

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th January, 1952, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman;

Councillors Senator J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, H. J. Byrne, Ed. Byrne, L. O Laoighleis, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. O Broin, J. Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. J. Brennan.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors C. W. Hudson and P. N. Murdoch.

Mr. M. Fannery, County Manager, attended.

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley and P. O'Keeffe, were present.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 12th and 19th November, 1951, and 10th December, 1951.
2. To affix the seal of the Council to Mortgage for £40,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works in respect of advance under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.
3. To authorise temporary overdraft on the Council's Capital Account pending the receipt of Loan to defray portion of cost of extensions to Baltinglass District Hospital.
4. To consider applications received under the Council's Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools.
5. To consider further correspondence in connection with the application of a Scholarship Holder for an increase in the amount of Scholarship.
6. To consider Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. Brennan for the taking over of Green Road, Baltinanima.
7. Memorial from residents on Kinlen Road, Greystones, for resurfacing of road.
8. Memorial from residents in the townlands of Thonlagee, Cornagower West, Ballysalagh East, Ballytunney, Scratenagh, and Sallymount for the repair of road between the townlands of Thanlagee and Sallymount.
9. Application from the Secretary, Wicklow Branch Federation of Rural Workers for the reception of a deputation from Carters employed by the Council in the Carnew-Coolboy Area.
10. Letter from the Secretary, Aughrim Branch, Labour Party, re holidays for Council road workers.
11. Report re Loan Charges payable in respect of Plant and Machinery.
12. Application from the Co. Wicklow Vocational Education Committee for Grant towards the cost of proposed new Technical School at Wicklow.
13. Abstract of Accounts of Council for the year ended 31st March, 1951.
14. Report of Meeting of Housing Committee held on 7th January, 1952.
15. Letter dated 2nd January, 1952, from the Department of Local Government, re Shillelagh Housing Scheme.
16. Cottage Purchase Scheme.
17. Health Inspectorate Staff—Letter from the Department of Health dated 5th December, 1951.
18. Recommendation of Co. Engineer for purchase of Chlorinators.
19. Improvements to St. Colman's Hospital.
20. Public Sanitary Conveniences—Letter dated 18th December, 1951, from the Department of Local Government.
21. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett re establishment of Dead Meat Factory for Horse Flesh for export to Belgium.

22. Report of Home Teacher employed by Co. Wicklow Branch, National Council for the Blind of Ireland.
23. Resolution from Tralee Urban District Council, requesting the Government to implement legislation to annul restrictive trading.
24. Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Co. Councils' General Council held on 9th August, 1951.
25. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Resolutions of Sympathy.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Council passed a resolution expressing sympathy with the relatives of those who lost their lives in the air crash in North Wales.

The Council also passed resolutions of sympathy with Mr. Thomas Byrne, Chief Officer, on the death of his sister, Mrs. Whittle, and with Mr. A. O'Connor, Staff Officer, on the death of his sister, Mrs. Caulfield.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of Wicklow County Council held on 12th and 19th November, 1951, and 10th December, 1951.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Loan of £40,000—Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

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

Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan:

Resolved—That we hereby undertake that the instalments in repayment of the loan now proposed, as well as of any existing loan, will be punctually remitted at the date on which they become due, viz.: 1st May and 1st November in each year.

Passed unanimously.

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

Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan:

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 Forty Thousand Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899, to 1950.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Overdraft: Capital Account.

The County Secretary stated that the Contractor had commenced work on the extensions to the District Hospital, Baltinglass, and it was estimated that a sum of up to £18,000 would be payable under the Contract during the period to the 31st March, 1952. In addition, expenditure had been incurred in the purchase of the site for the new County Hospital, and in respect of Architects' fees.

The amount of the Loan required in respect of Baltinglass Hospital could not be ascertained until the tenders for the Heating and Mechanical Services had been received and examined.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Health and to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Co. Council's Capital Account for the purpose of defraying expenses in connection with Extensions to Baltinglass District Hospital, Extension to County Fever Hospital, Wicklow, and construction of New County Hospital, Rathnew and County Clinic, Rathnew, and we hereby direct that the maximum for the quarter ending 31st March, 1952, shall not exceed £26,000.

Passed unanimously.

The Council asked that further submissions be made to the Department of Health in regard to the use of granite sills at Baltinglass District Hospital in lieu of concrete.

County Clinic.

The County Manager stated that further representations had been made to the Department of Health to the effect that the out-patients department of the proposed new County Hospital would supply similar facilities to the County Clinic.

Item No. 4—Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1952.

The Council considered in Committee the applications received for permission to complete under the Council's Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools.

Following a discussion the Council agreed that any applicants not eligible to compete on the basis of income, could not be admitted to sit for the examination.

The Council decided that persons who had a second source of income be subject to investigation for the purpose of ascertaining total income.

The Council noted that the application of Philip Leslie Denver, 30 Vevay Road, Bray, could not be accepted, as he was over the age specified, and that Philip B. Gaughran, 8 Pearse Road, Bray; Eibh. in Ni Dubhghail, Brewery Place, Rathdrum; Michael J. O'Brien, Upper Main St., Arklow, and Sylvester O'Byrne, Ballinacorney, Greenane, Rathdrum, were not eligible, as the income of parents or guardians exceeded that specified in the Scheme.

The Council approved of the applications submitted, other than those mentioned, subject to verification of the income of parents or guardians in certain cases.

Item No. 5—Application for Increase in Value of Scholarship.

The Council considered in Committee a letter dated December 14th, 1951, from Mr. A. Cullen, solicitor, Wicklow, re application for increase in Scholarship awarded to Miss Elizabeth O'Toole.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That having considered letter dated 14th December, 1951, from Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor, we hereby authorise, subject to the sanction of the Minister, an increase in the value of the scholarship awarded to Miss E. O'Toole, from £25 per annum to £65 per annum in the first year, and £55 in the subsequent years of the scholarship.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Green Road, Baltinanima.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

That the road known as Green Road, Baltinanima, be taken over and maintained by the Council as a public road.

The Council's Engineer reported as follows:—

Road—Green Road, Baltinanima, Roundwood.

Regarding the above road, which is 1,200 yards long and average 20ft. width between fences, it connects roads 56 and 60 and complies with the requirements for a Public Road.

I recommend that it be taken over by the Council.

Signed—J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

The resolution in the name of Councillor M. Brennan was passed unanimously.

On the suggestion of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the Council recommended that representations be made to the Controller, Special Employment Scheme Office, for the making of a grant towards the repair of Oughill Lane, Redcross, and also for the repair of the road from Aghowle to Ballylusk.

Item No. 7—Kinlen Road, Greystones.

The following memorial received from residents on Kinlan Road, Greystones, was submitted:—

Dear Sir,

We the undersigned, being householders and ratepayers, do hereby request the Co. Council to bring before their Roads Committee our protest of the condition of the surface of Kinlen Road. This road has never been properly surfaced since it was taken over by the Council. Each year we have been informed that it will be done, but nothing has come of it.

We are, yours faithfully,
Signed—M. V. Fitzjohn (Mrs.)
13 other signatories.

The Council's Engineer reported as follows:—

Killen Road, Greystones.

Following a recent inspection I find that the surface of the above road is in a bad condition and as there is very little stone in the present surface it is impossible to keep it in good repair. I recommend that it be included in next year's estimates for resurfacing in grouted macadam at an estimated cost of £375.

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

The Council agreed that the estimate for the resurfacing of the road be included for consideration in the Roads Estimates for the coming year.

Item No. 8—Thonlagge/Sallymount Road.

The following memorial was submitted:—

We, the undersigned rated occupiers of holdings in the townlands of Tonlagge, Cornagower West, Ballysallagh East, Ballytunny, Scratenagh and Sallymount, petition Wicklow Co. Council to put into repair the road between the townland of Thonlagge and Sallymount.

At present it is so bad as to be almost dangerous for traffic. As examples, vehicle springs have been broken and tyres burst. The road is really a series of pot-holes and the milk lorry drivers will not use it to collect milk.

Dated 31st December, 1951.

Signed—W. G. T. Collings, Raherd, and 18 other signatories.

The Council's Engineer reported as follows:—

With reference to the memorial received from residents of Tonlagge, Ennereilly and Ballytunny regarding a road in that district, I wish to say that this refers to County Road No. 177. This is an old county road which, like others, are not able to stand up to the heavy modern traffic, particularly milk lorries which go over them. There were some pot-holes on it, but we have been keeping them filled in and in general it is in fair condition.

I would not recommend that this road should have priority for reconstruction over other county roads, as there are two tarred roads parallel with this within three-quarters of a mile of it on each side, so that the local residents are not badly served for roads in that area, and there are other roads which need to be done more urgently.

Signed—J. P. CAFFREY,
Assistant County Engineer.

The Council adopted the report of the Engineer.

Item No. 9—Application for reception of deputation.

The County Secretary stated that application had been received from Mr. Denis Moore, Secretary, Federation of Rural Workers, Shillelagh, for the reception by the Council of a deputation of Council carters from Carnew/Coolboy area, at the next meeting of the Council.

The Council decided to receive the deputation at the next meeting, and asked that particulars of the matters to be discussed be submitted prior to the meeting.

Item No. 10—Holidays for Council Road Workers.

The following letter was submitted:—

The Labour Party,
Aughrim Branch,
Killacoran, Aughrim.
26th December, 1951.

Dear Sir,

Will you please place the following resolution on the agenda for the next meeting of the County Council:—

"We, the members of Aughrim Branch, The Labour Party, request the Wicklow County Council to rescind the motion in connection with road workers holidays in the interest of common justice, as road workers are the only section of Council's employees denied two weeks holidays.

Yours fraternally,
ED. MOULES.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea stated that he would hand in Notice of Motion in regard to the matter.

Item No. 11—Loan Charges—Plant and Machinery.

The County Secretary submitted particulars of Loan charges paid in respect of machinery for the year ending 31st March, 1952. The total Loan Charges in the year were £6,988 15s. 11d. The County Sec. stated that for the year 1952/'53 the total Loan Charges would be £9,755, which would include Loan Charges in respect of the purchase of Turf Cutting Machinery, Tar Macadam Plant, etc.

Item No. 12—Technical School, Wicklow—Application for Grant.

The following letter was submitted:—

Co. Wicklow Vocational Education Committee,
The Secretary, Technical School, Wicklow.
Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

A Chara,

18th December, 1952.

Grant towards Cost of Proposed New Technical School at Wicklow. My Committee at its meeting held on 18th instant, unanimously decided to request your Council for a grant of £30,000 to cover cost of erection of the proposed new Technical School at Wicklow Town. Application for this grant is made under Section 51 of the Vocational Education Act, 1930.

I was instructed to request that this application be placed on the Agenda for consideration at the next meeting of your Council.

I give below a copy of my Committee's resolution, proposed by Mr. D. O'Driscoll, seconded by Mr. G. Flood, and adopted unanimously:—

"That we request the Wicklow Co. Council for a grant of thirty thousand pounds (£30,000) towards the cost of building and equipping a new Technical School at Wicklow Town."

The sanction of the Minister for Education has been secured for the project, and plans for the proposed building have been approved by the Committee.

Mise, ie meas,
Aindreas O Crotaigh,
Príom Oifigeach Feidhmiúchain.

The County Secretary stated that the Loan Charges on Loan of £30,000, repayable over a period of 35 years, at 3½ per cent, would be £1,441 5s., of which sum 50 per cent, would be recoupable to the Council, leaving a sum of £720 12s. 6d. payable by the Council. If the period of Loan were 25 years, the Loan Charges would be £1,761 17s. 6d.

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

Resolved—That having considered application of County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, we hereby make a grant to such Committee of the sum of £30,000 towards the cost of building and equipping a new Technical School in the town of Wicklow, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government; and we authorise the borrowing of the moneys required for the purpose of making this grant from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 35 years with interest at 3½ per cent, subject to the recoupment to the Council by the Department of Education of 50 per cent, of the Loan Charges in each year.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Abstract of Accounts—Year ended 31st March, 1951.

The County Secretary stated that, as required by the Public Bodies Order, the Abstract of Accounts was submitted to the Council prior to being forwarded to the Department of Local Government for audit.

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

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the submission of the Abstract of Accounts of the Council for the year ended 31st March, 1951, for audit.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the expenditure on cottage repairs had exceeded the amount authorised in the Estimates in respect of the year 1950/'51.

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

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the Estimates for the year 1950/'51, as follows:—
Housing, £2,516.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Report of Meeting of Housing Committee.

The following report of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 7th January, 1952, was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Housing Committee of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 7th January, 1952, at 2 p.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman;
Councillors Senator J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D.; J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, H. J. Byrne, L. O Laoighleis, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. O Broin, Joseph Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. J. Brennan. Mr. Flannery, County Manager, attended.

