow is very short: early cutting is desirable, but certainly no Turf should be cut after 30th June under any circumstances, and the size of the sods should not be greater than about 12 inches in length. These factors do not obtain nor are they so essential in most other Counties where Turf is found at much lower levels.

Contrary to some opinions the Turf areas in County Wicklow are very limited, and consequently care must be taken that local people who have been turf cutting for generations and who have always depended upon this type of fuel are not left in short supply for future years by any action which might be taken by the County Council or indeed any other authority.

An instance of what might happen in this connection would be in the vicinity of Aughanannagh and Knockneskeagh. There are other similar districts which must be considered in the West in the vicinity of Donard, Toor and Luglass.

The question of the number of labourers available to carry out the work has also been considered, and our information is that it will be most difficult to find the same number of experienced and reliable turf cutters at present as compared with the labour situation during 1942/46: it would be altogether false economy to transport large numbers of men and over-load the bogs with unexperienced turf cutters.

The matter of the construction of roads through the bogs and public roads leading to the bog areas has also received attention and estimates for the repairs and reconstruction necessary in each instance are given hereunder. Many of our public roads will be unable to bear the increased strain of heavy transport which they will be called upon to take, and it is vitally necessary and urgent that funds be allocated immediately to allow of such work to commence without delay.

A careful examination and consideration of all the possibilities on bogs has indicated that the following bogs only should be entered upon this year, and I have taken the appropriate amount of turf which it is likely will be produced. There are several difficulties still to be overcome: Machinery, tools and other equipment which should be purchased, etc., slanes, barrows, rails, bogies, etc., and it is also necessary, and I advise the Council immediately to purchase 6 Lorries which will be used both for the transport of men and to carry stone for making roads and for the transport of turf from the Bogs to the depots which I have selected for storage.

The Bogs which I consider on which work should commence are:—

Bog	Quantity tons	Repairs to Roads through Bogs	Repairs to Roads approaching Bogs	Depots
Farbreags	500	£250	£500	Tinahely
Coragh	800	£800	£200	Baltinglass
Ballinagee	1,000	£100	£9,500	Rathdrum and Blessington
Kippure	1,000	£900	£2,500	Roundwood
Garryknock	400	£300	£500	Baltinglass
Garrymore	600	£600	£500	Baltinglass
		plus bridge		
Sallygap and District	4,700	£800	£10,000	Carrigmore Quarry
	9,000	£3,700	£23,700	Glen-of-Downs, Raheen Newtown

In addition to the above, there are several bogs which will be used by private producers and the public roads leading to such bogs will, of course, need to be repaired at as early a stage as possible so as to assure that there will be no breakdown. It is presumed that other bogs at Coragh (Luglass), Sallygap and Kilpipe and Glenmacness will be used by private concerns and the main roads leading to these are:—

1. Glenmacness-Laragh-Sallygap.
2. Kippure, Kilbride—Co. Dublin route.
3. Aughavannagh-Aughrim route.
4. Ballinagee-Logstown-Blessington route.
5. Roads on the bogs at Coragh and Ballyknockan also need to be repaired and the estimate for the necessary work is £600.

The question of the wages to be paid to turf workers is one which must receive immediate consideration. It is absolutely certain from previous experience that the piece work rate system is the most economical and assures the best work with supervision, and is of the greatest advantage to the workers themselves.

In regard to supervision generally, it is recommended that additional Engineers be immediately appointed; one in the East side and another in the West of the County who would supervise under our control all operations in connection with turf production, such as directions and lay-out of bogs; the checking of cutting the turf, reconstruction of roads, bridges, etc. There is also the matter for immediate appointment in my office of a special clerk as in previous years, to deal solely with turf production, paying orders, cards, returns, statistics, calculations regarding insurance, salaries, etc., together with a typist.

There is great difficulty at the moment in procuring slanes, barrows, etc., and I have already made enquiries and every effort is being made to procure these.

It is suggested also that authority be given to the purchase of a high-loading Elevator for delivering the turf into lorries for transport. We have also been active in enquiries regarding the vesting of bogs and the drainage in certain parts, and in addition the acquisition of ground for storage for saved turf at the end of the season where found necessary.

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor John O'Reilly:

Resolved—That we approve of a Scheme for the production, if possible, by the Council of 9,000 tons of turf in the year 1951, as a three years supply for Council institutions, offices and machinery.

That we approve of the vesting of bogs for the production of turf by the Council, and by private producers.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager having given particulars of the estimated quantity of turf which could be produced from the various bogs in the County, stated that it would not be possible to let bogs to Wexford or Carlow County Councils for the production of the quantity of turf required by these Councils.

Members of the Council having referred to the estimate submitted by the County Engineer for the repair and improvement of roads which would carry turf traffic, it was

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

Resolved—That we adjourn the Special Meeting in connection with the Roads Estimates arranged for Monday, the 29th instant, and appoint a deputation to attend on the Minister for Local Government with a view to seeking the allocation of special grants for the repair and improvement of roads carrying turf traffic in connection with the turf production Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

The Council appointed the following members to form the deputation to the Minister: Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman; Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.; Councillor H. J. Byrne, and Councillor J. O'Reilly.

Drainage of Bogs.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea asked if the work of cleaning the Derry River from Togher to Ballinglen could be undertaken in order that portion of the bog could be drained. The County Manager stated that the Minister for Local Government indicated that grants under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, might be made available for the drainage of bogs.

Sale of Turf.

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Reilly;
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond:

Resolved—That we request the Government to take the necessary measures to provide that turf be sold on a basis of measurement instead of weight.

Passed unanimously.

Peter Ledwidge

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th February, 1951, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman;
Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, Thos. Brennan, T.D.; J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, Paul Kehoe, Ed. Byrne, L. O. Laoighleis, H. J. Byrne, Wm. Cleary, C. W. Hudson, Joseph Jacob, Miss E. P. Bobbett and M. J. Brennan.

An apology for inability to attend on account of illness was received from Councillor P. Murdoch.

Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, attended.

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

BUSINESS:

1. Minutes of Meetings held on 20th November, 1950, and 11th Dec., 1950.
2. Application from Leinster Motor Club, Ltd., for closing of roads near Wicklow for purposes of Motor Cycle and Car Races in May and July, 1951.
3. Application from The Irish Motor Racing Club, Ltd., for closing of road at Enniskerry on 14th April, 1951, for purposes of Hill Climb Competition.
4. Application from Federation of Rural Workers for increase in wages of Road Workers.
5. Report of County Engineer re application for provision of Car Park adjacent to Church at Kilquade.
6. Report of County Engineer re proposal to remove Water Trough at Greystones.
7. Report of Local Inquiry held at Bray on 5th February, 1951, re application of Bray Urban District Council for extension of Urban Boundary at Boghall.
8. Drainage Schemes to be carried out in year 1951/52, and letter from Department of Local Government dated 13th January, 1951, in regard to Schemes.
9. Recommendation of County Engineer and Chief Fire Officer re tenders received for new Fire Engine.
10. Turf Production Scheme:—
 - (a) Repair and improvement of roads;
 - (b) Vesting of Bogs;
 - (c) Purchase of lorries and equipment;
 - (d) Rates of Wages, etc.
11. Report of Meeting of Housing Committee held on 5th Feb., 1951.
12. Town Planning Applications—adjourned from meeting of Housing Committee.
13. To approve of draft Deed of Mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works for loan of £100,000 for erection of 99 cottages at Kindiestown.
14. To authorise the raising of loan for the erection of 22 cottages on Council's lands at Kindiestown and 10 cottages on Council's lands at Killincarrig.
15. Report of Co. Engineer re flooding of cottages at Boghall.
16. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Lawless re fencing of cottage plots at Ballygannon, Rathdrum.
17. To authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's estimates under certain headings.
18. Letter dated 27th January, 1951, from the Department of Health re improvement of dental services.

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19. Appointment of Health Inspectors— Letters dated 1st January, 1951, from the Department of Health.
20. Allowance to foster parents for maintenance of boarded-out children.
21. Application from Irish Automobile Drivers' and Automobile Mechanics' Union for increase in remuneration of Ambulance Drivers.
22. To authorise the affixing of the seal of the Council to the Petition to the Minister for Local Government for the compulsory acquisition of lands required for the extension of the Burial Ground at Glendalough.
23. To authorise the affixing of the seal of the Council to Preliminary Order under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act in relation to site at Fair Green, Rathdrum.
24. Application for provision of Crucifix at Burial Ground at Barndarrig.
25. Acquisition of land at Greystones for extension of Dumping Ground.
26. Report of County Engineer re Scheme for Collection of Domestic Household Refuse in Greystones, etc., Districts.
27. Blessington Water Supply—Compensation for Water Rights.
28. Manor Kilbride—Water Supply to School.
29. Town Planning—Report on Sketch Development Plan prepared by Dermot O'Toole, M.R.I.A.I., Planning Consultant (Booklet circulated).
30. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Cleary re completion of Central Bus Station at Store Street, Dublin.
31. Resolution from Waterford Board of Public Assistance re Act Limit for Dispensary Medical Officers.
32. Letter from Standing Committee of Sinn Fein re Partition.
33. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;
Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 20th November, 1950, and 11th December, 1950.
Passed.

Item No. 2—Closing of Roads at Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Leinster Motor Club, Ltd., for the closing of roads in the neighbourhood of Wicklow for the purposes of Motor Cycle and Motor Car Races on the 3rd, 4th and 5th May, and on 19th, 20th and 21st July.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;
Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;
Resolved—That having considered the application of the Leinster Motor Club, Ltd., we approve of the closing of roads at Wicklow for the purposes of Motor Cycle and Motor Car Races on the dates and times set out hereunder:—

May 3rd and 4th—from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.
May 5th—from 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.
July 19th and 20th—from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.
July 21st—from 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Passed.

Item No. 3—Closing of Roads at Enniskerry.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Irish Motor Racing Club, Ltd., for the closing of the portion of the Main Road from the National Schools at Enniskerry to the junction with the Scalp Road from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on 14th April, 1951, for the purpose of a Hill Climb. A similar application had been granted in the previous year.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;
Resolved—That having considered application of the Irish Motor Racing Club, Ltd., we approve of the closing of portion of the main road at Enniskerry from the National School to the junction with the Scalp Road, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on 14th April, 1951, in connection with the Enniskerry Hill Climb.
Passed.

Item No. 4—Wages of Road Workers.

The County Sec. stated that an application had been received from the Federation of Rural Workers for an increase of 10s. 6d. per week in the wages of road workers, with corresponding increase for gangers, foremen and carters. It was stated in the application that while there had been an improvement in the wages of roadworkers, they were still not getting a living wage and the Federation felt that as the cost of living now stood the road workers should have a substantial increase.

The following application received from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, was submitted:—

43 Rory O'Connor, Place,
Arklow. 8/2/1951.
Mr. K. J. Brangan,
County Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

We are to request on behalf of our members employed as Road Workers by the Wicklow County Council an increase of 15s. per week. This increase is sought in order to enable our members concerned to maintain themselves and their dependants in Christian sufficiency which they are finding extremely difficult to do because of the prevailing unfavourable economic conditions, and the present unprecedented cost of living.

Please be good enough to bring this application before the next meeting of your Council.

Yours faithfully,

P. McCarthy,
Branch Secretary,
Irish Transport and G.W. Union.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
That no alteration be made in the rates of wages for Road Workers. A vote having been called for it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

In Favour—Councillors W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; H. J. Byrne, C. W. Hudson and Miss E. F. Bobbett—(5).

Against—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Cleary, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Ed. Byrne, Wm. Lawless, M. Brennan, J. Jacob, and P. Ledwidge—(12).

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

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill:

That we recommend that the wages of road workers be increased by 10s. per week with effect as from 1st April, 1951, and recommend that corresponding increases be granted to Overseers, Assistant Overseers, Gangers, Chargehands and Carters.

As an Amendment it was proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
Seconded by Councillor Ed. Byrne:

That we recommend that the wages of road workers be increased by 5s. per week with effect as from 1st April, 1951, and recommend that corresponding increases be granted to Overseers, Assistant Overseers, Gangers, Chargehands and Carters.

A vote having been called for on Councillor W. Lawless' Amendment, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

In Favour—Councillors T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, H. J. Byrne, Ed. Byrne, Wm. Lawless, M. Brennan, C. W. Hudson, Miss E. F. Bobbett and P. Ledwidge—(11).

Against—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, W. Hammond, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly and J. Jacob—(6).

The Amendment was declared passed by eleven votes in favour to six against, and when put as a substantive motion, was declared passed on the same voting.

Item No. 5—Car Park adjacent to Church at Kilquade.

The County Sec. stated that Fr. John Masterson, P.P., Kilquade, had inquired if the Council could provide a Car Park adjacent to the Church.

The Council's Engineer reported that he had inspected the road in front of the Church, and that cars and buses had great difficulty in turning there on Sundays and at funerals. He stated that the field adjoining the Church was Church property and that Fr. Masterson had suggested that the Council should provide a small Car Park on this field. The cost of the work was estimated at £40.

The Council decided to defer the matter in order that the opinion of the Council's Law Agent might be obtained as to the Council's authority to acquire land for the provision of a Car Park, and for inquiry from the owner of the land as to whether the land would be made available.

Councillor Lawless stated that it was proposed to provide a new Church at Kilcool, and if the new Church were provided, the car park at Kilquade Church would not then be necessary.

Item No. 6—Proposal to remove Water Trough at Greystones.

The County Sec. stated that a report had been obtained from the Council's Engineer in regard to the proposal to remove the water Trough at Greystones. The estimated cost of removing the Trough would be £5, and the cost of re-erecting would be a further £5. The Engineer recommended that the Trough be re-erected against the wall opposite the Railway Station.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan;
Resolved—That no action be taken by the Council in regard to the Water Trough at Greystones.
Passed, Councillor W. Lawless dissenting.

Item No. 7—Extension of Bray Urban Boundary at Boghall.

The County Sec. referred to the application of Bray Urban District Council for the alteration of the boundary of Bray Urban District by the addition to the Urban Area of an area of 1.834 acres at Boghall, as shown on the map submitted with the application. In accordance with the Urban Districts (Alteration of Boundaries) Regulations, 1937, a public inquiry had been held at Bray on 5th February, 1951, by a Committee appointed by the Council. No objection had been received to the alteration of the boundary. The County Secretary stated that there were no buildings on the area of land proposed to be added to the Urban District, and that the holding of 1.834 acres formed part of a holding of 72 acres valued at £110 (P.L.V.). The valuation proportionate to the area of 1.834 acres would be £2 16s. The capitalised value at 3 per cent. of the rates in respect of County Health District Charges and Separate Charges which would be produced by a valuation of £2.16s. was £39 1s. 7d.

The following members of the Committee appointed by the Council attended the Inquiry:—

Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman; Senator J. J. McCrea, C. M. Byrne, Ed. Byrne, and P. P. O'Reilly.

The Committee approved of the extension of the boundary as requested by Bray Urban District Council.

The County Manager stated that the area of land which would be added to Bray Urban District would be developed for housing purposes.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;
Resolved—That we approve of the extension of the boundary of Bray Urban District at Boghall as recommended by the Committee appointed by the Council and as shown on map submitted to this meeting, and that no charge be made to the Bray Urban District Council in the matter.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Drainage Schemes.

The following report and list of Drainage Schemes prepared by the Co. Engineer had been circulated to the members of the Council:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,

County Engineer's Office,

Court House, Wicklow.

To: Each Member of
Wicklow County Council.
9th February, 1951.

Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949:
1951/52 Drainage Schemes.

A Chara,

I beg to refer to letter of 14th December, 1950 (Ref. RPC/201) from the Department of Local Government regarding grant allocation for Drainage Schemes under the above Act proposed to be undertaken during the year 1951/52, and I submit herewith details of such works which are to be submitted to the Department for sanction.

This list is compiled from suggestions made by Councillors in their respective areas, and also contains schemes submitted by me from additional investigations made by the Engineering Staff.

The total expenditure of the proposed works is £79,092, and the estimated figures for each individual work are enclosed herewith.

In this connection, may I again draw the attention of each Councillor to paragraphs 2a, 2b, 2c, and No. 3 of the Department's letter which indicate very important consideration in regard to the scope and characteristics of the works to be undertaken. A copy of this letter has already been forwarded to each County Councillor.

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J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,
LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT, 1949.
1951/52 DRAINAGE SCHEMES.

Northern Area:			
Scheme No.	Location	Description	Amount £
A75	Monastery to Killegar	Clean out drain and pipe entrance to graveyard. Will improve land and entrance to graveyard. Also Road No. 6	500
A76	Barnamire to Onagh	Clean out stream. Will improve land and protect Roads 14 and 15	450
A77	Old Boley - Glencree	Provide new gullet and clean out drain. Protect Road No. 11	200
A78	From Road 13 to River	Clean out drain. Protect Road 13	100

Northern Area—Contd.:

Scheme No.	Location	Description	Amount £
A79	Bellevue-Delgany	Clean out stream and renew pipes across roadway. Prevent flooding of Roads 26 and 29	200
A80	Kindlestown Lower to Killincarrig	Clean out stream and pipe entrance to Killincarrig cottages. Prevent flooding of cottages and accommodation road; also improve land	850
A81	From Highfield to Killmurray	Clean out stream. Protect Rd. 28	300
A82	From Little Glen of Downs	Clean out stream. Prevent flooding of land	350
A83	Fox's Ford (Rd. 87)	Rebuild bridge and abutments; also grade approaches to bridge	1,400
A84	Garryduff (Road 91)	Regrade approaches to bridge and adjust level of bridge	400
A85	At Waterfall (Rd. 58)	Construct retaining wall. Protect Road No. 58	1,000
A86	Roundwood (Road 60)	Pipe 100 yards of stream and transfer stream inside fence for 250 yards. Improve Road 60	500
A87	Mullinaveigue	Clean out, widen and deepen stream 200 yards and provide new gullet. Protect Road No. 36	120
A88	Diamond Hill (Rd. 71)	Clean out and deepen drains to prevent flooding. Protect Road 71	220
A89	Knockfodda (Rd. 71)	Clean out and deepen drains both sides of road. Protect Road 71	50
A90	Bclinass (Road 72)	Clean out and deepen drain on west side of road. Protect Rd. 72	50
A91	Carrowbawn (Rd. 70)	Clean out and deepen stream and provide new gullet. Protect Rd. 70	60
A92	Kilalane (Glenmacnass River)	Ease corners and cut new course. Protect Road No. 58	1,500
A93	Mullinaveigue (Rd. 38)	Clean out stream, widen and deepen. Protect Road No. 38	50
A94	Mullinaveigue (Rd. 36)	Build buttresses to parapet walls of gullet. Protect Road No. 36	160
A95	Soldiers' Road, Boghall	Provide new pipeline. Will provide proper drainage to road and prevent flooding	200
A96	Newrath to Ashford	Clean out Vartry River. Will improve land	1,000
A97	Ballinaberney Upper to Main River at Rathnew	Clean out stream. Will improve land	500
A98	Red Peg's Cross-roads to Ballybeg	Clean out stream. Will improve land	250
A99	Glenealy	Clean out drains near Saw Mills. Will improve land	100
A100	Glenealy	Clean out 400 yards stream not completed under A35. Will improve land	100
Total for Northern Area			£10,810

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL
LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT, 1949.
1951/52 DRAINAGE SCHEMES.

South-Eastern Area:

Scheme No.	Location	Description	Amount £
B30	Three-Mile-Water	Clean and widen 1,760 perches of Three-Mile-Water River	3,520
B31	Templeton	Construct gullet across Road 163	40
B32	Templeton	Construct Bridge across Redcross River to provide access to private land	800
B33	Coolmore	Complete retaining wall at Coolmore Bridge and cleaning 350 pers. of Redcross River	1,300
B34	Cornagower	Clean 350 pers. stream at Brittas to prevent flooding	700
B35	Jack White's	Construct gullet across Road 163 at bridge to prevent flooding	440
B36	Trooperstown	Construct gullet across Roads Nos. 83 and 89 to prevent flooding	140
B37	Ballinatone	Clean river bed 1/4 mile and raise level of road to prevent flooding	650
B38	Arldow	Construct retaining wall at Arklow Bridge to prevent erosion	3,000
B39	Whitebridge	Removal of weir across Avonmore River to prevent erosion and damage to Road No. 147	1,000
B40	Knocknamohill	Construct retaining walls along the Aughrim River to prevent damage to Road 185 by flooding and erosion	1,100
B41	Kish River	Clean and widen river to prevent erosion	1,100
Total for South-Eastern Area			£14,430

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LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT, 1949.
1951/52 DRAINAGE SCHEMES.

Southern Area:

Scheme No.	Location	Description	Amount £
C 1	Kilballyowen, Ballinglen	Clean and widen Derry Waters from Annacurra to Ballinglen	4,800
C 2	Glenashouk-Co. Bounds	Widen and clean River Derry	3,900
C 3	Ballingate-Umrygar	Widen and clean Mine River	1,730
C 5	Mt. Pleasant-Rosnastraw	Deepen tributary of Derry River	1,600
C 6	Hillbrook	Clean and widen tributary of Derry River	1,600
C 9	Tullowclay-Killinure	Clean and widen tributary of Dereen River	1,250
C14	Kilcarney	Construct protection wall on Dereen River	1,200
C15	Kilcarney	Construct bridge over Road 258	1,080

C17	Shillelagh-Crone	Clean and widen tributary of Derry River	1,200
C20	Rathcoyle	Widen and straighten tributary of Dereen River	600
C21	Quarry St., Shillelagh	Clean and reconstruct drains from Road No. 243	1,600
C.22	Drummin	Clean and widen tributary of Derry River	600
Total for Southern Area			£21,160

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL
LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT, 1949.
1951/52 DRAINAGE SCHEMES.

Western Area:

Scheme No.	Location	Description	Amount £
D10	Balinguile	Bridge and Embankment	2,200
D11	Drim	Bridge	1,100
D34	Knocknadrucce	150 sq. ft. Bridge and raise road	990
D46	Ballysmutton	Bridge and diversion of river	2,508
D47	Tourboy	240 lin. yds. straighten river	1,694
D61	Logstown	900 pers. Clean river	1,100
D63	Logstown-Coragh	800 pers. clean river	1,210
D65	Slaney-Snugboro	800 pers. clean river	935
D67	Ballytoole-Slaney	400 pers. clean river	495
D74	Clashgall River	Clean river	990
D73	Blackbrook - Crosscool harbour	Widen, deepen and clean	880
D83	Ballysmutton	Remove obstructions on River Liffey	650
D77	Baltinglass-County Carlow Bounds	Widen and deepen river	4,950
D85	Griffinstown-Fryanstown	Clean river in Fryanstown and riffinstown	600
D86	Glashina	Construct gullet on Road 263 and raise road	105
D87	Griffinstown	Construct gullet 24ft. 9ins. pipes laid in concrete	30
D88	Ballinure-Grange Con-Park	Clean existing gullet and lay pipe	475
D89	Springfield-Grange Con	Construct gullet	30
D91	Talbotstown - Woodfield-Boley	Clean river	600
D92	Humewood-Talbotstown-Kelshabeg	Clean river	450
D93	Glashina	Clean river and form new gullet	200
D94	Coragh	Construct bridge over river	350
D95	Blackditch	Reconstruct road drain	90
D96	Merginstown	Clean stream and road drain	200

Schemes approved by Department in 1950/51 but for which funds were not available:—

D36	Coragh	Construct Bridge	300
D45	Lisheen	926 pers. widen, straighten and deepen river	3,550
D55	Rathsallagh	300 pers. clean river	300
D59	Bessina-Fryanstown	Clean river, bog, and roads, and pipe gullet on Road No. 312	600
D70	Millar's Field, Blessington	400 pers. clean river	100
D65	River Greese from Tober to Co. Kildare Bounds at Ballynure and branch to Knocknadort	Clean and widen river	4,000
D73	Branch in Winetavern Bog to Winetavern River	Clean river	440
D79	Crosscoolharbour	Lay 120 yds. pipe to take surface water	120
D80	Ballinaddin-Cooliga	Deepen stream and sink, widen and remove bends	300
D81	Tournant Upper	Clean stream 1 mile	150
D82	Knocknadort	Clean stream; tributary of river Greese	200
Total for Western Area			£32,892

The Council approved of the list of Schemes submitted and directed that the Schemes be forwarded to the Department of Local Government for approval.

Councillor H. J. Byrne suggested that a Scheme should be submitted for the trapping of water which at present flowed down Ennis Lane. The County Engineer stated that a Scheme would be prepared to deal with the matter.

The following letter in regard to Drainage Schemes, received from the Department of Local Government, was submitted:—
RPB/33. Custom House, Dublin.
A Chara, 13 Eanáir, 1951.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to previous correspondence relative to Schemes under the Local Authorities (Works) Act and to state that the following proposals have been approved:—

A.31: The revised scheme estimated to cost £800 submitted with your letter of the 22nd November last.

A.34: The revised scheme estimated to cost £600 submitted with your letter of the 22nd November last.

A.74: The scheme estimated to cost £500 submitted with your letter of 22nd November, 1950. In this case approval is conditional on the submission of a certificate on Form ROB/1 covering this work.

B.15 and B.16: Proposals to increase the estimates in each case by £150. This approval is in lieu of that contained at (b) in this Department's letter of the 6th December last.

In connection with your letter of the 11th December submitting particulars of further work estimated to cost £3,000 on the Derry River (Scheme C.2) downstream of Glenashouk, I am to state that it is considered that the amount of work proposed is excessive and that con-

sideration might be given to a revised proposal providing for the removal of timber and like obstructions and trimming of banks without heavy excavation.

As regards your letter of the 30th November last on the subject of Scheme C.2 in which reference is made to the question of carrying out work on the lower reaches of the River where it forms the boundary between Wicklow and Wexford and Carlow and Wexford, I am to inform you that in general it is not in mind to consider further grants in respect of this river for work other than that of the type indicated in the preceding paragraph. It has in fact been suggested to the Carlow County Council, following the submission by them of a proposal (Scheme No. 101) for the current year for work on the section of the river forming the boundary between that County and Wexford that a modified Scheme for work of the type indicated might be considered by that Council. It is open to the local authorities concerned to discuss between themselves the desirability of doing such work in their respective areas and to prepare and submit suitable proposals. In regard to the execution of the work I am to point out that if it is proposed that any authority should act outside its functional area an agreement under section 3(2) of the Act will be necessary.

An appropriate extract from this letter is being forwarded to the Carlow and Wexford County Councils.

In regard to the remaining schemes which were the subject of recent letters, I am to state that the following remarks apply:—

- C.1: A further communication will issue.
- C.5: The sum of £3,000 already approved for this work is the maximum which it is considered should be spent on the proposal.
- C.6: A further communication will issue.
- C.7: A further communication will issue.

As regards the question of the grant allocation, I am to state that a separate communication on the subject is issuing indicating that a supplementary grant of £10,000 is being made available, making a total of £70,000 for the county for the year.

I am to draw attention to the second paragraph of this Department's letter of 14th April last and to point out that it rests with the local authority to decide on which approved works should be undertaken and that the grant allocations will not be increased following approval to further works.

A copy of this letter is enclosed for the information of the County Engineer.

Mise, le meas,
Secretary, E. T. SHEEHY,
Wicklow County Council.

In reply to Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., regarding the Drainage Scheme for the Derry River, the Co. Engineer pointed out that the Council had not been permitted to carry out the Scheme as originally planned. The work proposed to be done on the section of the river through the Coollatin Estate had been restricted, and he considered it essential that work which would involve excavation be carried out on the lower reaches of the river, where it forms the boundary between County Wicklow and Wexford and Co. Carlow and Wexford.

Councillor W. Hammond stated that he did not agree that the condition of the river upstream above Shillelagh in the Coollatin Estate affected the position at Shillelagh, or could possibly cause flooding at Quarry Street. He suggested that additional work was required at Shillelagh Bridge, and that possibly the bridge might require to be rebuilt.

The Chairman suggested that the Chairman of Wicklow County Council, Wexford County Council and Carlow County Council and the County Engineers of these Counties should meet for the purpose of deciding on a joint Scheme. The Council agreed that a meeting of the Chairmen and Co. Engineers of these Counties should be arranged.

Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., stated that the Minister's attention should be drawn to the fact that the money already spent on the Derry River Scheme would not be of full benefit without the completion of the work in the lower reaches, and that the County Engineer's Estimate for the works should be accepted.

Peter Ledwidge
Potter's River.
Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett stated that a bar had developed at the mouth of the Potter's River. She referred also to the necessity for fencing certain parts of the river, and to the need for additional work at Templeton.

The County Engineer stated that the difficulty at the outlet of the Potter's River was due to the drift of sands along the coast. He stated that fencing would be restored where it had been taken away or damaged in the course of carrying out Drainage Schemes.

Item No. 9—Tenders for New Fire Engine.
The County Secretary stated that in response to public advertisement, three tenders had been received for a new Fire Engine. The tenders received were as follows:—

Messrs. Fire Armour, Ltd., ex Works—£1,960 15s.
Hampshire Car Bodies, Ltd., ex Works—£2,799.
Merryweather and Sons, Ltd., F.O.B., Dublin—£3,080.
The Chief Fire Officer recommended the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Fire Armour, Ltd., at £1,960 15s., and recommended that extra equipment, costing £214 should also be purchased. The County Engineer agreed with the Chief Fire Officer in recommending the tender of Messrs. Fire Armour, Ltd., and agreed that the extra equipment for the machine, as listed by the Chief Fire Officer and estimated to cost £214 should also be purchased.

Proposed by Councillor Ed. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That having considered reports of County Engineer and Chief Fire Officer, we approve of the purchase of a "Firefly" 500 G.P.M. Pump Tanker Fire Engine, at a price of £1,960 15s., together with incidental equipment at a price of £214.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Turf Production Scheme.
The County Sec. stated that the Deputation appointed by the Council at the Special Meeting held on 26th January, 1951, in relation to the Council's application for special grants for the repair and improvement of bog roads, and roads carrying turf traffic, was received by the Minister for Local Government on 7th February, 1951. The Minister, having heard the Council's representations in regard to the roads, informed the Deputation that he would arrange for an inspection of the roads by officers of the Department, as soon as possible following which he would communicate with the Council.

The County Secretary stated that on account of the recent snow it had not been possible as yet to carry out the inspection.

The County Engineer stated that it was hoped to have the roads inspected within the next few days.

The Council decided to adjourn consideration of the Turf Production Scheme pending receipt of reply from the Minister in regard to the roads.