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assist. Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley, and P. J. O'Keefe were present.

Progress Report:

The Council noted the attached report of the County Engineer on progress of the Housing Scheme during the month of December, 1951.

The Committee recommended that a further report in relation to the cost of cottages be submitted at the next meeting.

In regard to house at Belan Street, Baltinglass, it was decided that a report on the matter be submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

Cottages at Roundwood:

The County Engineer was asked to submit an estimate of the cost which would be involved if ranges were removed from the cottages at Roundwood and open fireplaces substituted.

In connection with certain cottages being erected by contract in West Wicklow, the Assist. Engineer recommended that the Council notify the Contractor of their intention to complete the cottages by Direct Labour.

Residence for Doctor at Carnew:

Having considered letter, dated 10th December, 1951, from Mr. P. J. O'Loughlin, Auctioneer, Carnew, the Committee recommended that an offer of £2,750 be made for the premises at Carnew owned by Miss M. A. Geraty.

Site for 5-roomed houses at Blessington:

The County Manager informed the Council that the Council's Solicitor was proceeding with the preparation of the Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of the site at Blessington, owned by Mr. John Kelly. A letter dated 19th December, 1951, from Mr. A. E. MacMahon, Solicitor, Naas, conveying his intention to oppose the proposed compulsory acquisition of the site was noted by the Committee.

The Committee also noted report dated 7th January, 1952, of the County Engineer in regard to alternative sites which had been inspected by him, and which he considered would not be suitable for development for 5-roomed houses.

Housing Scheme—Newtownmountkennedy.

In report dated 7th January, 1952, the County Engineer submitted his estimate for the completion of the Scheme at Newtownmountkennedy, including the cost of all services. The total all-in cost of the scheme was estimated at £23,500. The County Engineer pointed out that the floor area of the houses would be 710 sq. feet, and that the Department of Local Government had approved of the plans submitted. The County Secretary stated that the cost per house, based on the estimate of the County Engineer, would be approximately £1,470. Having allowed for the State Subsidy in respect of the houses the amount which would have to be met from rent and rates would be 16s. 9½d. per week. It would be necessary, therefore, to charge a rent, exclusive of rates, of approximately 15s. 9d.

The Committee recommended that applications be invited by public advertisement from persons living in Newtownmountkennedy, or its immediate vicinity, who would be prepared to accept the tenancy of houses of the type proposed at a rent, inclusive of rates, of approximately 20s. per week.

Office for Assistant County Engineer at Blessington:

The Committee approved of the County Engineer's recommendation for the erection of an office for the Assistant County Engineer at Blessington on the vacant plot adjoining the main road from Blessington to Baltinglass and close to the Council's Housing Scheme south of the town of Blessington. The cost of the office was estimated at £350.

Temporary Dwellings:

Having considered report of Assistant County Engineer, dated 5th December, 1951, the Committee recommended that the application of Mrs. Sarah Archer Somerton, Greystones, for a licence for the use of land at Greystones for temporary dwellings, be refused.

Town and Regional Planning Acts:

An application for approval to the erection of houses at Ballynerrin was referred to Wicklow Urban District Council for the views of that authority.

The Committee recommended that a Prohibition Order be served on Mr. Bayan Giltsoff, prohibiting his proceeding further with the erection of houses at Kilquade, the plans for which had not been approved by the Council.

The Committee recommended that a Prohibition Order be served prohibiting further proceedings with the building of houses at Glanmore, Ashford, the plans for which had not been approved by the Council.

The Committee recommended that permission be granted for the erection of a garage at Baltinglass in accordance with plans submitted.

The Committee recommended that no plans for any dwellinghouse or major structure, be accepted for consideration under the Town and Regional Planning Acts, unless such plans were prepared by a qualified Architect or Engineer.

Loans under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts:

The Committee adjourned for further information an application received from Mr. K. O'Brien for loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

Water Supply for Cottages at Balycooleen, Avoca:

The Committee recommended that the provision of a pump to supply the cottages at Balycooleen, Avoca, be included in the Priority List.

Appointment of Rent Collector, No. 10 District:

Having considered report of County Accountant, dated 7th January, 1952, in regard to the remuneration for the post of part-time rent Collector in No. 10 District, the Committee confirmed that the appointment be proceeded with.

The County Manager stated that Mr. Andrew Doyle, Aughrim, had been recommended for appointment to the position.

Repairs carried out during month of December, 1951:

The Committee noted the report of the County Engineer in regard to repairs carried out during the month of December, 1951.

Application for the provision of Side-walk at Rathdrum:

Having considered report of Assistant County Engineer, dated 27th November, 1951, in which he stated that the provision of a tarmac strip in front of the cottages at Fairgreen, Rathdrum, would cost approximately £80, the Committee recommended that the matter be deferred.

Authorisation of repairs to cottages:

The Committee authorised repairs being carried out to cottages in accordance with the list submitted by the County Engineer.

The Committee also considered the procedure in relation to repairs of cottages, and complaints of delay in carrying out inspections and arranging for repairs.

Cottage at Cross-bridge, Tinahely: Use as National School:

The Committee approved of newly-built cottage at Cross-bridge, Tinahely, being made available for use as a temporary National School, pending the erection of new school, subject to the sanction of the Minister.

The Committee decided to mark "read" the letter received from Rathnew Tenants' Association.

Loughlinstown Hospital:

The County Manager informed the Committee that he had had an interview with the Assistant City Manager in regard to the provision of beds at Loughlinstown Hospital for County Wicklow patients. He referred to the history of the Hospital, which had been intended to serve both Rathdown No. 1 and Rathdown No. 2 Districts. The County Manager referred also to the arrangement proposed in 1943 by the then Dublin County Commissioner for the reservation of beds in Loughlinstown Hospital for patients from County Wicklow.

The Committee approved of the representations proposed to be made to the Rathdown Board of Assistance in regard to the matter.

HOUSING SECTION.

County Engineer's Office,
Court House, Wicklow.
4th January, 1952.

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

HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT—MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1951.

Gentlemen,

During the month of December good progress was maintained on all cottages under construction.

The total number of cottages completed to date under the 1946 Housing Scheme is 291 (including 47 by Contract).

The total number of cottages in progress to date is 91 (including 1 by contract). Thirteen cottages in progress on separate scheme.

The number of men employed during December was: Skilled, 52; unskilled, 96.

The total expenditure to date under the Scheme is £3233,723 1d. 4d., made up as follows:—

Wages	.. .. .	£113,071 18 11
Materials	.. .. .	£175,494 9 3
Payment to Contractors	.. .. .	£37,245 1 10

The following are details of Schemes in the various districts:—

North-Eastern Area.

Cottages completed to 30th Nov., 1951:	111
Cottages completed during month of Dec., 1951:	Nil

Total completed: 111

Cottages in progress by Direct Labour:

Site No.	Townland	No. of Cottages.	
56-70	Killarney Road	30	
121-4-5-7	Ballinacooly	12	
186-7-8-2, 166-167	Roundwood	6	
178-9, 180-1	Timmore	4	52
Separate Scheme: Killincarrig		10	10

Total in Progress: 62

Cottages in progress by Direct Labour:

Cottages in progress by Contract: Nil

Total in progress: 62

Western Area.

Cottages completed to 30th November, 1951:	74
Cottages completed during month of December, 1951:	Nil

Site No.	Townland.	No. of Cottages.	
551	Money more	1	
571	Seskin	1	
597	Knockrigg	1	3

Total completed: 77

Cottages in progress by Direct Labour:—

Site No.	Townland.	No. of Cottages.
Derelict Site—Stratford		6

Cottages in progress by Contract:—

Site No.	Townland.	No. of Cottages.	
	Luglass	1	1
Total in progress:			7

Southern Area.

Cottages completed to 30th November, 1951: 50
 Cottages completed during month of December: Nil

Total completed: 50

Cottages in progress by Direct Labour:—

450	Curraivanish	1	
405	Raheengreaney	1	
431	Newry	1	
438	Ardoyne	1	4
Total in progress:			4

Separate Scheme: Lugduff

3	4
Total in progress: 7	

South-Eastern Area.

Cottages completed to 30th Nov., 1951: 48

Cottages completed during month of Dec., 1951:

Site No.	Townland.	No. of Cottages.	
326	Tigroney	1	
333	Bolagh	1	
316/7	Conary	2	
318	Cronebane	1	5
Total in progress:			53

Total in progress: 7

Cottages in progress by Direct Labour:—

Site No.	Townland.	No. of Cottages.	
350/51	Drumangan	3	
352	Garryduff	1	
328	Ballinacor East	1	
329	Ballinclare	1	
331	Ballyvaltron	1	
332	Kilmurray North	1	
334	Ballytunny	1	
	Clohogue	1	
327	Furzedith	1	
337	Barniskey	1	
252	Ballynattan	1	
261	Kish	1	
257	Beglands	1	
255/56, 266-7-8	Barnacleagh South	6	
	Thomastown	?	
259	Kilcarra	1	25
Total in progress:			25

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
 County Engineer.

The Council approved of the report as submitted.

Loughlinstown Hospital.

The Council approved of the report as submitted.

Loughlinstown Hospital.

The County Manager referred to the discussion at the meeting of the Housing Committee in regard to the provision of beds at Loughlinstown Hospital for County Wicklow patients, and stated that he had had representations on the matter to the Rathdown Board of Assistance, and to the Department of Health. In letter dated 10th January, 1952, received from the Assistant City and County Manager, it was stated that the County Manager's letter had been submitted to a meeting of the Rathdown Board of Assistance on the 9th January, 1952. The Board considered that a conference to discuss the question of beds in St. Columcille's Hospital for Wicklow patients should be held at St. Columcille's Hospital between three or four of their members, and the same number of members of Wicklow Co. Council, together with officials of the Board and the Council.

The Board had selected their representatives for the proposed meeting.

The Council approved of the proposed conference, and appointed the following members as a deputation from the Council to meet the representatives of the Rathdown Board of Assistance: Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman; Councillor H. J. Byrne, Councillor E. Byrne and Councillor P. N. Murdoch.

Item No. 15—Housing Scheme at Shillelagh.

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

N.25/2/9.

Dublin,
 2nd January, 1952.

Shillelagh Housing Scheme.

A Chara.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of 22nd November, 1951, on the subject and to direct attention to the terms of this Department's letter of 27th July, 1950, regarding the use of the existing cottage plan.

While no objection will be raised to the limited use of that plan, it is considered that new plans should be prepared to provide for some variety of design in cottages throughout the county. I am to request the submission in due course of details of the costs of the proposed cottage and the larger type S house, whether built by direct labour or contract.

It is noted from your letter that it is proposed to acquire 25 single sites, and in that connection I am to enquire whether the Council have given consideration to the possibility of grouping the cottages in small groups in the various districts.

Mise, le meas,

S. O'HANLON.

Secretary,
 Wicklow County Council.

Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., suggested that the Department of Local Government be asked to agree to the use of the existing cottage plan in the case of the houses at Shillelagh. He pointed out that there were no industries in the area, and that houses of 527 sq. ft. floor area would be adequate.

The Council agreed that the Department of Local Government be requested to permit the erection of houses of 572 sq. ft. floor area in the Shillelagh area. The Council also noted that the 25 sites in the Shillelagh district were being obtained by agreement, and that it would not be possible in the circumstances to group the cottages as suggested by the Department.

At the suggestion of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the Council agreed that representations be made to the Department of Local Government for permission to build houses of the smaller floor area at Newtownmountkennedy, as it was the opinion of the Council that the persons needing houses in the district would be unable to pay the rent which it would be necessary to charge in respect of houses of 707 sq. ft. floor area.

Item No. 16—Cottage Purchase Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that the County Councils' General Council had adopted the resolution forwarded by the County Council requesting the Minister for Local Government to arrange immediately for the amendment of the Labourers Act, 1936, so as to define clearly the interests which a tenant obtains when he purchases his cottage under the Act, and so as to permit of the assignment of his interests under reasonable conditions with the consent of the County Council. The resolution had been forwarded to the Department of Local Government. The County Secretary stated that the resolution had been acknowledged by the Department.

In reply to inquiries from members, the County Secretary stated that the Council had not yet decided upon the terms of the proposed new Cottage Purchase Scheme, and had deferred the matter pending receipt of a reply in relation to the Council's resolution.

The Council decided that the determining conditions for the new Cottage Purchase Scheme be an item on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

Item No. 17—Health Inspectorate Staff.

The County Secretary stated that in letter dated 5th December, 1951, from the Department of Health, the Department inquired whether the Council proposed to fix the Health Inspectorate Staff at four permanent officers.

The following report of the Acting Chief Medical Officer was submitted:—

17th December, 1951.
With reference to the Department's letter regarding the appointment of Health Inspectors, I would consider that three Health Inspectors would be sufficient to cover the work in this County, including the Bray Urban District.

The present staff consists of two permanent Inspectors—Mr. Nolan for the Bray Urban District, and Mr. Duffy, who covers East Wicklow with the exception of Arklow and the Dunganstown Dispensary District. South and West Wicklow are covered by two temporary Inspectors—Mr. Sheahan and Mr. Cooney.

Since these Inspectors were originally appointed there has been a good deal of changes in staff and this leads to a lot of difficulties in administration.

I would recommend that a permanent appointment be made to complete the staff.

Signed: J. A. DUNLEVY,

Acting Chief Medical Officer.

In a further report dated 27th December, 1951, the Acting Chief Medical Officer proposed the following allocation of the districts:—

Mr. Nolan: Bray Urban District and Powerscourt.

Mr. Duffy: Delgany, Newcastle, Annamoe, Rathdrum, Wicklow (Urban and Rural) and Dunganstown.

Mr. Sheahan: Arklow, Avoca, Auhrim, Tinahely, Coollattin, Kiltegan, Baltinglass, Dunlavin and Blessington.

The arrangement would be subject to alteration from time to time.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

Resolved—That having considered the recommendation of the Acting Chief Medical Officer, and his reports of the 17th and 27th December, 1951, we approve of the appointment of one additional permanent Health Inspector to replace the two existing temporary inspectors.

Passed.

Item No. 18—Purchase of Chlorinators.

The County Secretary stated that at the meeting held on 20th August, 1951, the Council had considered report of County Engineer recommending the purchase of four water chlorination plants at cost of £169 each. The Council had adjourned consideration of the proposal and asked that special reports be submitted in regard to certain water supplies. In his report of 4th December, 1951, the Acting Chief Medical Officer reported that samples of water taken from Kilcoole and Newcastle were unsatisfactory, and asked that action be taken by the Engineering Staff to eliminate the cause of contamination.

In further report of the 18th December, 1951, the Co. Engineer strongly recommended that four chlorinators be purchased immediately.

The Council decided to adjourn the proposal for consideration in the Estimates for the coming year, since no special provision for the purchase of chlorinators had been included in the current year's Estimates.

Item No. 19—Improvements to St. Colman's Hospital.

The County Manager stated that some time ago the Council had approved of the purchase of a new Cooker for St. Colman's Hospital. It was considered that when installing this cooker it would be a suitable time for carrying out improvements to the kitchen, such as providing presses and improving facilities for service. The County Manager stated that, following an interview of applicants, Mr. Doyle had been appointed as gardener at St. Colman's Hospital. He had obtained advice from Mr. Dawson, Horticultural Instructor, in regard to the growing of vegetables and fruit in the grounds of the Hospital. The lands adjoining the Hospital had been used for the growing of wheat in previous years, and had become poor. Very little fruit was available, and he considered it desirable that fruit trees be planted. The cost of providing the trees would be about £30.

The County Manager also suggested that a small tractor might be purchased for the removal of rubbish, and ploughing. It had been necessary to incur expenditure of up to £80 in previous years for the hire of farm machinery.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor T. Brennan T.D., regarding the old buildings in the grounds, the County Manager stated that the possibility of using the Catholic Chapel as a ward, and also using the existing Nurses' quarters as wards, were being considered. It was possible that the old Fever Hospital, if renovated, could be used as Nurses' quarters, and a new Catholic Chapel provided in place of the existing one.

The Council decided that the Visiting Committee of St. Colman's Hospital would visit the institution and carry out an inspection on Monday, 21st January, 1952, at 2.30 p.m., and submit their recommendations to the next meeting of the Council.

Item No. 20—Public Sanitary Conveniences.

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

Custom House,

Dublin.

L.7019/51.

18th December, 1951.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 23rd ultimo regarding the proposed provision of sanitary conveniences at the Meeting of the Water, Avoca, the Upper Lake at Glendalough and adjacent to the bus

terminus at Kilcoole, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to inform you that no grants are at present available for work of this nature. The Minister would, however, be prepared to consider the raising of a loan from the Council's Treasurer for defraying the cost of the proposal. If the Council decide to proceed on these lines, plans and specifications, together with a detailed estimate of cost, should be furnished to the Department.

Mise, le meas,

N. de PAOR.

Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow.

In regard to the proposed provision of Public Convenience at Rathdrum, the following report of the Assistant Engineer was submitted:—

4th January, 1952.

I interviewed Mr. Laurence Pierce, the owner of the site at The Square, Rathdrum, on which it was proposed to erect a public convenience.

Mr. Pierce is now unwilling to give the site for this purpose. He had at one time an arrangement with the local Farmers' Club to keep the site for a weighbridge for them, and he wishes to keep this offer open to them.

There is no other site available unless the centre of the Square, but, in my opinion, this would be unsightly and an obstruction.

Signed: J. P. CAFFREY,

Assistant Co. Engineer.

Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett suggested that the sanitary convenience should be provided on the Fair Green.

Following a discussion as to a suitable site, the Council decided to defer the matter for examination by the Visiting Committee to St. Colman's Hospital on the occasion of their next inspection of the Hospital on Monday, 21st January, 1952.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor T. Brennan:

Resolved—That having considered letter dated 18th December, 1951, from the Department of Local Government, we direct that plans and specifications, together with a detailed estimate of cost of providing sanitary conveniences at the Meeting of the Waters, Avoca; the Upper Lake, Glendalough; adjacent to the bus terminus at Kilcoole; at Baltinglass, Roundwood, Rathdrum, Rathnew, Dunlavin and Aghrim, be submitted to the Dept. of Local Government for approval.

Passed.

Item No. 21—Establishment of Dead Meat Factory.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond:

That the Government be asked to consider granting facilities for the establishment of a Dead Meat Factory for horse flesh for export to Belgium.

Following a discussion, it was decided to adjourn the matter pending the obtaining of further information by the proposer in regard to the possibility of establishing such a factory.

Item No. 22—Blind Welfare Scheme.

The Council noted the following report of the Home Teacher employed by Wicklow County Branch of the National Council for the Blind of Ireland, in respect of the period April, 1951, to November, 1951, and expressed their appreciation of the work being carried out by the Organisation.

Home Teacher's Report for period April to November, 1951.

885 visits have been made to the blind in their own homes.

96 Handicrafts and Braille lessons were given to the blind in their houses.

121 interviews were held with officials and voluntary workers on behalf of the blind of the County.

Handicraft classes were held in Arklow, Rathnew and Wicklow.

Various articles made by the blind were sold at the Spring Show and the Horse Show in Ballsbridge. Articles included string bags, fireside stools, flask holders, hearth brushes, knitted articles, table mats, raffia cocoons, etc.

Dealt with correspondence relating to blind persons in the county.

A Garden Party given by Colonel and Mrs. Proby at Ballyraine, Arklow, was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by the Blind of Arklow and district.

Dealt with various wireless problems, accumulators, batteries, etc.

Attended the Home Teachers' Conference in Enniskillen on 11th and 12th October.

The Blind of Arklow were taken to make their Holy Year Jubilee visits to Arklow, Johnstown and Castletown on 24th May, and afterwards had a most enjoyable tea provided by Mrs. K. Brennan at Clone, Castletown.

Visited the County Home and took comforts to there.

One of our blind people, Miss M. Smith, 9, Connolly St., Bray, got great pleasure out of the fact that two poems which she composed were published in the "Wicklow People" recently.

Took the Blind of the Parishes of Ashford, Wicklow, Kilquade, to make their Jubilee visits, accompanied by the County Secretary, Mr. Murphy.

Had stands at Arklow and Wicklow Young Farmers' Clubs Shows and also at Bray Agricultural Show.

Took Blind people who were not feeling well to see their Dispensary Doctors.

Districts visited were Arklow, Wicklow, Rathdrum, Baltinglass, Rathnew, Glendalough, Tinahely, Bray, Loggan, Ballinglen, Valley-mount, Newtownmountkennedy, Ballyfad, Carnew, Ashford, Aghrim, Kiltegan, Glenealy, Newcastle, Inch, Castletymon, Redcross, Woodenbridge, Shillelagh, Kilbride, Askinagap.

Signed: BREEDA BYRNE,

Home Teacher.

Item No. 23—Restrictive Trading.

The Council noted the following resolution received from Tralee Urban District Council:—

"That we request the Government to implement legislation to annul restrictive trading which is hampering the individual, which sometimes leads to unemployment and later emigration. That copies of this resolution be sent to the various Urban, County and Borough Councils and City Corporations through the country."

Item No. 24—County Councils' General Council.

The Council noted the submission of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the County Councils' General Council held on 9th August, 1951.

Item No. 25—County Manager's Orders.

Employment of Consultant Engineer for Aghrim Sewerage Scheme.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D. asked to be recorded as objecting to the appointment of a Consultant Engineer for Aghrim Sewerage Scheme.

Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett referred to the Civil Bill served on a farmer in the Aghrim district in respect of rates due. She suggested that the serving of the Civil Bill was a harsh act by the Rate Collector. The Council asked for a report on the matter to be submitted to the next meeting.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea handed in list of some of the unemployed in the Carnew area, and asked that the matter be included on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

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

By Councillor J. Everett, T.D.

"I hereby give notice that I or some member will move that the 17 houses at Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy, be connected with both sewerage and water; also that the ten houses at Kilpedder be connected with sewerage and water and that four houses in Newtownmountkennedy Village be given a water and sewerage supply, as water and sewerage mains are convenient to sites."

By Councillor P. Kehoe.

"I hereby give notice that I or some member will move that the Council approve of a Scheme for the cleaning of the Douglas River between Rathdangan and High Park, and of a Scheme for the reconstruction of Rathbran Road—1½ miles."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th February, 1952, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:—Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman; Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, Councillor P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; James O'Neill, G. Timmins, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, L. O Laoighleis, P. N. Murdoch, L. O Cleirigh, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. O Broin, J. Jacob. Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. J. Brennan.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor C. W. Hudson.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, attended.

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley and P. O'Keeffe were present.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of meeting held on 14th January, 1952.
2. Application for closing of Road at Enniskerry.
3. To receive deputation from Carters employed by the Council in Carnew-Coolboy area.
4. Resolution from Carnew Branch, Federation of Rural Workers, in regard to transfer of workers from Housing Schemes to Road Works.
5. Road Workers' Wages—Application from Federation of Rural Workers for increase in wages of road staff.
6. Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools—To consider applications under the Council's Scheme for 1952.
7. Rathdown No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee—Recommendation for filling of vacancy on Sub-Committee.
8. New Fire Station and Stores at Bray—To consider plans prepared by the Council's Architect.
9. Fire Brigades Act, 1940—Recommendation of Chief Fire Officer in regard to precautions against fire in Cinemas.
10. Application for renewal of Cinematograph Licence for Cinema at Baltinglass.
11. Age Limit Order for Rate and Rent Collectors—Letter dated 17th January, 1952, Ref. EL.277/26/1, from the Department of Local Government.
12. Application from Rate Collector, No. 16 District, for transfer to No. 8 District.
13. Report of Meeting of Housing Committee held on 4th February, 1952.
14. To authorise overdraft on Capital Account.
15. Cottage Purchase Scheme—To determine basis for calculation of Annuities.
16. Application from Rathnew Tenants' Association for reception of deputation.
17. Dispensary at Kilcoole—To consider plan prepared by Council's Architect.
18. Proposed provision of Dispensary Residence in Coollattin Dispensary District—Letter dated 26th January, 1952, from the Department of Health.
19. Report of Visiting Committee on inspection of St. Colman's Hospital on 21st January, 1952.
20. Reconstruction and Improvement of County Homes—Circular 7/52, dated 28th January, 1952, from the Department of Health.
21. St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum—Report in regard to staffing of institution.