The Council approved of arrangements being made for the vesting of bogs in accordance with maps submitted by the Engineers, as follows: Bogs at Sallygap in the ownership of Lady Oranmore and Browne and

Viscount Powerscourt of total area of 2,827 acres; Bogs at Ballygobbin, Aughavannagh, Farbreaga, Granamore, Ballinagee, Garryknock, Coragh and Pippure.

The following letter received from Mr. Stanley Miller, Blessington, was submitted:—

Blessington,
8th February, 1951.
Dear Sir,
At a meeting of the people of Blessington and District held in the Band Hall, Blessington, I was directed to write this letter re making bog available to them to cut. As there are no turbary rights held by any of the people in the district, it was suggested that the County Council be asked to take over bogs formerly cut by contractors Murray and Somerville at Kippure and Ballymoutha, and make roads to the bogs that people could get lorries, etc., to get firing home. The Bog most suitable to the Blessington people would be the Bog formerly cut by Somerville at Kippure.

Trusting this matter will have your attention,
Yours faithfully,
STANLEY L. MILLER.

The County Engineer stated that the Bog at Kippure was being vested by the Council.

Councillor J. O'Neill asked that bog at Knockanskeagh be vested by the Council.

Item No. 11—Housing Committee Report.
The Council approved of the following report of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 5th February, 1951.

A meeting of the Housing Committee of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 5th February, 1951, at 2 p.m.

The following members were present: Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman; Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; James O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, Paul Kehoe, H. J. Byrne, Edwd. Byrne, L. O. Laoighleis, Wm. Cleary, C. M. Byrne, Joseph Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. J. Brennan.

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant Co. 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.

Flooding of Cottages at Boghall.
Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that the cottages at Boghall Road near Bray had been flooded on the previous day, 4th February, 1951. He submitted that the remedying of the flooding required immediate attention. He stated that four cottages, Nos. 16, 17, 18 and 19 seemed to be in such a condition that they might require to be vacated.

The County Manager agreed with Councillor H. J. Byrne's description of the cottages, and referred to the flooding which had occurred some years previously. In 1947 a scheme had been prepared to remedy the flooding and drains had been laid at the back of the cottages and a new bridge constructed on the Boghall Road. It was considered at the time that the scheme would prevent any further flooding of the cottages. He suggested that possibly the effects of the heavy snow fall and sudden thaw might not have been allowed for. The County Manager stated that he had been informed by the Engineer that one of the pipes had been choked. The Co. Manager also referred to the need for a sewerage scheme for this district, and explained to the Council the difficulties which had been encountered in designing a suitable scheme. Mr. E. M. Murphy had been employed as a Consultant, with the approval of the Council, to design a suitable scheme.

The County Engineer stated that it had been found that two of the pipes draining the cottage had been choked. When the scheme had been designed some years previously the question of having open drains or enclosed pipes had been considered, but it was thought that open drains might encourage dumping. He agreed that the area was subject to sudden and unusually heavy flooding.

The Co. Engineer stated that the bridge on Boghall Road had been constructed to three times the size of the original bridge and was ample to take the floods.

The Co. Engineer was asked to submit a special report on the matter for the next meeting of the Council.

Councillor H. J. Byrne suggested that the Co. Engineer would have special regard in his report on the question of widening the drain at the point opposite cottage No. 16.

Peter Ledwidge
Flooding of Cottages at Parkmore.
Councillor J. O'Reilly stated that cottages at Parkmore had also been subject to flooding.

The Assistant Engineer gave particulars of the works which had been carried out to remedy the flooding, and stated that the complaint had now been remedied.

Site for Houses at Church Road, Greystones.
The County Manager referred to the site at Church Road, Greystones, on which Mr. P. J. Morris, Building Contractor, was erecting houses. He explained the circumstances under which approval had been given by the Council for the use of this site for housing, and pointed out that the County Engineer had expressed doubts at the time as to the suitability of the site. The County Manager stated that he had inspected the site on the previous day, and that a site at the north-east corner of the lands, on which a house was being erected, had been flooded.

The Committee recommended that it be indicated to Mr. Morris that, from the evidence of flooding which occurred on the site on 4th February, 1951, it was clear that the site was unsuitable for building, and consequently that the Council would not approve of the erection of any further houses on the land.

PROGRESS REPORT.
The attached report of the County Engineer on the progress of the Housing Scheme during the month of January, 1951, was submitted:—

Houses at Baltinglass: In reply to Councillor John O'Reilly, the Assistant County Engineer stated that houses at Baltinglass would be completed in May of the present year.

House at Belan Street, Baltinglass: Councillor P. Kehoe stated that a house at Belan Street, Baltinglass, adjoining the site on which the Council was building, and occupied by Mrs. Foster, had fallen in during the week-end. He stated that he understood that the owner, Mrs. Wilson was prepared to dispose of the site to the Council, and suggested that the Council should acquire this site.

The Co. Manager stated that a report would be obtained from the Assistant Engineer in regard to the matter.

Erection of Cottages at Lugduff: Councillor J. O'Neill stated that the cottages in the Tinahely district would soon be completed, and inquired whether three additional cottages could be erected on the sites owned by the Council at Lugduff.

The Committee agreed that a Scheme be prepared for the erection of cottages on sites owned by the Council at Lugduff and in other districts.

Schemes for the Erection of Cottages at Killarney Road, Bray, and Blacklion: The County Manager referred to the difficulties experienced by the Council in obtaining permission to enter on the site at

Killarney Road, Bray. Supplies for the houses to be erected on this site had been obtained, but permission to enter on the site had not yet been received. The Council was also unable to complete the arrangements for the acquisition of the site at Blacklion for 99 cottages, as one of the persons from whom land was being acquired was only a tenant-at-will and could not give a proper title.

Rathnew Scheme: In reply to Councillor J. Jacob, the County Engineer stated that he would prepare a special scheme for the erection of five or six houses at Rathnew on plots owned by the Council.

Erection of Houses for Persons Not of the Working Class, and Allocation of Grants by the Council to Persons Erecting These Houses for their Own Occupation.

The attached report of the Special Committee appointed by the Council had been circulated to the members.

A Meeting of the Special Committee appointed by the Council to consider the question of acquiring sites for development and letting to persons to build their own houses, the erection of houses for persons not of the working classes and the making of special grants by the Council under Section 7 of the Housing Amendment Act, 1950, was held at the Secretary's Office, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 22nd January, 1951.

The following members attended:—
Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman; Councillors H. J. Byrne, Senator J. J. McCrea, C. M. Byrne, and John O'Reilly.

The County Manager and County Secretary also attended.
Making of Special Grants by the Council under Section 7—Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950.

The Committee did not favour the making of Special Grants by the Council to persons building houses for their own occupation, and considered that adequate and generous facilities were already being afforded by the special Government Grants and Loans at reduced rates of interest, and very favourable terms under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

Erection of Houses for persons not of the working classes:

The Committee recommended the erection by the Council of houses for persons not of the working classes on a Tenant Purchase Basis. The Committee noted that it would appear possible to erect houses of from 750 to 800 sq. ft. floor space, which could be let on a Tenant Purchase Basis, including rates and cost of collection, at from 20s. to 25s. per week.

Having examined the list of applications received for the erection of houses of this type, the Committee recommended that Schemes be undertaken in the following areas: Aughrim 2; Blessington 12; Bray and Creystones 20; Carnew 10; Rathdrum 2; Roundwood 2. Total, 48 houses.

In the case of the two houses at Rathdrum, the Committee recommended that these houses be erected on the derelict site adjoining the Fair Green.

The Committee recommended that the County Engineer prepare a report in relation to suitable sites for the houses and submit a plan and specification of the house to be erected, together with an estimate of the cost. The Committee suggested that before the plans were finally determined, the views of the applicants in regard to the accommodation to be provided should be obtained.

As the houses would be provided in or adjacent to existing towns or villages, the Committee agreed that they should be provided with a bath, water and sewerage, and electric light.

Councillor W. Cleary and Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., favoured the making of grants by the Council under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950. They considered that the making of such grants would assist persons, such as small farmers, to erect houses for their own occupation.

Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett, in proposing the adoption of the report, suggested that the limit of grants for reconstruction should be extended to £100.

Councillor McCarthy suggested that the paragraph of the report relating to the making of special grants be amended by the addition of the words "having considered the applications before them," after the word "Committee" in the first line of the paragraph.

Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett having accepted the amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett *Peter Ledwidge*
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond:

Resolved—That we approve of the report of the Special Committee of the Council held on 2nd January, 1951, as amended by the addition of the words "having considered the applications before them" after the word "Committee" in the first line of the report.

Passed.
The Committee decided that applications for grants under Section 7 be limited to persons who had been residing ten years at least, in the County of Wicklow on 1st January, 1951.

The Co. Engineer submitted sketch plans of a type of house which might be provided under this scheme. It was decided that persons who had applied for houses under the Scheme be informed of the type of house which might be provided and supplied with an estimate of the cost.

Circular from the Department of Local Government re Grants by Housing Authorities Under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950.

The Committee noted the attached circular of 25th January, 1951, which had been circulated to the members of the Council.
Copy. Dept. of Local Government,
Circ. H.1/1951. Custom House, Dublin.
25th January, 1951.

GRANTS BY HOUSING AUTHORITIES UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE HOUSING (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1950.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he has had under consideration the question of the payment of supplementary grants by housing authorities for purchase or erection of houses under the provisions of Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950. This Section was enacted primarily to supplement the existing powers of housing authorities under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts and the Labourers Acts, and to assist small farmers and others who can not avail themselves of the State Grant owing to their being unable to meet the balance of the cost. Housing authorities in considering what type of scheme to adopt under Section 7 of the Act of 1950, should accordingly aim at securing that the funds which they may decide to make available for the purpose will be primarily applied (1) to meet housing needs which would otherwise have to be met by schemes eligible for subsidy under the Housing Acts, and (2) to supplement State grants in individual cases or in cases of a general class where the housing authority is satisfied that the circumstances of the applicant do not enable him to provide a house with the aid of the State grant alone.

With a view to eliciting the probable extent of the demand from the class referred to at (1) above, it is suggested that the benefits of the Section should be brought to the special notice of suitable applicants on waiting lists of housing authorities whose need for rehousing has been established and who belong to the classes for the housing of which the housing authority accepts responsibility. In urban areas, particularly, existing tenants also might be invited to indicate whether, if the housing authority made grants available under the Section, they would be prepared to build for themselves. By encouraging members of the latter class to provide for themselves, Council houses thereby vacated could be used for meeting the needs of persons on the waiting lists who would not be in a position to provide for themselves.

As regards the extent of the classes which might be assisted under head (2) above, it is realised that the housing position throughout the country may justify the adoption of schemes varying considerably according to the circumstances prevailing in different local areas, but the Minister is of opinion that housing authorities, in general, should take into full consideration the actual individual necessity for such grants and if they decide to limit the amount to be made available in the aggregate, the money should be applied according to the degree of need. In this connection the attention of the Council should be specially directed to the fact that they have a full discretion to make grants on lower scales than those on which the maximum State grants are allocated. Differentials in such lower scales, proportionate to those in the State scales, according to the accommodation and services (if any) to be provided should, however, be maintained. The grants should be strictly confined to persons providing houses for occupation by themselves and not for sale and schemes should therefore make the payment of any supplementary grant conditional on a provision prohibiting resale with a specified period of, say, five years unless with the consent of the housing authority and subject to prior refund of the supplementary grant by the grantee.

In considering the scheme, if any, to be adopted under Section 7, the housing authority should have regard to the existing legislative provisions under which they are empowered to furnish assistance to private enterprise housing, viz., (1) the lease or sale of land with a view to the erection thereon of houses for the working classes by persons other than the local authority (Paragraph 1 of sub-section 2 of Section 8 of the Housing (Ireland) Act, 1919). The lease or sale of land to persons or public utility societies for the erection thereon of houses for the accommodation of the general classes of the Community (Section 17 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950).

(2) The grant of assistance by way of loan, contribution to annual loan charges, capital grant, the grant or lease of lands, or the execution of building development works for a public utility society providing houses for the working classes provided such houses are used for the rehousing of persons displaced by operations under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 to 1931 (Section 4 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1944).

(3) The lease or sale of land to persons and public utility societies with a view to the erection thereon by such persons or societies of cottages suitable for occupation by agricultural labourers (Section 21 of the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932).

(4) The making of loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

(5) The making of letting grants to persons erecting houses for letting (Section 19 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948).

(6) The grant of land as a site or the grant of money to public utility societies erecting houses for occupation by persons of the working classes or by agricultural labourers (Section 20 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948, as extended).

(7) Grants for reconstruction of houses suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes under Section 8 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950.

In considering their general policy the housing authority should have particular regard to the question whether all or any of the foregoing statutory provisions would provide an equitable alternative to grants under Section 7.

Any schemes already adopted under Section 7 but not yet approved by the Minister should now be reviewed with reference to the foregoing considerations.

All schemes, as approved, should be expressed to be subject to periodic reviews, and in this connection it is to be noted that schemes which are now adopted will not extend beyond the terminal date for current housing grant operations, viz., 1st April, 1952.

Finally, the Minister wishes to make it clear that no provision should be made in any scheme under Section 7 for the payment of a supplementary grant in respect of any house for which a State grant was allocated before 1st August, 1950.

Mise, le meas,
Signed—J. GARVIN. *Peter Ledwidge*

To each Housing Authority.

Application from Messrs. O'Connor and Murphy for the Acquisition of Site for Two Dwellinghouses at Balinglass.

The County Secretary stated that a further letter had been received from Messrs. T. Murphy and T. O'Connor, who had requested the assistance of the Council in acquiring a site at Balinglass for the erection of two dwellinghouses. Messrs. Murphy and O'Connor requested that the Council would indicate to the owner of the land that the Council have the power to acquire this site compulsorily.

The Committee agreed that the owner of the land be informed of the Council's powers in the matter.

Sites Nos. 299 to 311—Kilmagig Upper.

The County Secretary submitted letter received from Messrs. C. J. Louth and Son, Solicitors, in regard to sites at Kilmagig Upper which were being acquired by the Council. In the letter it was stated that the Council was acquiring six acres, two roads of a field of which the total area was 9 acres, 3 roads, 18 perches, and that owing to the formation of the field, the remaining area of 3 acres, 1 road, 18 perches would be of practically no use to the owner. Messrs. Louth submitted on behalf of the owner that the Council consider acquiring the entire field.

Following a discussion, the Committee recommended that an offer be made to the owner of the land for the acquisition of the remainder of the field at the same price per acre as fixed by the Arbitrator in respect of the portion acquired by the Council.

Tenders for the Erection of Cottages on Sites 318, 319, 325 and 333.

The Co. Secretary stated that following the decision of the Council at the previous meeting, tenders had been invited in respect of cottages on the sites mentioned. Only one tender had been received, namely, that from Mr. Patrick Lennon, in respect of Sites Nos. 318 and 319 at Cronebane. The price quoted by Mr. Lennon was £285 for each cottage, and in a covering letter Mr. Lennon stated that in the event of his tender being accepted, and pending the completion of the contract documents, any further increase must be borne by the Council.

The County Engineer had reported on the tender, and stated that he could not recommend acceptance. He stated that the figure was excessive and was not a firm price. The Co. Engineer also stated that, since the Council's staff would be working in that area, it would be possible for the Council to proceed with the building of these two cottages with their own staff.

The Committee approved of the report of the Co. Engineer in the matter.

Proposed Bonus to Workers Employed on Direct Labour Building Schemes.

The County Engineer reported that the cost of a bonus to workers employed on the Direct Labour Housing Scheme, on the basis mentioned by Councillor P. McCarthy in his Notice of Motion, would be £603. (93 men @ £5 and 46 men @ £3). Councillor P. McCarthy's Notice of Motion related to the payment of a bonus to all workers employed on housing schemes, provided that these workers were in the employment of the Council on 1st September, 1950, and continued in such employment; the amount of the bonus to be £5 for married men and single men with dependants, and £3 for other single employees. The Co. Engineer also submitted the following report on the cost of houses built by Direct Labour:

**1951/52 DRAINAGE SCHEMES.
1946 COTTAGE SCHEME.
Report on Cost of Houses at 2/2/51 Built by Direct Labour.**

Area	No. of houses in Scheme	No. of houses completed by D/L	Total Floor area sq. ft.	No. of houses in progress	Cost per sq. ft. with services	Cost per sq. ft. without services	No. of houses by contract: (a) complete (b) in progress		Notes
North	189	69	42,396	22	26/-	24/11	—	11	7 additional about to start by Contract. 40 additional about to start by Direct Labour.
South-East	100	36	21,726	11	—	25/7	—	—	14 about to start by Direct Labour.
South	54	38	21,114	13	—	26/2	—	—	3 sites in dispute.
West	104	29	16,912	12	—	27/1	21	1	
Totals:	447	172	102,148	58	—	—	—	21	12

With suitable weather conditions, it is anticipated that at the end of March, 1951, a further 22 houses will be completed and an additional 50 will be in progress.

Signed: J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

In reply to Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., the County Manager stated that the cost of the erection of cottages by Contract varied from 27/- to 28/- per sq. ft.

The Committee approved of the payment of a bonus to the workers employed on the building of houses by direct Labour in the County Health District, and requested that the County Manager submit a Scheme for approval by the Council.

Development of Lands at Brittas.

The following letter received from Mr. Raymond Judd, Ballinacarrig, Brittas, was submitted:—

Dear Sir,

I have been informed that the lands comprising about five acres which adjoin my property, the Coastguard Station, on the north, south and east sides, has been the subject of a letting with the object of development either in the nature of small houses, or caravan or car park, I desire to place on record my view that any such development is contrary to the principle laid down by the County Planning Expert for this and similar areas.

I do not claim, although I think it should be a matter for consideration, that the substantial sums which I have expended over a number of years on the layout, planting and reconstruction of my holding entitle me especially to the amenities which the retention of the newly leased portion provides, so long as it is retained as an open space affording a fine view of the open sea from the Public Road. In common with many others—residents and visitors—I am deeply interested in Brittas development, of which generally we have reason to be proud up to the present.

I take the liberty, therefore, of expressing the above view on the above matter in the hope that any development by any licensing occupation or caravan or building will receive careful consideration by the local authority and its Planning Advisers.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: RAYMOND JUDD.

Michael Flannery, Esq.,
The County Manager,
The County Manager,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that no application had been received for approval to the development of the land referred to, but the Council had granted a temporary licence to Mr. McDaniel for the use of lands for camping.

The Committee directed that any applications for the development of lands in the district be brought to the notice of the Committee.

Use of Land for Temporary Dwelling.

The County Secretary referred to the application of Mrs. Rose Doyle, Lackendarragh, Enniskerry, for permission to erect a hut on her lands, and stated that Mrs. Doyle had informed the Council that it was intended to use the hut for a member of the family.

The Committee recommended that permission for the erection of the temporary dwelling be refused.

Housing Scheme at Killinacarrig.

The County Engineer submitted a Scheme for the erection of 22 cottages on the Council's lands at Kindlestown. It was proposed that these cottages be erected on the portion of plots attached to existing cottages at Kindlestown.

The Committee agreed with the suggestion of the Co. Manager that the rents of the existing cottages be reduced by 3d. per week in respect of the portion of the plots taken for the purpose of erection of the new cottages.

The County Manager suggested that the Council might also proceed with the erection of ten two-storey houses on the playground at Killinacarrig.

The Committee, Councillor W. Lawless dissenting, recommended that the Council proceed with a scheme for the erection of 10 houses on the playground at Killinacarrig and 22 houses on the cottage plots at Kindlestown.

Repairs Carried Out to Cottages During the Month of January, 1951.

The Committee noted the report of the Co. Engineer on the repairs carried out during the month of January, 1951.

Authorisation of Repairs to Cottages.

The Committee approved of repairs being carried out to cottages in accordance with the list, and supplementary list, submitted by the Co. Engineer, subject to a charge of 2/6d. per week being made to tenants to recoup the cost of provision of new ranges, or renewals of ranges, and subject to the omission of locks for doors.

The Committee also considered report dated 5th February, 1951, from the Assistant Engineer M. Healy, in regard to the claim of a tenant for refund of £23 in respect of improvements carried out to his cottage. As the works had been carried out without obtaining the approval of the Council, the Committee refused the application.

Letter from Messrs. John Deans, Ltd., Glenealy, re Supply of Timber.

The Committee noted with approval letter dated 29th Jan., 1951, received from Messrs. John Deans, Ltd., Glenealy, in which Messrs. Deans indicated that their firm had been included in the list of importers of deals, battens and boards, and hoped to be in a position to make further imports of timber when the banking services returned to normal.

Reports on Cottages Not Occupied.

Mr. T. Byrne, Chief Officer, stated that all Rent Collectors had been instructed to submit a report on any cottages in their districts which were not occupied by the tenants. The Chief Officer gave particulars of certain reports received, and stated that a further report on the matter would be submitted.

Applications for Approval under Town and Regional Planning Acts.

The Committee adjourned to the meeting of the Council to be held on 12th February, 1951, an application from Mr. W. R. Lendrum, Contractor, for approval to the construction of an addition to a dwelling-house at New Road, Greystones. The County Engineer reported that the construction of the additional room would result in the house being too near to the adjoining road.

The Committee recommended that permission be granted for the erection of a new Hall at Balinglass in the grounds of the Presentation Convent.

The Committee adjourned to the meeting of the Council on Monday, 12th February, 1951, the removal and re-erection on a new site of the hall at Grangecon.

The Committee recommended that permission be granted for the erection of a shop for Mr. T. Egan, Enniskerry, provided that the structure is not less than 30 ft. from the centre of the road, and that the structure be roofed with asbestos slates or concrete tiles, and not with asbestos sheets.

The Committee also approved of the erection of a hut by Mr. H. Stevens at Ashford, in accordance with sketch plan submitted, provided that the hut would not be used for dwelling purposes.

Alternative Site for Plot.

Having considered the report of Assistant Engineer P. J. Foley, dated 2nd February, 1951, the Committee approved of the alternative site proposed for site No. 543.

Applications for Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The Committee recommended that a Loan of £1,000 be granted to Mr. C. F. Kelly, Moorstown, Ashford, in respect of the erection of a dwelling-house.

The Committee recommended the issue of loan of £1,000 to Mr. Frederick Nutty, Clontarf, Dublin, in respect of the erection of a house at Dargle Road, Bray.

The Committee deferred applications from Mr. T. Kelly, Rathdrum, and Mr. Wm. Grant, Rathdrum, pending the submission of the Engineer's certificate of value.

Purchase of Nissen Huts.

Having considered report of County Engineer dated 1st February, 1951, the Committee approved of the recommendation of the County Engineer for the purchase of 9 unpainted Nissen Huts at £75 each for use as stores.

Local Authorities (Works) Act.

The County Secretary stated that an additional allocation of £10,000 had been made to the Council for Drainage Schemes to be carried out in the present year. The County Engineer recommended that the following Schemes be carried out: A 31 Breaches, Glendaragh, £600; A 34 Lakes at Coolawinna to Killymon, £800; B 5 Three Mile Water, £500; B 7, Ballytunney, Arklow, £1,970; C 7 Toberpatrick, Killyveney, £1,700; C 18 Ballyconnell, Liscolman, £1,600; D 32 Barranstown, Ballycore, £1,600; D 80 Ballinacarrig, Colliga, £330; D 55 Rathsallagh, £300; D 59 Bessina, Fryanstown, £600.

The County Engineer stated that Assistant Engineer P. J. Foley had reported that Scheme No. D 36 could not be carried out during the present year owing to weather conditions, and he recommended that the sum of £300 provided for this Scheme be transferred to cover the cost of a drainage scheme at Boghall, which would be submitted for approval.

The Committee approved of the County Engineer's recommendation for the allocation of the monies.

The following two notices of motion for the meeting of the Council to be held on 12th Feb., 1951, were handed in and accepted by the Chairman.

By Councillor W. Lawless:

"That I or someone for me will move at the next meeting—That this Council will instruct our Engineering Staff to proceed immediately to supply the tenants at Ballygannon, Rathdrum, with link wire, thereby implementing a previous decision of the Council."

By Councillor W. Ceary:

"That I or someone for me will move at the next meeting—That we request the Government to proceed with the completion of the building in Store Street, which was originally intended as a Central Bus Station. In making this request, we are taking into consideration the hardships that are being suffered by provincial travellers who are compelled to stand for long periods in queues during all sorts of weather without any protection from cold or rain."

Item No. 12—Town Planning Applications.

The Council deferred for further inquiries the application of Mr. Lendrum for permission to erect an additional room to a dwelling-house at New Road, Greystones.

New Hall at Grangecon.

The following report of the Assistant Engineer was submitted:—
9th February, 1951.

Re: New Hall at Grange Con.

A Chara.

In reply to your letter re above, I inspected what I believe to be the site at Grange Con on which it is proposed to erect a new hall. The site is situated on a laneway leading from Roadway 284 towards the Railway Bank and is, in my opinion, a most unsuitable place to put a hall. The approach to it would be through a narrow laneway, the entrance to which is obstructed by the only public pump in the village, and the lane itself is in a bad and dirty condition.

As this would not be part of the public street, it would not be lighted by the public authority, and, taking into account the nature of the approach, I think it would be well if they sought a more suitable site.

Mise, le meas,

Signed: P. J. FOLEY.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe;

Resolved—That we recommend that the applicant be asked to seek a more suitable site for the re-erection of the hall at Grangecon.

Passed unanimously.

Housing Site at Church Road, Greystones.

The following letter, received from Messrs. P. J. Morris and Sons, was submitted:—
The Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
106 Sundrive Road,
Kimmage, Dublin.
8th February, 1951.

Re: Housing Site at Church Road, Greystones.

Dear Sir,

We have received your letter dated 7th February.
You state that the Council cannot approve of the erection of any further houses on the site at Church Road. You have not, however,

specifically mentioned the house already started in the N.E. corner of the site. We have suspended all work here pending definite information. We would point out that we have already signed a Contract embodying a time limit, and have received a deposit on this house, so you will appreciate the need for a speedy clarification. D.P.C. level had been reached before we could stop the work.

Regarding your statement concerning the remainder of the site, we would welcome an opportunity to discuss the matter officially with a representative of the Council as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER MORRIS,

For P. J. Morris and Sons.

Councillor H. J. Byrne referred to the reduction in the flow of the stream adjoining site by the installation of pipes. He referred to the report of the Town Planning Consultant, in which the field was referred to as low-lying and swampy, and in which it was stated that difficulties relating to sewerage and drainage may be responsible for the fact that the field had not previously been developed.

The Council agreed that the County Manager and Co. Engineer would meet Mr. Morris to discuss the development of the site, and that Mr. Morris be informed that no further work should be done on the house at the North-East corner pending a further report to the Council.

Item No. 13—Loan of £100,000 for Erection of 99 Cottages at Kindlestown.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan;

Resolved—That we approve of draft Deed of Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works in respect of Loan of £100,000 for the erection of 99 cottages at Kindlestown, and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the undertaking that the instalments in repayment of the loan as well as of any existing loan will be punctually remitted at the dates on which they become due, viz.: 1st May and 1st November in each year.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Housing Schemes: Kindlestown, Killincarrig and Lugduff
The following report of the County Engineer was submitted: Re Housing:—

Re building 22 houses on Council's land at Kindlestown, and 10 cottages at Killincarrig, also on Council's land. Having investigated, I find these proposals are feasible and estimated building cost, including sewers, water and electric light, is £28,500. Of 22 tenants in Kindlestown, only four have tilled their plots.

Signed: J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer estimated the cost of the erection of a further three cottages at Lugduff at £2,500.

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we authorise the raising of a Loan of £31,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 50 years, with interest at 2½%, for the purpose of defraying the cost of the erection of 22 cottages at Kindlestown; 10 two-storey houses at the Playground, Killincarrig, and 3 cottages at Lugduff.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Flooding of Cottages at Boghall.
The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
Courthouse, Wicklow.
12th February, 1951.

Re: Boghall Road Flooding.

A Chara.

A sudden and heavy rainfall and unusually fast thaw of the snow on the hills of Bray Head and Kilruddery caused water in dykes to rise and enter two pairs of our cottages out of a total of 25 on the Boghall Road (south side) on Sunday, 4th instant.

I inspected the position during the week and again on the 9th instant. The flooding lasted only three-quarters of an hour. An examination showed that one of our 24" drain pipe lines was choked with debris and a dead animal at the entrance. The nature of the ground, however, in this area, being practically non-pervious, together with the quick and sudden delivery of water from the back hills, are the primary causes of the trouble. There is also a serious contributory factor of the dumping of debris, tin cans, buckets, baths, etc., in the dykes.

The Council, at the meeting on 4th instant, agreed to allocate the sum of £300 from the L.A. Funds (1950/51) for preliminary works in this connection, and I am having all drains cleaned up and opened.

Further, I recommend that the sum of £1,500 be reserved from any 1951-52 Funds which may be made available for the following additional measures to be carried out during the Summer months of 1951, viz.:

(1) To divert the water now flowing from the Bog on the North of the main road, in a new drain along the northern ditch to the Boghall River, instead of at present delivering to stream on south side in front of cottages;

(2) To open up and widen the pipe drain in front of the 15 cottages and lay a new piped drain to the river—this would be on the southern side of the road—actually it would be better to clean up and leave open the existing ditch or hollow, but I am certain if this were done it would be obstructed as at present by dumping of debris, etc. It was never intended that this would be piped, and if it had been clean, the excess water would have flowed over it without causing any damage to cottages.

(3) To clean up all the back-drains in and around the lands of Kilruddery at the rear of the whole cottage site, and divert the flow of certain tributary streams.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendations of the Co. Engineer in his report of 12th February, 1951, in relation to the flooding of cottages at Boghall.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16—Cottage Plots at Ballygannon.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That the Engineering Staff be instructed to proceed immediately to supply the tenants of cottages at Ballygannon, Rathdrum, with link wire, thereby implementing a previous decision of the Council.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter for investigations as to previous decisions taken by the Housing Committee of the Council in regard to the supply of this wire.

Item No. 17—Authorisation of Excess Expenditure.

The County Secretary stated that the authority of the Council was required for expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's estimates, in respect of the purchase of reserve stocks for certain services, excess expenditure in respect of the maintenance of patients in extern hospitals and sanatoria; expenditure on Drainage Schemes under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, and other items.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;	
Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;	
Resolved—That we authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates in respect of the Council's Services as set out hereunder:—	
Roads: Purchase of tar (Emergency Stocks)	.. £5,000
Public Assistance: Emergency Stocks; Extern Hospitals;	
Food, Drink and Tobacco	.. £12,000
Housing: Cottage Repairs	.. £750
Health: Extern Sanatoria	.. £3,000
Sanitary Services: Reserve Stocks	.. £2,000
General Purposes: Drainage Schemes	.. £70,000
Seeds Scheme	.. £2,500
Pensions	.. £1,370
Travelling Expenses: Co. Councillors	.. £200
Reserve Stocks—Machinery, etc.	.. £4,415
Audit Fees	.. £350
	£78,835

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 18—Dental Services.