22. Report of meeting of representatives of Council with representatives of Rathdown Board of Assistance in regard to reservation of beds in Loughlinstown Hospital for patients from Co. Wicklow.
23. Extensions to Baltinglass District Hospital—To consider report of Architect on tenders received for Mechanical and Electrical Services, and to authorise the raising of a Loan to defray Council's proportion of cost.
24. Wicklow County Fever Hospital—To consider report of Architect on Tenders received for Building Work and Mechanical and Electrical Services, and to authorise the raising of a Loan to defray the Council's proportion of the cost.
25. Letter from the Department of Health in regard to National Mass Radiography Service.
26. Letter from Department of Local Government in regard to Coolboy Water Supply Scheme.
27. Pumps and Wells—To authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to the Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works for Loan of £9,850.
28. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., for connection of 17 houses at Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy, and 10 houses at Kilpedder with water and sewerage systems, and for the provision of water and sewerage supply to four houses in Newtownmountkennedy.
29. Public Lighting—Estimate from Electricity Supply Board for the erection of light at Protestant Church, Enniskerry.
30. Complaint re cattle fairs in Blessington.
31. Letter dated 25th January, 1952, from the Department of Agriculture in regard to the control of dogs, especially during the lambing season.
32. Minutes of Protest Meeting in regard to Electricity Supply Board Charges, held in the Council Chamber, Arus an Cathrach, Limerick, on 17th November, 1951.
33. Letter from Irish Red Cross Society, Wicklow Branch, requesting assistance in seeking Volunteers for Blood Transfusion Service.
34. Application from Olympic Council of Ireland for subscription to finance sending of Irish Olympic Team to Olympiad Games at Helsinki, Finland.
35. Letter dated 14th January, 1952, from the Co. Councils' General Council requesting the views of the Council in regard to (a) rating system, and (b) Health Inspectors.
36. Inquiries arising out of County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor L. O Laoighleis;

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th January, 1952, be confirmed and signed.

Passed.

The County Secretary stated that he had received a letter from Mr. A. O'Connor, Staff Officer, asking him to convey to the Chairman and members of the Council his very sincere appreciation of the kind resolution of sympathy passed by the Council on the recent death of his sister.

Thonlagée-Sallymount Road.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that this road had been an important one in the area, and that it needed repairs.

The County Engineer stated that provision for the repair of the road had been included in the Estimates submitted to the Council.

The Council agreed to defer the matter to the Estimates meeting.

Newspaper Reports.

The Chairman stated that he had addressed a letter on behalf of the Council to the Sunday Independent, in reply to letters which had been published in that paper in relation to the repairs to the Main Street at Bray, and a scavenging service at Greystones. He deplored the fact that his reply to these anonymous letters had not been published in the Sunday Independent.

Item No. 2—Application for the Closing of Road at Enniskerry.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Irish Motor Racing Club, Ltd., for the closing of portion of the Main Road at Enniskerry from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on 19th April, 1952, in connection with the annual Hill Climb. The County Engineer had reported that there would be no objection to the closing of the Road. A similar application had been granted in previous years.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan;

Resolved—That we approve of application being made to the Minister for Local Government for an Order for the closing of the Main Road from the National Schools at Enniskerry to the junction with the Scalb Road, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on 19th April, 1952, in connection with the holding of the Hill Climb by the Irish Motor Racing Club, Limited.

Passed.

Item No. 3—Deputation from Carters Employed by the Council in the Carnew-Coolboy Area.

At the request of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, the reception of a deputation from carters in the Carnew-Coolboy area was deferred to the next meeting.

Item No. 4—Transfer of Workers from Housing Schemes to Road Works.

The Council considered the following resolution received from the Carnew Branch, Federation of Rural Workers:—

"We, the members of Carnew Branch, Federation of Rural Workers, protest in the strongest possible manner against the practice of the Wicklow County Council transferring workers from the Board of Health section to employment on Roads section, while a large number of men laid off by the County Council some months ago are still idle, and we cannot see any reason why the same treatment is not given to workers in both Road and Board of Health sections, i.e., when work terminates on either Sections, that the men be laid off until work is again available in their respective sections."

In reply to inquiries from members, the Assistant Co. Engineer stated that a few workers had been transferred from work on housing to work on roads for a period of some days.

The Council indicated that it was not desirable that workers normally engaged on housing should be transferred to work on roads.

Item No. 5—Road Workers' Wages.

The following applications received from the Federation of Rural Workers, and the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, were submitted:—

Federation of Rural Workers,

20, Westland Row,

Dublin.

The Manager,

Wicklow Co. Council,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of our members who are employed by your Council on the Road Staff, we apply that their wages be increased by 15/6 per week, this to apply to surfacemen, gangers, foremen and overseers.

The increase in prices of practically all foodstuffs and other essential commodities during the last year has been so progressively steep and severe, that it has more than negatived the effect of the last increase granted to these men, bringing down the purchasing value of the wages very much.

In the circumstances the request for an increase of 15/6 per week is fully justified and we hope you will give this application your early and favourable consideration. As we are informed that the fixing of wages is still a Managerial function, we are making the application direct to you. Our representatives will be available to meet you by appointment to discuss the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: GEORGE POLLOCK,
President.

Irish Transport and General Workers' Union,
35, Parnell Square,
Dublin.
8th February, 1952.

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

Re: Wages—Council Workers.

Dear Sir,

We are to request that the wages of our members who are employed by Wicklow County Council as road workers should be increased by 10/- per week.

In support of our claim, we are to say that the present wages paid to these workers are disproportionate when compared with the present cost of living, which has risen rapidly since the last increase was conceded to these workers, and which has lowered their standard of living to such an extent that they are finding it difficult to maintain themselves and dependants in any reasonable standard of decency or comfort.

In view of the above circumstances, therefore, we would be glad of your very early and favourable reply in respect of this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Irish Transport and G.W. Union,
per WM. McMULLEN,
General President.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter for consideration at the Estimates Meeting.

Item No. 6—Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1952.

Having considered in committee further reports obtained in regard to the means of parents, or guardians, of applicants under the Council's Secondary Schools Scholarship Scheme, the Council agreed that the applications of Brendan Thomas Kelly and John Patrick O'Dea be deferred for further consideration by the members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area.

The Council agreed that the applications of Matthew M. Connolly, Castle Park, Wicklow, and Rosanna M. T. Haughton, Rathnew, must be rejected under the terms of the Scheme.

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

Resolved—That we approve of the following applications under the Council's Scheme for scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1952:—

Sean Martin Gilmore, 17 Pearse Sq., Dargle Road, Bray; Patrick Gerard Kelly, 17 St. Peter's Road, Bray; Patrick Joseph O'Sullivan, Hillside, Vevay Road, Bray; Mary Doyle, "Edenvale," Cooldross, Killocoole; Joan Ann Manweiler, Windgates, Greystones; Maeve McGarry, Cuala, Greystones; Sile Maire Ni Dubhghaill, 1 Summerhill, Wicklow; Kathleen McCrudden, 3 St. Peter's Place, Arklow.

Passed.

Item No. 7—Rathdown No. 2 O.A.P. Sub-Committee.

The following letter received from the Clerk of Rathdown No. 2 O.A.P. Sub-Committee was submitted:—

K. J. Brangan, Esq., A.C.A.,

Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
A Chara,

St. Anthony's,
14 Kennelsfort Road,
Palmerstown, Co. Dublin.
30th January, 1952.

Your letter of 4th January, 1952, was considered at a meeting of Rathdown 2 O.A.P. Sub-Committee held on 25th instant. It was decided to inform you that Mr. Murray, Optician, Main St., Bray, was recommended for appointment to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. J. J. Hickey.

It had been decided to rescind the recommendation of Major Dobbs and Mr. H. Miller.

Mise, le meas,

DENIS J. MCGINN,
Clerk to Sub-Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Ed. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr. Murray, Optician, Main St., Bray, as member of Rathdown No. 2 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. J. J. Hickey, and we hereby rescind our resolution passed at the meeting held on 9th April, 1951, appointing Major Dobbs, Kilgarron, Enniskerry, and Mr. H. Miller, Weston, Enniskerry, as members of the Sub-Committee.

Item No. 8—Fire Station and Stores at Bray.

The plans prepared by the Council's Architect for the new Fire Station and Stores at Bray, were submitted for examination by the members. The total estimated cost of the building was £3,000, and it was proposed to apportion the cost as follows:—3/5ths to Wicklow County Council in respect of the Fire Station, £1,800; 2/5ths to Bray Urban District Council in respect of the Stores, £1,200.

Councillor P. N. Murdoch asked that he be recorded as objecting to the provision of the tower, which he considered would be unsightly.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we approve of the plans for the new Fire Station and Stores at Bray, as submitted to this meeting.

Passed.

Item No. 9—Fire Brigades Act, 1940—Precautions Against Fire in Cinemas.

The following letter from the Chief Fire Officer was submitted:—
10th January, 1952.

Fire Brigades Act, 1940.

Dear Sir,

I would like to refer you to Circular No. 136/49, dated 16th May, 1949, issued by the Department of Local Government to each local authority re precautions against fire in places of public resort. In this circular the Minister for Local Government recommended local authorities to make bye-laws under Sections 7 and 8 of the Fire Brigades Act, 1940, and stated that the existing bye-laws of the Dublin Corporation might be used as a guide.

In my opinion, it would be advisable for each local authority to adopt some or all of the Dublin Corporation bye-laws relating to cinemas, and I enclose herewith certain recommendations which I would like your Council to consider, especially those dealing with the provision of safety lighting.

I might mention that most of the points on my attached list have already been complied with by some cinema owners.

If you wish me to attend any meeting in order to discuss the points raised, please let me know.

Yours faithfully,

H. R. H. SHARPE,
County Fire Officer.

To: Sesecretary, Wicklow Co. Council.

The list enclosed with the Chief Fire Officer's letter related to the following matters:—(1) construction of exit doors; (2) arrangement of seating; (3) obstruction of gangways and standing; (4) fire appliances; (5) smoking; (6) inflammable articles; (7) general construction of the enclosures; (8) storage of films; (9) re-wind room; (10) lighting; and (11) responsibility of the licensee.

The views of the Council's Solicitor in regard to the suggestion that the Council should adopt bye-laws had been obtained and were as follows:—

4, Church St.,
Wicklow.
6th February, 1952.

Fire Brigades Act, 1940.

Dear Sir,

We duly received yours of the 4th instant enclosing copy of the Circular from the Department of Local Government regarding the precautions against fire in places of public resort, and we note the suggestion contained therein that Local Authorities should consider some of all of the Dublin Corporation Bye-laws.

Sections 7 and 8 of the Fire Brigades Act, 1940, in our opinion give the Council adequate powers without the necessity of adopting bye-laws.

The difficulty about adopting bye-laws is that they have to be enforced rigidly in all cases and take away to a great extent the discretionary powers of the Council.

Sections 7 and 8 above referred to give the Council all the powers they need and provide that in the case of a building a sanitary authority may serve on the proprietor a notice requiring him to refrain from using the building or any part thereof until such requirements of the Council have been complied with.

Should the proprietor fail to comply with the fire precautions notice, he may be summoned in the District Court, and the fines provided are £50 and £5 per day while the Council's notices have not been complied with.

We would also like to mention that the word "building" is defined in the Section as a building, structure, or erection "whether permanent or not," of any kind or of any materials.

This, of course, means that it applies to every type of structure.

It is also to be observed that the Dublin Corporation bye-laws were drafted and adopted prior to the Fire Brigades Act.

Yours faithfully,

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

J. H. MCCARROL & Co.

The Council decided to defer the matter to the next meeting for the attendance of the Chief Fire Officer.

Item No. 10—Cinematograph Licence.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. Edward Bradley, Baltinglass, for the renewal of Cinematograph Licence for the Cinema at Baltinglass. The Licence had been renewed in the previous year subject to the applicant complying with the recommendations of the Chief Fire Officer for the provision of a new exit direct to the street from the projection box, and the blocking off with a 6" concrete wall of the entrance from the projection box

to the adjoining dwellinghouse. The Chief Fire Officer had now reported that no effort had been made by the owner to carry out these requirements, and that under present conditions the cinema constituted a grave danger to the adjacent dwellinghouses. He strongly opposed the issue of a licence until the requirements had been complied with.

Councillor G. Timmins stated that Mr. Bradley had now constructed the separate exits required by the Chief Fire Officer and was arranging to construct the wall to cut off the projection box from the dwellinghouse.

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe.

Resolved—That having considered the recommendation of the Chief Fire Officer, and as we are now informed that Mr. Bradley is carrying out the requirements of the Chief Fire Officer, we allow the application of Mr. Edward Bradley for the renewal of Cinematograph licence for the Cinema at Baltinglass.

Passed.

Item No. 11—Age Limit Order for Rate and Rent Collectors.

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

Custom House,
Dublin.

EL.227/26/1.

A Chara,

17th January, 1952.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 12th ultimo enclosing a copy of a resolution passed by the County Council in connection with the Age Limit Order for Rate and Rent Collectors made by him on 1st November, 1951, and to state that the Minister is not in a position to permit exceptions from the Order on the lines indicated in the Council's resolution.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. BARRINGTON.

Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.

Having regard to the application received from Rate Collector Wm. P. Murphy for the alteration of No. 8 Collection District and the assignment to him of portion of the District, the Council decided to adjourn to the meeting to be held on 25th Feb., 1952, further consideration of the alteration of the District, and of the arrangements for the filling of the vacancy which would arise upon the retirement of Collector P. Mulligan.

Item No. 12—Application from Rate Collector for Transfer to No. 8 District.

The Council decided to adjourn this application for consideration at the meeting to be held on 25th February, 1952.