The following letter from the Department of Health was submitted:—

COPY/ Department of Health,
Custom House, Dublin,
27 Eanáir, 1951.

Circular No. F 5/51.

A Chara,

The Minister for Health has asked me to inform you that he has had under consideration the question of improving the dental services administered by local authorities under the Health Act, 1947, the Public Assistance Act, 1939, and the Mental Treatment Act, 1945.

The Minister is satisfied that there is room for considerable improvement of the public dental services, notably in relation to children, and with the impending introduction of the Mother and Child Service, the need to overhaul those services becomes pressing. There are many difficulties to be solved in relation to the general problem of dental services, and the Minister proposes in the near future to set up a Dental Consultative Council, to report on this matter, and to suggest long-term plans for improved services. In the meantime, however, it is considered that much can be done to improve the present services without prejudice to any future developments. Each local authority is accordingly urged to take steps as outlined below to improve the services administered by them.

The Minister considers that each county council should have at least one permanent whole-time dentist on its staff, and proposals for additional appointments will be favourably considered. A whole-time dentist should be responsible under the general direction of the Chief Medical Officer for the organisation and running of the interim dental service and for the allocation of work between himself and any part-time dentists employed. Each county borough council should submit proposals having regard to its particular needs.

In all cases, the employment of part-time dentists on a sessional basis should also be considered. Where whole-time and part-time dentists are employed it would probably be the better course for the whole-time officer to concentrate on the dental services for mothers and children, with the assistance of part-time dentists where necessary—the public assistance classes and patients in sanatoria and hospitals being dealt with exclusively by part-time officers. The aim should be to have as much conservative work as possible undertaken, particularly in the case of children.

The Minister will be prepared to sanction the payment to permanent whole-time dentists of a salary of £806 5s. 0d. per annum, rising by annual increments of £26 17s. 6d. to £967 10s. per annum, inclusive of temporary bonus of 7½%. The Minister would also be prepared to sanction the payment to temporary whole-time dentists of the minimum of the scale and the fixing of the remuneration of part-time dentists at the rate of £3 3s. 0d. per three-hour session or pro rata. Where, however, a part-time dentist is employed regularly to carry out a considerable volume of work (as in the case of some mental hospitals), a fixed annual remuneration might be considered preferable.

Existing officers of the local authorities may be placed on these scales from a date not earlier than 1st January, 1951. The previous service of whole-time surgeon dentists may be reckoned for the purpose of determining their point of entry on the new scale. Application for sanction should, however, be made where a mental hospital authority proposes to fix for an authorised part-time post of visiting surgeon dentist to a mental hospital a revised remuneration on the basis indicated in the preceding paragraph.

The proposals of local authorities arising out of this Circular should be submitted at an early date.

Mise, le meas.

Signed: P. O. CINNEIDE.

The following report of the Acting Chief Medical Officer was submitted:—
COPY/ Public Health Offices,
Rathdrum,
Mr. O'Connor, 31st January, 1951.
Staff Officer, Rathdrum.

Dental Services.

A Chara,

With reference to Department's Circular F3/51 on the above subject, I would like to point out that the present services in this county are carried out by two part-time dentists who do work under the School Medical Scheme, Public Assistance and Tuberculosis Scheme. They are employed on a sessional basis at the approved rates. Up to the present little or no conservative dentistry has been carried out, but arrangements are under way to provide equipment for this purpose for the School Medical Service, and I expect that this equipment could be used also for the Public Assistance Work. The provision of dentures under Public Assistance should be part of any improvement.

The appointment of a permanent Full-time Dentist as already referred to by the Local Appointments Commission should be proceeded with without delay.

Mise, le meas.

Signed: J. A. DUNLEVY,

Acting Co. Medical Officer.

The Council decided to adjourn the question of the appointment of a whole-time dentist to the Estimates Meeting.

Item No. 19—Appointment of Health Inspectors.

The following letter from the Department of Health was submitted:—
COPY/ Department of Health,
Custom House, Dublin,
1 Eanáir, 1951.

B.32/5.

A Chara,

The Minister for Health has asked me to refer to your letter of the 29th December, 1950, and to state that in view of the imminence of the coming into operation of the Food Hygiene Regulations, he approves the proposal to appoint two additional Health Inspectors on a temporary basis, with remuneration not exceeding the minimum of the scale for the permanent office. It is noted that the appointments will be made from among the applicants for the last advertised vacancy.

In view of the unsatisfactory aspects of temporary appointments, the Minister is most anxious that the Council would reconsider the question of permanent appointments at the earliest opportunity. The Minister would be glad to be furnished with the particulars requested in the final paragraph of Department's letter of 27th November last regarding the assignment of duties to Sanitary Sub-Officers.

Mise, le meas, baill
Signed: L. O. SULLIOBHAIN.

Ruairi,
Comhairle Chontae hCille Mannain.
The County Manager referred to the previous decision of the Council to make temporary appointments of Health Inspectors pending experience of the operation of the Food Hygiene Regulations. He was not prepared to recommend permanent appointments at present. The Council noted the letter from the Department of Health and confirmed their previous decision on the matter.

Item No. 20—Maintenance of Boarded-out Children.

The County Secretary stated that the Superintendent Assistance Officer had reported that he had been approached by foster-parents throughout the County regarding the maintenance allowance for boarded-out children paid by the Council, at present 9s. weekly, which they claimed to be inadequate. He recommended an increase in the weekly allowance by 1s. per week to 10s. weekly. This increase would involve an additional expenditure of approximately £350 per annum in respect of boarded-out children.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;
Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett;
Passed unanimously.

Resolved—That we approve of the allowance to Foster Parents for the maintenance of boarded-out children being increased to 12s. 6d. per week.

Item No. 21—Remuneration of Ambulance Drivers.

The following letter from the Irish Automobile Drivers' and Automobile Mechanics' Union was submitted:
The Co. Manager,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

9 Parnell Square East,
Dublin, C.16.

Dear Sir,
Having regard to the present high cost of living which over and above absorbs the last increase, i.e., the 11s. under the National Formula, my Committee have directed me to make application for £1 per week increase on the existing wage of our members who are employed as Ambulance Drivers by your Council.

The County Secretary stated that Ambulance Drivers were at present paid at the rate of £5 per week, together with a temporary allowance of 11s. per week.

The Council decided to defer the matter to the Estimates Meeting.
Item No. 22—Extension of Burial Ground at Glendalough.
Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;
Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett;
Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Petition to the Minister for Local Government for the acquisition of lands at Glendalough for the purpose of the extension of the Burial Ground at Glendalough.

Passed unanimously.
Item No. 23—Acquisition of Derelict Site at Fairgreen, Rathdrum.
The Assistant Engineer reported that the site at the Fair Green, Rathdrum, which it was proposed to acquire under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940, was in fact a derelict site and had not been put to any use for a period of at least five years. The buildings on this site were ruins. He recommended that the site be acquired. In report dated 31st January, 1951, the Acting Chief Medical Officer reported that he had inspected the site, and was of the opinion that the building should be demolished because of its dangerous condition. He also stated that it was a danger to public health by reason of the fact that it was frequently made a convenience of by certain classes of the public.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;
Seconded by Councillor J. Jacob;
Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Preliminary Order under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act in relation to the plot of ground with derelict buildings thereon in Rathdrum (Fair Green), bounded on the north by the Fair Green, on west by houses occupied by John Kinsella and John Brien, and on east by house occupied by Hugh Toole; area 29 perches; as shown on map submitted to this meeting.

Passed unanimously.
Item No. 24—Burial Ground at Barndarrig: Provision of Crucifix.
The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Very Rev. J. Doyle, P.P., Barndarrig, for the provision of a figure on the Cross in the Burial Ground at Barndarrig.

The County Manager stated that a similar application had been received some time previously in respect of the Burial Ground at Arklow, and the Council had agreed that the Cross should be provided by local subscriptions.

The Council requested that the County Manager would explain the position to Father Doyle.

Item No. 25—Dumping Ground at Greystones.

The County Secretary stated that at a meeting of the Council held on 13th February, 1950, the Council had considered letter from Coras Iompair Eireann, in which it was stated that the Company were prepared to consider the disposal of two plots required by the Council for the purpose of extending the dumping ground at Greystones for sums of £125 and £250, respectively, subject to the Company's erecting a fence at the expense of the Council. The Council had decided that the price asked was excessive, and had asked that the County Engineer and County Manager negotiate with the Company for the purpose of acquisition or renting of the lands required for the dumping ground.

On the recommendation of the County Engineer, the sum of £40 had been offered to the Company for the two plots, and it had been pointed out that the land could not be used for building sites, and that, furthermore, the plot of land measuring 3 roods, 12 perches, was a disused sandpit and practically valueless. In letter dated 1st Jan. 1951, from the Company, it was stated that the sum offered was totally inadequate, and could not be considered. The Council's Law Agent had advised that the Council had not got compulsory powers of acquisition in respect of dumping grounds.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;
Resolved—That we request Coras Iompair Eireann to grant a lease of the lands at Greystones for the purposes of a dumping ground at a rent of £1 per year for a period of 50 years.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 26—Domestic Scavenging Service for Greystones, etc., Districts.
The following report of the Co. Engineer was submitted:—
Courthouse, Wicklow.

County Secretary,
10th Feb., 1951.
Re: Domestic Scavenging Service—Greystones and Enniskerry Districts.

Dear Sir,

I have given the above subject careful consideration and find that an adequate domestic scavenging service for the districts referred to may be rather difficult to provide, due to the fact that these districts of Greystones and Kilcoole are outlying, and to the fact that at present the boundaries of these districts are not defined for the purposes of the proposed services.

I recommend, however, that the districts be zoned in the following manner:—

- (1) Town of Greystones;
- (2) Blacklion/Killincarrig/Delgany Village;
- (3) Village of Kilcoole;
- (4) Village of Enniskerry.

In my opinion, it would be most feasible to have the proposed services carried out by contract. Regarding the question of employment of carters on a contract basis to carry out this work, it would probably prove adequate and less costly in the villages, but in the zones 1 and 2 abovementioned, extending over a much larger area, a person contracting for this work might find it more economical to use a mechanically propelled vehicle. If it is decided to invite tenders for the work, the method of collection, either by (a) horse and cart or (b) mechanically propelled vehicles, should be noted.

It must, however, be emphasised that the Council should, in the first instance, define the exact bounds for the zones referred to.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That, having considered report of County Engineer, dated 12th Feb., 1951, we recommend that tenders be invited for the collection of refuse in the Greystones, etc., districts.

Item No. 27—Blessington Water Supply: Compensation for Water Rights.

The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary to run pipes through the land at Knockieran, owned by Mr. Jones, for a distance of approximately 340 yards, and that the Council had offered a sum of 1s. per lineal yard for way leave and disturbance in connection with the laying of the pipes. The Solicitor for Mr. Jones had stated that the lands through the pipes would run were let by his client, and that the laying of the pipeline would have a serious detrimental effect on the amount he would receive for the letting. He stated that the lowest sum his client would be prepared to accept would be £75.

Portion of the pipeline would also pass through portion of the lands owned by Mr. Heseltine for a distance of 140 yards, and a similar offer of 1s. per lineal yard had been made to Mr. Heseltine. Mr. Heseltine's Solicitors had requested a sum of £50 compensation.

The Council indicated that they were not prepared to recommend any increase in the offers made.

Item No. 28—Manor Kilbride: Water Supply to School.

The County Secretary stated that it had been proposed to connect a spring on the lands of Mr. J. Flood, Knockatillane, Manor Kilbride, with a fountain to be erected at Manor Kilbride School, and that Mr. Flood claimed £20 compensation, and an undertaking that the Council would at all times leave him sufficient water for his own purposes.

To Co. Engineer had reported that there would be no overflow over a very considerable period from the spring, and consequently the Council could not guarantee Mr. Flood a sufficient supply for his own needs at all times. The County Engineer stated he was informed that the well went dry in 1949, but that it was considered that if it had only to supply a school, it would be sufficient during the average Summer, and the outlay would be relatively small.

The Council noted the position, and decided to take no further action in the matter.

Item No. 29—Report on Sketch Development Plan.

Copies of Booklet containing the Survey and Commentary on existing conditions in the County Health District, Report on the Sketch Development Plan for the County, Survey and Commentary on existing conditions in Greystones, Report on Sketch Development Plan for Greystones, and Report of County Engineer regarding Sketch Development Plan, had been circulated to the members of the Council.

The Council decided to defer the matter in order to give the members a further opportunity of examining the Report.

Item No. 30—Central Bus Station at Dublin.

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;
Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan;

That we request the Government to proceed with the completion of the building in Store Street, which was originally intended for a Central Bus Station. In making this request, we are taking into consideration the hardships that are being suffered by provincial travellers who are compelled to stand for long periods in queues during all sorts of weather without any protection from cold or rain.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors W. Hammond, T. Brennan, W. Cleary, P. Kehoe, J. O'Reilly, P. Ledwidge, W. Lawless and M. Brennan—(8).
AGAINST: Councillors Senator J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, H. J. Byrne, Ed. Byrne, J. Jacob and Miss E. F. Bobbett—(8).

The Chairman having given his casting vote in favour of the Motion, the Motion was declared carried.

Item No. 31—Resolution from Waterford Board of Assistance re Age Limit for Dispensary Medical Officers.

The Council decided to mark "Read" the following resolution received from Waterford Board of Public Assistance:—

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to make an Order pursuant to the powers vested in him by Section 23 of the Local Government Act, 1941, whereby the age of 65 years shall be the age limit for the office of Dispensary Medical Officer."

Item No. 32—Letter from Standing Committee of Sinn Fein.

The following letter received from Standing Committee of Sinn Fein, was submitted:—

Sinn Fein,
9, Cearnóg Parnall,
21st Jan., 1951.

To: Wicklow Co. Council,
A Chara,

In view of England's latest act of aggression towards Ireland—inviting foreign armies to Irish soil—the Standing Committee of Sinn Fein invites you all and other Public Bodies to:—

1. Demand the breaking off of all relations—political and economic—with England and any of her allies who assist her, in the violation of Ireland's sovereignty.

2. Declare that the "Partition Question" is not the question at issue. The real issue is the removal of British Troops and British influence from our country and the breaking of all connections with England.

3. Repudiate the suggestion that, if the Border were removed, Ireland would join the Atlantic Pact and fight the wars of England or any other country. The people of Ireland have never given mandate or authority to anyone to make such a bargain, will publicly denounce anyone who presumes to make such an overture on their behalf, and demand an account for any action that would lead to this country becoming a shambles in a war between the Aggressors of East and West.

Sinn Fein reminds the Public Bodies of Ireland of the honourable stand they took when they repudiated the British in 1920, publicly withdrew their allegiance from Dublin Castle, and pledged themselves to the Government of the independent unpartitioned Irish Republic, established by Dail Eireann, representing the whole people of Ireland, on January 21st, 1919.

Is sinne,

A. MAGLANA,
S. O'CEARNAIGH,
Rumaidhthe.

The Council passed a resolution approving of the terms of the letter, Councillors H. J. Byrne and W. Hammond dissenting.

Peter Ledwidge

Cottage Purchase Scheme.
Proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill;
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That, we, the Wicklow County Council, request the Government to introduce and pass legislation to amend the Labourers Act, 1936, so that tenants of cottages can purchase their cottages and become absolute owners, thereby giving them security and inducing them to keep their cottages in very good repair and relieve the rate-payers of an enormous sum for the upkeep of the cottages.

Passed unanimously.

Demolition of Portion of Gaol at Wicklow.

Five tenders received for the work of demolishing the Gaol at Wicklow were opened. Alternative tenders had been invited—(a) for the work of demolishing portion of gaol, removal of rubble and stacking of materials owned by the Council; and (b) demolishing part of the old gaol and removing material therefrom on the basis that all useful building materials salvaged would be the property of the contractor. The tenders received were as follows:—

Name of Tenderer.	Amount of Tender.	
	(a)	(b)
A. J. Jennings and Co., Ltd., Albert Road, Glenageary ..	£2,236	£2,276
Roche Bros., Naas Road, Dublin ..	£2,700	£3,200
O'Loughlin Bros., 11 Beechwood Road, Ranelagh ..	£3,099 6s.	£2,899 6s.
Wm. Clarke, Church St., Wicklow ..	£3,175	£2,915
McCarthy Bros., Kilrush Road, Ennis ..	£3,320	£3,000

The Council recommended the acceptance of the lowest tender, that of Messrs. A. J. Jennings and Co., Ltd., subject to the County Engineer being satisfied as to the capabilities of the Contractor.

The Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Friday, 16th February, 1951, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman;
Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, Thos. Brennan, T.D.; Jas. O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, Paul Kehoe, H. J. Byrne, L. O'Loighleis, P. N. Murdoch, W. Cleary, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, Jos. Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. Brennan.
The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assist. Engineers P. J. Foley, J. P. Caffrey, C. J. Byrne and M. Healy were present.
Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, attended.

The report on the Estimates for the year 1951/52 prepared by the County Manager, had been circulated.

Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman, expressed the pleasure of the Council at the return of Councillor P. N. Murdoch who had been in Hospital for some time.

The Chairman referred to the adjournment of the Roads Estimate and asked if any communication had been received from the Department of Local Government in relation to the deputation that had been received by the Minister regarding the Council's application for grants for the repair and improvement of public roads serving bogs.

The County Manager stated that the Minister had indicated to the deputation that he would examine the position and send an Inspector to inspect the roads referred to by the Council. The Chief Engineering Adviser of the Department had met the County Engineer and County Manager on 14th February, but it was found impossible to survey the roads satisfactorily due to the weather conditions. The figures prepared by the County Engineer in regard to the amount of turf to be produced and repairs required to the various roads had been examined, but it had not been possible for the Department to indicate the position in time for the meeting.

The County Manager stated that no indication had yet been received as to the amount of special grants for roads in the coming year.

The County Manager, in reference to the Estimates submitted, stated that the Engineer's estimate in respect of roads involved a substantial increase in rates. The total estimate submitted showed an increase of 4s. 5d. in the £, of which the Roads Service accounted for approximately 4s. The County Manager added that the position was complicated by the need to improve roads affected by the Turf Production Scheme.

Provision had also been made in the Estimates for an increase in the rate of temporary bonus to officers of the Council; the total cost of this was estimated at £7,000, of which approximately £4,400 would be recoupable, leaving a net cost of £2,600.

The Chairman and members of the Council complimented the Co. Manager and members of the staff on the manner in which the Estimates had been submitted.

The Council decided to adjourn the meeting for half an hour to ascertain if information could be obtained from the Department of Local Government as to whether grants under the Local Authorities (Works) Act would be made available to the Council for the public roads leading to the bogs.

Following the adjournment, the County Manager stated that he had been in communication with the Department of Local Government by telephone, and had been informed that the proposal to allocate funds under the Local Authorities (Works) Act for the repair of roads serving bogs was under examination, but it was not possible to give a final decision on the matter.

Peter Ledwidge
16/2/51

Turf Production—Purchase of Lorries.

The County Engineer referred to his report in regard to the turf production scheme, and asked that the Council authorise the inviting of tenders for the supply of six lorries.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
Seconded by Councillor P. N. Murdoch:
That we approve of the purchase of six lorries.
Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Reilly:
That tenders be invited for four lorries.

A vote having been called for on Councillor W. Hammond's proposal, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—
In Favour—Councillors Senator J. McCrea, W. Hammond, J. O'Neill, J. O'Reilly, M. Brennan, J. Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett—(7).
Against—Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.; P. McCarthy, W. Cleary, P. P. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, W. Lawless, P. Murdoch, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson and P. Ledwidge—(11).

Councillor W. Hammond's proposal was declared defeated by eleven votes against to seven in favour, and Councillor W. Lawless' proposal was declared passed on same voting.

Deputation from Manor Kilbride re Roads.

The Council decided to hear deputation from Manor Kilbride in regard to roads in that district.

Father Mathews addressed the Council on the subject and represented that roads in north-west Wicklow were in a very bad condition. Mr. Newman, Secretary to the Development Association, also addressed the meeting. He stated that the road from Brittas to Blessington was in need of repair, and that roads at Knockieran and Woodend were in a very bad state. He stated that a promise had been given one and a half years ago that improvements would be made, but that nothing had been done.

The Chairman thanked the members of the deputation, and stated that their representations would be considered by the Council when dealing with the Estimates for Roads.

Consideration of Estimates.

The Council decided to examine in detail the Estimates for the services other than Roads.

Increase in Temporary Allowance to Officers.

Councillor W. Cleary asked whether demands for increases in temporary allowances had been received from other Associations as well as from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union. The Co. Manager stated that a demand had been received from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union, and also from the Irish Automobile Drivers and Automobile Mechanics Union in respect of Ambulance Drivers. In addition a number of applications had been received from individual officers. He stated that he considered it would have been inequitable to provide for increases in remuneration to some officials, and to omit others.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill:

That having considered the application of the Irish Local Government Officials' Union for an increase of 20 per cent. on existing basic remuneration, we approve of an increase in the remuneration of all officials of 20 per cent. on existing basic remuneration and agree to provide the necessary funds.

Following a discussion, Councillor P. McCarthy agreed to withdraw his proposal, and it was

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

That we approve of the provision made in the Estimates in regard to revision of remuneration, the amount of such increases to be determined at a later date.

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

That we adjourn the proposal for increases in remuneration pending further details of such increases.

A vote having been called for on Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea's proposal, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

In Favour: Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Cleary, J. O'Neill, J. Jacob, C. W. Hudson and Miss E. F. Bobbett—(8).

Against—Councillors W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; P. P. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, W. Lawless, P. Murdoch, M. Brennan, C. M. Byrne and P. Ledwidge—(10).

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea's proposal was declared defeated by ten votes against to eight in favour. Councillor P. Ledwidge's proposal was put and declared carried by ten votes in favour to eight votes against.

The County Manager stated that he would submit particulars of the rates of remuneration paid to the various grades of officers concerned.

Mental Hospitals.
Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that an inquiry should be held into the cost of Grangeorgan Mental Hospital. He stated that the Council should again consider the provision of a Mental Hospital in Co. Wicklow.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea asked that particulars be obtained of the cost per patient per annum in the Mental Hospitals in Louth, Carlow and Wexford, and that these particulars be submitted to the next meeting.

Public Assistance.

Having regard to the decision of the Council at meeting held on 12th February, 1951, to increase the allowance in respect of boarded-out children, the Council approved of the provision of £4,850 under this heading, and noted that the receipts from the Health Grant were increased correspondingly.

The Council approved of the provision made in the Estimates in respect of the other items under Public Assistance Services.

General Purposes.

The Council agreed to the provision for Tourist Development being increased by £100 to £400.

The Council approved of the provisions made in the Estimates for all services except Roads, and decided to adjourn consideration of the Roads Estimates pending the receipt of further information from the Department of Local Government in regard to the Council's representations for special grants for the repair of public roads leading to bogs.

The following notices of motion were handed in and accepted by the Chairman:—

By Councillor H. J. Byrne:

"Take notice that I, or some person acting on my behalf, will move at the next meeting of the Council that the Government enact legislation as quickly as possible to deal with the situation created by vagrants and persons who live in caravans, or under canvas on the roadside, and to take the necessary steps to deal with the filth and nuisance created by these persons."

By Councillor M. J. Brennan:

"That this Council consider the advisability of whether it would be in the financial interests of the County to undertake the erection of a Mental Hospital within the County to cater for our own Mental Patients."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Adjourned Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11 a.m. on Friday, 2nd March, 1951.

The following members were present:—

Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman;
Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Hammond, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, W. Cleary, P. P. O'Reilly, J. O'Reilly, Paul Kehoe, G. Timmins, P. N. Murdoch, L. O'Loighleis, M. Brennan, C. M. Byrne, J. Jacob, and Miss E. F. Bobbett.

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant 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.

The Chairman conveyed an apology received from Councillor H. J. Byrne for inability to attend the meeting.

The following letter, received by the Chairman from Councillor C. W. Hudson was submitted:—

The Chairman, Church St., Wicklow,
Wicklow County Council, Wicklow, 10/3/51.

Dear Mr. Ledwidge,

Please apologise for my absence from meeting to-day. I have been confined to the house with a bad cold. I cannot express how very disappointed I feel at having to miss this very important meeting. I would, however, like to express my views on behalf of the ratepayers whom I represent. I am sure the whole Council will agree with me that the present rate of 20s. 7d. in the £ is the maximum, and should not on any account be exceeded, and to make this figure pay the bill I would suggest that the amount as allowed for roads in 1950/51 should not be exceeded this year. If this figure is agreed to, it could then be apportioned between the electoral areas and, as last year, representatives from each area could meet the County Surveyor and Engineers and help to decide where and how money should be spent in each area. If roads on bogs or leading to bogs must be repaired, any cost over and above what can be recouped on sale of turf should be charged to the Government. If, however, the Government fail to shoulder their responsibility, we can only include these bog roads in our general road works scheme, and cut down on other road works over the county.

I sincerely hope you may be able to find a happy solution to the many problems before you to-day.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
C. W. HUDSON.

Roads:

The Chairman referred to the increase in the Estimate submitted by the County Engineer in respect of roads, and pointed out that numerous representations had been received by the Council, both by correspondence and by deputations, in relation to roads requiring repair during the year. In his view the Estimate submitted by the County Engineer would not be sufficient to provide for the repair of all roads which the Council might consider desirable, having regard to the substantial increase in traffic on certain County Roads. The Council, however, must also have regard to the burden which would be imposed on the Ratepayers by any substantial increase in the rates.

Councillor J. O'Reilly referred to Notice of Motion which had been submitted by him for the raising of loan for the repair of the road from Rathdangan to Killamoate, and pointed out that the Council had agreed that provision would be made for the repair of this road in the coming year's Estimates.

Councillor J. O'Neill referred to representations which had been received by the Council in regard to repairs to roads in the Knockanna District, and urged that provision be made in the Estimates to cover the cost of these repairs.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had been informed in letter dated 19th February, 1951, from the Department of Local Government, that the Special Road Fund Grants for the year 1951/52 would be on the same scale as for 1950/51, viz.: Main Roads, £16,100; County Roads, £27,200.

The following letter of the County Engineer in regard to these Grants had been circulated to the members of the Council:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,

To: Each Member of Wicklow County Council.
Court House, Wicklow.
26th February, 1951.

Road Works Scheme, 1951/52: Government Grants.

A Chara,

The Department of Local Government has now indicated (letter 19/2/51) that the Special Road Fund Grants for the year 1951/52 will be on the same scale as for 1950/51, viz.:—

(a) Main Roads, £16,100
(b) County Roads, £27,200

These grants are described as "Improvement Grants."

The Main Road Grant must be devoted to:—

- (i) Restoration work on roads damaged during the Emergency;
- (ii) Improvement of roads important for Turf or Food traffic;
- (iii) Extension of the Co. Council's Surface Dressing Programme;
- (iv) Strengthening, re-shaping and surfacing, etc., on weak roads;
- (v) Improvements to roads such as re-alignments, etc.
- (vi) Widening, haunching, narrow or too steeply cambered roads.

The County Road Grant must be expended in improving **Important County Roads** including widening, drainage, strengthening and surfacing.

In addition to above, there will still be available the ordinary 40 per cent. "Main Road Upkeep Grant" paid on "ordinary repairs or improvements" as heretofore.

At the outset, I must observe that those Grants are insufficient to keep pace with the rapidly increasing and widely distributed traffic now evident over all our Road system.

The Council cannot hope to even maintain the roads against deterioration under this traffic (apart from improving them) unless a very substantial increase in funds is made available.

It would be far more reasonable to provide for a progressive repair and improvement each year on the roads, rather than to adopt the policy of paring down estimates, especially where essential works are involved.

The necessity for widening, levelling, raising cambers and corners may not be fully appreciated by members of the Council: if the sides of roads are made up, raised, levelled and improved, there is immediately provided a wider travelling surface, the traffic will spread over the full width of carriageway, and the result will be a longer life for the whole road with consequent less maintenance expenditure in the future. Also, roads improved now by even heavy steam-rolling work before deterioration or damage to the extent of a full break-down under traffic will cost, perhaps, 50 per cent. less to restore in the next few years.

I have already drawn your attention in my recent reports to the important factor whereby good roads, with even surfaces, will cause less damage to the motor vehicles using them, resulting in a general saving in this County of about £25,000 per year based on 1s. per vehicle per mile. It may be difficult to realise this result, but it is worth considering.

My Estimates already submitted to you are the most reasonable which can be recommended in all circumstances, and I am confident that you will consider them in that light, and regard any expenditure as maintaining an essential capital investment in this County which must not be allowed to deteriorate.

Mise, le meas,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

In relation to the public roads which would carry turf traffic, the County Secretary submitted the following letter received from the Department of Local Government:—

Custom House—Roads,
Dublin.

A Chara,

26th February, 1951.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of 26th ultimo regarding work on roads carrying turf traffic, and the subsequent discussion which he had with members of the Co. Council. The matter was investigated by the Chief Engineering Adviser who reports that it would not be possible in view of the labour position, etc., to carry out the road works which the Council propose and at the same time produce turf at the scale desirable. It is essential that priority be given to turf production during 1951, and the Council could re-examine their road proposals accordingly. I am at the same time to add that the maximum grants which could be made available from the Road Fund for the year 1951/52 are as shown in the Department's letter of 19th instant (RGM/201/51/52). Proposals for the execution of work on roads in the vicinity of bogs under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, are being examined, and a further letter will issue shortly.

Mise, le meas,

E. T. SHEEHY,
Secretary.

Secretary.

Wicklow County Council.

In relation to the repair of bog roads, etc., the County Secretary stated that in circular letter dated 19th February, 1951, received from the Department of Local Government, in relation to the turf production campaign, it was stated that Grants for works under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, might be used for drainage and for the repair of bog roads; which in opinion of the Council sustained or were likely to sustain damage from flooding, land-slide, subsidence, or other similar occurrence. This applied only to bogland owned or acquired by the Council for its own use or for letting, or over which the Council had acquired a right of turbary. It was also stated in the letter that subject to the approval of Dail Eireann, Grants would be made available in due course to recoup expenditure necessarily incurred in the making or repair of bog roads (other than repairs carried out under the Local Authorities (Works) Act) on bogland owned or acquired by the Council either for letting for their own use, or over which the Council had acquired a right of turbary. It was indicated also that the Special Employment Schemes office would deal with proposals to have development works, whether drainage or road works, carried out on bogs not acquired by the Council, and any such proposals that might be received by the Council from land holders, voluntary organisations, business firms or others, should be referred for consideration to the Director, Special Employment Schemes Office, 51 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

The County Secretary stated that the following representations had been received in regard to roads:—

(1) Telegram from Messrs. Harmon, Cullen and Hendry stating that roads referred to by deputation received by the Council urgently required attention. The road referred to was the road from Delgany to Kilquade, and other roads in the district.

(2) Resolutions from Knockanna Development Association as follows: "That we respectfully request the full support of Wicklow Co. Council in having the reconstruction of the Bullock Ford - Knockanna-Ballinglen road, including the removal of Moyné corner, put into operation this year."

(3) Letter from John O'Toole, Aughavannagh, Aughrim, in regard to the condition of roads in the Aughavannagh area, particularly the road from Aughavannagh to Aughrim.

(4) Letter from Upper Aughrim / Ballygreen / Macreddin / Sheann's Ratepayers Committee in relation to the need for repairing Road No. 140 (Aughrim / Moneymeen) and stating that the road was the only one leading to two Cemeteries which were in constant use, and serving the Protestant Church, the Catholic Church and National School. It was also stated that a large Summer Hostel was to be opened shortly by the Legion of Mary at Sheanna, which would cater for hundreds of children and that it was proposed to run buses in connection with the hostel. It was added that the road was the only link connecting the supply centre and market at Aughrim with scores of farms and cottages in the adjacent townlands.

In reply to inquiries from members of the Council regarding the estimated cost of repairs to roads through bogs and roads approaching bogs, the County Engineer stated that the repairs to roads through the bogs were estimated to cost £3,750. The repairs to public roads approaching the bogs were estimated to cost £23,700, of which £10,000 related to Sallygap and district, £9,500 to Ballinagee, and £2,500 to Kippure. In the Roads Estimates submitted to the Council a sum of £6,200 had been provided in respect of the Wicklow Gap road from Glendalough to Glashaboy Bridge, and £1,400 for the portion of the road from Granabeg to Logstown, £990 had been provided in respect of portion of the road from Annacarter to Sallygap.

The County Manager stated that he appreciated the dilemma in which the Council found themselves, consequent on the need to produce turf during the coming season. He pointed out, however, that the production of turf was being undertaken in the national interest, and that normally the Council would not consider spending so large an amount of money on repairs and improvements on the roads approaching the bogs.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor J. Jacob:

That we adopt the Estimate for Roads Services as submitted by the County Engineer.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor P. N. Murdoch;

Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett:

That we provide 2s. in the £ from Rates in addition to the rate provided for roads in the year 1950/51.

Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., suggested that 1s. 6d. of the proposed increase be allocated to County Roads, and 6d. be allocated to Main Roads, and Councillor P. Murdoch having agreed, his amendment was altered to read as follows:—

That we provide 2s. in the £ from Rates in addition to the rate provided for roads in the year 1950/51 and that the increase be apportioned as follows: 1s. 6d. of the increase to be allocated to County Roads, and 6d. to be allocated to Main Roads.

As a further Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

That we provide 1s. 6d. in the £ from Rates in addition to the rate provided for Roads in the year 1950/51 and that the amount of the increase be apportioned equally between the four electoral areas in respect of County Roads.

A vote having been called for on Councillor J. O'Reilly's amendment it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

In Favour—Councillors W. Hammond, G. Timmins, J. O'Reilly, G. M. Byrne, and Miss E. F. Bobbett—(5).

Against—Councillors Senator J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, P. Kehoe, W. Lawless, P. Murdoch, M. Brennan, J. Jacob, and P. Ledwidge—(12).

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

A vote was then taken on Councillor P. Murdoch's amendment, and it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

In Favour—Councillors W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, J. O'Reilly, W. Lawless, P. Murdoch, M. Brennan, C. M. Byrne, Miss E. F. Bobbett and P. Ledwidge—(12).

Against—Councillors Senator J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, P. O'Reilly, J. Jacob—(5).

The Amendment was declared passed by twelve votes in favour to five votes against, and when put as a substantive motion, it was declared carried on the same voting.

Councillor John O'Reilly referred to the proposed allocation by the County Engineer of the funds available for roads between the various Engineers' Districts and suggested that an unduly large amount was provided for the north-eastern area, and that insufficient funds were provided for the western district. Councillor W. Lawless pointed out that the roads in the north-eastern area carried much heavier traffic than those in other districts, and inquired as to the proportion of rates contributed from the north-eastern area.

In reply to Councillor W. Lawless the County Manager stated that approximately 43 per cent. of the rates collected in the County were collected in the north-eastern area.

Allocation of Monies Available for Roads.

The Council approved of the County Engineer's proposals for the proportions in which the monies available for roads should be allocated between the various Engineers' Districts, and decided that meetings of the Councillors for the respective districts should be held, on the dates set out hereunder for the purpose of deciding on the particular roads to be repaired or reconstructed during the coming year:—

North-Eastern District (Assistant Engineer M. Healy's district):

Monday, 5th March, 1951, at Town Hall, Bray, following meeting of

Local Housing Committee which will be held at 7.30 p.m.

South-Eastern District (Assistant Engineer J. P. Caffrey's area):

Tuesday, 6th March, 1951, at Courthouse, Wicklow, at 3 p.m.

Southern District (Assistant Engineer C. J. Byrne's area):

Friday, 16th March, 1951, at the Courthouse, Shillelagh, at 6 p.m.

Western District (Assistant Engineer P. J. Foley's area):

Friday, 9th March, 1951, at Courthouse, Balinglass, at 2.30 p.m.

Village Hall at Stratford.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had adjourned to the Estimates Meeting an application for the provision of a Village Hall at Stratford. The following report of the Assistant Engineer was submitted:—

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,

Blessington, Co. Wicklow.

County Secretary,

9th February, 1951.

Courthouse, Wicklow.

re: Village Hall, Stratford.

Dear Sir,

I consulted the Secretary of the local Committee in connection with the above, and he informed me that what the Committee decided they required was accommodation for Dancing in the Hall for 400 people, together with Supper Rooms, Cloak-Rooms, Sanitary Convenience and Stage.

I think it is not feasible to erect a Hall of this dimension on the site, unless some additional ground could be got at the back. A smaller building would have to suffice.

The cost of erecting the building as outlined above would amount to, without furniture, £10,620, and would have a floor space of nearly 8,000 sq. feet, and to this would have to be added roughly £500 for furniture, and £500 for special drainage and sewerage disposal.

On account of this very high figure, I considered the cost of accommodation for 200 people. This would amount to £6,420, with an entire floor space of roughly 4,300 sq. feet. To this figure would have to be added the cost of furniture, special drainage and sewerage disposal—£1,000.

To give an idea of the size of the building contemplated, I might say that the Hall would be 70ft. x 30ft. = 2,100 sq. feet. The Supper Room—800 sq. ft. Mens' Sanitary Accommodation—200 sq. feet. Women's—170 sq. ft. Cloak Rooms, which would act as Dressing Rooms for the stage, 150 sq. ft. Stage, 600 sq. ft. Kitchenette, etc., 260 sq. ft. Hallways and office, 100 square feet.

While nominally this Hall would provide Dancing space for 200 people, very many more could be accommodated, with, of course, more crowding. The figure has been based on an allowance of 10 sq. ft. per person, when, as is well known, that is frequently reduced to five in practice.

No allowance has been made in this matter for any local assistance which would be given, but in no circumstances can I say that it would be valued for more than £1,000, which covers the making of blocks, and supply of gravel, sand, etc., for the building of the walls.

I assume that the Local Committee would have the site cleared.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. FOLEY.

It was decided on the proposal of Councillor T. Brennan, T.D. Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, to forward copy of the Assistant Engineer's report to the Local Committee in Stratford.

The County Secretary stated that having allowed for the amendments made by the Council in the Estimates, and having adjusted the balance in respect of General Purposes, the general rate in the £ would be 276d.

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan;
Seconded by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and adopt the Estimates (Form E1) 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, 1952, as follows:—

Name of Service	Rate in the £ Pence
(a) Road Charges	89.41
(b) Public Assistance Charges	63.01
(c) Mental Hospital Charges	30.95
(d) Health Charges	7.69
(e) Sanitary Charges	18.40
(f) Housing Charges	26.81
(g) General Purposes Charges	39.73
	276.00

SEPARATE CHARGES.

No. in Separate Charges Register	Name and particulars of Separate Charges	Rate in the £ Pence
VII	Wicklow Harbour	6.187
LXII	Baltinglass Union Loans	—
LXIV	Rathdrum Union Loans	—
LXI	Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board	.460
LXVII	Baltinglass No. 1 District Pensions	.672

Passed unanimously.
Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan;
Seconded by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.:

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, 1952, as follows:—

	Arklow	Bray	Wicklow
Roads	1,248 2 10	5,410 18 9	1,087 0 6
Public Assist.	2,903 12 5	12,604 9 11	2,530 6 7
Mental Hospitals	1,444 10 5	6,260 7 10	1,255 0 7
Health Charges	330 14 5	1,429 13 2	286 15 4
General Purposes	810 17 10	3,413 11 10	706 0 9
Separate Charges	146 14 9	—	130 18 3
	6,884 12 8	29,119 1 6	5,996 11 0

Passed unanimously.

I hereby certify that at the Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council held this 2nd day of March, 1951, the Council did by Resolution adopt the Estimates of Expenses set forth at Tables A, B, C, D and E and did also by Resolution determine in accordance with the said Estimates the Rates set forth in Column 13 of the 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 31st March, 1952.

Signed—Peter Ledwidge, Chairman.
Countersigned—K. J. Brangan, Secretary.

Roads in Roundwood District.

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan;
Seconded by Councillor P. N. Murdoch:

Resolved—That representations be made to the Corporation of Dublin to maintain to a proper standard the roads in Roundwood District which they control.

Passed unanimously.

The statement circulated by the County Manager in relation to the Estimates for the financial year 1951/52 and details of the Estimates as adopted were as follows:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Courthouse, Wicklow,
7th February, 1951.

To: The Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council.
ESTIMATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1951/1952.
Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Estimates of Expenses and Receipts for the year ending on 31st March, 1952, together with Tables giving details of how the totals for each Service are made up, are attached.

The details of the requirements under each heading have been prepared with the usual care by the Council's staff and have been closely examined before presenting them to you. It should be understood clearly, however, that the Estimates now submitted are affected by certain items which the Council thus far has not had an opportunity of determining.

It has been the practice for many years for the Council to examine, in advance of the Statutory Estimates Meeting, the Roads Programme made out by the County Engineer. Some time ago the County Engineer supplied the members with a copy of the Roads Programme which he recommended, and it was accompanied by a comprehensive Statement giving the reasons for his recommendations. Before the Council had had an opportunity of considering this suggested Programme of Works, they were asked by the Government to arrange for Turf Production in the coming financial year, and it was felt that in the conditions which obtain in County Wicklow it would be necessary, in order to ensure the success of a Turf Production Scheme, to make special provision for the improvement and repair of the public roads which give access to the areas in which turf can be produced. This was stressed by the Council's Engineering Staff at a special meeting called to consider the Turf Production Scheme, and they drew attention to the difficulties met with by the County Council and private producers in former years in winning turf in mountainous districts far removed from centres of population and in transporting it when saved over roads unsuited to any type of modern transport. It was estimated by them that in order to facilitate the transport of workers, and the turf when saved, an outlay of over £27,000 would be necessary on the roads in the turf production areas. The Council naturally felt that it would completely upset their Roads Programme if they were to be required to divert the moneys which normally would be available for other districts to roads in the Turf producing areas, and decided to ask the Minister for Local Government to receive a special deputation for the purpose of hearing their submissions on the subject. The outcome of these discussions will, it is expected, be known before the Annual Estimates Meeting. In the absence of such information, however, the Council felt that decisions on the original Roads Programme prepared by the County Engineer could not be taken.

In these unusual circumstances it has been decided to include in the Estimates now submitted to you, the costs of the Roads Programme put forward by the Co. Engineer. Consequently, this reservation must be borne in mind when examining the Estimates, as each year the amounts allocated for Roads are less than those sought, and the Engineer's recommendations are usually subjected to a pruning process. In the absence of a decision of the Council on the Roads Programme, and having regard to the many petitions and submissions received during the year on the condition of various roads, especially County Roads, it was felt advisable to present the Annual Estimates with the Engineer's recommendations incorporated in them. As mentioned later, the acceptance of these recommendations would result in a pronounced increase in the rate for Roads in the coming year.

In presenting the Estimates last year it was pointed out that there was then some evidence of a tendency towards stability in price levels. Unfortunately, however, this was maintained for but a brief period, and in the past nine months conditions have developed which have hampered normal production, and complicated the supply position. Most countries have resorted to what is nowadays described as "stockpiling" measures, that is the purchase of large quantities of certain primary raw materials. To quote one instance—the effect of these measures is very evident in the sudden rise in the price of all woolen products following a frantic scramble for the purchase of wool in the world's markets. At present there is a diversion of material resources and labour in many countries from normal production to output for defence programme, and if restricted supplies result the imposition of new controls eventually may be necessary. These conditions inevitably will be reflected in the costs of the various services which the Council has to provide, and later may have a cramping effect on the many capital works which the Council is endeavouring to undertake, such as Housing, Hospitals and Public health works.

During the present year many demands have been received by the Council for revisions in rates of remuneration owing to the increase which it is claimed has occurred in the cost of living. The wages of the Council's Road Workers were increased some months ago—in fact 3 increases of 4s., 6s., and 5s. were allowed since January, 1949. Applications from individuals employed in various capacities have been received in the past few weeks, and it has been pointed out to them that in the absence of a general revision of rates of remuneration it would be premature to accede to their requests. The Local Government Officials' Union now has made an application to all local authorities seeking a revision of salary scales and asking that the present temporary allowance of 7½ per cent. on basic salaries be increased to 20 per cent. as from November, 1950. They submit that the present scales were determined four years ago, and that the allowance of 7½ per cent. was granted in 1948 and that in the meantime living costs have increased. If the increase sought were granted to all persons to whom at present temporary allowances are paid, it would cost about £2,600 in a full year. In the Estimates now submitted the cost is shown as a separate item under the headings for the various services. This again is another feature affecting the Estimates as presented to you for consideration.

In the Estimates for the present year expenditure on Drainage Schemes under the Local Authorities (Works) Acts, was not included, as the Council was not aware, when they were being adopted, of the Grants which might be forthcoming. A sum of £60,000 has been included in the Estimates for the coming year. Whilst this item increases the gross expenditure it does not affect the Rate levy, as the outlay will be fully recouped by State Grants.

The total Expenditure estimated for the coming year is £669,505.

Receipts are estimated at £317,246.

The net amount to be provided from the Rates would be £352,259.

The corresponding figure in the Estimates for the current year were:

Gross Expenditure	£483,535
Receipts	£191,890
Net amount to be levied from Rates	£291,645

The total rate required for the coming year would be 26s. in the £, which would be an increase of 4s. 5d. over that levied in the present year, which is 20s. 7d.

On the basis of the attached Estimates, the rates in the £ would compare as follows with those levied in the current year:—

	Rate in £	Increase (+)	Decrease (-)
1951/52	1950/51		
Roads	112.46d.	65.41d.	+47.05d.
Public Assistance	63.01d.	62.65d.	+36d.
Mental Hospitals	30.95d.	29.86d.	+1.09d.
Health Services	7.69d.	7.69d.	—
Sanitary Services	18.40d.	17.33d.	+1.07d.
Housing	26.81	25.85d.	+96d.
General Purposes	40.68d.	38.21d.	+2.47d.

It will be noted that of the increase of 4/5d. which the Estimates would require, 3/11.05 arises under the Roads Services and is entailed by the cost of the Roads Programme which has been recommended. The balance of the increase attributable to the other Services of the Council is 5.95d.

COMPARISON OF COSTS.

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.

As already mentioned, the decision of the Council on the Roads Programme submitted to them some time ago, will to a large extent determine the variation in the general rate levy for the coming year.

The amount allowed by the Council in 1950/51 for Main Roads was £51,000, and £32,608 was provided for County Roads. In addition to these sums, State Grants of £16,100 for Main Roads, and £27,200 for County Roads were available. The total expenditure provided for Main Roads, therefore, was £67,100, and for County Roads £59,808. Forty per cent. £20,400 of the outlay of £51,075 on Main Roads was recouped from the Road Fund, so that briefly the sources from which expenditure was to be met were:—

	Total	From Grants	From Rates
Main Roads	£67,100	£36,500	£30,600
County Roads	£59,808	£27,200	£32,608

During the course of the year, however, an increase in wages was granted to Road Workers, and in order to fulfil the programme to which the Council was committed and to prevent a contraction in the volume of employment to be afforded, a further sum of £4,100 was voted in October, 1950.

If a somewhat similar scheme of works and a corresponding volume of employment were to be undertaken by the Council in 1951/52 as in 1950/51, a sum of £4,100 consequently would have to be added to the total outlay of £126,908 originally provided in the estimates for the current year. It must be mentioned though that in recent months the prices of some materials, such as tar, have been increased.

Thus far no indication has been given by the Department of Local Government as to the Grants which may be given in the coming year. The lack of this information is always a difficulty associated with the preparation of the Council's Estimates. At present the position is further complicated by the obligation to undertake a Turf Production Scheme, which may require adjustments in the Council's Roads Programme.

The County Engineer in the Roads Programme submitted some time ago asks for a gross expenditure of £85,000 on Main Roads and £66,214 on County Roads. These are increases of £34,000 and £33,606 respectively on the sums originally allowed for the present year (£51,000 and £32,608 referred to in a preceding paragraph).

The additional expenditure on Main Roads would probably be offset to the extent of £13,600, by forty per cent. recoupment from the State Road Fund (i.e., 40 per cent. of £34,000), but there is no indication that any Special State Grants might be available to offset the increased County Roads expenditure. Consequently, the increases to be met from Rates, if the Roads Programme were adopted, would be £20,400 for Main Roads, and £33,606 for County Roads. Represented as a Rate in the £ on the County Health District the increase is equivalent to about 4s. The Urban Councils would have to levy additional rates of about 1s. 8d. in their Districts to meet their proportion of the increased costs of Main Roads. Whilst the Programme of works recommended would enable many desirable and essential improvements to be undertaken, the Council no doubt will have due regard to the effect on the rate levy which would result.

Last year in submitting the Estimates reference was made to the many complaints which were received regarding the condition of County Roads and to the demand for radical improvements in them. The Council in effect is being asked to bring the standard of maintenance of many County Roads up to the level of the Main Roads. It was then pointed out that if such improvements were to be undertaken in a brief period the outlay required would be enormous. It was stressed that these roads are now being asked to carry a type of traffic to which they are unsuited; they are unable to carry heavy and fast-moving traffic, especially heavy lorries. In former years milk was transported from Co. Wicklow to Dublin by rail; nowadays it is carried by heavy lorries which use narrow County Roads without any type of modern surface preparation such as rolling or tarring, and with comparatively shallow foundations. Sand and gravel pits which supply materials for local building and to a much greater extent for building in Dublin city area have been opened in many parts of the County, and these materials again are transported over a similar type of County Road. Agricultural and other produce likewise are being transported to an increasing extent by lorry and tractor over similar roads. Apart from this type of traffic there has been an increase in all other types of motor traffic. This is evident from the increase in the number of motor vehicles registered for taxation in County Wicklow in recent years. The number in 1950 was twice that for 1938. Yet again the tourist traffic on County Roads nowadays is considerable, especially at week-ends. The Council has felt that Wicklow County has a claim for special State assistance for the improvement of tourist roads, having regard to the abnormal traffic on them, and that their improvement would serve the interests of the community as a whole.

During the current year a number of County Roads were improved, and this was regarded by the Council as a first instalment in a comparatively long-term programme. In the coming year it is expected that a similar policy will be followed and in selecting roads to be improved with the aid of special Grants regard again will have to be had to the employment to be afforded in the various areas in addition to traffic considerations. In his report on Roads, the County Council Engineer has drawn attention to the role of the County Council as an employer, and points out that through its public works it has come to be recognised as a source for relieving such unemployment as may exist from time to time. He stresses, however, that similar results cannot be expected from casual employment as from a staff of workers continuously employed. In the coming year it is hoped that additional employment can be provided on Drainage Works and in Turf Production.

Loan Charges for Road Works show little difference from the present year. In 1950 a loan for preliminary work on the construction of the new Silver Strand Road was raised. There is an understanding that a Government Grant for this work will be given in the coming year. This far two miles of the road has been graded, hollows filled and culverts and some bridges constructed, whilst the principal road bridge on the route has been partly erected. The reconstruction of Ashford Bridge made satisfactory progress during the year, and it is hoped to have part of the new bridge open to traffic in a few weeks. The new approach roads to the bridge are almost complete.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

The total expenditure is estimated at £122,057; in 1950/51 the amount allowed was £98,536. The increase in gross outlay is £23,521, but receipts show an increase of £25,356. The net sum required from Rates is £22,238 which is a reduction of £1,835 on the net estimate for the present year. The increased receipts arise from recoupment from the Health Grant. Reference later will be made to aspects of the recoupment arrangements which from present indications it seems very likely may have a very material effect on the rate levy in coming years.

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 in which specialist treatment is obtained); Home Assistance; Cost of maintaining Boarded-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 1950/51. If the present temporary allowance of 7½ per cent. were increased to 20 per cent, a further outlay of £1,500 would arise. The reason for the basic increase in salaries, etc., is that consequent on the aim to introduce a 96 hour working fortnight for the Nursing Staffs, it was necessary to recruit additional staff for the Co. Institutions. Arranging for this revision of working hours is very difficult owing to the lack of adequate staff quarters and the comparatively small size of some of the Institutions.

Owing to an increase in the price of food and improvements in the diet which were suggested by the Department of Health, and accepted by the Council some time ago, the Food will cost £1,750 more in the coming year.

The extra cost of normal replacements such as beds, kitchen equipment, etc., and the provision of improved types of dining tables and delph in St. Colman's Hospital, as recommended by the Department of Health, account for an increase of £350 in the cost of Furniture and Hardware.

There has, in the past year been a marked increase in the prices of Medicines and in addition greater use is being made of costly drugs such as Streptomycin. These causes are responsible for an increase of £400 in the cost of Medicines. Due to a rise in prices, Medical and Surgical Appliances likewise are expected to cost more £600.

Under the heading of Heating and Lighting there is an abnormal increase. In the present year the amount provided was £3,500. For the coming year the cost is expected to reach £9,500. The increase of £6,000 is due to the necessity of relying on locally produced turf in 1951/52. This may seem an unduly inflated figure, but due regard has been had to the lower calorific value of turf as compared with coal, and to the higher costs of Turf Production which must be expected as compared with former years, when turf was used, due to increases in wages and costs of transport. In the last year in which turf was exclusively used, 1947/48, the cost was £7,000.

Clothing and Bedding show an increase of £300 consequent on a sharp rise in the prices of these items, especially any articles containing wool such as blankets.

An extra provision of £500 has been made for Repairs. In the present year £1,000 was allowed. The sum of £1,500 will be almost altogether spent on repairs to floors, ceilings, etc., in St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.

Loan Charges are increased by £500 to allow for initial capital expenditure on the Improvements at Balinglass Hospital, and preliminary work on the new County Hospital and County Clinic at Rathnew.

Miscellaneous Expenses show an increase of £200, which is due to the greater number of Pathological Tests which are being carried out.

Extern Hospitals: The increase made under this heading is very marked, being from £11,000 in present year to £17,000 for 1951/52. In previous Estimates reference was made to the much larger number of cases now being sent to Dublin Hospitals for special treatment—a trend which still continues. This is a general feature of present-day medical treatment and members will be aware of the difficulty which may be experienced in finding beds for cases notwithstanding the expansion in institutions in recent years. The general use of modern and costly drugs (which, however, give beneficial results) such as Penicillin, Streptomycin, etc., has also added to the cost. The general charge for treatment in Dublin Hospitals nowadays is 24s. 6d. per week.

Home Assistance: The items under this heading show scarcely any variation from the present year, except for Boarded-out Children (£500), but this latter outlay is recouped from the Health Services Grant. Home Assistance is reviewed periodically by the local Committees, and whilst there has been a falling off in the number of cases, due mainly to the granting of special allowances under the Infectious Diseases Regulations, the amounts allowed have been progressively increased in recent years.

Medical Assistance: The amount required to meet the costs of the Dispensary Medical Service is £21,838, which is an increase of £2,588 over the estimate for the current year (£19,250). Apart from the sum included to meet an increase in the temporary cost of living allowance to staffs (£1,608) the Repair and Upkeep of Dispensaries which is increased by £750 is the only item showing a substantial increase over the provision made in the current year.

Other Expenses: The total expenditure under this heading is £6,798 as compared with £6,811 in 1950/51. The provision under Office Staff includes an additional Clerk/Typist in the Rathdrum Offices, an appointment which is necessary owing to additional work in connection with treatment in Extern Institutions and the administration of the Infectious Diseases (Maintenance) Regulations. *Peter Redwidge*

MENTAL HOSPITALS.
The Demand from Grangegorman Mental Hospital Committee is £52,180; in 1950/51 it was £41,949—the increase is £10,231. The Health Grant recoupment is estimated at £11,783 (£6,487 in 1950/51). The net amount to be raised from Rates, therefore, is £40,397, which is an increase of £4,935, and represents about 3½d. in the £. Owing, however, to the effect of balances from previous years the actual rate increase will be reduced to approximately 1d.

HEALTH SERVICES.

Once again additional moneys will be required for the Health Services. The total cost is estimated at £72,735; it was £61,450 in 1950/51—an increase of £11,285. The increase in cost, however, will be met by recoupment from the Health Services State Grant.

Public Health Nurses: There is an increase of £600 due to the appointment of an additional Health Nurse and to the fact that Infant Life Protection Visitors are now included under this heading. During the present year the Council agreed to re-grade one such Visiting Nurse (whose duties mainly related to the care of boarded-out children) as a Public Health Nurse and assign to her duties under the Council's Tuberculosis and Schools Medical Service Scheme. The second such Nurse resigned and will be replaced by a Public Health Nurse, who will serve West Wicklow.

Health Inspectors: The Food Hygiene Regulations which aim at securing more hygienic standards in premises in which food is sold or manufactured came into operation on 1st February, 1951, and in order to carry out the Regulations the Council has had to employ three additional temporary Health Inspectors. Previously there were two permanent Health Inspectors—one in Bray Urban District and one for the remainder of the County. Recently the Department of Health asked that two further Inspectors be appointed, but the Council did not accept the proposal, and decided to adopt the reasonable course of deferring further appointments until there was sufficient evidence as to the volume of work which would arise under the Regulations.

Office Staff: This item shows an increase of £318 due to increments of salaries and the appointment of an additional Clerk/Typist in the office of the Chief Medical Officer. Owing to the expansion of the Health Services the work arising from correspondence, case records, etc., has increased in the past two years.

Mother and Child Services: It is necessary to provide an additional £267 for the Maternity and Child Welfare Schemes which at present

are confined to the urban areas. There has been an increase in the issues of medicinal foods (such as Cod Liver Oil, Malt, etc.), and in the price of them.

The same amount as in 1950/51, viz.: £1,500, is being provided for the School Medical Service Scheme.

The Free Milk Scheme is expected to cost £100 more in the coming year owing to increases in the price of milk.

Infectious Diseases: Under this heading are included the cost of treatment of Tuberculosis and other Infectious Diseases.

The cost of treatment in St. Kevin's Sanatorium, Rathdrum, is shown as £2,400 higher than in the current year, mainly owing to the necessity to use turf in the heating, etc., of the institution. The total cost of running the institution is estimated at £10,250.

Treatment for patients is also provided in Newcastle and Peamount Sanatoria, and other Hospitals, and this cost is expected to be £5,000 higher in the coming year. The opening in 1949 of large extensions to Newcastle Sanatorium has been of great benefit to the Council's Scheme. Suitable institutional treatment can now readily be obtained. The satisfactory position has been reached that sufferers from the disease no longer have to wait lengthy periods in perhaps unsatisfactory house surroundings with insufficient special care, and the danger of infecting other members of their households. Furthermore with immediate institutional treatment there is every prospect of the disease being arrested.

The payments of special allowances to assist persons (and their dependants) who may be undergoing treatment for infectious diseases (almost altogether payable in respect of cases of tuberculosis) shows a reduction. This, however, is not due to any reduction in the scale of allowances, but to the fact that unmarried patients can now be treated in sanatoria and whilst undergoing institutional treatment, the allowances are less than those paid to persons living at home.

£1,000 has been included as a contribution from the County Council to a National Radiography Service under which it is hoped to provide a free X-ray service for the entire community. Such a Scheme has given very satisfactory results in other countries, and undoubtedly it would lead to a much earlier discovery and greater possibility of effective cure of chest diseases.

For Diphtheria Immunisation £600 is included: the provision last year was £275. The increase in outlay is evidence of a better response to the admonitions to parents to ensure that their children are immunised against Diphtheria, but unfortunately it seems that there is not yet sufficient appreciation by many parents of their serious obligation to protect their children against this disease.

Other Expenses: Travelling Expenses show an increase from £945 to £2,300, due to the provision necessary for additional Nursing and Health Inspection Staffs.

Contributions to Nursing Associations are increased by £225. During the past year the subsidies to a number of District Nursing Associations were increased and one new Association was established.

The increase of £240 in Loan Charges is intended to meet the capital cost of a new County Clinic at Rathnew.

Cost of Health Services: Last year reference was made to the rapidly increasing cost of the Health Services. The recoupment by the State for the Health Services is based on the increase in expenditure over that in 1947/48, after taking account of State Grants received in that year. When, however, the expenditure on Health Services exceeds twice the outlay in 1947/48, further State recoupment will be limited to fifty per cent. of such excess.

When this system of payment was introduced in 1948, it looked as if the State was giving a generous measure of recoupment, and that it would permit of the expansion of existing services, and the introduction of new public health measures without ratepayers being asked to assume new and unduly heavy burdens. It is now, however, evident that such will not be the result, and it is only proper that the attention of the Council should be drawn to the effect on the rates which a continued expansion in the Health Services will have.