The County Secretary stated that an application had also been handed in that day from Collector Edward Lynch for a transfer from his District.

The Council decided to deal with this matter at the meeting to be held on 25th February, 1952.

Item No. 13—Report of Meeting of Housing Committee held on 4th February, 1952.

The following report of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 4th February, 1952, had been circulated to the members:—

The meeting of the Housing Committee of Wicklow Co. Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 4th February, 1952, 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.; J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, H. J. Byrne, L. O. Laoighleis, Wm. Cleary, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. O. Broin, J. Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. Brennan.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, was present.
The County Engineer, Chief Assistant Co. Engineer and Assistant Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley and P. O'Keeffe attended.

Date of Estimates Meeting.

The Chairman stated that the statutory date for the Estimates Meeting was 16th February, which in this year would fall on Saturday. The Committee agreed that Saturday would not be a convenient date for the examination of the Estimates, and it was decided that the following members would attend the Meeting on Saturday, 16th February, and that the Meeting would be adjourned to Tuesday, 19th Feb., 1952: Councillors P. Ledwidge, Chairman Miss E. F. Bobbett, M. Brennan, C. M. O Broin, J. Everett, T.D.; C. W. Hudson, J. Jacob and W. Lawless.

Progress Report.

The Committee noted the attached report of the Co. Engineer in regard to the progress of the Housing Scheme during the month of January, 1952.

The Co. Engineer, in reply to inquiries, stated that the houses at present under construction at Killarney Road, near Bray, would be completed in from six to seven months.

Having considered report, dated 28th January, 1952, from Assistant Engineer P. J. Foley in regard to cottages to be erected by Contract, and the Assistant Engineer's statement that due to difficulties arising from Electricity Supply lines crossing the site, the Council had not been able to allow the Contractor, Thomas Kirwan, to enter on a site at Dunlavin, the Committee directed that the opinion of the Council's Law Agent be obtained in regard to the Contract, and that certain of the cottages be re-advertised.

Proposed Housing Scheme at Newtownmountkennedy.

The County Secretary stated that in response to public advertisement, only four applications had been received for the tenancy of the proposed new houses at O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy. The County Secretary submitted letter, dated 28th January, 1952, signed by 22 persons, stating that they were applicants for cottages in the Newtownmountkennedy area, and that they attended the Inquiry held at Newtownmountkennedy in 1948 to consider the housing position at that time. It was stated in the letter that the houses at present contemplated by the Council were far above the means of the average applicant, and that the 1948 Inquiry was held to consider men applying who were of agricultural status and others of such wage category.

It was the opinion of the Committee that persons applying for housing accommodation in Newtownmountkennedy would not be in a position to pay the minimum rent, which the Council would require having regard to the estimated cost of the construction of the houses.

The County Manager stated that the Department of Local Government required that houses built in towns or villages should be provided with water and sewerage systems, and that in order to provide these amenities, it was necessary to erect a larger house than had been provided by the Council in rural areas.

The Committee recommended that their views be conveyed to the Department of Local Government, and that the Dept. be requested to agree to the erection in Newtownmountkennedy of houses similar to those at present being erected in rural areas.

Rent of Cottages Provided Under 1946 Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that the present building costs, as estimated by the County Engineer, were £900 for non-serviced cottage, and £985 for serviced cottage. Allowing for the cost of land and administration, the estimated total cost per cottage would be £950 where services were not provided, and £1,035 where cottages were provided with water and sewerage systems and electric lighting. The

economic rent of an unserviced cottage based on the all-in cost of £950 was approximately 16/6 per week. This rent was made up as follows:—

State Subsidy under 1932 Act	2/5 per week
Transition Development Fund Grant	4/1 per week
Subsidy from Rates	1/- per week
Minimum Rent to be met by tenant	9/- per week

In the case of a fully serviced cottage, the minimum rent which would require to be charged would be approximately 9/3 per week. The present minimum rent charged by the Council in respect of houses provided under the 1946 Scheme was 4/- per week for unserviced cottages and 4/9 for serviced cottages. The graded rents scheme was applied to all new lettings. The County Manager suggested that the Council should give careful consideration to the revision of the minimum rent to be charged for cottages erected under the Scheme. He stated that it had been the practice in the past to regard one-sixth of the person's income as being available to meet the rent of a house, and on this basis a rent of 9/- per week would not be unreasonable having regard to present levels of wages. The Co. Manager added that the rents charged in Co. Wicklow were less than that charged in many other counties. Members of the Committee suggested that the Graded Rents Scheme should be applied as soon as possible to all existing cottages and that the Cottage Purchase Scheme be put in operation. In regard to the preparation of a new Cottage Purchase Scheme, the Co. Manager pointed out that the Council was still not in a position to indicate to tenants wishing to purchase their cottages the details of the Title which they would acquire. He suggested that Counsel's opinion might be obtained in regard to the matter.

Reserved Stocks of Materials.

The County Manager submitted details of the report of the Store-keeper dated 4th February, 1952, in regard to the Housing Materials in stock at the 31st January, 1952. The Committee noted with approval that the present value of materials in stock was substantially in excess of the price paid. The County Manager indicated that these reserve stocks would now be used on the construction of houses and would assist in avoiding increases in cost of construction of cottages. The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary for the Council to authorise overdraft accommodation on the Capital Account to defray the cost of purchasing reserved stocks pending the utilisation of the stocks in the construction of houses.

Grants Under Section 7, Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, in Respect of Erection of New Houses.

The Committee decided to defer to the Estimates Meeting an application for payment of a grant under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, in respect of the erection of a new house.

Application for Grant Under Section 8 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, in Respect of Repairs to a House.

The Committee deferred for consideration at the Estimates Meeting an application for a grant from the Council in respect of the reconstruction of a house.

Rent Collection—Reports of Collections in Nos. 7 and 11 Districts.

Having considered report of the Chief Officer in regard to the deterioration in the state of the collection in Nos. 7 and 11 districts, the Committee agreed that the County Manager would have no option but to suspend the collector concerned if the collection had not been substantially improved before the 31st March, 1952.

Applications for Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The Committee recommended that approval be given to the transfer of Mr. Hugh Behan's holding at Rathnew to Mr. Wm. Sutton subject to the existing Loan.

Cottage Repairs.

(a) The Committee deferred consideration of an application from a tenant at Lugduff for payment of an account of £5 1s. 6d. for the installation of a grate pending the receipt of further information.

(b) The Committee approved of the recommendation of the Assistant Engineer that a payment of £1 10s. 0d. be made to a tenant at Upper Templeraine, Delgany, in respect of repairs carried out to his cottage.

(c) Having considered report of Assistant Engineer dated 30th November, 1951, the Committee recommended that a fence be provided between a Council plot and an adjoining cottage which is to be demolished at an estimated cost of £4.

(d) The Committee noted that tenant of cottage No. 152 at Ballymanogue was not agreeable to have a range installed and to contribute to the cost.

(e) Having considered report of Assistant County Engineer dated 11th December, 1951, the Committee decided to defer an application for repairs to an outoffice, of a cottage at Hollywood.

The Committee noted the list of cottages repaired during the month of January, 1952.

Authorisation of Repairs to Cottages.

The Committee authorised the carrying out of repairs to cottages in accordance with list submitted by the County Engineer.

Application for Purchase of Portion of Cottage Plot for Erection of New House.

The County Manager stated that an application had been received for the purchase or leasing of part of a cottage plot at Blacklion for the purpose of erecting thereon a new house. The Council's Architect had inspected the plot and reported that it was situated opposite Blacklion Church on the Blacklion-Delgany road, and had an area of approximately half an acre. The site was level and easily served with sewerage and water. The site occupied a corner which was scheduled for easement, but even allowing for the proposed road improvement there would still be sufficient space on which to place a small bungalow of 900 sq. ft. to 1,000 sq. ft., with garden and outoffice. The Council's Architect pointed out that since this was a corner and scheduled for road improvement, the actual house and access to same would have to be carefully placed. The Committee recommended that the site be leased to the applicant for a ground rent of £10 per annum.

The Committee considered application from tenant at Ballynulta for connection with the water main and report of Assist. Co. Engineer stating that the cost would be about £50. The Committee recommended that the tenant be asked if he was prepared to pay a suitably increased rent to offset the cost of the connection.

In regard to the application of a tenant at Coollatin Row, Carnew, for the connection of her house to the water and sewerage system, the Committee recommended that enquiries be made from tenants of other cottages in the district as to whether they also would require connections.

Application for Fencing of Allotment.

Having considered report of Assistant Engineer dated 21st Dec., 1951, in regard to the application of tenant of allotment for the supply of sheep mesh wire, the Committee refused the application.

Fencing of Cottage Plot.—Having considered report of Assistant County Engineer dated 16th January, 1952, in regard to the condition of a fence of a cottage plot at Tombrean, Carnew, the Committee agreed that the provision of a stronger fence was a matter for the landowner.

Provision of Range in Cottage at Rathnew.—With reference to proposal to provide range for a cottage No. 153 at Rathnew, the Clerk of Works reported that the damage to the range was not due to any

neglect on the part of the present tenant. He also pointed out that the range in its present condition was useless and was completely burned out. The Committee noted the report and agreed to the provision of the range.

Report re Cottage at Drummin, Annamoe.—The Committee referred to the local Housing Committee for investigation the report of the Clerk of Works dated 30th January, 1952, in regard to his inspection of cottage at Drummin, Annamoe, from which the new range had been removed.

Retirement of Rent Collector.

The Committee recommended that Collector Dunne be allowed to continue in office as Rent Collector to 1st May, 1952.

Grants for Works under Local Authorities (Works) Act.

The Committee considered as a matter of urgency representations from members in regard to the amount of unemployment particularly in the Shillelagh Rural District. The Committee appointed a deputation consisting of the Chairman, Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., and Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea to attend with the County Manager on the Minister for Local Government with a view to seeking extra grants for the purpose of carrying out additional works under the Local Authorities (Works) Act.

Tenders for Central Heating and Electrical Installations for Extensions to County Fever Hospital, Wicklow.

The following tenders received within the prescribed time were opened in the presence of the Committee:—

CENTRAL HEATING INSTALLATION.

Name and Address of Tenderer.	Amount of Tender. £ s d
Messrs. F. K. M., Ltd., Charlemont Bridge, Dublin	4,439 15 0
Messrs. Hanratty, Bros., 84, Palmerstown Road, Rathmines, Dublin	5,176 4 6

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.

Messrs. Smiths, Church St., Wicklow	822 8 9
Messrs. Lyons & Ryder, 39, Lr. Drumcondra Rd., Dublin	1,220 0 0
Electricity Supply Board, 37, Merrion Sq., Dublin	1,095 0 0
Messrs. Breen, Electrical Co., Ltd., 16 Dame St., Dublin	999 10 0
Messrs. Patk. Lynch, Ltd., 2, Burgh Quay, Dublin	1,025 4 6
Messrs. Doherty, Ltd., 19, Herbert Place, Dublin	998 4 8

The County Manager informed the Committee that the tenders would be transmitted to the Consulting Engineer and the Council's Architect for examination and for their report.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That we approve of the report of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 4th February, 1952, with the inclusion therein of the record of the opening of tenders received for Electrical Installations and Central Heating at the Co. Fever Hospital, Wicklow.

Passed.

Councillor J. O'Neill handed in letter from Mr. Patk. Redmond, Lugduff, Tinahely, applying for the provision of a range in his cottage. The Council approved of the recommendation of the Assistant Engineer, that if the grate installed by Mr. Redmond in the cottage were removed, a range would be installed by the Council.

Erection of Cottages in West Wicklow.

On the suggestion of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the Council agreed that cottages in West Wicklow, in respect of the erection of which tenders had been accepted, but contracts not completed, should be commenced by Direct Labour.

Public Lighting, Aughrim.

The County Engineer was asked to investigate the complaint that lights were being erected by the Electricity Supply Board in Aughrim, at points other than those agreed to by the Council.

Item No. 14—Overdraft on Capital Account.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor P. Murdoch;

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 Capital Account as may be required for the purpose of defraying the cost of reserved stocks of building materials, and we hereby direct that the maximum for the quarter ending 31st March, 1952, shall not exceed £60,000.

Item No. 15—Cottage Purchase Scheme.

The Council decided to adjourn this matter to the Special Meeting to be held on 25th February, 1952.

The Council agreed that Counsel's opinion be obtained in regard to the rights acquired by tenants on vesting their cottages, and asked that a reminder be addressed to the Department of Local Government in regard to the Council's resolution asking that certain provisions of the Labourers Act, 1936, in relation to Cottage Purchase Schemes, be amended.

The Council asked that the total cost of repairing the cottages prior to vesting be submitted to the next meeting, together with list of all applications received.

The Council also agreed that the question of any adjustment which might be made in the remuneration of Rent Collectors consequent on the operation of the Cottage Purchase Scheme, would also be considered at the Special Meeting.

Item No. 16—Application from Rathnew Tenants' Association for the Reception of a Deputation.

The County Secretary stated that in letter dated 1st February, 1952, an application had been made by Rathnew Tenants' Association for the reception of a deputation by the Council.

Proposed by Councillor J. Jacob;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. McCrea;

Resolved—That a deputation consisting of three members of the Committee of the Rathnew Tenants' Association be received by the Council at the meeting to be held on 10th March, 1952.

Passed.

Item No. 17—Dispensary at Kilcoole.

The plan of the Dispensary proposed to be provided at Kilcoole was submitted for inspection by the members.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we approve of the plans of the new Dispensary at Kilcoole, as submitted to this meeting.

Passed.

Item No. 18—Proposed Provision of Dispensary Residence in Coollattin Dispensary District.

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

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Custom House,

Dublin.

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A Chara,

The Minister for Health has asked me to refer to your letter of the 9th January, 1952, regarding the purchase of a house in the Main St., Carnew for use as a Dispensary residence for the Medical Officer of Coollattin Dispensary District. I am to state that a Medical In-

spector from this Department has inspected the premises and reported that they were not suitable for the purpose. Furthermore, he stated that in the existing dispensary district, Shillelagh appeared a more suitable and a more central place for the Medical Officer's residence. In this connection, I am to ask you to furnish a map of the dispensary district showing location of present dispensaries and roads, and the population figures of each townland in the dispensary district.

I am also to request the County Manager's observations on this matter.

Mise, le meas,

S. O DONNABAN.

Secretary.

Wicklow Co. Council.

The following letter, received from Miss M. A. Geraty, was submitted:—

Carnew,

Co. Wicklow.

2nd February, 1952.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 10th ulto. to Mr. P. J. O'Loughlin, Auctioneer, with further offer of £2,750, for my freehold property, comprising—residence, yard, buildings, garden, haggard and other buildings, I do not consider this price sufficient for all I am offering. In order to meet the Board, I would be prepared to accept a sum of £3,000, and I shall pay the Auctioneer his fee. As an alternative, I could offer the Board residence, yard, garage and other buildings and garden, permanently closing up entrance to haggard, for the sum of £2,750, also exclusive of Auctioneer's fee.

Trusting these offers will meet with approval of your Board.

Yours faithfully,

MARY A GERATY.

The County Manager pointed out that dispensary residences were required also in other areas, for example, Newtownmountkennedy. The Dispensary Medical Officer in the Newtown District had been unable to obtain a house in the area, and he had authorised his residing at Delgany temporarily.

Members of the Council indicated that they were not satisfied with the terms of the Department's letter, and the Council agreed that the Minister be asked to receive a deputation in connection with the matter. The following members were appointed to act on the deputation: Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman; Councillors T. Brennan, T.D., Senator J. J. McCrea and W. Hammond.

Item No. 19—Report of Visiting Committee on Inspection of St. Colman's Hospital.

The Council approved of the following report of the inspection of the Visiting Committee of St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum:

REPORT OF INSPECTION BY VISITING COMMITTEE OF ST. COLMAN'S HOSPITAL, RATHDRUM.

The Visiting Committee appointed by the Council carried out an inspection of St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, on Monday, 21st Jan., 1952. The following members attended: Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman; Councillors T. Brennan, T.D., Miss E. F. Bobbett, H. J. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., W. Hammond, C. W. Hudson, W. Lawless, P. McCarthy and Senator J. J. McCrea.

Mr. M. Flannery, Co. Manager, the Co. Engineer, Co. Secretary, Mr. P. O'Brien, Architect, and Mr. T. Byrne, Chief Officer, were present.

The Committee inspected the Institution, particularly the kitchen and also inspected the old Fever Hospital buildings and the grounds. The Council's Architect explained the improvements proposed in relation to the kitchen and scullery for the purpose of improving the service of meals. The Co. Engineer pointed out the difficulties which

would have to be overcome to remedy the present defects in the vertical and horizontal circulation in the buildings. It would be difficult to overcome the problem presented by the existing stone stairs, which are steep and narrow with winders.

The Committee considered the possibility of adapting the old Feyer Hospital for use as accommodation for nurses, in order to make extra accommodation available in the main building for patients. The proposal to utilise the present Catholic Chapel as a ward and to provide a new Catholic Chapel in its place, was also considered.

During the inspection of the grounds of the Institution, the Co. Manager explained the proposals for planting fruit trees, and producing vegetables for the Institution. In this connection the Committee also considered a proposal that a small tractor be provided.

The Committee approved of the proposed improvements to the kitchen quarters, as the first stage of the general scheme of improvements to the Institution. The Committee noted that the County Engineer would prepare and submit to the Council a detailed scheme in respect of further improvements as suggested in the White Paper in connection with County Homes issued by the Dept. of Health.

The Committee were generally of opinion that it would not prove economical to restore and alter the old Feyer Hospital premises. It was agreed, however, that the Council's Engineering Staff would investigate this possibility.

The Committee approved of a new boiler being purchased for the piggery, but deferred the proposal to purchase a tractor.

Site for Sanitary Convenience at Rathdrum.

The members of the Committee also considered the selection of a site for a sanitary convenience at Rathdrum. The majority of the Committee were of opinion that a sanitary convenience, if provided, should be sited convenient to the bus stop at Market Square. It was noted, however, that no suitable site was at present available. The Committee agreed that the County Engineer submit an estimate of the cost of providing a urinal on the Fair Green.

Item No. 20—Reconstruction and Improvement of County Homes.

The County Manager stated that a lengthy circular had been received from the Department of Health in regard to the reconstruction and improvement of County Homes, in which it was indicated that the first aim was to remove to special homes, or suitable institutions, unmarried mothers and children, mental defectives, blind, deaf and dumb, etc., so that ultimately the County Homes would accommodate only the aged and infirm and the chronic sick. It was indicated also in the Department's circular that the Minister would not be prepared to approve of financial assistance in respect of individual items of improvement in advance of the submission of comprehensive proposals.

The County Manager stated that copies of the circular would be furnished to each member of the Council.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter for consideration at the next meeting.

Item No. 21—St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum—Report re Staffing.

The County Secretary submitted particulars of additional nursing staff and domestic staff which it had been necessary to employ at St. Colman's Hospital. Four additional nurses had been employed, but it had been pointed out by the Medical Officer that even with the present medical staff, it had not been found possible to implement fully the 96-hour fortnight for nurses.

Due to the reduction in the number of unmarried mothers in St. Colman's Hospital, who had formerly assisted in domestic duties, it had been necessary to employ five on the domestic staff and two additional girls for work in the laundry. An additional male attendant

had also been employed on the recommendation of the Matron and Medical Officer.

The Council noted the reasons for the employment of additional staff.

Item No. 22—Reservation of Beds at Loughlinstown Hospital.

The Council noted the following report of the meeting of representatives of the Council with representatives of the Rathdown Board of Assistance in regard to the reservation of beds at Loughlinstown Hospital for patients from County Wicklow.

The Chairman and Members,
Wicklow Co. Council.

Courthouse,
Wicklow.

31st January, 1952.

Re: Accommodation for Patients from County Wicklow in St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown.

As arranged, members of Wicklow County Council and the Co. Manager and Co. Medical Officer met representatives of the Rathdown Board of Assistance at St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown, on Monday, 28th January, 1952, for the purpose of discussing the provision of beds in that Institution with a view to meeting the hospital requirements of the Bray, Delgany and Powerscourt Dispensary Districts of County Wicklow.

The Chairman of the Rathdown Board of Assistance (Mrs. Mulvey) and Councillors Clare, Cullen, Douge and the Assistant City and Co. Manager represented the Rathdown Board of Assistance.

The reasons for seeking a special allocation of beds in the Institution for patients from north-east Wicklow were fully outlined to the representatives of the Rathdown Board of Assistance by the Chairman of Wicklow Co. Council (Mr. P. Ledwidge) and Councillor H. J. Byrne. The deputation representing Wicklow Co. Council was shown over the Hospital and details were given of the reconstruction which is being carried out. It was evident that the works undertaken in recent years have transformed the Institution into a well designed hospital with modern facilities.

It was explained to the Wicklow Co. Council deputation that when some further works are completed, the normal bed complement of the Hospital would be brought up to 189 beds. The average number of beds at present maintained in the Institution is 160. The Operating Theatre and X-ray installation have yet to be finished and until this part of the work is completed major surgical work cannot be undertaken. It was pointed out that at present 50 beds are occupied by T.B. cases; this is in pursuance of a special arrangement with the Department of Health. It is expected, however, that when Ballyowen Sanatorium (outside Dublin) is completed it would be possible to transfer the T.B. cases to that Institution, and this would permit of medical and surgical cases being admitted to the hospital wing which is at present given over to T.B. accommodation.

It was stressed by the Medical Officer of the Hospital (Dr. W. J. Roche) and by representatives of the Rathdown Board of Assistance that chronic cases, e.g., old persons requiring prolonged courses of treatment, could not be admitted, from Co. Wicklow. The Wicklow Co. Council deputation explained that the special accommodation was being sought for the normal type of medical and surgical case which was sent from north-east Wicklow to Dublin Hospitals at present. The Wicklow County Medical Officer pointed out that an examination of the hospital records relating to patients from north-east Wicklow showed that the average period of treatment for the general medical or surgical case was 15 days and for maternity cases it was 10 days.

Pending the transfer elsewhere of the T.B. cases which at present occupy one wing of the Institution, the representatives of the Rathdown Board of Assistance stated that they would recommend to the Board that cases from north-east Wicklow be admitted whenever beds

were available. Until, however, this wing became available for general hospital cases, the Board felt that they could not enter into a definite commitment on the subject.

It was asked that in seeking accommodation for patients in north-east Wicklow, an Official Form of admission should be used and that admissions be arranged, for example, through the Dispensary Doctors in north-east Wicklow.

The Chairman of Wicklow County Council thanked the representatives of the Rathdown Board of Assistance for the courteous manner in which the deputation had been received and the co-operative manner in which the matter had been discussed.

M. FLANNERY,
County Manager.

Item No. 23—Extensions to Baltinglass District Hospital.

The County Secretary stated that he had received, that morning, the report of the Consultant Engineers in regard to the Tenders received for the Heating Installations, Water Services Installations, and Electrical Installations for the extensions to Baltinglass District Hospital. The views of the Council's Architect in regard to the report of the Consultant Engineers had not yet been obtained. The lowest tender received for the Heating Installations, was £4,507 17s. 6d. from Messrs. F. K. M., Ltd. For the Water Services Installations the lowest tender was from Mr. H. A. O'Neill, at £5,002 4s. 9d. In regard to the Electrical Installations, the Consultant Engineers stated that there were some inconsistencies in the two lowest tenders submitted, and that they were endeavouring to have these corrected, but the matter had not been finally settled.

The Council noted that a further report in regard to the tenders would be submitted to the next meeting.

Item No. 24—Extensions to Wicklow Fever Hospital.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Architect had not yet submitted his report in regard to the tenders received for the building work.

In regard to the Mechanical Services, and Electrical Installations, the following letter from the Consultant Engineer was submitted:—

Co. Secretary, 21 Leeson Park, Dublin.
Courthouse, Wicklow. 8th February, 1952.

Wicklow Fever Hospital—Mechanical Services and Electrical Installations—Contract Tenders.

Further to telephone discussions concerning above, I am of opinion that the Council should seek renewed Tenders for the Mechanical Services Contract inasmuch as:—

- (1) Two tenders were received in time and examined, whereas it is the accepted custom for Government or Public Authority work that wherever possible, at least 3 competitive tenders should be obtained.
- (2) I consider that the prices received are somewhat high and if other tenders are obtained there is a good prospect of the Council saving several hundred pounds—perhaps £300 to £500.

As regards the Electrical Installation, I am examining the tenders received, and shall submit report and recommendations in the course of the coming week.

Signed—J. C. COSTELLO.

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;
Seconded by Councillor J. Jacob.

Resolved—That having considered report of Consulting Engineer dated 8th February, 1952, we approve of the seeking of new Tenders for the Mechanical Services for the extensions to the Wicklow County Fever Hospital.

Passed.

Item No. 25—National Mass Radiography Service.

The Council noted the following letter from the Dept. of Health:—
Department of Health,

D.114/9.
A Chara, Custom House, Dublin.
23rd January, 1952.

I am directed by the Minister for Health to refer to this Department's Circular Letter D.114/9 of 20th July, 1951, and previous correspondence regarding An Comhlachas Naisiunta Radiografachtha Teoranta (The National Mass Radiography Association, Ltd.) which has been formed for the purpose of organising and administering a national mass radiography service.