Since 1948 there has been a rapid rise in the cost of the Health Services, and the stage has now been reached when any further outlay in excess of that for which provision is made in the coming year will only be met by State Grants to the extent of fifty per cent; the remainder will have to be met from the Rates. In 1948 the cost of these services (which include Hospital treatment, Assistance in Institutions, the Dispensary Service, County Tuberculosis Scheme, School Medical Service, the treatment of Infectious Diseases and measures for their prevention; Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme, and the Food Hygiene Regulations) was £40,524; in the coming year it is estimated at £72,735. During this brief period a number of very creditable improvements have been introduced; mention need only be made of the much improved facilities now available for treating Tuberculosis, and the efforts made to improve conditions in County Institutions. In the past year, however, there has been a marked increase in the costs of the existing services due in part to the rise in general price levels from causes which are outside the control of the Council, or even the State, as many of the commodities involved, such as medicines, appliances, equipment, and the materials from which other items essential to institutions are manufactured, are imported.

The introduction of any new service requiring for its operation additional staff, buildings and equipment will undoubtedly result in an increase in rates unless the present basis of State recoupment be altered. Furthermore, the Council is already committed to a heavy programme of capital works—a new Hospital, radical improvements to existing Hospitals, and a new County Clinic—and the revenue charges arising from them cannot yet be assessed.

If the rates to be levied for Health Services be unduly heavy in the coming years there is a danger that the Council then may have to endeavour to economise on other services, such as Roads, Water and Sewerage Schemes and Housing Repairs, and the provision of essential maintenance, amenity schemes, and other needed improvements may have to be seriously curtailed or indefinitely postponed.

SANITARY SERVICES.

The total expenditure provided for is £20,388; last year it was £18,894. Receipts are estimated at £1,600 (£1,225 in 1950/51) and the net cost at £18,788. The net increase in the amount required from Rates is £1,109.

The amount provided for Dumping Grounds is £400 (an increase of £150) and includes provision for the extension of the Dumping Ground at Greystones.

During the present year the Council received representations for the provision of a Household Refuse Collection Service in Greystones, Blacklion, Delgany, Kilcoole, and Enniskerry. Some time ago the County Engineer recommended that such a service might be given with mechanical transport provided and maintained by the Council, but this method appears to be costly, and it has been suggested that the possibility of arranging local contracts should be examined. The cost is partly offset by a receipt of £400 from charges to persons availing of the service.

Public Lighting is estimated to cost £2,000 (same amount as in present year)—towns and villages now have public lighting.

Burial Grounds (£1,250) show an increase of £250 as provision is included for preliminary costs in connection with the proposed extension to Glendalough Burial Ground.

Loan Charges are increased by £300 to meet the repayments on new Capital Works.

During the present year 15 pumps were erected with the well-boring plants bought by the Council some time ago.

Applications still continue to be received for the provision of water and sewerage services, and in this connection it is noted that the erection of new cottages results in later years in applications for such amenities.

HOUSING.

Total expenditure is estimated at £68,631; receipts are £42,371; and the net amount required from Rates is £26,260—an increase of £2,283 over the present year in which the sum levied from Rates was £23,977.

Repairs: The amount provided is £4,500 and is based on the experience of the present year, when £3,500 was provided but has now been found to be insufficient. Consequently it is considered necessary to provide £1,000 extra in the coming year.

Loan Charges: These show an increase of £1,000, due to the Capital Costs of new Schemes. Additional Rents and State Housing Subsidy, however, almost counterbalance the additional expenditure.

Grants under Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948: These are grants payable to persons who build houses for letting. The provision of £300 is for eight such grants, and the outlay is recouped to the extent of two-thirds (£200) by the State, leaving the net charge £100.

Provision of Better-class Houses: Consequent on the recent decision of the Council to erect 48 better-class houses in a number of towns and villages, provision has been made for a loan charge of £600 on the initial capital outlay. It is intended that a special Purchase Scheme should be arranged for such houses, but since the houses would not be completed before 1952 receipts beyond £200 from Purchase Annuities are not expected to be available in the coming financial year.

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts Loans: The loan charges of £1,492 are met in full by receipts from repayments by borrowers and consequently this Scheme does not involve any charge on the Rates. Thus far 38 loans have been arranged, and further applications are being received. The amount now borrowed by the Council for making such loans is £50,000.

Receipts—Rents: Rents are estimated to bring in £20,850—an increase of £580 over the amount in the present year, as a result of the erection of new cottages.

State Housing Subsidy: An additional £360 is expected from this source.

Housing Progress: The total number of houses now owned by the Council is 2,907. Of these 1,935 have been erected in the past 18 years.

Between 1939 and 1948 (i.e., during the war years and immediately thereafter) the Council erected 475 houses. In 1949 a Scheme for the erection of 450 houses was commenced. By 31st March 1951, 215 houses will have been completed—191 by Direct Labour, and 24 by Contract. Whilst the difficulties in procuring skilled labour have eased, there have been in the past few months increases in the prices of materials and the supply position in the immediate future appears uncertain. The Council, however, has already bought stocks in advance, as far as possible, so as to ensure that the building programme can be continued.

GENERAL PURPOSES.

The net charges, after deducting receipts are: Chargeable to County-at-large, including Urban Districts, £23,003; chargeable to Co. Health District, £26,549. The corresponding charges in the current year's estimates were: chargeable to Urban Districts, £22,312; chargeable to Co. Health District, £24,175. The increase in the Urban Charges part of the expenditure is due mainly to the necessity to provide for Civil Defence, for which a net sum of £600 will have to be contributed from Rates. Apart from over £500 included in respect of the application for revision of rates of remuneration for staff, the increases in the County Health District Charges are explained hereunder.

Committee of Agriculture Demand: This shows an increase of £255.

Public Libraries: An additional sum of £390 has been included for Book Stocks and to meet the loan charge on the cost of a small extension to the present Library Headquarters, which was urgently required as insufficient storage space was available in the building.

Tourist Development: A similar amount to that allowed last year is provided, viz., £300.

Pensioners show an increase of £540 owing to the retirement of officers of County Committees during the present year.

Fire Brigades: The amount provided is £5,596; the sum allowed for 1950/51 was £5,000. The increase is due to revision of allowances for some of personnel, and to loan charges for a new Fire Engine which the Council agreed to purchase during the year.

Seed and Fertilisers Scheme: £2,000 is included to meet the cost of advances, to farmers for the purchase of seeds, such as oats, wheat and potatoes. The Scheme does not involve any charge on the Rates as the loans are repayable before the end of the financial year.

Civil Defence: The Council was asked by the Department of Defence in December, 1950, to prepare immediately a Civil Defence Scheme under the Air Raid Precautions Acts, and it was agreed to make the necessary arrangements. The expenditure of £1,200 includes £600 for the remuneration of a Civil Defence Officer, and £600 for the purchase of equipment, etc. The State Grant hitherto allowed on Civil Defence expenditure was fifty per cent., and a receipt of £600 from this source has been entered in the Estimates. The net expenditure from Rates would be £600.

Courthouses: Repairs and Renewals show an increase of £290.

Loan Charges: An additional amount of £346 is included in the coming year to meet the cost arising from the Demolition of the old Gaol at Wicklow, for which work tenders at present are being sought.

Overdraft Interest on Turf Account: It will be necessary to operate a separate account for the costs of Turf Production. In the present season the Council will endeavour to produce the equivalent of three years supply for County Institutions and Machinery and Plant, but only the quantity used can be charged against the various Services using turf. The balance of cost will be allocated in the two succeeding years.

Drainage Schemes: An allocation of £60,000 by the State for Drainage Schemes under the Local Authorities Works Act, 1949, is expected. The expenditure by the Council will be fully recouped and involves no charge to the Council's Funds. The Council has been able to give much employment on these Schemes. The outlay on these Schemes thus far has been: 1949/50, £73,204, 1950/51, £70,000.

Receipts: These show no appreciable variations from the sums receivable in the present year.

As stressed at the beginning of this Report, the Estimates now submitted and which would involve such a substantial increase in the Rate levy, include provision for a Roads Works Programme which has not yet been examined by the Council and for a revision sought in rates of remuneration on which the Council has not had an opportunity to decide. All items have been carefully checked and reviewed and further details in addition to those given in the Report will be supplied to members.

This opportunity is taken to express 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.

ROADS SERVICES.

Purpose of Expenditure	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas contribute		From which Urban Areas are exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Ordinary Road Works	£85,000	£64,708	£66,214	£52,182
Loan Charges	1,673	1,673	2,373	2,373
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	237	237	346	346
Travelling Expenses of Co. Engineer and Assistants	2,185	2,185	3,149	3,149
Salaries and Travelling Expenses—temporary Engineers—Drainage Schemes	720	720	1,350	1,350
Salaries—Clerical Staff—Co. Engineer's Office			200	200
Clerical Assistance—Assistant Engineers			123	123
Retiring Allowances—Ex-County Surveyor			1,182	1,182
Superannuation—Employees	479	479		
Printing, Stationery and advertising	507	507		
Postage and Telephones	400	400	400	400
Stamp Duty—Paying Orders	30	30	320	320
Road Openings and Reinstatements	130	130	160	160
Miscellaneous (inc. E.L. Claims)	150	150	130	130
	100	100	50	50
	100	100	1,500	1,500
	£107,922	£87,630	£105,676	£91,644

ROADS SERVICES. RECEIPTS.

Nature of Receipts	Amount Estimated			
	In which Urban Areas participate		In which Urban Areas do not participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Road Fund — Maintenance	£34,000	£25,883	£27,200	£27,200
Other Grants	16,100	16,100		
Other Receipts:				
Estate Duty Grant			1,500	1,500
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	1,500	1,500
Prop. of salaries and trav. expenses of Co. Engineer and Assistant Engineers chargeable to Assistance, Health and Housing Services	119	119	173	173
Refund of Road Fund Bonus	1,452	1,452	2,489	2,489
Sale of Tar Drums and Materials	390	390	485	485
Weighbridge Receipts	35	35		
Railway Overbridges	50	50		
Contributions from establishments (L.G. Superannuation) Act, 1948	500	500	500	500
	£52,836	£44,719	£33,927	£33,927

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1952. PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

Nature of Expenditure:	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
DISTRICT INSTITUTIONS:	£	£
Salaries, Wages, etc.	1,560	1,560
Superannuation	13,500	13,500
Food, Drink and Tobacco	700	700
Farm Expenses	11,000	11,000
Furniture and Hardware	300	300
Washing and Cleaning	800	800
Medicines	225	225
Medical & Surgical Appliances	1,650	1,650
Heating and Lighting	1,500	1,500
Clothing and Bedding	9,500	9,500
Repairs and Upkeep	1,200	1,200
Loan Charges	1,500	1,500
Miscellaneous Institutional Expenses	1,350	1,350
TOTAL FOR DISTRICT INSTITUTIONS	£45,885	£45,885
ASSISTANCE IN EXTERN INSTITUTIONS	17,000	17,000
HOME ASSISTANCE:		
Assistance in Cash to Aged, Infirm, etc.	17,750	17,750
Provisional Assistance to Unemployed, etc.	3,000	3,000
Footwear Scheme	1,550	1,550
Boarded-out Children	4,300	4,850
Salaries of Assistance Officers	286	286
Retiring Allowances	2,460	2,460
Fuel Schemes and other Expenses	340	340
	850	850
TOTAL FOR HOME ASSISTANCE	£30,536	£31,086

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE—Contd.

Nature of Expenditure:	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (other-wise than in Institutions):	£	£
Salaries of Dispensary Medical Officers, Midwives and other Staff	1,608	1,608
Superannuation	13,800	13,800
Medical Supplies	1,555	1,555
Loan Charges	1,900	1,900
Repair and Upkeep of Dispensaries	200	200
Dental and Ophthalmic Treatment	1,500	1,500
Miscellaneous Expenses	975	975
	300	300
	£21,838	£21,838
OTHER EXPENSES:		
Salaries and Wages of Office Staff	117	117
Salaries of Engineering, Legal and Analyst	1,013	1,013
Superannuation	61	61
Printing, Stationery and Advertising, etc.	744	744
Rents, Rates and Insurance	87	87
Postage and Telephones	650	650
Ambulance Service and other transport of patients	500	500
Coffins and Burials of Poor Persons	275	275
Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages	76	76
Mental Treatment Act—Fees	2,250	2,250
Other Miscellaneous Expenditure	300	300
TOTAL FOR OTHER EXPENSES	£6,798	£6,798
GROSS TOTAL OF EXPENDITURE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.	£122,057	£122,607

RECEIPTS.

Nature of Receipt:	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	32,049	32,599
Footwear Scheme	775	775
Rents of Dispensary Residences	270	270
Sale of Farm Produce	150	150
Farm Produce consumed by inmates of County Home	250	250
Ambulance Hire	175	175
Other Miscellaneous Receipts	500	500
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	£39,819	£40,369

MENTAL HOSPITAL SERVICE.

Nature of Expenditure	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Money Supplied to Joint Committee	£52,180	£52,180
Nature of Receipt		
Grant under Health Act, 1947	£11,783	£11,783

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1952. HEALTH SERVICES.

Nature of Expenditure:	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Salaries:	£	£
Chief Medical Officer and Assistant Chief Medical Officer	267	267
District Medical Officers	2,325	2,325
Public Health Nurses	120	120
Health Inspectors, Sanitary Sub-Officers and Infant Life Protection Visitors	960	960
Office Staff	152	152
Analyst (Proportion of salary)	1,300	1,300
Retiring Allowances & Gratuities	313	313
Mother & Child Services:	2,675	2,675
Maternity and Child Welfare Schemes	253	253
Schools Medical Services	2,165	2,165
Free Milk Schemes	25	25
Infectious Diseases:	360	360
Tuberculosis:		
County Sanatorium	1,100	1,100
Sanatoria and Hospitals	1,500	1,500
Dispensaries	2,650	2,650
Maintenance & Transport of Chalets	150	150
Maintenance of Persons suffering from Infectious Disease	8,000	8,000
Contribution to National Radiography Service	1,000	1,000
Venereal Disease	500	500

Other Expenses		
Notification of Disease	150	150
Vaccination Acts	90	90
Disinfection	125	125
Replacement of Clothing & Bedding	20	20
Diphtheria Immunisation	600	600
Pathological Examinations, etc.	50	50
Supervision of Food and Drink under Health Act, 1947	500	500
Midwives Act	50	50
Other Expenses		
Travelling Expenses of Chief Medical Officer and Assistant and Public Health Nurse	2,300	2,300
Contributions to District Nursing Association	725	725
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	650	650
Postage and Telephones	210	210
Insurance Premiums	60	60
Loan Charges	440	440
Miscellaneous	200	200
	£72,735	£72,735

HEALTH SERVICES RECEIPTS.

Nature of Receipt:	In which Urban Areas participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Grant under Health Act, 1947	£ 64,465	£ 64,466
Miscellaneous Receipts	80	80
	£64,546	£64,546

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1952. SANITARY SERVICES.

Nature of Expenditure:	From which Urban Areas are exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Salaries:		
Office Staff	£ 107	£ 107
Caretakers—Water and Sewerage Schemes, Dumping Grounds, & Sanitary Conveniences	920	920
Burial Grounds	224	224
Engineering Staff—proportion of salaries and trav. expenses	1,936	1,936
Shops Acts—Inspectors	126	126
Analyst—proportion of salary	1,082	1,082
Superannuation	110	110
Water Supplies, Sewerage Schemes and Public Conveniences—Repairs and Maintenance	1,477	1,477
Dumping Grounds—Repairs and Maintenance	55	55
Burial Grounds—Do.	25	25
Scavenging Service—Greystones, etc.	87	87
Public Lighting		
Maintenance of Open Spaces	3,175	3,175
Loan Charges:		
Water & Sewerage Schemes, etc.	400	400
Burial Grounds	1,250	1,250
Other Expenses	600	600
	2,000	2,000
	50	50
	6,064	6,064
	400	400
	300	300
	£20,388	£20,388

SANITARY SERVICES RECEIPTS.

Nature of Receipts:	In which Urban Areas do not participate.	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Domestic Scavenging	£ 400	£ 400
Water Undertakings	800	800
Burial Fees	300	300
Miscellaneous	100	100
	£1,600	£1,600

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1952. HOUSING SECTION.

Nature of Expenditure:	From which Urban Areas are exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Labourers Acts:		
Salaries	£ 126	£ 126
Retiring Allowances	1,050	1,050
Superannuation—Employees	430	430
Remuneration of Engineers (Portion)	100	100
Remuneration of Law Agent (Portion)	145	145
Rent Collectors' Poundage	1,971	1,971
Cottage Repairs	25	25
Loan Charges	202	202
Insurances	2,025	2,025
Rates on Cottages	4,500	4,500
Other Labourers Acts Expenses	48,800	48,800
Derelict Sites & Demolitions	800	800
Small Dwellings (Acq.) Acts	5,830	5,830
Grants under Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948	200	200
Provision of Better-Class Houses: Loan Charges	35	35
TOTAL FOR HOUSING CHARGES	1,492	1,492
	300	300
	600	600
	£68,631	£68,631

RECEIPTS.

Nature of Receipts:	In which Urban Areas do not participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Labourers Acts:		
Rents of Labourers' Cottages	£ 20,850	£ 20,850
Housing Subsidy	19,500	19,500
Other Receipts	50	50
Small Dwellings (Acq.) Acts	1,546	1,546
Recoupment by State of Grants under Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948		
Purchase of Annuity from Better-Class Houses	200	200
Contributions under Local Government (Superannuation) Act	200	200
TOTAL FOR HOUSING RECEIPTS	25	25
	£42,371	£42,371

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1952. GENERAL PURPOSES.

Purpose of Expenditure:	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas contribute		From which Urban Areas are exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Money Supplied to County Committee of Agriculture	£	£	£	£
Public Libraries			4,535	4,535
Town and Regional Planning Acts			127	127
Tourist Development Scholarships:			3,318	3,318
Secondary University	300	400	50	50
Public Works—Local Authorities (Works) Act—Drainage Schemes	3,005	3,005		
Other Purposes:	1,080	1,080		
Salaries and travelling expenses	60,000	60,000		
Cost of Rate Collection	114	114	578	578
Irrecoverable Rates, Discounts and Remissions	2,597	2,597	5,174	5,174
Tramway Employees Pensions			8,250	8,250
Pensions: Late Union Officers			1,000	1,000
Late R.D. Council's Officers	1,049	1,049	974	974
Co. Officers			188	188
Franchise & Jurors Lists	1,630	1,630	1,463	1,463
Valuation	175	175		
Legal Expenses			100	100
Coroners and Inquests	250	250		
Postage & Telephones	200	200	450	450
Stationery, Printing and Advertising	50	50	600	600
Assessments:				
(i) L. Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act	250	250		
(ii) Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act	250	250		
(iii) Neutrality (War Damage to Property) Act	3	3		
Fire Brigades	5,596	5,596		
Reformatories & Industrial Schools	2,000	2,000		
Conveyance of Prisoners	150	150		
Weights & Measures	300	300		
Food and Drugs	100	100		
County Analyst	200	200		
Seeds & Fertilisers Supply Scheme	2,000	2,000		
Milk & Dairies Act			400	400
Road Fund Expenses	200	200		
Blind Persons Act	400	400		
Prosecutors' & Witnesses' Expenses	130	130		
Civil Defence (A.R.P.) Acts	1,200	1,200		
Diseases of Animals:				
Veterinary Inspectors	475	475		
Sheep Dipping Scheme	1,170	1,170		
General Cattle Diseases Fund	318	318		
Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	200	200		
Courthouses and Offices:				
Repairs and Renewals	790	790	400	400
Rents & Expenses	400	400	315	315
Courtkeepers & Office Attendants	132	132	210	210
Loan Charges			896	896
Expenses of Pounds			70	70
Audit Fees			400	400
Insurance Premiums	40	40	40	40
Travelling Expenses of Co. Councillors	1,400	1,400		
Harbour Guarantees	144	144		
Interest on Overdraft—General Account			1,500	1,500
Turf Account			500	500
Miscellaneous	20	20	120	120
Materials Expense (Bal.)				
Machinery Expense (Bal.)				
	£88,318	£88,418	£31,598	£31,598

GENERAL PURPOSES.
RECEIPTS.

Nature of Receipt:	Amount Estimated			
	In which Urban Areas participate		In which Urban Areas do not participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Grants—Drainage Schemes Local Authorities (Works) Act ..	£ 60,000	£ 60,000	£	£
Contributions to Retiring Allowances ..	73	73	55	55
Licence Fees: ..				
Poison ..	5	5		
Cinematograph ..				
Fines under Food & Drugs Acts ..	40	40	6	6
Public Libraries ..			175	175
Seeds & Fertilisers Supply Scheme—Repayments ..	2,000	2,000		
Recoupments: ..				
Franchise & Jurors Exs. ..	380	380		
Prosecutors & Witnesses' Expenses ..	130	130		
Civil Defence—A.R.P. Acts ..	600	600		
Diseases of Animals Acts: ..				
(a) General ..	237	237		
(b) Sheep Dipping ..	585	585		
(c) Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order ..	200	200		
Fees Refunded by Co. Sec.: ..				
(1) Franchise & Jurors ..	265	265		
(2) Motor Registration ..	470	470		
(3) Valuation Certificates ..	3	3		
Proportion of Law Agent's Salary chargeable to Assistance & Housing Services ..			50	50
Prop. of Analyst's Salary chargeable to Assistance, Health & San. Services ..	100	100		
Contributions from Urban District Councils to County Checker's Salary ..			50	50
Contribution from Bray U.D.C. for Public Convenience ..	145	145		
Bounty in lieu of Rates ..			3,260	3,260
Rents from County Property ..	62	62	50	50
Miscellaneous ..	20	20	1,000	1,000
	£265,315	£265,315	£5,049	£5,049

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 & Wicklow Joint Burial Board ..			107	107
Wicklow Harbour Loan ..	163	163		
Repayment of loans raised by late Boards of Guardians ..			72	72
Pensions—Ex-Officers of Co. Council ..			72	72
Vocational Education Committee: ..				
Demand ..	6,165	6,165		
Repayment of Loans ..	468	468		
Retiring Allowances—Miss L. M. Tarrant ..				
F. McNamara ..				
H. Painling ..	1,116	1,116		
TOTAL SEPARATE CHARGES ..	£7,919	£7,912	£251	£251

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
Recoupment from Dept. of Education—One-half Exs. of Loans for Vocational Education Schools ..	£ 234	£ 234	£	£
Recoupment proportion of Pensions: ..				
Department ..	£558			
Leitrim ..	£9			
Sligo ..	£6			
Kildare ..	£110	£83		
	£617	£83		

CALCULATION OF RATES IN THE POUND FOR COUNTY CHARGES.

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		NET AMOUNTS CHARGEABLE TO DISTRICTS.				CALCULATION OF NET SUM REQUIRED TO BE RAISED.			
	CHARGEABLE to the WHOLE COUNTY or to an Area including any Urban District	CHARGEABLE to the HEALTH DISTRICT only	Applicable to the WHOLE COUNTY or for an area including any Urban District	Applicable to the HEALTH DISTRICT only	CHARGEABLE to the WHOLE COUNTY or to an area including any Urban District	CHARGEABLE to HEALTH DISTRICT only	Urban District of Arklow—Valuation £10,935 .0350659	Urban District of Bray—Valuation £47,654 .1331186	Urban District of Wicklow—Valuation £9,549 .0304802	HEALTH DISTRICT Valuation £245,081 .7823353	Estimated BALANCE (if any) in favour of HEALTH DISTRICT	Estimated BALANCE (if any) AGAINST HEALTH DISTRICT	AMOUNTS LEVIABLE on HEALTH DISTRICT	RATES IN THE POUND IN HEALTH DISTRICT
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8a)	(8b)	(8c)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
ROADS ..	£ 87,630	£ 91,644	£ 44,719	£ 33,927	£ 42,911	£ 57,717	£ 1,505	£ 6,527	£ 1,308	£ 91,288	£	£	£ 91,288	£ 89.41d.
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ..	122,607		40,369		82,238		2,884			64,337			64,337	63.01d.
MENTAL HOSPITAL ..	52,180		11,783		40,397		1,417			31,604			31,604	30.95d.
HEALTH SERVICES ..	72,735		64,546		8,189		287			6,406			7,811	7.69d.
SANITARY SERVICES ..		20,388		1,600		18,788				18,788	1,445		18,788	18.40d.
HOUSING ..	68,631		42,371		26,260		26,549			26,260			27,382	26.81d.
GENERAL PURPOSES ..	88,418	31,598	65,315	5,049	23,103		814	3,423	707	44,708	4,144	1,122	40,564	39.73d.
	£423,570	£212,261	£226,732	£82,947	£196,838	£129,314	£6,907	£29,851	£6,003	£283,391	£4,144	£2,567	£281,814	276.00d.

A meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th March, 1951, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman; Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, Thos. Brennan, T.D.; J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, Paul Kehoe, H. J. Byrne, L. O'Loighneis, P. N. Mordoh, W. Cleary, C. W. Hudson, J. Jacob, Miss E. F. Ebbett and M. J. Brennan.

An apology for inability to attend, due to illness, was received from Councillor C. M. Byrne. The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, attended. The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant Engineers C. J. Byrne, P. J. Foley, J. P. Caffrey and M. Healy were present.

BUSINESS:

- To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 18th December, 1950, 15th January, 1951, and 26th January, 1951.
- To authorise overdraft on Council's General Account and Turf Account for the quarter to 30th June, 1951.
- Extension of Bray Urban Boundary at Boghall.
- To approve of draft Mortgage for loan of £700 for extension to Library at Greystones.
- Application for permission to use temporarily a room in the Library at Enniskerry as a Schoolroom.
- Appointment of Nominee in respect of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd.
- Civil Defence—Letter from Department of Defence re recoupment of expenditure on Civil Defence.
- Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1951—To consider certain applications.
- Demolition of Gaol at Wicklow — Acquisition of land at Glen

Peter Ledwidge
16/9/51

GENERAL PURPOSES.

RECEIPTS.

Nature of Receipt:	Amount Estimated			
	In which Urban Areas participate		In which Urban Areas do not participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Grants—Drainage Schemes Local Authorities (Works) Act	60,000	60,000	£	£
Contributions to Retiring Allowances	73	73	55	55
Licence Fees:				
Poison	5	5		
Cinematograph			6	6
Fines under Food & Drugs Acts	40	40	175	175
Public Libraries				
Seeds & Fertilisers Supply Scheme—Repayments	2,000	2,000		
Recoupments:				
Franchise & Jurors Exs.	380	380		
Prosecutors & Witnesses Expenses	130	130		
Civil Defence—A.R.P. Acts	600	600		
Diseases of Animals Acts:				
(a) General	237	237		
(b) Sheep Dipping	585	585		
(c) Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	200	200		
Fees Refunded by Co. Sec.:				
(1) Franchise & Jurors	265	265		
(2) Motor Registration	470	470		
(3) Valuation Certificates	3	3		
Proportion of Law Agent's Salary chargeable to Assistance & Housing Services			50	50
Prop. of Analyst's Salary chargeable to Assistance, Health & San. Services	100	100	403	403
Contributions from Urban District Councils to County Checker's Salary			50	50
Contribution from Bray U.D.C. for Public Convenience	145	145		
Bounty in lieu of Rates			3,260	3,260
Rents from County Property	62	62	50	50
Miscellaneous	20	20	1,000	1,000
	£65,315	£65,315	£5,049	£5,049

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 & Wicklow Joint Burial Board			107	107
Wicklow Harbour Loan	163	163		
Repayment of loans raised by late Boards of Guardians			72	72
Pensions—Ex-Officers of Co. Council			72	72
Vocational Education Committee:				
Demand	6,165	6,165		
Repayment of Loans	468	468		
Retiring Allowances—Miss I. M. Tarrant				
F. McNamara				
H. Painting	1,116	1,116		
TOTAL SEPARATE CHARGES	£7,919	£7,912	£251	£251

Receipts:	Amount Estimated			
	In which Urban Areas participate		In which Urban Areas do not participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Recoupment from Dept. of Education—One-half Exs. of Loans for Vocational Education Schools	234	234	£	£
Recoupment proportion of Pensions:				
Department	£558			
Leitrim	£9			
Sligo	£5			
Kildare	£110			
	£617	£617		

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Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman;
Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, Thos. Brennan, T.D.; J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. P. O'Reilly, John O'Reilly, Paul Kehoe, H. J. Byrne, L. O'Loighneis, P. N. Murdoch, W. Cleary, C. W. Hudson, J. Jacob, Miss E. P. Ebbett and M. J. Brennan.
An apology for inability to attend, due to illness, was received from Councillor C. M. Byrne.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, attended.
The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant Engineers C. J. Byrne, P. J. Foley, J. P. Caffrey and M. Healy were present.

BUSINESS:

- To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 18th December, 1950, 15th January, 1951, and 26th January, 1951.
- To authorise overdraft on Council's General Account and Turf Account for the quarter to 30th June, 1951.
- Extension of Bray Urban Boundary at Boghall.
- To approve of draft Mortgage for loan of £700 for extension to Library at Greystones.
- Application for permission to use temporarily a room in the Library at Enniskerry as a Schoolroom.
- Appointment of Nominee in respect of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd.
- Civil Defence—Letter from Department of Defence re recoupment of expenditure on Civil Defence.
- Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1951—To consider certain applications.
- Demolition of Gael at Wicklow — Acquisition of land at Glen Strand, Wicklow.
- Employment of Workers—Letter from Federation of Rural Workers, Co. Wicklow, Branch, re employment of members of Trade-Unions.
- Employment of Carters.
- Roadway at Ennis Lane—Report of County Engineer.
- Turf Production Scheme: (a) Roads serving bogs; (b) Rates of Wages, and (c) Purchase of Machinery.
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor H. J. Byrne as follows: "Take notice that I, or some person acting on my behalf, will move, at the next meeting of the County Council, that the Government enact legislation as quickly as possible to deal with the situation created by vagrants and persons who live in caravans, or under canvas on the roadside and to take the necessary steps to deal with the filth and nuisance created by these persons."
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- Report of Meeting of Housing Committee held on 5th March, 1951.