Considerable progress has been made in the development of the service since the Association commenced operations in May, 1951. The Association's intention was that their mobile units would visit the areas of each of the participating health authorities during the first year of operations for the purpose of carrying out initial X-ray surveys preparatory to the carrying out of intensive surveys in these areas during subsequent years. Initial visits have already been made to most areas and the remaining areas will be visited by the Association's units during the next few months. Already nearly 32,000 persons have availed of the service, a result which must be regarded as satisfactory having regard to the considerable amount of preliminary organisation necessary, centrally and locally.

Of the five X-ray sets of the Schonander type acquired by the Association three are already at work on mobile surveys, ordinary motor vans owned by the Association being used to transport them to the various centres. The remaining two sets will, in the near future, be installed in specially designed motor vans for use in remote areas where it will be necessary to X-ray persons in the vans themselves.

The Association proposes to expand considerably its activities during the year commencing on the 1st April, 1952, and, with five mobile units then in use, the number of persons to whom the new service will be available will be considerably greater than in the current year. There is no need to emphasise the importance of the work of the Association in the matter of the early diagnosis of pulmonary tuberculosis in particular, and the Minister feels sure that health authorities will afford every possible co-operation to the staff of the Association in the carrying out of the surveys.

The Association estimates that its expenditure for the year ending the 31st March, 1952, will amount to £24,000. This amount has been apportioned, as indicated in the appended schedule, amongst the participating health authorities on the basis of the rateable valuations of their functional areas. It will be observed that the contribution payable by your health authority is £643 and you are requested to arrange that, not later than 31st March next, a payable order for this sum, in favour of An Comhlachas Naisiunta Slus-Radiografachtha Teoranta, to be sent to the Secretary of the Association at 37-39 Tara Street, Dublin.

Contributions by health authorities to the national mass radiography service as will rank as approved health expenditure for the purpose of recoupment from the Health Services Grant.

Mise, le meas,

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Runal.

SCHEDULE.
NATIONAL MASS RADIOGRAPHY ASSOCIATION, LTD.

Health Authority	Rateable Valuation	Amount re- quired to nearest £
Co. Councils or Corporation	(to nearest £)	£
Carlow	175,398	352.
Cavan	286,529	576.
Clare	350,503	704.
Cork Corporation	259,713	522.
Donegal	349,179	702.
Dublin County	812,676	1633
Dublin Corporation	2522,946	5070
Galway	568,121	1142
Kerry	346,788	697
Kildare	333,175	670
Kilkenny	372,862	749.
Laoighis	253,143	509
Leitrim	145,714	293.
Limerick County	477,375	959
Limerick Corporation	151,160	304.
Longford	158,259	318.
Louth	292,754	588
Mayo	375,690	755
Meath	567,164	1140
Monaghan	278,874	560
Offaly	259,404	521
Roscommon	313,493	630
Sligo	234,549	471.
Tipperary North	290,537	584
Tipperary South	421,252	847
Waterford	283,775	570
Westmeath	328,734	661
Wexford	413,096	830
Wicklow	320,103	643.
Totals	£11,942,966	24,000

The County Secretary stated that it was understood that a Mass Radiography Unit would visit Wicklow within the next few months.

Item No. 26—Coolboy Water Supply Scheme.

The Council noted the following letter received from the Department of Local Government.

L.5007/2/51. Custom House, Dublin.

A Chara, 30th January, 1952.

With reference to previous correspondence relative to the proposed water supply scheme for Coolboy-Coolfancy, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that, subject to the incorporation of the amendments covering the following points in the contract documents submitted, no objection will be raised to the invitation of tenders for the Scheme, provided arrangements have been made for the acquisition by agreement of any lands required:—

- (1) A copy of the approved Price Variation Clause to be included.
- (2) The hydrants proposed at chainages, 5630, 7300 and 9990 appear to serve little purpose, and it is suggested that they be altered to chainages 6200 and 10,200, the hydrant at 7300 to be omitted and transferred to Point N in the village. The fountain at chainage in 11250 to be omitted.
- (3) Provision for the restoration of all public roads and any way-leaves to be included in the Bill of Quantities.

(4) Cowl ventilators and rose piece to be listed in the quantities for the service tank.

Copies of the revised documents should be submitted to the Department as soon as possible for record purposes and an early indication should be given of the position with regard to the acquisition of any lands required for the purposes of the Scheme.

Secretary, Mise, le meas, N. de Paor.

Wicklow County Council.
In regard to the acquisition of lands required in connection with the Scheme, the Council's Engineer stated that the land upon which the source was located was situate in County Wexford, and that the owner was agreeable to give the supply, provided a connection from the supply was given to him.

The County Manager pointed out that it was not desirable to obtain the supply on the lines suggested, and that it would be preferable to pay a sum in compensation to the owner of the land, and charge him in respect of any water supplied to him subsequently.

In view of the representations made by the members the County Manager agreed that in the circumstances, the arrangement proposed by the Council's Engineer might be followed.

Item No. 27—Pumps and Wells.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we hereby undertake that the instalments in repayment of the loan now proposed, as well as of any existing loan be punctually remitted at the date on which they become due, viz., 1st May and 1st November in each year.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

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 for Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £9,850 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1948.

Passed.

In reply to inquiries from members, Assistant Engineer P. J. Foley stated that one of the Council's Well Boring Plants was at present out of order.

The Council asked that a full report in regard to the pumps and wells provided with the use of the Council's plant be submitted to the next meeting.

Item No. 28—Provision of water and sewerage systems for houses at Newtownmountkennedy and Kilpedder.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer estimated the cost of providing sewerage and water main extensions to cottages at Kilpedder and Newtownmountkennedy as follows:—

Kilpedder—13 houses:—	Sewerage	..	£2,200
	Water	..	£550
	Total	..	£2,750

Newtownmountkennedy—17 houses:—	Sewerage	..	£2,048
	Water	..	£535
	Total	..	£2,583

Four houses at Newtownmountkennedy—Water and Sewerage: £250
The Council asked that the matter of providing these services be examined, and a report submitted as to the contribution which would

be required from the tenants in respect of the provision of these services.
Item No. 29—Public Lighting at Enniskerry.

The County Secretary stated that the Electricity Supply Board had submitted an estimate, dated 21st January, 1952, for the provision of a public lamp near the steps at the Protestant Church at Enniskerry. The E.S.B. stated that the provision of this lamp would necessitate the erection of a new net work extension, costing £42. The cost of lighting the lamp from half an hour after sunset to midnight, would be £5 2s. 11d. per annum.

The Council asked that inquiry be sent to the E.S.B. as to the items covered by the estimate of £42. The Council asked also that the views of the Rector of the Church be obtained as to the possibility of arranging for the lighting of the steps by an alternative system of lighting at a lower cost.

Item No. 30—Complaints re cattle fairs at Blessington.

The following letter, received from Messrs. Hugh J. O'Hagan Ward and Co., Solicitors, was submitted:—

“Seecol House,”
 62 Dawson St., Dublin.

Dear Sir,

We act for Mr. Richard M. Chambers of Downshire House, Blessington, Co. Wicklow. Our client has instructed us to write to you and make a strong complaint in connection with the cattle fairs which are held in the town of Blessington on the 13th of each month.

The complaint is that cattle, and the vendors and purchasers thereof, congregate outside his house and cause damage to the railings thereof. In addition, the path outside his premises is left exceedingly dirty, and he has been forced, time and again, to repaint and repair the railings outside of his house and to board up the front doorway and the side entrance to his house in order to prevent the cattle trespassing on his premises.

Under the circumstances, we should be glad if you would ensure that in the future these fairs are held in a different position in the town, away from our client's premises, so that the nuisance being caused to him can be abated.

We should be glad to hear from you hereon by return of post.

Secretary,

Wicklow Co. Council,
 Courthouse, Wicklow.

Yours faithfully,

Hugh J. O'Hagan and Co.

The Council noted that the matter referred to was not one for the Council. It was pointed out by members that traders in towns considered it a benefit to have the fairs held in the Main Street.

Item No. 31—Control of Dogs.

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

Ref. 8/26/26.

25th January, 1952.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that quite a number of reports has reached this Department during the past year from various parts of the country about damage done to sheep by dogs especially during the lambing season. Not only does such damage cause direct loss, sometimes substantial, to the sheep owners concerned, but the risk involved acts as a discouragement to sheep breeding and adversely affects the industry generally.

The Minister will be glad, therefore, if each local authority will consider measures for directing the attention of dog owners in its area to its regulations providing for the control of dogs between sunset and sunrise, and for the enforcement of the regulations as effectively as possible. In this connection it is suggested that the local authority should arrange for the insertion of an appropriate notice in local newspapers and for the display of suitable posters locally. The Departments

of Justice and Posts and Telegraphs have been consulted and have agreed to such posters being displayed at Garda Síochána Stations and Post Offices. Owing to the limited amount of space available for display purposes at such stations and offices the posters should not exceed 18" x 12" size.

Each local authority should also circulate full particulars of its present regulations to the Gardai in its area. Local Authorities might also at their meetings appeal through the Press to dog owners to exercise adequate control to ensure that their dogs do not worry sheep.

The Minister desires to impress on local authorities the necessity for the early adoption of the above arrangements so as to bring home to dog owners their obligations in this matter and to give every possible assistance to sheep owners during the present lambing season.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. C. Nagle,

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

Assistant Sec.

The Council noted that notices were inserted in the local newspapers, and suitable posters were displayed each year by the Council.

Item No. 31—E.S.B. Charges.

The Minutes of the E.S.B. Protest Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Arus na Cathrach, Limerick, on Saturday, 17th November, 1951, was submitted.

The Council adopted the resolution passed at the meeting calling on the Minister for Industry and Commerce to hold a Public Inquiry for the purpose of investigating the present scale of charges of the E.S.B.

Item No. 33—Blood Transfusion Service.

The following letter received from the Wicklow Branch of the Irish Red Cross Society was submitted:—

A Chara,

St. Enda's, Wicklow.

The headquarters of the Irish Red Cross Society has undertaken the organisation of volunteers for the blood transfusion service.

It is hardly necessary to stress the urgency and need for this great object. Lives depend upon it and no one hesitates to save a human life.

Fully aware of the self-sacrificing spirit of the people—all that is needed is to organise it. The demand for the service comes every moment of the day and without a blood bank ready at hand many a life would be lost. The demand exceeds the supply and it may be your nearest friend will be saved by your co-operation.

The Wicklow Red Cross Committee ask for your valuable assistance by seeking volunteers and sending the list to me. A public meeting to be addressed by Major McDonagh, Organising Secretary to the National Blood Transfusion Association will be held. You will be informed later of the date and place of the proposed meeting.

Mise, le meas.

N. Kehoe, Hon. sec.

The Council endorsed the appeal made by the Society for volunteers for the National Blood Transfusion Association.

Item No. 34—Olympiad Games.

The Council noted the application received from the Olympic Council of Ireland for a subscription to the funds of the Council for the purpose of financing the sending of an Irish Olympic team to the Olympiad Games at Helsinki, Finland.

The Council noted that there was no statutory authority for the making of such a subscription.

Item No. 35—Letter from County Councils' General Council re (a) rating systems, and (b) Health Inspectors.

The following letter received from the Co. Councils' General Council was submitted:—

National Bank Chambers,
1/2 Cavendish Row, Dublin,
14 Eanáir, 1952.

A Chara,

At the meeting of the County Councils General Council held in Dublin on 13th December last, I was directed to obtain the views of the affiliated Councils regarding two items that appeared on the Agenda, namely (a) the rating system, (b) Health Inspectors.

The motion read as follows:—

(a) **Rating System:** "That this Council having regard to the continuing upward trend of rates and the inability of many Co. Councils to provide the essential services incumbent on local authorities without exceeding the ability of ratepayers to pay rates on the existing present system of rating on the basis of the Poor Law Valuation should be abandoned, and, with this end in view, request the Minister for Local Government to examine the possibilities of a system to provide for an equal basis rate in every county and arrangements for grants from Central Fund to each County Council, having regard to the need of each County for such grants, thereby ensuring equality and standardisation of services in each County."

(b) **Health Inspectors:** "That the views of the Councils be obtained on the appointment of additional Health Inspectors in connection with the Food Hygiene Regulations."

Accordingly, I should be grateful if you would have these matters brought before the next meeting of your Council, and if you would kindly inform me of the decision come to or the views expressed in each case.

Mise, le meas,

Enri MacDaibheid, Runai.