17. To authorise the affixing of the seal of the Council to the Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works re loan of £100,000 for purposes of Housing Scheme at Kindlestown (99 cottages).
18. Housing—Application from Messrs. T. Murphy and T. O'Connor, Baltinglass, for assistance of Council in acquiring site.
19. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. Brennan, as follows: "That this Council consider the advisability of whether it would be in the financial interests of the County to undertake the erection of a Mental Hospital within the County to cater for our own mental patients."
20. Dispensary at Kilcool—Acquisition of site.
21. Improvement of Dental Services—Proposed appointment of whole-time dentist, etc.
22. To make Water Rates in Baltinglass, Dunlavin, Rathnew, Stratford-on-Slaney, Roundwood, Kilcoole, Newcastle, Avoca, Carnew, Shillelagh and Tinahely.
23. Extension of Glendalough Burial Ground: Letter from A. Cox and Co., Solicitors, on behalf of An Taisce, The National Trust, protesting against the proposed extension.
24. Greystones Dumping Ground: Proposed leasing of plots of ground from Coras Iompair Eireann.
25. Blessington Water Supply: Proposed installation of second filter.
26. Water Supply—Knockatomcoyle—Application for water supply.
27. Water Supply—Umrigar, Carnew—Application for water supply.
28. Water Supply—Rosbawn, Tinahely—Application for water supply.
29. Water Supply—Colliga Lower—Proposal to transfer fountain from Knockenarrigan to Colliga Lower.
30. Water Supply to cottages on lands of Mr. Bielenberg at Munny House, Tullow, and sewage disposal from his premises.
31. Application from Aghrim Parish Committee for public lighting, wiring of cottages and provision of sewerage scheme.
32. Application from Carnew Tree-Planting Committee re planting of trees in Carnew.
33. Letter to Minister for Finance from residents of Rathdrum, re closing of local cinema.
34. Circular from Great Northern Railway Company Stockholders Protection Association.
35. Resolution from National Agricultural and Industrial Development Association re (1) National Finance and (2) Turf Production.
36. Resolution from Skibbereen Urban District Council requesting that the findings of the Labour Court be made legally binding on all parties to industrial disputes.
37. Town Planning—Report on Sketch Development Plan prepared by Dermot O'Toole, M.R.I.A.I., Planning Consultant (Booklet Circulated).
38. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;
Seconded by Councillor J. Jacob;
Resolved—That we confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 18th December, 1950, 15th January, 1951, and 26th January, 1951.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Overdraft on General and Turf Accounts.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;
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 Co. Council's General Account, as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum for the quarter ending 30th June, 1951, shall not exceed £75,000.
Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
Seconded by Councillor J. Jacob;
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 Turf Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum for the quarter ending 30th June, 1951, shall not exceed £25,000.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Extension of Bray Urban Boundary at Boghall.

The County Secretary referred to the decision of the Council at the previous meeting to agree to the alteration of the boundary of Bray Urban District at Boghall, as requested by the Urban Council, and stated that it would be necessary for the Council to make a formal Order on the matter. On the proposal of Councillor P. Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson, the Council made the following Order:—

Having considered the application of Bray Urban District Council made at their meeting held on 9th May, 1950, 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 an area of land at Boghall as described in the schedule hereto, and as shown on the map submitted, and having caused a local inquiry in regard to such alteration to be held in accordance with the provisions of the Urban Districts (Alteration of Boundaries) Regulations, 1937, and having considered the report of the Committee appointed by this Council for the purpose of holding such inquiry, we hereby order that the boundary of the Urban District of Bray be altered by the inclusion within the Urban District of the area of land at Boghall, measuring 1.834 acres as described in the schedule hereunder and as shown on the map submitted:—

SCHEDULE

Lands at Boghall forming part of Lot 1, Kilruddery Demesne East, and containing 1.834 acres, bounded on the north-east by the Vevay Road, on the south-east by the Boghall Road, and on the north-west and south-west by the existing boundary of Bray Urban District.

Item No. 4—Extension to Library at Greystones.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;
Seconded by Councillor P. Murdoch;
Resolved—That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister dated 9th day of February, 1951, the sum of £700 be borrowed from the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the erection of an extension to the Library at Greystones, Co. Wicklow, 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 interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank, Limited.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Enniskerry Library.

The following application received from Very Rev. Canon Kennedy, P.P., Enniskerry, was submitted:—

St. Mary's Enniskerry,
27/2/51.
Dear S'r,
I should be grateful if the Wicklow County Council would give permission for the use of the smaller room in the Carnegie Library building as a school room. Our National School built to accommodate

104 children, has now 175 on the Rolls. We are getting an extra teacher and we want an extra room.

Hoping for a favourable reply.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J. P. KENNEDY, P.P.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;
Resolved—That having considered application of Very Rev. Canon Kennedy, P.P., Enniskerry, we approve of the use of the smaller room in the Library, Enniskerry, as a temporary school room for children attending the National School, Enniskerry, pending the provision of an additional room at the National School.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd.—Appointment of Nominee.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
Seconded by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.;
Resolved—That we appoint Councillor C. M. Byrne as our nominee on the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Civil Defence.

The following letter received from the Department of Defence in reply to the Council's application for recoupment of the salary of the Civil Defence Officer, was submitted:—

Department of Defence,
CD/3,
A. Chara,
Parkgate, Dublin,
7th February, 1951.

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to refer to your letter of the 18th ultimo, regarding, inter alia, the recoupment of the salary of the Civil Defence Officer.

It was stated at the discussion with City and County Managers on the 20th December, 1951, that grants would be payable by the Minister for Defence on expenditure incurred by local authorities on salaries or allowances for Civil Defence Officers (vide third paragraph, page 3 of the summary which accompanied this Department's letter to the Co. Manager of 21st December, 1950). As indicated also, in page 2 of the summary, the primary responsibility for civil defence measures is a statutory obligation on local authorities and, while the State accepts certain responsibility, including the supply of certain equipment, financial assistance is provided only within well defined limits as set out in the Air Raid Precautions Acts, 1939 and 1946, and in the relevant regulations made under these Acts. The principal regulations affecting expenditure are the Air Raid Precautions (Approval of Expenditure by Local Authorities) Regulations, 1939 (S.R. and O. No. 401 of 1939).

The Minister is, therefore, precluded from agreeing to the proposal that the entire cost of civil defence measures for your Council's area should be met from State Funds.

Mise, le meas,

Signed—Sean Morain, Runai Cunta.

The Council noted that the Minister was precluded from agreeing to the proposal that the entire cost of Civil Defence measures be met from State Funds.

Item No. 8—Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1951.

The Council considered in committee letter received from Mr. S. Hann, dated 8th March, 1951.

The Council decided that Thomas Joseph Birthistle would be eligible to compete for a Scholarship under the Secondary and Vocational Schools Scholarships Scheme, 1951, but that Fergus Joseph Hann could not be regarded as eligible.

Item No. 9—Demolition of Gaol at Wicklow—Acquisition of land at Glen Strand, Wicklow.

In report dated 8th February, 1951, the County Engineer recommended the acceptance of the tender submitted by Messrs. A. J. Jennings and Co., Ltd., for the demolition of the Gaol at Wicklow, at a figure of £2,326, the Council to retain the materials as stated in the specification. The County Engineer pointed out that Messrs. Jennings had allowed only £50 for the value of the materials in the buildings, and he considered that the materials were worth a greater sum than that offered.

Proposed by Councillor P. Murdoch;
Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. A. J. Jennings and Co., Ltd., for the demolition of the old Gaol at Wicklow, in the sum of £2,326, the Council to retain materials salvaged.
Passed unanimously.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

Demolition of Old Gaol at Wicklow.

The land required at the Glen Strand is the property of Messrs. Kehoe, Dunbur, an area of 2 acres statute. Messrs. Kehoe ask for £300. £120 has been offered but refused. It is contended that the owners will be at the loss of a "road" or lane leading to the Strand which has been used for drawing gravel from the beach and they also say the land is useful as a building site. The ground is extremely uneven and could not be regarded as a building site.

If the owners do not consent by agreement, consideration to alternative action should be given.

Signed—J. T. O'BYRNE, Co. Engineer,
5th March, 1951.

Councillor C. W. Hudson suggested that the Councillors for the Wicklow area with the County Engineer, County Manager and County Secretary meet the owners of the land, with a view to negotiating a price for the purchase of the lands required.

The Council approved of the suggestion of Councillor Hudson.

Item No. 10—Employment of Workers.

The following letter received from the County Wicklow Branch of the Federation of Rural Workers was submitted:—

Shillelagh,
To County Manager, Co. Wicklow,
Wicklow Co. Council, 27th Feb., 1951.
Courtthouse, Wicklow.

A Chara.

I am instructed by the County Executive of the Wicklow Branch of Federation of Rural Workers to forward to you the enclosed resolution passed at the Annual Conference of the Wicklow Branch of the above Trade Union held at Shillelagh on Sunday last (Feb. 25th).

The County Executive also instruct me to request you to receive a deputation from the Wicklow Branch, Federation of Rural Workers to discuss the matters complained of in the enclosed resolution.

An early reply will be appreciated.

Mise, le meas,

Denis Moore, Co. Secretary.

The resolution read as follows:—

This Convention, representing the organised road workers of Co. Wicklow, calls on the County Manager to enforce the rule passed by the County Council that only trade unionists will be employed on road work, and directs his attention to the fact that the rule is being ignored by responsible officials of the Council in many areas.

The County Manager pointed out that when complaints were received in writing from the Unions, in regard to employees of the Council not being members of a recognised Trade Union, the Council's decision on the matter was brought to the notice of the employees concerned. The County Manager, however, pointed out that the matter was one primarily for the Unions.

The Council agreed that the Unions should bring to the notice of the Council's officials, in writing, any instances in which employees were not members of a Trade Union.

Item No. 11—Employment of Carters.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea stated that the increasing use of lorries by the Council was resulting in disemployment of carters. He suggested that any carting within four miles of quarries should be given to carters only, at a daily rate of pay.

The Council agreed to this suggestion, and the County Engineer indicated that he was also agreeable to the proposal.

Item No. 12—Roadway at Ennis Lane.

The Council noted the report of the County Engineer dated 21st February, 1951, stating that the roadway at Ennis Lane, Greystones, had been repaired, and was in good condition.

Item No. 13—Turf Production Scheme: (a) Roads serving Bogs.

The following letter, received from the Department of Local Government was submitted:—

W.27/1/3. Custom House, Dublin.
A Chara. 6th March, 1951.

With reference to the County Engineer's letter of the 27th ultimo, with which were forwarded details and costs of works necessary to be carried out for the strengthening and improvement of public roads in Turf Districts, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he will be prepared to consider proposals to apply grants available for works under the Local Authorities (Works) Act to works on public roads serving regular turf traffic arising from turf production within the County where it is established in each individual case that the works are necessary to afford relief or protection from damage sustained or likely to be sustained from flooding, landslide, subsidence or other similar occurrence.

The works referred to would come within the following categories:—

- (1) Substantial strengthening and ancillary resurfacing of public roads which have subsided or are likely to subside because of regular turf traffic arising from turf production within the County.
- (2) Repair of public roads serving regular turf traffic which have been damaged by the scouring action of flood-water including resurfacing or areas so repaired. Normal resurfacing of a maintenance character would not be accepted.

The list of works submitted by the County Engineer should be re-examined having regard to the foregoing qualifications. Particulars of any works proposed should be submitted on Form RPB/1 or RPC/1 as may be appropriate. The certificate which is part of either form should accompany any scheme submitted.

Mise, le meas,
Signed—G. A. Meagher.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

The Council noted the terms of the letter, and that the County Engineer was submitting the required particulars in connection with application for Grants under the Local Authorities (Works) Act.

(b) Rate of Wages.

The following application received from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union was submitted:—

35 Parnell Square, Dublin.
15th February, 1951.

M. Flannery, Esq.,
County Manager,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
re: Turf Workers.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of our members who will be employed during the turf campaign by the County Council, we are to apply for the following conditions:—

1. Two shelters to be provided in the bog.
2. Cutters to be paid £5 10s. per week. All other workers £5 per week.

Piece Work.

2s. per cubic yard for the first three feet deep with an additional 1d. per foot where the depth exceeds 3 feet. All 1947 rates to be doubled. No "Broken Time" and all men to be paid daily rate.

Transport.

Suitable lorry to be provided and time required for travelling to and from bogs to be equally divided.

We trust you will give this application your early and favourable attention.

Yours faithfully,
Irish Transport and G.W. Union.
Signed—Wm. McMullen, General President.

The following application had been received from the Federation of Rural Workers:—

21 Molesworth St., Dublin.
30th January, 1951.

Dear Sir,

I understand your County is one of those where the Co. Council will be employing men to cut turf. As our members will be employed by you on this work we apply that the wages paid for all work on the bogs will be not less than the wages paid by Bord na Mona for the same work.

At present we are negotiating new rates of wages with Bord na Mona which will mean increased rates for time work and piece work and also increases for all Gangers, and other supervisory grades.

An early reply will oblige.

Yours faithfully,
Signed—Geo. Pollock, President.

The County Engineer recommended that workers employed on turf production be paid 10s. per week more than the Road Workers' rate of pay, and that workers be paid on piece work, rather than time rates.

Members of the Council disagreed with the County Engineer's recommendation regarding payment by piece work, and suggested that payment on a time basis would prove more advantageous to the Council.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

That we recommend that sleasmen be paid at the rate of £5 per week and other workers on turf production at £4 10s. per week.

As an Amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor P. Murdoch;
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

That workers on Turf Production be paid 10s. per week over the road workers' rate of wages.

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, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, J. O'Reilly, P. Murdoch, M. Brennan, C. W. Hudson, Miss E. F. Bobbett and P. Ledwidge—(10).

Against—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, Wallace Hammond, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, W. Lawless, J. Jacob—(7).

The motion was declared carried by ten votes in favour to seven against, and when put as a substantive motion was declared passed on the same voting.

The Council agreed that the workers be paid on time basis.

(c) Purchase of Machinery.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
9th March, 1951.

Turf Production, 1951.

I have carefully examined the problems confronting us in the production of turf.

The main problem is the saving of the turf in the short period available for drying in the Wicklow Bogs, and secondly, obtaining sufficient labour skilled in the many operations of producing turf, especially as road work, housing, etc., will have to be carried on at the same time.

To help overcome these problems, it is essential that machinery should be purchased to assist in cutting, transporting and loading, and after careful consideration, I suggest that the following be purchased immediately:—

2 De Smithske Turf Machines: These small machines are in use with Bord na Mona and operate by macerating the turf, compressing it and consequently driving out a considerable amount of water, and finally cutting into sods at the rate of approx. 12 tons of dry turf per day, and which are carried on a conveyor from the machine for spreading.

The saving of labour with this machine is slight, as at least four men are required to work it, but due to the reduction in the water content of the turf by the kneading and compressing, the resulting turf will dry quicker, be easier to save and will be of a better quality than hand won turf.

The cost of each machine is £600; delivery in six weeks of placing the order. I am informed that several County Councils have already placed orders.

Rails and Bogies: The problem of transporting the turf on the bogs has always arisen, and to overcome this difficulty, I suggest that light rails be laid with suitable bogies to carry and tip the turf, and I recommend the following:—

880 lin. yds. light rail with turntables, bogies, etc.

The cost of these would be £1,000.

Loaders: When the turf is dry and stacked at the roadside, it cannot be considered saved until it has been transported by lorry to the many depots. The process of loading lorries by hand is very slow and damaging to the turf, and as it will be essential to load lorries as quickly as possible to keep down the cost of transport, and also as there will be a limited number of lorries available for this work, I recommend the use of two Loaders of the Belt Conveyor type for this purpose. The cost of these Loaders is £500 each.

To summarise, I recommend the purchase of the following:—

2 De Smithske Turf Cutting Machines	£1,200
880 lin. yards Rails, 8 Bogies	£1,008
Switches, points, etc. 2 Conveyor Type Loaders	£1,000

£3,208

It is not necessary to point out that this machinery and plant should not be charged to one year's production of turf, as it is obvious that it will be necessary for the Council to produce turf for many years to come, and it is with every confidence, therefore, that I put these suggestions to the Council for the immediate purchase of the above by Loan over a period of at least 5 years, and I am satisfied that the results will fully justify the expenditure.

Signed—J. T. O'Byrne, Co. Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor P. N. Murdoch;

Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe;

Resolved—That having considered report of County Engineer dated 8th March, 1951, we approve of the purchase of 2 Turf Cutting Machines, Rails, Bogies, etc., and two Conveyor Type Loaders, at estimated cost of £3,208, the cost to be met from Loan.

Passed, Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea dissenting.

Councillor P. N. Murdoch asked that separate records of the cost of production of turf be kept in respect of the production with the assistance of machines and hand production.

Machinery Compressors.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

9th March, 1951.

I have to refer to my Report to the Council at the meeting in October, 1950, when I advised that it would be most economical to procure a large size mobile Compressor Rock Drill and dispose of some of our smaller Compressors.

As arranged at that meeting, I have sought tenders for the sale of our plant, and can state that we have now firm offers for two machines amounting to £1,000—the Brownade-Diesel and the Ingersoll-Rand. It is likely that some additional smaller units can be sold to other County Councils for about £150, but a decision cannot be made on this item until the end of March.

In the meantime, the larger machine is now available at a cost of only £1,400, being the original price quoted. I assume, therefore, that I may acquire this unit and it must be procured immediately, otherwise price will increase and it will certainly be taken over by some other Council. Its advantage lies principally in its mobility and high and rapid capacity for boring quarries over a wide area.

It is not suggested, of course, to dispose of all our Compressors; one will still be maintained in the Southern Area, and there will be a spare stand-by unit available for emergencies or for use in West Wicklow.

Yours faithfully,

Signed—J. T. O'Byrne, Co. Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan;

Resolved—That we approve of the County Engineer's recommendation in report dated 9th March, 1951, for purchase of a mobile Compressor Rock Drill at cost of £1,400, the cost to be defrayed by the sale of machinery as recommended by the County Engineer.

Passed unanimously.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
31st January, 1951.

re: Machinery.

The County Council has no means of transporting heavy plant other than by towing in the case of crushers and tar plant, and by C.I.E. in the case of Dragline, Crushers, etc., not mounted on wheels.

The towing of crushers, tar boilers and sprayers which are all mounted on iron wheels has proved very expensive due to the fact that bolts, rivets and fire bricks are invariably broken in transit and repairs

and replacements are generally necessary after movement. Considerable damage is also done to roads and a lot of time is lost by this method.

The cost of moving plant by C.I.E. trailer is very high. For instance, the cost of moving the Dragline from Shillelagh to Arklow and back was £66.

I consider the County Council should have a Low-Loading Trailer for the movement of all plant, including Rollers, and in addition it should be adapted for taking bog loads of materials, such as timber, etc. A second-hand Low-Loading Trailer, in good condition, is available from Messrs. Hendron Bros., Dublin, at a cost of £1,000, and I consider the price is very reasonable. I ask for authority to purchase it.

Signed—J. T. O'Byrne, Co. Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;

Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe;

Resolved—That we approve of the County Engineer's recommendation in his report of 31st January, 1951, for the purchase of a low-loading trailer, secondhand, from Messrs. Hendron Bros., Dublin, at a cost of £1,000—the cost to be met from loan.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the raising of a loan of £10,250 in the Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of 5 years for the purpose of defraying expenditure in the purchase of 6 lorries, and one low-loading trailer, as recommended by the County Engineer in report of 31st January, 1951, and machinery required for turf production, as recommended by the County Engineer in report dated 9th March, 1951.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Itinerants.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we the members of Wicklow Co. Council request the Government to enact legislation as quickly as possible to deal with the situation created by vagrants and persons who live in caravans, or under canvas on the roadside, and to take the necessary steps to deal with the filth and nuisance created by these persons.

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that the Resolution be forwarded to the Departments of Health, Local Government and Justice, and that copy of the resolution be sent to all County Councils.

Item No. 15—Itinerants.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett;

Resolved—That we request the Minister for Justice to initiate legislation relative to the matter of itinerants and their increasing use and abuse of the public roads. We would presume to suggest that resident schools and training centres be established in specially selected areas, and that it be made compulsory on all such to send their children of these schools from the age of seven to fourteen years, considering this should afford them the opportunity of becoming useful members of society.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16—Report of Meeting of Housing Committee.

The following report of the Meeting of the Housing Committee held on Monday, 5th March, 1951, was submitted and noted by the Council:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Housing Committee of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 5th March, 1951, at 2 p.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman;
Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, Thos. Brennan, T.D.; J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. P. O'Reilly, J. O'Reilly, Paul Kehoe, Ed. Byrne, L. O. Laoighleis, W. Cleary, C. M. Byrne, J. Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. Brennan.

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant County Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley and H. Healy were present.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, attended.

Secondary and Vocational Schools Scholarship Scheme, 1951.

The County Secretary referred to two applicants for permission to compete at the examination under the Scheme, and stated that sufficient details in regard to the income of the parents had not been submitted. The Committee directed that the applicants be given until Monday, 12th March, 1951, to submit the required particulars.

Progress Report.

The attached report of the County Engineer in regard to the progress of the Housing Scheme during the month of February, 1951, was submitted and noted.

Information in regard to matters arising from the report was given by the County Manager.

Contract for the Erection of Cottages at Killegar and Kilmolin.

The Council noted that Messrs. Jordan and Gallagher were not prepared to proceed with this work, and recommended that the tender of Mr. Farrelly be accepted, subject to a time limit to be prescribed by the County Engineer.

Cottage at Knockanode.

The Committee noted that the Assistant Engineer expected to be able to commence the erection of this cottage in the near future.

Application for Transfer from Cottage at Boghall.

The Committee considered an application on behalf of a tenant at Boghall for transfer to another cottage. It was noted that the Council had not any alternative accommodation available at present.

Site No. 501—Baltinglass.

The County Secretary stated that objections had been received to the Council's entering on Site No. 501 at Baltinglass. As the original applicant for the site did not now require a cottage, the Committee recommended that the site be abandoned, and that the Local Housing Committee suggest an alternative site.

Site No. 548—Boleycarrigeen.

The Committee also approved of the transfer of Site No. 548 at Boleycarrigeen to lands of Mrs. Wynne at Donard, provided that a suitable site was available.

Cultivation of Plots.

The Committee recommended that tenants of cottage plots be instructed to till the plots.

Non-occupation of Cottages.

Having considered the report of the Chief Officer, dated 1st March, 1951, in regard to cottages not properly occupied, the Committee referred certain cases to the Local Housing Committees.

Graded Rent System.

The Committee considered report of the Chief Officer, dated 1st March, 1951, in regard to the examination of income of tenants in relation to the Graded Rents System. The Committee deferred consideration of the matter, pending the completion of the investigations in the remaining districts.

Disposal of Land at Ballywaltrim, Bray.

The Committee recommended that the small area of land at Ballywaltrim, Bray, be let to the applicant at a rent of £1 per annum.

Applications for approval under Town and Regional Planning Acts. The Committee recommended that permission be granted for the erection of a Hall at Glenealy, provided that the roof be painted to an approved colour, and that a proper drainage system to the satisfaction of the County Engineer be provided.

The Committee also recommended that permission be granted for the erection of a shed as a stores at Spring Farm Cottage, Kilquade.

The Committee agreed that permission be refused for the development of lands at Blacklion, and recommended that alternative layout be submitted.

Application for Licence for Temporary Dwellings.

Having considered the report of the Acting Chief Medical Officer, the Committee adhered to their recommendation that no licence be granted for the use of lands at Bahana, Delgany, for temporary dwellings.

Housing Development at Church Road, Greystones.

The Committee noted the legal advice obtained in regard to this matter and directed that the Council's objections be indicated to the builder.

Decisions on Appeals under Town and Regional Planning Acts. The Committee noted that an appeal to the Minister in respect of refusal of permission for a house at Windgates, had been allowed by the Minister.

The Committee noted that an appeal against the refusal of the Council for permission for the erection of a shop at Enniskerry had been upheld by the Minister, but that an alternative proposal had subsequently been approved by the Council.

It was noted that a further appeal in respect of the erection of a house at Glencap Commons had been withdrawn.

Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. Applications for loans were approved as follows:—

Applicant	Amount of Loan
M. Mangan	£1,600 (subject to amendment of Scheme)
Hugh Behan	£100 (additional—subject to amendment of Scheme)
J. T. Traynor	£1,400
Charles L. Peare	£1,500

One application was deferred for further information, and another application was not accepted.

Repairs Carried Out to Cottages during February, 1951.

The Committee noted list of repairs carried out during month of February, 1951.

Authorisation of Repairs.

The Committee approved of repairs being carried out to cottages in accordance with the list submitted to the meeting, with the exception of Cottages No. 138, 220 and 266, 1949 Scheme.

The Committee agreed that a Scheme in respect of sites which could be acquired by agreement, be prepared immediately.

Provision of Houses for persons not of the Working Classes. Proposed plans for houses to be erected under this Scheme were submitted by the Council's Architect. The Committee agreed that applicants for houses under the Scheme be called to meetings to examine the proposed plans. The Committee agreed that a Special Meeting for this purpose be held at Shillelagh at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, 16th March, 1951.

The Committee recommended that advertisements be inserted inviting offers for suitable sites for the purpose of the Scheme.

Housing Scheme at Tinahely. The lay-out plan for the erection of three cottages at Tinahely was submitted and approved by the Committee.

Housing Scheme at Playground, Killmearig. The lay-out plan for the erection of ten houses on the Playground at Killmearig, was submitted to and approved by the Committee.

Housing Scheme at Kindiestown. In connection with the proposed erection of 22 cottages on Council plots at Kindiestown, a memorial received from the tenants of the existing cottages was submitted.

The Committee decided to call a meeting of the tenants with the Councillors for the district with a view to explaining the reason for the proposed erection of the cottages on the cottage plots.

Five lay-outs in respect of the Scheme at Kindiestown were submitted, and the Committee approved of the lay-out which embodied the provision of two open spaces.

Alternative Sites.

The County Secretary stated that a list of sites submitted to and noted by the Council at the meeting held on 11th December, 1950, required to be amended, as certain changes had been made by the Council since that date.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
Seconded by Councillor P. Murdoch;

Resolved—That we hereby note and approve of the following alterations in the list of cottage sites under the 1946 Scheme submitted to the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 4th December, 1950, and approved by Council on 11th December, 1950:—

Site No.	Amendment.
197	Toghermore—Included with Sites Nos. 189/190 at Mullinaveigue.
320	Kilmacoo—Abandoned.
323	Tigroney East—Abandoned.
325	Tigroney West—Abandoned.
551	Moneymore—Transferred to alternative site at Barmston (Mrs. Murphy).
553	Banagroe—Transferred to Ballysize on lands of Patrick Dunne.
583	Ballinastocken—Transferred to lands of Charles Kavanagh at Luglass.
586	Lacken—Transferred to lands of B. Hamilton at Tullfarris, Blessington.
576 and 577	Monaspick—Two cottages only—one abandoned.
548	Boleycarrigeen—Transferred to lands of Mrs. Wynne, Donard.
501	Baltinglass—Transferred to Council plot at Bawnogue.

Passed unanimously.

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts. Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we hereby amend the Scheme for the making of loans to borrowers under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts as adopted by the Council on 3rd May, 1948, and amended on 13th Sept., 1948, by inserting the words "80 per cent." in lieu of the words "75 per cent." in condition No. 5 of the Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Town Planning Application. The County Secretary submitted application from Mr. G. K. Densmore, for permission to erect a shop at Avoca. The County

Engineer had recommended that permission be granted, provided that the shop was set back 50 feet from the road margin and that a sanitary annexe be provided.

The Council suggested that the views of the Avoca Development Association be obtained in regard to this proposal.

Repairs to Cottages.

Councillor P. Ledwidge stated that a tenant of a cottage at Newtown had erected a wall and provided a door and fireplace at his cottage. The tenant asked for an allowance to be made towards the cost of the work.

The Assistant County Engineer stated that he had inspected the cottage, and that the tenant had provided a second-hand door and fireplace. He stated that the work was necessary, and if carried out by the Council would have cost £6. He recommended payment of £6.

The Council recommended that the tenant be paid the sum of £6 towards the cost of providing the door and fireplace.

The Chairman referred to the approval given by the Council for the installation of a range in the cottage occupied by Mr. McGowan, Kindlestown, subject to payment of 2/6d. per week. He stated that the tenant had informed him that the range was in a very bad condition when he took up occupation of the cottage, and that he felt he should not be asked to contribute to the cost of the new range. The Council's engineer was asked to report on the matter.

The Council's engineer was also asked to report on the application for the provision of a fireplace in the cottage occupied by Mr. J. Doyle, O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy.

Item No. 17—Housing Scheme at Kindlestown (99 Cottages).

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

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 Hundred Thousand Pounds (£100,000), proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Labourers' Acts, 1883 to 1950.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 18—Application for Acquisition of Site at Baltinglass.

The following letter received from Messrs. T. Murphy and T. O'Connor, was submitted:—

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

Weaver's Square,

Baltinglass,

Co. Wicklow.

23rd February, 1951.

Dear Sir,
Thank you very much for your letter to Mr. Hendy re the Council's views on the acquisition of sites. We waited for some time to see if Mr. Hendy would make a move as a result, but due to the extreme urgency of the case we decided to write to Mr. Hendy on 19th instant, pressing for an immediate decision, and asking for a reply by return post.

Mr. Hendy has ignored this letter so far, and under the circumstances we hereby respectfully apply to the County Council to put the machinery in motion for the immediate compulsory acquisition of the site for us.

You will appreciate that we have done our best to deal with Mr. Hendy amicably. We understand that prices of timber and other materials will be considerably increased in the near future, and we would be grateful if you could possibly expedite the matter.

Yours faithfully,

THOMAS MURPHY,
THOMAS O'CONNOR.

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we approve of the compulsory acquisition by the Council of sites for two dwellinghouses on lands owned by Mr. Hendy at Baltinglass, for the purpose of leasing such sites for the erection of dwellinghouse thereon.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 19—Mental Hospitals.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, Councillor M. Brennan moved that the Council consider the advisability of erecting a Mental Hospital within the County to cater for County Wicklow patients.

The Co. Manager explained steps previously taken by the Council in regard to this proposal, and stated that members of a Committee appointed by the Council had inspected lands at Tinode near Blessington, which it was thought might prove suitable for a site for a Mental Hospital. The County Engineer had been asked to report on the suitability of the site. Before any concrete proposals could be submitted, a detailed survey would require to be made. The County Manager pointed out, however, that as regards financing the construction of a new Mental Hospital, the Department of Health had some time ago indicated the programme for Wicklow County, which comprised the provision of a new County Hospital, the extension of Baltinglass District Hospital and the extension of the Fever Hospital at Wicklow.

Councillor P. McCarthy suggested that an inquiry be addressed to the Earl of Wicklow regarding the disposal of Shelton Abbey, which might be suitable for conversion as a Mental Hospital.

The Council agreed that an inquiry be addressed to the Department of Health as to the possibility of obtaining a special grant towards the cost of erecting a Mental Hospital for Co. Wicklow.

As requested at a previous meeting of the Council, the County Secretary gave the following figures for cost of maintenance of patients:—

Mental Hospital	Average Annual Expenditure per patient for year ended 31/3/50.
Grangegorman Mental Hospital	£143 0 2
Louth Mental Hospital	£128 17 9
Carlow Mental Hospital	£101 13 1
Wexford Mental Hospital	£127 1 4

The average annual expenditure per patient in Grangegorman Mental Hospital based on the current Estimate was £156 7s. 0d.

Item No. 20—Dispensary at Kilcoole—Acquisition of Site.

The County Secretary stated that Messrs. Anderson and Bland, Solicitors for Miss Jessie Frances Tompson, had informed the Council that their client was prepared to sell for the sum of £25 the strip of ground adjoining the cottage at Kilcoole, formerly owned by Mr. Thos. Kiernan, and required for the purpose of a Dispensary, provided that the Council was prepared to accept the Conveyance of 1941 as the root of title, and to pay her costs in connection with the transaction.

The Council's Law Agent had advised that the Council could not accept the Conveyance referred to as a good root of title, and Messrs. Anderson and Bland had been so informed. In reply, Messrs. Anderson and Bland pointed out that their client had been obliged to accept this Conveyance, and expressed surprise that it would not be accepted, in view of the size of the purchase money.

In reply to inquiries from members, the County Manager explained the difficulties which might arise if the Council could not obtain a satisfactory title to the land. The Council agreed that steps be taken to acquire the site under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act.

Item No. 21—Improvement of Dental Service.

The County Secretary referred to the circular letter from the Department of Health, dated 27th January, 1951, regarding the improvement of the Dental Service, which was submitted to the Council at meeting held on 12th February, 1951. The Acting Chief Medical Officer had recommended that a permanent whole-time Dentist be appointed, and in fact that it would be necessary also to continue the employment of the part-time Dentist in order that conservative dentistry might be carried out. The additional cost in excess of the amount provided in the Estimates in respect of the employment of a whole-time Dentist could be approximately £1,200.

The Council decided to defer the matter to the next meeting, pending the submission of a detailed report from the Chief Medical Officer in regard to the Dental Services.

Item No. 22—Making of Water Rates.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins.

Resolved—That the Water Rate Book as submitted by the Secretary be signed and Water Rates in respect of the year ending 31st December, 1951, 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.

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. 23—Extension of Glendalough Burial Ground.

The following letter received from Messrs. A. Cox & Co., Solicitors, was submitted:—
42/43 St. Stephen's Green,
Dublin.

We act for An Taoise, the National Trust. It has been informed by Mr. J. B. Wynne of the proposal of the County Council to acquire compulsorily from him the old graveyard at Glendalough. This acquisition Mr. Wynne has opposed.

The National Trust instruct us to inform you that they very strongly support the opposition of Mr. Wynne. The Graveyard is, in their opinion, a National Monument, and a sacred spot. Apart from this, its acquisition would seriously diminish the amenities of Glendalough. The National Trust would regard the acquisition as an act of vandalism, and trust that, on reconsideration, the proposal will be abandoned.

Yours faithfully,

A. COX & Co.

The Council noted that the Petition for the Extension to the Burial Ground at Glendalough had been submitted to the Minister, and that many representations had been received by the Council for the extension of the Burial Ground.

Item No. 24—Extension of Greystones Dumping Ground.

The County Secretary stated that in accordance with the recommendation of the County Council at meeting held on 12th February, 1951, an inquiry had been addressed to Coras Iompair Eireann if the Company would be prepared to lease the two plots of ground adjacent to the existing Dumping Ground at Greystones to the Council, for a period of 50 years at a rent of £1 per year. The Company had replied, in letter dated 26th February, 1951, stating that the figure mentioned was considered inadequate, but that they would be prepared to consider a lease for a period of 50 years at a rent of £12 per year. The two plots required measure 1a. 2r. 14p. and 3r. 12p. The Council recommended that an offer of a rent of £3 per annum for a period of 50 years be made to the Company.

Item No. 25—Blessington Water Supply.

The Medical Officer of Health for Blessington District had stated that complaints had been received by him in regard to filtering of the water supply at Blessington, and he recommended that an adequate filter be installed. The Council's Engineer agreed that a second filter was required, and estimated the cost of the work at £220.

On the proposal of Councillor J. O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe, the Council approved of the installation of a second filter at an estimated cost of £220.

Item No. 26—Water Supply—Knockatomoyle.

Application for a water supply to serve three Council cottages at Knockatomoyle, was submitted. The Council's engineer reported that the tenants of the three cottages had to travel about 500 yards for water. The cost of a pump and well would be about £220.

The Council agreed that the provision of a pump and well at this place be included in the list of Pumps and Wells to be provided by the Council.

Item 27—Water Supply, Umrigar, Carnew.

Application for the provision of a water supply to serve the cottages at Umrigar, Carnew, was submitted.

The Council's Engineer reported that there were three Council cottages and one house in the district, and that the occupants had to travel about half a mile for water. The cost of a pump and well would be about £220.

The Council agreed that the provision of a pump and well at Umrigar be included in the list of Pumps and Wells to be provided by the Council.

Item No. 28—Water Supply—Rosbawn, Tinahely.

The Council considered an application for the provision of a water supply to serve cottages at Rosbawn, Tinahely.

The Chief Medical Officer had reported that there was a group of eight Council cottages and two other cottages, with a total population of about 48 persons, in this district. He recommended that a well

and pump be provided for the cottages. The Council's Engineer estimated the cost of provision of pump and well at £200.

The Council agreed that the provision of a pump and well at Rosbawn, Tinahely, be included in the list of pumps and wells to be provided by the Council.

Item No. 29—Water Supply—Colliga Lower.

The Council's Engineer recommended that the fountain at the entrance to Coolmoney Camp be moved to Rustyduff Cross. The Health Inspector had reported that there were five cottages at the latter place, the occupants of which were using untreated river water. The estimated cost of the work was £170.

The Council agreed that the fountain be transferred as recommended by the Assistant Engineer, at an estimated cost of £170.

Item No. 30—Water Supply—Munny, Tullow.

Mrs. Bielenberg, Munny House, Tullow, had informed the Council that she wished to plough a field on her holding, and that a well in this field was used by tenants of Council cottages. She asked that the Council make alternative arrangements for the provision of a water supply to these cottages.

The following report of the Council's Engineer was submitted:—

COPY/
The Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Rathdrum.
Court House,
Tinahely,
30th January, 1951.

A Chara,
Reference to your letter of the 26th instant, I called on Mrs. Bielenberg, Money House, but no one seemed to be home. There are two B.O.H. cottages and one other house who use this well on Mrs. Bielenberg's land. The two cottages are Elizabeth Lindsay (one occupant) and John Doyle (two occupants), and were built, I think, about 1948. The other house, William Brown (one occupant) has always used this well and has, of course, established a right-of-way to the well, and I presume this R.O.W. would also hold for the cottage tenants.

The well is convenient, being about 150 yards from the house. The cost of erecting a pump and well would be about £220.

John Doyle complained to me that Mr. Bielenberg is discharging crude sewage into an open stream which runs along the road past those houses, and which they have always used for washing, etc. This is obviously true and perhaps you would inform Mr. Bielenberg of his responsibilities in the matter or have the Sanitary Officer call on him.

Yours faithfully,

C. J. BYRNE,
Assistant Co. Engineer.

The Health Inspector reported as follows:—

A. O'Connor, Esq.,
Staff Officer,
Rathdrum.

Re: Sewerage Disposal at Mr. Bielenberg's Premises, Munny House, Coolkenno, Tullow.

Dear Sir,

On Tuesday, 6th instant, I interviewed Mr. Bielenberg re installation of a Septic Tank at above premises, and wish to report as follows:

Mr. Bielenberg states that, as he owns this water course, he can divert it higher up on his land and turn it away from his house altogether, this would also turn it away from the cottages. He says he will do this if called upon to install a septic tank. This is an artificial water-course made by his predecessors for generating power. As Mr. Bielenberg uses an engine for generating power, he does not need it; he has an alternative supply in his yard.

Mr. Bielenberg has, however, a few suggestions to offer. He states that if he erects a Septic Tank and maintains the upkeep of this stream, he will allow the cottage occupants to use the water from well on his land if the Co. Council pay him a water rate, that or erect a pump or fountain for the cottage occupants. He also states that he will erect a septic tank and maintain this course on his land if the Co. Council maintain same off his land. His estimation for the upkeep of this water course off his land is six weeks' work for one man to put it in order, and one man for two weeks per year afterwards.

I would like that this matter be put before the County Council for their consideration.

Yours faithfully,

DONAL C. COONEY,
Health Inspector.

The Council decided that the Assistant Engineer interview Mrs. Bielenberg with a view to ascertaining if she would agree to the use of a defined pathway to the well by the cottage tenants.

Item No. 31—Application of Aughrim Parish Committee.

The following application received from Aughrim Parish Committee was submitted:—

A Chara,
19th February, 1951.

I am to inform you that the above Committee has been officially notified by the E.S.B. that work will commence on the 27th instant on the extension of the Rural Electrification Scheme to the Aughrim-Avoca-Annacurra area.

Therefore, I am to request your Council to make arrangements for the public lighting of Aughrim Village and to inform you that it is the opinion of our Committee that at least twelve public lights will be required.

Furthermore, on behalf of the tenants who occupy Co. Council cottages within the E.S.B. network mapped out for the Aughrim-Annacurra area, I am to request you to make the necessary arrangements for the wiring of those cottages and to be so kind as to let me know the extra weekly rent your Council will charge those whose cottages will be wired and for what length of time the extra rent will be charged.

Finally, I am to point out to your Council that the installation of the new waterworks in Aughrim is now nearing completion and that we expect work will be put on hands as soon as possible to have the promised and much needed sewerage scheme installed.

Mise, le meas,

T. C. HERR,
Hon. Sec.

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,
Sec., Wicklow Co. Council.

The Council agreed that the Assistant Engineer should recommend the number of public lights which might be required at Aughrim.

The County Manager stated that the normal charge, in addition to the rent, in respect of the installation of electricity in cottages was 3d. per week.

The Council noted that the Sewerage Scheme for Aughrim was included on the Priority List.

Item No. 32—Tree Planting.

The following application from Carnew Tree Planting Committee was submitted:—

The Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
Carnew,
28th Feb., 1951.

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of householders held in Carnew during the week, it was decided to plant 100 ornamental trees through the town, and to make a start as soon as possible.

I was asked to apply to the County Council for assistance in this worthy undertaking, and I would be glad if you put this application before the meeting on Friday. We understand that the Council may supply the labour necessary to prepare the planting sites, and also provide some financial assistance.

Yours faithfully,

J. G. O'SHEA,
Hon. Secretary.

The Council agreed that the Council would plant the trees and provide protective railings for them.

The Council also approved of the planting of trees at Tinahely.

Item No. 33—Closing of Local Cinema at Rathdrum.

The following letter and memorial were submitted:—

Main Street,
Rathdrum.
14th February, 1951.

I enclose herewith copy of document forwarded to Mr. McGilligan, Minister for Finance, on behalf of the citizens of Rathdrum, in protest against the closing of the local cinema.

We would be very glad of your co-operation in our effort to have this injustice righted.

Mise, le meas,

L. PIERCE.

Enclosure:

We, the undersigned residents of the Town of Rathdrum, County Wicklow, are grievously upset on learning that the local cinema in our town has been forced to close down, by reason of the fact that the Proprietors thereof, namely, the Ormonde Cinemas, Ltd., are unable to carry on the running of same, owing to losses suffered by them over the past number of years due to the imposition of Entertainment Tax on all performances held in the Cinema.

We understand that audited and certified accounts were submitted to you on many occasions in respect of this Cinema, which have shown a loss to the owners each year, while the Government was actually collecting from £500-£600 in Entertainment Tax on performances held therein.

We also understand that every effort has been made by the owners to prove that the method whereby the population of the town was arrived at in 1946, was not strictly in accordance with that used for the purpose of compiling the 1936 census, inasmuch as the population of the town has been returned at 1,174 persons in the 1946 census, whereas in the 1936 census the population was shown as 504. This figure of 1,174 was arrived at by including the populations of two neighbouring townlands, namely, Ballyknocken and Knockadozen. This was done because the Census Authorities maintained that the Town of Rathdrum had no defined boundary, whereas, we, the residents of Rathdrum and our ancestors have always known such a boundary to exist and which is plainly shown on the Ordnance Maps of the Town, one of which, we understand, was submitted to the Revenue Commission, clearly marked.

This boundary was also evidently recognised by the Census Authorities when the 1936 Census was taken and the population of the town was returned at 504; whereas, the same area has now only a population of 422, which population definitely entitles this cinema to exemption from payment of Entertainment Duty on all performances held therein.

By reason of the closing down of this cinema, which the owners were enterprising enough to invest their money in, we have now been deprived of the only amenity we had left to us in the town, and consequently this is a great hardship in a small rural community. In recent times many rural communities have been given much sympathy and publicity in the daily Press, but very little practical help. We are sure you will appreciate the hardship that has been caused to us when you realise the nearest cinema to Rathdrum is now a distance of 12 miles.

In view of this we, the residents of the town of Rathdrum, respectfully appeal to you to have our only form of entertainment restored at the very earliest possible moment.

Signed by 267 residents of Rathdrum.

The Council directed that the Department of Finance be informed that the memorial had the support of the Council.

Item No. 34—Great Northern Railway Company Stockholders' Protection Association.

The following letter, received from the G.N.R. Stockholders' Association, was submitted:—
9, Cope St.,
Dublin.

24th February, 1951.

Dear Sir,

The undertaking owned by the Company stands out among existing public transport systems, by general repute, as efficient, progressive and in prime condition. It has had to cope for years with exceptional burdens and with handicaps peculiar to its situation. Nevertheless, it remains the only major undertaking which earns a surplus where not prevented from working a co-ordinated road and rail system, at a time when the others in Ireland and in Great Britain, though not so prevented, are dependent on support from public funds.

The Stockholders take pride in the achievements of their Company and in the standards to which it has been maintained and developed. In support of those standards they have ploughed back in recent years more than £1,000,000 per annum from revenue, although the result has been to deprive them of dividends. They are allowed to believe that no recognition of outstanding achievement in public service, and no readiness to accord it just compensation on being appropriated for State purposes, now exist in the country.

On behalf of the Stockholders, I beg you in your responsible position earnestly to consider whether the offer of the Governments, as analysed in the enclosed Statement by my Committee, can be said even to approach a just compensation. The statement unmasks the offer as an attempt to make the Stockholders pay for the raw deal given them over their road powers in Northern Ireland and for the Governments' subsequent neglect of every warning that a crisis was coming in the Company's affairs. The Governments now seek to use the prices to which Stock Exchange quotations were thus driven down as a pretext for the confiscation by the State of some £7,000,000 worth, by the Governments' own valuation, of Stockholders' property.

The Stockholders have not been deceived. A census of their opinions on the offer has been taken, with the following results:—

Total Stock Issued	For Acceptance	For Rejection	Outstanding
£9,244,020	£497,152 (5.4%)	£8,727,705 (72.8%)	£2,019,163 (21.8%)

At the Annual General Meeting of the Company on 23rd February, 1951, the following Resolution was passed by a unanimous vote:—

The Debenture and Stock-holders reject the offer of the Governments on the ground that it is indefensible. This Meeting demands that, if the Governments consider they have any case for paying off Debenture and Stock holders at less than the break-up value of £10,876,498, for the property which the Governments want to acquire, the case be referred to Arbitration, and reminds the Governments that Arbitration cannot in democratic justice be denied to those whose average holding of Stock is £886, when it was allowed to the powerful London, Midland and Scottish Railway in the case of its Northern Counties Committee.

My Association hopes to see your influence given to averting an end to this Company's century of distinguished public service so discreditable to Ireland as would result from imposing on the Stockholders any such terms as those on which the offer is based. It would be glad to receive your observations on the matter and to answer any queries you wish to raise.

Yours faithfully,

FRED STOREY,
Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary:

That we approve of the matter of compensation to be paid to Stock holders being referred to arbitration.

As an Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy:

That the matter be marked "Read."

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

IN FAVOUR—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, J. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, M. Brennan, J. Jacob—8.

AGAINST—Councillors W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D., W. Cleary, P. Kehoe, W. Lawless, P. Murdoch, Miss E. F. Bobbett and P. Ledwidge—8.

The Chairman having given his casting vote against the Amendment, the Amendment was declared defeated by nine votes against to eight in favour, and the original resolution was declared carried on the same voting.

Item No. 35—Resolution of National Agricultural and Industrial Development Association.

The Council decided to mark "Read" the following resolutions received from the National Agricultural and Industrial Development Association:—

(1) NATIONAL FINANCE.

"We, the members of the N.A.I.D.A. urge that an independent monetary policy should be pursued by the Irish Republic, as we believe that without full control of the money system, national policy cannot succeed."

(2) TURF PRODUCTION.

"That in view of the Government warning that the fuel production in the coming year is now a matter for all individuals, National Agricultural and Industrial Development Association having examined the problem, recommends that the national position will be best served by private enterprise production, and urges that the Parish Councils be empowered to undertake the organisation and production of the turf in all areas."

Item No. 36—Findings of Labour Court.

The following resolution, received from Skibbereen Urban District Council, was submitted:—

"That we, the members of the Skibbereen Urban District Council, request the Government to bring in legislation to make the findings of the Labour Court legally binding on all parties to industrial disputes."

It was proposed by Councillor W. Cleary, seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett—That the resolution be adopted.

As an Amendment, it was proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy—That the resolution be marked "Read."

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

IN FAVOUR—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, H. J. Byrne, W. Lawless, P. Murdoch, M. Brennan, J. Jacob and P. Ledwidge—10.

AGAINST—Councillors W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D., W. Cleary, P. Kehoe, J. O'Reilly, Miss E. F. Bobbett—6.

The Amendment was declared carried by ten votes in favour to six votes against, and, when put as a substantive motion, was declared passed on the same voting.

Item No. 37—Town Planning: Report on Sketch Development Plan.
The Council decided to adjourn consideration of the report to the next meeting.

Site at Church Road, Greystones.

The Chairman referred to discussions at previous meetings of the Council regarding the site at Church Road, Greystones, and stated that Mr. Morris had informed him that in his opinion the method of drainage proposed by him would prove effective.

The Council agreed that the County Engineer and Assistant Co. Engineer and local Councillors would meet Mr. Morris on the site on the following morning in connection with the matter.

The County Manager pointed out that the Council was not under any liability in respect of the site. The Council's grant of approval under the Town and Regional Planning Acts related to the layout of the site and type of house to be erected.

Hire of Dragline to Arklow Harbour Commissioners.

Councillor W. Cleary referred to the charge made to Arklow Harbour Commissioners in respect of the hire of a Dragline, and asked that the Council reduce the charge. Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., supporting, suggested that the charge made should include only the wages of the operator and the fuel used by the machine, together with cost of transport of the machine.

The County Secretary explained the manner in which the charge in respect of the dragline was calculated, and pointed out that it included also the loan charges in respect of the purchase of the machine.

The County Manager stated that he doubted if the Council would have the authority to make any alteration in the charge, since charges made by the Council were approved by the Department of Local Government. He stated he would investigate the possibility of making an allowance.

The Council indicated that a reduction in the charge should be made.

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

By Councillor W. Hammond:—

"At the next meeting of the Wick County Council, I or some member for me, will move that the resolution passed at a meeting of the Council requiring all employees of the Co. Council to be members of a Trade Union, be rescinded."

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11 a.m. on Monday, 9th April, 1951.

The following members attended:—

Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman;
Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, Thos. Brennan, T.D.; Jas. O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. P. O'Reilly, J. O'Reilly, H. J. Byrne, Ed. Byrne, P. N. Murdoch, W. Cleary, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs; Jos. Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. J. Brennan.

An apology for inability to attend owing to illness was received from Councillor C. W. Hudson.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, was present.

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. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 12th Feb., 1951.
2. To affix the Seal of the Council to the Mortgage from the National Bank, Ltd., re loan of £700 for extension to the Library at Greystones.
3. Letter dated 9th March, 1951, from Clerk to Rathdown No. 2 O.A.P. Sub-Committee re filling of vacancies on Sub-Committee.
4. Letter dated 9th March, 1951, from Federation of Rural Workers re increase in wages for road workers.
5. Increase in remuneration of Council's Officers.
6. Letter dated 3rd March, 1951, from Department of Local Government re operation of Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1949.
7. To make Vesting Order re Derelict Site at Fair Green, Rathdrum.
8. To make Preliminary Order re Derelict Site at Kilcoole.
9. Turf Production—Letter from Department of Local Government dated 21st March, 1951.
10. Turf Production—Letter from Secretary, Blessington Turf Development Association re allocation of turf banks.
11. Report of meeting of the Housing Committee held on 2nd April, 1951.
12. Report of Acting Chief Medical Officer re Dental Services in Co. Wicklow.
13. Letter dated 2nd April, 1951, from Department of Health re Co. Clinic.
14. Application for erection of Dispensary at District Nurse's house at Newtownmounckennedy.
15. Report of examination for Clerk/Typists on 27th and 28th March, 1951.
16. Letter dated 28th March, 1951, from Department of Local Government re State Assistance for Sanitary Services Works.
17. Application for supply of Crucifix at Knockananna Burial Ground.
18. Water main extension to Coollatin Row, Carnew.
19. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Hammond to rescind the resolution passed by the Council requiring that all employees of the Council be members of a Trade Union.
20. Report of Assistant Engineer dated 28th March, 1951, re proposed Village Hall at Stratford-on-Slaney.
21. Proposal to establish a Mental Hospital in County Wicklow—letter from Earl of Wicklow and Messrs. Clarke Delahunty and Co.
22. Letter from the Secretary to the Minister for Finance re closing of Rathdrum Cinema.
23. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Resolution of Sympathy.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we the members of Wicklow County Council have heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. William J. Doyle, Dugduff, Tinahely, a former member of Wicklow County Council, and we hereby extend to his relatives the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Illness of Mr. P. J. Noonan.

The Council directed that the best wishes of the members be conveyed to Mr. P. J. Noonan, "Wicklow People" representative, for recovery from his illness.

Item No. 2—Extension to Library at Greystones.

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

Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Mortgage from the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, in respect of the loan of £700 for the extension to the Library at Greystones.

Item No. 3—Rathdown No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

The County Secretary submitted the following letter received from the Clerk to Rathdown No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:—

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

14 Kennelsfort Road,
Fairwater,
Co. Dublin.

9th March, 1951.
With reference to your letter of 12th December, 1950, I have to inform you that it was decided to appoint Mr. William Douglas, 40, Main St., Bray, Chairman of the Rathdown No. 2 O.A.P. Pension Sub-Committee, at a meeting held on January 18th, 1951.

At a subsequent meeting, held on March 6th, 1951, it was decided to recommend the following for appointment to the Sub-Committee: Major Dobbs, Kilgarron, Enniskerry; Mr. H. Miller Weston, Enniskerry.

Misc. le meas.
Denis, J. McGinn,
Clerk to the Rathdown No. 2 O.A.P. Sub-Committee.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;
Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to be members of the Rathdown No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee in place of Dr. J. J. Hickey and another member of Committee who have resigned—Major Dobbs, Kilgarron, Enniskerry, and Mr. H. Miller Weston, Enniskerry.

Passed unanimously.

The Council approved of the appointment of Mr. Wm. Douglas as Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

Naas No. 2 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.

On the proposal of Councillor P. P. O'Reilly the Council approved of the appointment of Mr. Sean O'Donnell, Blessington, to fill the vacancy on the Naas No. 2 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee caused by the death of Mr. Laurence Moore, Blessington.

Item No. 4—Wages of Road Workers.

The following letter from the Federation of Rural Workers was submitted:—

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

21 Molesworth St., Dublin.
9th March, 1951.

Dear Sir,

I write you with reference to the recent increase of 5s. voted by the Wicklow County Council to the road workers and I desire to inform you that the County Wicklow Branch of the Federation has rejected the 5s. offered, and has instructed us to press for the original increase claimed, that is 10s. 6d. per week.

In view of the considerable increase in the cost of living within the past 12 months our members feel that the Wicklow Co. Council in offering 5s. has made absolutely no attempt to meet their just claims and enable them in some small measure to bridge the ever-widening gap between the wages and prices.

In these circumstances, I have to request that this matter be brought before the County Council again with a view to its reconsideration and the granting of a more reasonable wage to their employees. If necessary we will be prepared to send a deputation from our Union to argue the case on behalf of our members before the next meeting of your Council.

Yours faithfully,

SEAN DUNNE, General Sec.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter in view of the fact that no decision had yet been received from the Department of Local Government regarding the increase of 5s. per week to Road Workers recently allowed by the County Council.

Item No. 5—Increase in Remuneration of Council's Officers.

Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman, seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly, proposed that an increase of 12½ per cent. in salaries be allowed to officers as already provided for in the Estimates.

Councillor H. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. N. Murdoch, moved that the matter be adjourned to the next meeting of the Council and that the Cost-of-Living figures for the previous five years be obtained.

The County Manager stated that the present Cost-of-Living Index was 360, as compared with the figure of 100 in 1939.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs;

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

That a Committee be appointed with a view to determining appropriate increases in salaries, and that the Council agree to accept the findings of such Committee.

Councillor P. Ledwidge, and Councillor H. J. Byrne, having withdrawn their proposals, the resolution proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, was declared carried.

The Council appointed the following members to act on the Committee: Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman; Councillors C. W. Hudson, H. J. Byrne, P. McCarthy, P. P. O'Reilly, W. Cleary and T. Brennan, T.D.

In the event of Councillor C. W. Hudson being unable to attend the meeting of the Committee, the Council agreed that Miss E. F. Bobbett might act in his place.

Glenealy Water Supply.

The Council received a deputation from residents in Glenealy in regard to the Water Supply Scheme for Glenealy. Members of the deputation addressed the Council, and stressed the urgency of and the need for the installation of a water supply in the Village.

Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman, informed the deputation that the Council had already made representations to the Department of Local Government for sanction to the provision of a Scheme at Glenealy as a separate Scheme in lieu of providing a supply in connection with the Regional Water Supply Scheme. He stated that further representations would be made to the Department of Local Government in the matter.

Item No. 6—Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1948.

The following letter received from the Department of Local Government was submitted:—

Custom House, Dublin.
E.L.1/51. 3rd April, 1951.
Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1948.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he has been considering how far the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1948, requires to be amended in the light of practical experience of its operation. The Minister believes that generally the Act is working fairly well, but it is apparent that points of detail, especially in Part III of the Act, have led to difficulties.

The Minister would be glad to have the views of Councils and of Managers on the operation of the Act and the amendments to it which they consider necessary or desirable.

Mise, le meas,

P. J. DALY.

To the Secretary or Clerk to each Local Authority.

The County Sec. stated that at the meeting of the Council held on 11th September, 1950, the Council had passed a resolution recommending that provision be made for the payment of a gratuity to the legal personal representative of a servant or of an official who by reason of being over the age limit was ineligible to have his name entered on the Register.

The Council confirmed their recommendation in this respect and also recommended that the superannuation allowance granted to a servant under Section 88 of the Act should be calculated at the rate of remuneration on the date of his retirement, instead of on the average of his remuneration for the last three years prior to his retirement.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea referred to the proposed Social Welfare Scheme, and pointed out that the benefits under the Scheme might not be as great as those under the Superannuation Act in respect of employees of the Council. He asked that the number of employees who would be entitled to retire under the Superannuation Scheme be ascertained, and that these employees be informed of their position.

Item No. 7—Derelict Site at Fair Green, Rathdrum.

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett;

Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Vesting Order as submitted to this meeting, in respect of the Derelict Site at the Fair Green, Rathdrum.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Derelict Site at Kilcoole.

The following report of the Assistant County Engineer was submitted:—

9th April, 1951.

re: Derelict Site at Kilcoole.

I attach tracing showing location of derelict site at Kilcoole Village. This site has been derelict for several years and is used as a dump for stones, clay and rubbish and I recommend its acquisition by the Council.

The site is bounded on the North by an open space, and in front of Crowe's shop, on the south by a concrete wall and a small cottage owned by a Mr. Thompson, on the West by a concrete wall which divides it from Crowe's garden, and on the West by the Main Road through Kilcoole Village.

Signed—M. HEALY,

Assistant County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Preliminary Order as submitted to this meeting in respect of the Derelict Site at Kilcoole.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Turf Production.

The following letter received from the Department of Local Government was submitted:—

W.27/26/1.

A Chara,

Custom House, Dublin.

21st March, 1951.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 19th March, 1951, and to state that while he notes that it appears doubtful if the Wicklow County Council will be able to produce 9,000 tons of turf during the 1951 season due to the delay in entering on bogs occasioned by weather conditions, the Minister assumes that no effort will be spared, nevertheless, to attain to the target originally fixed. In view of the constant danger that the fuel position may at any time suddenly deteriorate further the Minister is anxious that local authorities should be in as strong a position as possible in regard to fuel. The Minister would, therefore, welcome an assurance from the Co. Council that they will strive to achieve the maximum possible production of turf in 1951.

Mise, le meas,

Signed—G. A. MEACHER.

Secretary, Wicklow Co. Council.

The Co. Secretary stated that the Co. Engineer had indicated that in view of the delay in entering on the bogs as a result of the recent weather conditions, it was doubtful if the Council could produce more than 6,000 tons of turf during the season.

The Council noted the position, and agreed that the maximum production of turf should be achieved in the current season.

Item No. 10—Allocation of Turf Banks.

The following letter received from the Secretary of the Blessington Turf Development Association, was submitted:—

The County Manager,

22nd March, 1951.

Dear Sir,

As Secretary of the Blessington Turf Development Association I am directed to ask you to appoint a date and receive a deputon from the above-named Association to allocate bogs to the list of residents of Blessington, Kilbride, Brittas, etc., enclosed. As the matter is of the highest importance I ask you to give it your immediate attention.

Sincerely, Signed—J. Matthews.

A list of the members of the Committee was attached.

The County Manager stated that the Council's Engineer had been asked to mark the turf banks showing the areas to be worked by the Co. Council, and those available for private producers. In the allocation of banks, preference would be given to persons who had cut turf on the bogs in previous years. Other banks would be allocated by lot.

The County Engineer stated that he would allocate turf banks in the Roundwood District on Wednesday, 11th April, 1951.

Item No. 11—Meeting of Housing Committee held on 2nd April, 1951.

The following report of the Meeting of the Housing Committee held on 2nd April, 1951, was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of the Housing Committee of Wicklow Co. Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2 p.m. on Monday, 2nd April, 1951.

The following members were present:—

Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman.

Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, Thos. Brennan, T.D.; John O'Reilly, G. Timmins, P. P. O'Reilly, Jas. O'Neill, Paul Kehoe, H. J. Lyne, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs; C. M. Byrne, Miss E. F. Bobbett, M. J. Brennan and J. Jacob.

Mr. M. Fannery, County Manager, attended.

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant Engineers P. J. Foley, J. P. Caffrey, and M. Healy were present. Increase in Remuneration of Officers of the Council.

The Co. Secretary gave particulars in respect of each officer, of the salary scale in 1939, the revised salary in 1947, and the proposed increased remuneration, together with the percentage increase over the 1939 scale.

The Committee directed that particulars of the salaries be circulated to the members of the Council, and that the matter be adjourned to the Meeting of the Council to be held on 9th April, 1951.

Progress Report.

The Committee noted the report of the County Engineer in regard to the progress of the Housing Scheme during the month of March, 1951.

Tilling of Plots.

Senator J. J. McCrea urged that immediate arrangements be made for the letting of cottages for which the original applicants were available in order that the tenant to be appointed might be allowed to till the plot.

Purchase of Land at Avoca.

The Committee noted letter dated 12th March, 1951, from Messrs. C. J. Louth and Son, Solicitors, stating that their client, Mr. Edward Johnson, was prepared to accept the Council's offer to acquire the remaining portion of the field at Avoca at the same price per acre as ascertained by the Arbitrator in respect of the portion already acquired by the Council. Their client's acceptance was conditional on the Council agreeing to redeem the annuity in respect of the property.

Purchase of Four Concrete Mixers.

The Committee approved of the recommendation of the County Engineer in his report dated 19th March, 1951, for the purchase of four concrete mixers to replace old machines which were nearly worn out.

Design of Houses.

The County Manager stated that the minimum heights of rooms prescribed by the Department of Local Government for cottages erected by the Council was 8ft. 6ins. He suggested that a reduction in the height to 8ft. would enable the design of the cottages to be improved, and their appearance enhanced.

The Committee agreed that representations be made to the Department to allow a minimum of 8ft. for ceilings in cottages.

Housing Scheme at Kindlestown.

The Committee noted that the Irish Land Commission had informed the Council's Law Agent that they were prepared to accept the offer of £500 for the fee simple interest in lands at Kindlestown in the possession of Thomas Murphy, together with £66 for the redemption of the Land Purchase Annuity.

It was decided to ask the Council's Law Agent to advise whether Mr. Murphy would have any claim against the Land Commission.

Housing Scheme at Kindlestown—Erection of Cottages on Cottage Plots.

The Co. Manager stated that the Council had approved of the provision of 22 houses on cottage plots at Kindlestown, but following representations received from the tenants a meeting with the tenants was held at Delgany, which was attended by members of the Council for the area and the Council's officials. The Co. Manager stated that the existing houses had been provided as a Rural Scheme on half-acre plots. Subsequently water and sewerage had been provided for these cottages and consequently plots of that size were not required.

Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman, stated that having heard the views of the tenants he was not agreeable to the Council erecting cottages on the plots. A proposal to proceed with the Scheme was withdrawn, and the Committee decided to adjourn the matter pending the outcome of negotiations for the acquisition of lands of Mr. Murphy and Mr. Farrell and Messrs. Downey.

The Committee agreed that work should be commenced as soon as possible on the erection of cottages at Killincarrig.

Housing Scheme at Killarney Road, Bray.

The County Secretary stated that the acquisition of lands at Killarney Road, Bray, had now been completed and the purchase money paid. The Council would be entering on the lands in the coming week to commence the erection of the houses.

Housing Scheme at Newtownmountkennedy.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Duffy, who had a temporary letting of the lands at O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy, refused for the Housing Scheme, had ploughed the lands and claimed that he would be at a loss if the Council entered on the lands for the erection of houses. The Committee agreed that the claim of the tenant for compensation for the tillage of the plot be investigated.

Disposal of part of Housing Site at Ballywaltrim.

The County Secretary stated that the Solicitor for the applicant who wished to acquire a portion of the Council's lands at Ballywaltrim who wished to acquire a portion of the Council's lands at Ballywaltrim at the yearly rent of £1. The Council's Law Agent had advised that the sanction of the Minister would be required for a lease of this nature. The Co. Manager stated that he understood it would be necessary to give the notice to the members required under the Local Government Act, 1948.

The Committee approved of the granting of the lease subject to the sanction of the Minister.

Offers of Land by Agreement under 1949 Scheme.

The Committee considered report submitted by the Chief Officer, Mr. T. Byrne, in regard to the lands which might be acquired by agreement for the purpose of the 1949 Housing Scheme. The Chief Officer reported that to date 44 consents to the acquisition of sites had been received.

Members of the Council referred to certain sites which were not included in the list, and which they understood could be acquired by agreement. It was decided to refer the matter to the Local Committees of the Council for their assistance in connection with the obtaining of the consent of landowners.

Letting of Labourers' Cottages.

The following circular dated 13th March, 1951, Ref. H.4.51 from the Department of Local Government, was submitted:

Custom House, Dublin.

13th March, 1951.

Letting of Labourers' Cottages.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he has had under review the question of the procedure to be followed by housing authorities in the letting of labourers' cottages erected on

sites selected in the first instance for "specific instances."

It has come to the Minister's notice that in some areas there is a number of cases still on hands of sites acquired under the old "specific instance" procedure where the plots have been in possession of the applicants for considerable periods. The Minister is aware that housing authorities are in some doubt as to whether the Housing (Management and Letting) Regulations, 1950, necessitate advertisement for applicants in such cases. He has also been informed by many housing authorities to the effect that a strict compliance with the Regulations in regard to advertisements has resulted in some instances in a hardship to the original applicants on the grounds that other legally eligible applicants have come to light after advertisement and in consequence the original applicant has been deprived of the tenancy of the cottage.

The Minister considers that in such cases, where the local authority are satisfied that it would be impracticable owing to local circumstances to adhere strictly to the priorities specified in Article 11 of the Housing (Management and Letting) Regulations, 1950, the cottages might be let without advertisement to the persons who were on the date the Co. Council consider this circular, in possession of the plots under the old "specific instance" procedure. Local authorities should, of course, satisfy themselves that a definite need for re-housing exists in the case of every applicant.

In the case of future schemes the Minister would be glad to be furnished with the views of housing authorities as to the desirability of or necessity for a continuance of the procedure under which applicants of the genuine agricultural labourer class are to be encouraged, wherever possible, to secure sites for themselves on the understanding that they will become the tenants of the cottages to be provided thereon at a later stage. The extent of the probable demand from such classes might also be reviewed. The housing authority in considering a recommendation as to future policy in this respect should have regard to the statutory preference already provided for genuine agricultural labourers and also to the fact that as pending housing programmes are intended to meet all existing needs of eligible applicants, the housing of persons formerly dealt with under the specific instance procedure should be effected as a matter of course.

Mise, le meas, J. GARVIN.

To Each Rural Housing Authority.

The Committee noted the terms of the letter and agreed that original applicants for cottages should be given preference. Cottage Purchase Schemes.

Custom House, Dublin. 9th March, 1951.

The Committee noted the following letter, dated 9th March, 1951, from the Department of Local Government, in regard to Cottage Purchase Schemes:—

Cottage Purchase Scheme.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he has under consideration the question of the extent to which tenants of labourers' cottages have availed themselves of the provisions of the Labourers' Act, 1936, relating to tenant purchase. It has been ascertained that up to September, 1950, purchase schemes were made by housing authorities in respect of 56,900 cottages, approximately. Applications for purchase were received from 14,227 tenants, but only 8,209 cottages were vested in tenants in the period under review. These results fall considerably short of expectations, notwithstanding the general desire on the part of housing authorities to exercise the provisions of the Act to the fullest extent possible.

The Minister has received representations, including a resolution from the Co. Councils' General Council, in favour of a reduction in the existing annuities charged to applicants for tenant-purchase schemes under the Act. The present terminable annuity is fixed at 75 per cent. of the rent paid by the tenant (exclusive of rates) at the date of vesting. In order to accelerate operations under the Act the Minister has decided to accede to the representations in favour of a revision of the basis on which the terminable annuity is fixed, and he has accordingly decided that, in future, the amount of the terminable annuity which he will be prepared to approve, in normal cases, in respect of each cottage and plot will be 50 per cent. of the rent exclusive of rates. The Department's circular letter of the 30th March, 1937 (Circular H.B.46/1937) dealing generally with the procedure and conditions to be observed in preparing cottage purchase schemes may, therefore, be read as amended accordingly.

I am to request that the revised conditions be brought to the notice of all existing tenants whose cottages are not yet vested. It should be made clear to the tenants that the acceptance by them of the tenant-purchase facilities will result in an immediate reduction of 50 per cent. of their existing rents, and that the annuity (or rent) to be charged as a tenant purchaser will remain unaltered during the full repayment period. They will thus be fully safeguarded against any increases in rents which the Council may from time to time propose to put into operation in respect of unvested cottages. It is suggested that the rents charged as at the date of this circular letter should form the basis of the annuity calculation in respect of existing tenants who submit proposals for tenant purchase.

A report on the extent to which the terms of this circular letter have induced an increase in the number of applications for vesting should be furnished to this Department as soon as possible after the 30th June next and at regular half-yearly periods thereafter.

Mise, le meas, J. GARVIN.

To Each Housing Authority.

The Committee directed that the terms of the letter be brought to the notice of tenants who have not applied to purchase their cottages. The Committee also suggested that the Minister be requested to revise the Act of 1936 so as to define Section 47 Sub Section 2 more clearly so that the tenants would definitely know their position in relation to the disposal of their interests in their cottages.

Application for Loans under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts. The Committee deferred the application of Mr. J. P. O'Neill, Clash, Rathdrum, for further information.

The Committee approved of the application of Miss J. Murphy, Killinure, for a loan of £600 in lieu of loan of £250 already approved. Applications for Approval under Town and Regional Planning Acts.

Having considered letter received from Rev. J. Moran, C.C. Ballyglass, and report of the Assistant Engineer, the Committee recommended that permission be granted for the reconstruction of the Parish Hall at Grangeon on the site proposed.

The Committee recommended that permission be refused for the erection of a sectional hut to be used as a studio at Springfarm Cottage, Killyade.

The Committee recommended that the application of the Hon. Secretary, Caravan Club, Irish Division, for the use of lands at the Glen of the Downs as a Caravan Site be refused.

Housing Development at Church Road, Greystown. The Committee considered report of Assistant County Engineer dated 25th March, 1951, in which he suggested that the only remedy for the flooding of the site was to transfer the stream to the Cinema

side of the road and pipe it in 36-inch pipes from the new road to the Railway arch. As regards the boggy nature of the site the Assistant Engineer stated that a proper system of field drains would improve it.

The County Manager stated that he had inspected the site on a number of occasions, and had met Mr. Morris there. He had also seen the site on 4th February, 1951, when it was in a very water-logged condition after heavy rains and the culvert at the north-eastern corner had been unable to take the flood water from the stream which runs through the site. He was not satisfied that the measures thus far taken for the drainage of the site would render it suitable for building especially the north-eastern part of it. On the proposal of Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman, Councillor H. J. Byrne dissenting, the Committee agreed that the Council would have no objection to the development of the site, subject to the County Engineer being satisfied as to the drainage.

Repairs to Cottages.

The Committee noted the list of repairs to cottages carried out during the month of March, 1951, submitted by the County Engineer. Authorisation of Repairs to Cottages.

The Committee authorised repairs to cottages in accordance with the list submitted by the County Engineer, subject to tenant J. Byrne, Priestnewtown and Mrs. Sweeney, Brockagh, repaying cost of provision of range by weekly payments of 2s. 6d.

The Committee approved of wire being supplied for the repair of fence at cottage of Mr. Moynoux, Castleknock, the tenant to erect the fence.

Having considered the report of the Assistant Engineer, the Committee agreed to the provision of a range in the cottage of Mr. McGowan, Kindlestown, without any charge to the tenant.

Fencing of Plot.

The Committee recommended that the payment requested by Mr. Ambrose Flynn be made to him in respect of the fencing of his plot.

Erection of Cottages by Contract.

The Committee agreed that tenders be sought for the erection of cottages by Contract on sites on lands of Mrs. Wynne, Donard, and Charles Kavanagh, Lugglass.

Town Planning—Development of Lands at Monastery, Enniskerry.

The Committee recommended that approval in principle be given to the development of lands owned by Mrs. Magee at Enniskerry for housing.

Gravel for Houses at Mullinaveigue.

The Committee approved of the Co. Engineer's recommendation for the payment to Mr. Kenna, Gravel Contractor, of the revised price per house recommended by the County Engineer for gravel.

Housing Scheme at Glenealy.

The Committee directed that the Department of Local Government be informed that the Council proposed to commence the erection of houses at Glenealy on sites previously reserved for Cottage Design Competition.

Erection of Houses for Persons not of the Working-Classes.

A letter dated 28th March, 1951, received from applicants for tenancy of better-class houses at Blessington, was submitted. The County Engineer was asked to report on a site which members of the Council stated would be available.

Acquisition of Lands at Glen Strand, Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that Councillors Hudson and Jacob with the County Engineer and County Manager had met Mr. Keogh and his Solicitor in regard to the proposed acquisition of part of Mr. Keogh's lands at Glen Strand for the purpose of road widening. Mr. Keogh was not agreeable to reduce the price of £300 already asked. The Committee recommended that steps be taken to acquire the lands compulsorily.

Housing Scheme at Kindlestown.

The County Secretary stated that in letter dated 6th April, 1951, the Council's Law Agent had advised that in his opinion Mr. Thomas Murphy, who had held the lands at Kindlestown from the Land Commission under a Letting for Temporary Convenience, would not have any claim to compensation against the Council or the Land Commission.

The Council noted the Law Agent's opinion and agreed that the arrangements for the purchase of the land be proceeded with.

Housing Scheme at Newtownmounckennedy.

The following letter received from Mr. James Duffy, was submitted: 15 O'Neill Park, Newtownmounckennedy, Wicklow. 8th April, 1951.

re: O'Neill's Park Field.

Dear Sir, With reference to your demand to give up this field, which you let to me on the 8th January, 1951, for a period of eleven months, this demand is unreasonable as I have already gone to a lot of expense with this field, ploughing, manuring, seeding. Schedule of this expense is herewith.

Now it is too late for me to get another piece of ground and I am faced with a very big loss, and unless you are prepared to compensate me I cannot hand over this ground until I get my crops off it in September.

Yours faithfully,

Signed—JAMES DUFFY.

Table with 2 columns: Description of expenses and Amount. Includes Ploughing, grubbing and preparing for sowing; of potatoes and oats; Farmyard manure and artificial; Seed potatoes; Labour, planting potatoes.

The following seeds have been purchased and are ready for sowing: 3 barrels Seed Oats, £7 10s. 14 cwt. Seed Potatoes, £15. Total, £22 10s.

In view of the expense incurred by Mr. Duffy in cultivating the land, the Council agreed not to enter on the lands until September when Mr. Duffy would have removed his crops.

Disposal of part of Housing Site at Ballywaltrim, Bray.

The County Secretary stated that the Law Agent had advised that before proceeding with the proposal to grant a lease of the small plot of ground at Ballywaltrim, it would be necessary to comply with the provisions of Section 33 of the Local Government Act, 1945, which required that notice of intent on to dispose of the lands be given to each member of the County Council, and the disposal be confirmed at the following meeting of the Council.

The Council noted the Law Agent's advice in the matter.

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts—Loan to James O'Neill.

The Council approved of the issue to a Loan of £1,250 to Mr. Jas. O'Neill, Mill House, Clash, in respect of the erection of a house at Rathdrum.

Erection of Houses for Persons not of the Working-Classes.

Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., inquired whether a letter had been received from Miss Mary A. Geraty, Carnew, offering a site at Carnew for the erection of better-class houses. The County Secretary stated that no letter had been received from Miss Geraty. Councillor Thomas Brennan, T.D., handed in copy of letter dated 14th March, 1951, from

Miss Geraty offering a site of 2 acres 3 roods near Brunswick Row, Carnew, at a price of £250.

The County Engineer was directed to examine the site and report as to its suitability.

As no offers of sites for better class houses in other districts had been received, the Council agreed that the Council's Engineering staff should submit recommendations for suitable sites.

Item No. 12—Dental Services. The following report of the Acting Chief Medical Officer was submitted:—

Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow. 2nd April, 1951. Copy. Mr. O'Connor, Staff Officer, Rathdrum. A Chara.

With reference to Circ. 5/51 and my report of the 31st January last, on the proposed improvement in the dental services it would appear that I did not make it clear when recommending the appointment of a full-time dentist whether or not the services of the part-time dentists should be retained.

The Scheme would, therefore, consist of a whole-time dentist and two part-time dentists. The whole-time officer would be responsible to the County Medical Officer for the organisation and running of the Dental Services and for the allocation of the work between himself and the part-time dentists.

Any expansion of this service would require the provision of Mobile Dental Clinics. However, this could be deferred until the dentist is appointed. I attach details of the Dental Work carried out under the various Schemes during the years 1948/49, 1949/50, together with the cost for each year.

During 1950, Mr. Guise-Brown resigned on 30/9/50 and there was considerable difficulty in filling the vacancy. The post remained vacant for two months. Fortunately Mr. Guise-Brown had completed all the work in his area at the time of his resignation.

The County Sec. gave details of the numbers of school children examined during the years 1948, 1949 and 1950, the number found with defective teeth and the number who received dental treatment. The total expenditure under the Schools Medical Service Scheme for the years mentioned was £301.7s., £308.14s. and £334.8s.6d.

The County Manager stated that the additional cost in respect of the employment of a whole-time Dentist, including the provision of a Mobile Unit, would be approximately £2,000 per annum. If the Mobile Unit were omitted the service of a whole-time dentist would cost approximately £1,600.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea; Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy; Resolved that the appointment of a whole-time dentist and authorise the necessary expenditure for the purpose. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—County Clinic. The following extracts from letter dated 2nd April, 1951, Ref.H.33/9/1 from the Department of Health were submitted:—

The Minister for Health has asked me to refer to your letter and enclosed documents of 19 Nollas, 1950, in connection with the proposed County Clinic, Rathnew. I am to state that these documents have been examined and the site inspected by the Department's Medical Advisers and I am to furnish the following observations thereon:—

Site: There would appear to be no objection to the site proposed. It is noted, however, that the proposed County Hospital site has no access to the existing roadways and that it will be necessary to construct a new road before the site is developed.

It is desirable that the Clinic should, as far as possible, be convenient to the X-Ray Department of the County Hospital and to the Main Road. In this connection it is considered that the site is reasonably close to the proposed hospital.

In regard to the Water and Sewers to the site, the Co. Manager stated that the new Hospital on this site would be served by the Regional Scheme from Lough Dann. As the County Clinic was not a residential institution he considered it could be served from the existing supply.

The Council noted the terms of the Department's letter and approved of the appointment of a Consulting Engineer for the Mechanical Services, and of the appointment of a Quantity Surveyor.

Item No. 14—Dispensary at District Nurse's House, Newtownmountkenny. The County Secretary stated that representations had been received from Mr. Dunne, Newtownmountkenny, as to the need for the erection of a small Dispensary at the District Nurse's House at Newtownmountkenny.

The Council agreed that the erection of an additional dispensary at the District Nurse's House would not be justified.

Item No. 15—Examination for Clerk Typists. The following report of the Examiner was submitted:—

Eleven candidates presented themselves for this examination, which was held in the Technical Schools, Wicklow, on March 27th. and 28th, 1951. Eight of these Candidates were successful, and three failed to qualify in one or more of the subjects laid down. The marks of all candidates will be found on attached Schedule, with the eight successful candidates arranged in order of merit.

Candidate No. 11 obtained First Place with a grand total of 1,405 marks in the Competitive Subjects. I have no doubt that she will prove a capable and satisfactory Clerk/Typist. No. 7 came second with a grand total of 1,362 marks, followed closely by No. 4 in third place with a total of 1,353 marks. No. 10 came fourth with 1,303 marks. The other successful candidates were Nos. 5, 6, 1 and 2 in this order.

Of the unsuccessful candidates No. 3 failed to qualify in Shorthand only, and Nos. 8 and 9 were definitely weak all round. The arrangements made for holding this examination by the staff of the County Council were excellent. I wish to thank them for this, as well as for all their kindness and courtesy to me during my pleasant stay in Wicklow.

Signed—John M. BREEN, M.A., Examiner to Dept. of Education. 2/4/51. The results of the examination were as follows: WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

RESULT OF EXAMINATION FOR CLERK-TYPISTS MARCH, 1951.

Table with columns: Order of Merit, Exam. No., Names, Irish 300, Arith. 300, English 300, Short-hand 700, Type-writing 700, Inter-view 700, Total 1,700. Lists candidates 1-11 with their respective marks.

Numbers in brackets denote failure in that subject. Ex denotes that candidate was exempt from examination in this subject as having already qualified therein.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, inquired as to the position of Mr. Fitzpatrick, who had qualified at the previous examination for Clerical Officers, and had been temporarily employed by the Council for some while past.

The County Secretary stated that the Regulations prescribed by the Department provided that vacancies arising within a period of 18 months from the holding of the Examination would be filled from the panel created as a result of the examination.

Item No. 16—State Assistance for Sanitary Services Works. The Council noted the following letter received from the Department of Local Government:—

Dept. of Local Government, Custom House, Dublin. 28th March, 1951. State Assistance for Sanitary Services Works. A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to inform you that as from the 1st April, 1951, State assistance towards the cost of water supply and sewerage schemes undertaken by sanitary authorities will be in the form of contributions towards loan charges on the full approved capital cost of the scheme instead of a capital grant towards the cost of the works.

In the case of schemes in progress towards the cost of which capital grants have been allocated and instalments of grants issued, the balances of grants outstanding will be paid in capital sums as the work progresses. In the case of schemes in respect of which capital grants have been allocated and no payments have been made on foot of the grants the State assistance will be converted into equivalent contributions to loan charges on the full approved capital cost of the works and where loans of part only of the capital cost have been sanctioned, application should be made for sanction to further borrowing to meet the balance of the capital cost.

Applications for contributions to loan charges should be made in the attached Form and may be submitted half-yearly after payment has been made to the Commissioners of Public Works of instalments of principal and interest falling due in May and November of each year. Where the loan has been raised otherwise than from the Local Loans Fund application may follow each payment of loan charges, whether yearly or half-yearly.

The following loan charges should be shown on the application form:

(a) Charges on all schemes fully approved before the date of this Circular on which no payment of grant has been made; and

(b) Charges on all schemes fully approved after the date of this Circular letter.

In a few cases it may happen that loan charges may have been payable in November last in respect of schemes coming within category (a) in the preceding paragraph. These charges may be included in the application on next following payment of charges which become due in May 1951.

The usual loan period for sanitary services works is 25 years. Where, however, the amount of the loan exceeds £10,000 the period may be extended to 30 years. Loans from the Local Loans Fund will continue to be repayable on the instalment system.

Mise, le meas.

To each sanitary authority.

P. GARVIN.

Item No. 17—Application for Supply of Crucifix at Knockananna Burial Ground.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Hon. Secretary, St. Laeairn's Hall Committee, Knockananna, for the provision of a Crucifix at Knockananna Burial Ground.

Quotations had been obtained for the supply of a Crucifix and the lowest figure quoted was £30. The County Sec. pointed out that a similar application in respect of Barndarrig Burial Ground had not been acceded to by the Council.

The Council indicated that they could not accede to the application.

Item No. 18—Water Main Extension to Coclattin Row, Carnew.

The County Sec. stated that as requested at the meeting of the Council held on 15th January, 1951, an estimate had been obtained of the cost of laying a water main extension to Coclattin Row. The Assistant Engineer estimated the cost at approximately £250.

The Council approved of the provision of the extension of the water main to Coclattin Row, at estimated cost of £250.

Item No. 19—Membership of Trade Unions.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor W. Hammond, seconded by Councillor W. Cleary:

That the resolution passed by the Council at the meeting held on 12th July, 1948, requiring that all employees of the Council be members of a Trade Union be and is hereby rescinded.

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

In Favour—Councillors W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, J. O'Reilly, M. Brennan, Miss E. F. Bobbett and P. Ledwidge—(7).

Against—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, H. J. Byrne, Ed. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs; J. Jacob—(9).

Councillor P. N. Murdoch did not vote.

The resolution was declared defeated by nine votes against to seven votes in favour.

Item No. 20—Village Hall at Stratford-on-Slaney.

The following report of the Assistant Co. Surveyor was submitted: 28th March, 1951.

Village Hall at Stratford.

The Secretary of the Committee of Stratford has written to me stating that they wish to notify their requirements in respect of the above. They now require only the bare Hall, Sanitary accommodation and Cloak-rooms. The accommodation is now to be reduced to suit 150 people.

The cost in this case will now be reduced to £2,800 with the added amount of £500 still for sewage disposal.

If this figure is satisfactory the Committee might be asked what exactly they are prepared to undertake in the way of labour or the supply of materials such as cement, sand and gravel for the making of blocks, etc. When it is exactly known the extent they are prepared to go a value could be put on it.

Signed—P. J. FOLEY,

Assistant County Engineer.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter for information as to the extent to which the local residents would assist in the construction of the Hall. It was agreed that local members of the Council would meet the Committee with the Co. Secretary to discuss the matter with them.

Item No. 21—Establishment of Mental Hospital.

The County Secretary stated that he had received the following letter from the Earl of Wicklow:—

Clonmore & Reynolds, Ltd.
39-42, Kildare St., Dublin.
20/3/51.

To: The County Secretary,
Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your letter. I was very interested in your idea. Shelton Abbey will shortly be coming up for sale, as soon as the legal formalities in regard to conditions of sale are complete. I should personally much like to see the house put to such a useful purpose.

The two firms of Auctioneers who are in charge of the sale for the trustees are Messrs. Ganly of Dublin, and Messrs. Clarke DeLahunt of Wicklow. Would you please contact them. I have shown your letter to Mr. Ganly.

I think the house would be very good for the purpose.
Yours faithfully,

Wicklow.

The following letter had been received from Messrs. Clarke DeLahunt and Co., Auctioneers, Wicklow:— 29th March, 1951.

Mr. K. Brangan, Co. Secretary,
County Council Offices, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

We have pleasure in enclosing your particulars of "Rossanagh House," Ashford, Co. Wicklow, which we are offering by auction. Would this property interest the County Council for any project such as a Hospital, etc.?

We shall be pleased to arrange an inspection at any time by appointment.
Yours faithfully,

Clarke, DeLahunt & Co.

The County Secretary stated that he had inquired from the Department of Health as to whether a State Grant would be available towards the cost of constructing a new Mental Hospital and as to the amount of the Council's share in the assets of Grangegorman Mental Hospital. No reply had yet been received.

The Council appointed the following Sub-Committee to consider the matter, and directed that a meeting of the Committee be summoned on receipt of a reply from the Department: Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman; Councillors P. N. Murdoch, Ed. Byrne, P. P. O'Reilly, J. O'Reilly, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, Senator J. McCrea, T. Brennan, T.D., and P. McCarthy.

Item No. 22—Closing of Rathdrum Cinema.

The Council noted the following letter, received from the Department of Finance:—
P.S.144/51. 2 Aibreán, 1951.
A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 19th instant concerning the closing of Rathdrum Cinema, I am desired by Mr. McGhilligan, Minister for Finance, to transmit copy of letter addressed to-day to Mr. L. Pierce, Main St., Rathdrum, in that connection.

Mise, le meas.

D. GRIFFIN, Runai Aire.

K. Brangan, Esq., Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council, Wicklow.

Enclosure:
A Chara,

2 Aibreán, 1951.

I am desired by Mr. McGhilligan, Minister for Finance, to refer to your letter of the 14th ultimo enclosing copy of petition signed by citizens of Rathdrum in connection with the closing of the Ormond Cinema.

In reply, I am inform you that the Minister has had this matter repeatedly under review. The position is, however, that (a) Rathdrum has not legally defined boundary, and (b) the population of the town (4,174) is, even when due allowance is made for persons resident in the Co. Home and Industrial School, far in excess of the statutory limit of 500 which is the maximum for the purpose of the entertainment tax allowed under the Finance Act, 1949. In this connection I am to point out that the population of the area taken in 1938 does not govern the question of liability to entertainments duty which is determined by reference to the population of the town as enumerated in the 1946 Census. Accordingly, all payments exceeding 4d. for admission to entertainments are liable to entertainments tax, and there is no power to waive any portion of the duty.

I am to add that where the question of the measurement of distance is concerned the appropriate section of the Finance Act, 1949, is administered in the most liberal manner possible. In the case of the Ormond Cinema no question of the measurement arises as it is situated in Rathdrum itself and the terms of the section are not such as to allow any discrimination in such cases. In these circumstances, the Minister regrets that he is unable to be of any assistance in the matter, but he asks me to inform you that the question of entertainments duty, together with any exemptions therefrom, will in the ordinary course come under consideration in connection with the preparation of the Budget for the coming year.

Mise, le meas.

D. GRIFFIN, Runai Aire.

L. Pierce, Esq.,
Fencing at Rathdrum.

The following letter, received by the Chairman, was submitted:—

IRISH TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS' UNION,
Rathdrum Branch, 7 Brewery Place, Rathdrum.
Dear Sir, 7/4/51.

I wish to bring to your notice the condition of the tenants in Sunny Terrace, Rathdrum. We read a lot in the papers about till more and grow more, but those people cannot put in their gardens owing to no fence being erected at any time since they were built. They were only divided and goats, dogs and hens can pass from one plot to another, so the tenants complain there is no use putting in their gardens as they are torn up as soon as they are put in. At a meeting last October it was passed to supply fence for those plots and the tenants are willing to put up the netting wire themselves when supplied to them. As they are not too lazy to either till them or put up the wire, as it was stated some months ago they were too lazy.

Supply the fence and we will till.

Yours sincerely,

John Lynham,

on behalf of the tenants.

The Council decided not to grant the application.
Erection of Fence at Boghall.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor H. J. Hyrne, the County Engineer stated that the provision of a fence at the side of the stream in front of the cottages at Boghall had been included in the Scheme under the Local Authorities (Works) Act.

County Manager's Orders.

Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman, stated he wished to be recorded as dissenting from the appointment of Douglas Coates as tenant of cottage at Bellevue, Delganey.

Notice of Motion.

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

"I hereby give notice that I or some other Councillor for me, will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the Council will give a grant to small farmers living on uneconomic holdings, under the 1950 Housing (Amendment) Act based on the following grounds:—
£200 for holdings under £15 valuation;
£100 for holdings under £25 valuation."

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