The Council considered that the principal objection to the present rating system arose from the increase in valuation of premises consequent on the carrying out of improvements or extensions. The Council regarded such increases as being in effect a tax on enterprise. The Council also considered a suggestion by some members that a system of assessment on site values might be substituted for the present valuation system, but noted that such system would only be effective in large urban areas where there was a great demand for land. It was considered unlikely that the system of assessment of site values would be suitable in this country. It was pointed out that it would be difficult to recover rates on derelict sites in smaller towns if assessed on site value. The Council did not agree with the suggestion that the Minister be asked to examine the possibilities of a system to provide for an equal basic rate in each county and arrangements for grants from central funds for each County Council, having regard to the need of each county for such grants. The Council considered that such a proposal would affect adversely those counties which at present have a high standard of services.

In regard to Health Inspectors, the Council agreed that three permanent health inspectors would be adequate for the enforcement of the Food Hygiene Regulations, having regard to the present need of the county.

Condition of Schools in the County.

The Council asked that a report be obtained from the Chief Medical Officer in regard to the condition of the schools throughout the County.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 25th February, 1952, 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, P. P. O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, H. J. Byrne, Ed. Byrne, L. O Laoighleis, P. N. Murdoch, Liam O Cleirigh, J. Everett, T.D.; G. Timmins, C. M. O Broin, J. Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. Brennan. b

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, attended.

BUSINESS:

1. **Rate Collection District No. 8:** To consider application for the alteration of the District; applications from Rate Collectors for transfer; and arrangements for filling of prospective vacancy.
2. **Cottage Purchase Scheme:** To determine basis for calculation of annuities, etc.

Rate Collection District No. 8—Alteration of District.

The following application received from Mr. William P. Murphy, Rate Collector No. 10 District, was submitted:—

Mullinaveigue, Roundwood.

9th February, 1952.

To: The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

I understand that No. 8 Collecting District is about to become vacant due to the new Local Government Order which states that all Rate Collectors have to resign at the age of 65 years. This district carries a warrant of £17,755, whereas my district, No. 10, only carried a warrant of £8,346, less than half that amount. I would beg the favour of your influence with the Council and County Manager to transfer to me the Powerscourt Electrical Division, which would bring my warrant up to £10,869, and still leave No. 8 District with a warrant of £15,232. My district is a very large, poor district, and is a very hard district to collect. I have snow almost for the best part of the Winter. The district cannot be worked without a motor car. Now I have to go to Wicklow every week for checking and lodgments.

The Electoral Division of Powerscourt adjoins mine on a nine mile front and at present I collect a large sum from the Powerscourt Estate as you will find from the records in the Council Office.

I have carried out my duties as Rate Collector for your Council for the past 26 years without any fault; therefore, I think I am deserving of this small consideration from your Council for my faithful service.

Yours faithfully,

Signed—Wm. P. Murphy,

Rate Collector.

The County Secretary stated that the proposed alteration of the areas would result in increasing the remuneration of Mr. Murphy by approximately £100 per annum, with a corresponding reduction in the remuneration which might be obtained in No. 8 District.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That we request the Minister for Local Government to make an Order under Section 33 of the Local Government Act, 1946, varying Rate Collection Districts Nos. 8 and 10 by the exclusion from No. 8 District and inclusion in No. 10 District of Powerscourt Electoral Division.

Passed unanimously.

Application from Rate Collectors for Transfer to No. 8 District:

The following application received from Collector P. J. O'Byrne, Rate Collector, No. 16 District, was submitted:—

Wicklow County Council.

Ballinatore, Rathdrum,
Co. Wicklow.

Gentlemen,

11th January, 1952.

In pursuance of Article 28 of the Local Government (Officers) Regulations, 1943, I beg to apply for transfer, on promotion, to the position of Rate Collector, No. 8 District, which I understand, will shortly become vacant.

In support of my application I beg to state that I have now completed 29 years in the service of the County Council having been appointed as Rate Collector for No. 16 District in 1922.

The County Secretary, and Rate Inspector, I feel sure, can testify that at all times I have carried out satisfactorily the duties of my office, which owing to the abnormally large extent and mountainous nature of my Collecting District, have been exceptionally arduous and difficult.

My reason for seeking a transfer to No. 8 District is that the remuneration attaching thereto would be much greater than that which I earn at present. As I have a family of nine children, under fourteen years, to provide for, and as times are becoming increasingly difficult, I am confident that the members of the Council will agree that, in the circumstances, my application for the desired transfer is reasonable and worthy of their support.

Yours faithfully,

Patrick J. O'Byrne,

Rate Collector No. 16.

The County Secretary stated that in subsequent letter dated 18th February, 1952, Mr. O'Byrne stated that Mr. Murphy, Rate Collector, No. 10 District, had made application for an alteration in No. 8 District, and that he wished his application for transfer to stand should the Council decide to alter the area as requested by Mr. Murphy.

The following application received from Mr. Edward Lynch, Rate Collector, No. 3 District, was also submitted:—

Kilbaylet, Donard.

20th February, 1952.

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,

Secretary, Wicklow Co. Council.

Dear Sir,

As No. 8 Rate Collecting District is about to become vacant, and as my Collecting District, No. 3, is the smallest in the County, I beg to apply for a transfer to No. 8.

Yours faithfully,

Edward Lynch.

The County Secretary stated that the opinion of the Law Agent had been obtained in relation to the powers of the Council to appoint a Collector to another District.

The following letter was submitted:—

4 Church St., Wicklow.

20th February, 1952.

re: Vacancy for Rate Collector.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant, there is statutory power to promote an Officer, provided the sanction of the Minister is obtained.

Under Article 28 of the Local Government (Officers) Regulations, 1943, the Council can by resolution make such appointment, subject to the sanction of the Minister.

If the Council decided to advertise existing Rate Collectors could apply for the appointment.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. McCarroll and Co.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

That position of Rate Collector No. 8 District be filled following public advertisement.

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

In Favour: Councillors P. Kehoe, H. J. Byrne, Ed. Byrne, W. Lawless, P. Murdoch, M. Brennan, C. M. Byrne and P. Ledwidge—(8).

Against: Councillors Senator J. McCrea, W. Hammond, P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D.; Wm. Cleary, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, A. Toomey, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Jacob and Miss E. F. Mobbett—(12).

The motion was declared defeated by twelve votes against to eight in favour.

Proposed by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond:

That we appoint Mr. P. J. O'Byrne, on transfer, to fill the vacancy for Rate Collector in No. 8 District arising from the retirement of Collector P. Mulligan.

Proposed by Councillor A. Toomey;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

That we appoint Mr. Edward Lynch on promotion to fill the vacancy for Rate Collector in No. 8 District, arising from the retirement of Mr. Mulligan.

The Council agreed to decide by a vote, which Collector should be appointed to fill the vacancy arising in No. 8 District. The vote resulted as follows:—

For Collector P. J. O'Byrne: Councillors Senator J. McCrea, W. Hammond, P. McCarthy, W. Cleary, J. O'Neill, P. Kehoe, H. J. Byrne, Ed. Byrne, P. Murdoch, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, J. Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett—(14).

For Collector Edward Lynch: Councillors P. P. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, A. Toomey—(3).

The motion appointing Collector P. J. O'Byrne on transfer to fill the vacancy for a Rate Collector in No. 8 District, arising from the retirement of Mr. Mulligan, was declared passed by fourteen votes for to three against, Councillors W. Lawless, M. Brennan and P. Ledwidge not voting.

Remuneration of Rate Collectors.

The Council decided to defer to the next meeting consideration of the statement prepared by the County Manager in regard to the cost of the Rate Collection, and the remuneration of Rate Collectors.

Councillor J. Everett asked that the opinion of the Law Agent be obtained as to the Council's powers to alter the remuneration of Rate Collectors.

The Council asked that particulars be obtained of the cost of the collection of rates in other counties.

Cottage Purchase Scheme—Determination of basis for calculation of annuities.

The following statement giving particulars of the number of cottages in the present Scheme, and the number to be included in the proposed new Scheme, and showing the effect of the adoption of Schemes on the basis of 75 per cent. of the basic rents, and 50 per cent. of the basic rents, was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.**Cottage Purchase Scheme as at 31/3/1952.**

1. Particulars of the number of cottages in the existing Purchase Scheme, and the present annual rental of such cottages:—

No. of cottages in Scheme	No. vested	No. not vested
1,578	47	1,531
Present basic rental of 1,531 non-vested cottages		£6,067 5 6
Present differential rental of 1,531 non-vested cottages		£6,220 13

2. No. of cottages to be included in New Purchase Schemes:—
 Now Scheme No. 1 (35 years Loan)—1,317
 New Scheme No. 2 (50 years Loan)—164

Total No. of cottages—1,481
 Present basic rental of cottages in New Schemes:—
 1,317 cottages .. £8,432
 164 cottages .. £1,747 4s

Total .. £10,179 4s
 Present differential rental of cottages in New Schemes:—
 1,317 cottages .. £8,509
 164 cottages .. £1,987

Total .. £10,496

3. Reduction in rents which would result if all tenants purchased their cottages (a) on an annuity based on 75 per cent. of the rent; (b) on an annuity based on 50 per cent. of the rent:—

(a) If all cottages in the present scheme, and the proposed new scheme became vested in the tenants on the basis of an annuity calculated at 75 per cent. of the basic rents, the income from the cottages would be reduced as shown hereunder:—

	Basic Rental	Reduction	New Rental
Existing Scheme,			
1,531 houses:	£6,067 5 6	£1,516 16 4	£4,550 9 2
New Scheme No. 1,			
1,317 houses:	£8,432 0 0	£2,108 0 0	£6,324 0 0
New Scheme No. 2,			
164 houses:	£1,747 4 0	£436 16 0	£1,310 8 0
TOTAL:	£16,246 9 6	£4,061 12 4	£12,184 17 2

(b) If all cottages in the present scheme, and the proposed new schemes became vested in the tenants on the basis of an annuity based on 50 per cent. of the basic rents, the income from the cottages would be reduced as shown hereunder:—

	Basic Rental	Reduction	New Rental
1,531 Houses:	£6,067 5 6	£3,033 12 9	£3,033 12 9
1,317 Houses:	£8,432 0 0	£4,216 0 0	£4,216 0 0
164 Houses:	£1,747 4 0	£873 12 0	£873 12 0
TOTAL:	£16,246 9 6	£8,123 4 9	£8,123 4 9

(a) If all cottages in the present scheme and proposed new schemes became vested in the tenants on the basis of an annuity calculated at 75 per cent. of the differential rents, the income from the cottages would be reduced as shown hereunder:—

	Differential Rental	Reduction	New Rental
1,531 Houses:	£6,220 13 6	£1,555 3 4	£4,665 10 2
1,317 Houses:	£8,509 0 0	£2,127 5 0	£6,381 15 0
164 Houses:	1,986 16 8	£496 14 2	£1,490 2 6
TOTAL:	£16,716 10 2	£4,179 2 6	£12,537 7 8

(b) If all cottages in the present scheme, and the proposed new schemes, became vested in the tenants on the basis of an annuity calculated at 50 per cent. of the differential rents, the income from the cottages would be reduced as shown hereunder:—

	Differential Rental	Reduction	New Rental
1,531 Houses:	£6,220 13 6	£3,110 6 9	£3,110 6 9
1,317 Houses:	£8,509 0 0	£4,254 10 0	£4,254 10 0
164 Houses:	£1,986 16 8	£993 8 4	£993 8 4
TOTAL:	£16,716 10 2	£8,358 5 1	£8,358 5 1
Cost of cottage repairs for the year ended 31/3/51			£6,600
Average per cottage—£2 5s. 10d.			
Provision in Estimates for cottage repairs during year 1951/52			£4,500
Average per cottage—£1 11s. 4d.			

	No. of Houses	Basic Rents	Differential Rents
Existing Scheme:	1,531	1,510	10
New Scheme No. 1:	1,317	1,259	58
New Scheme No. 2:	164	141	23

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Increase in rents due to application of differential rents:—

1,531 houses	£153 7 11	21 houses
1,317 houses	£355 4 0	58 houses
164 houses	£239 12 8	23 houses

£748 4 7

25th February, 1952.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor P. McCarthy, the Co. Manager explained the difficulty in defining the rights which would be acquired by a tenant on the cottage being vested in him, subject to the repayment of the annuity. He referred to the Opinion of Council's Law Agent dated 14th July, 1951, which had been submitted to the Council, and to the resolution passed by the Council requesting the Minister to introduce amending legislation so as to define clearly the interest which a tenant obtained when he purchased his cottage, and so as to permit of the assignment of his interest under reasonable conditions with the consent of the Council.

The General Council of County Councils had also passed a similar resolution at the request of the Council.

No indication had yet been received, however, as to any proposed amendment of the Labourers Act, 1936.

In reply to inquiries from members, the County Manager stated that the cost of putting all cottages into a suitable state of repairs for the purpose of vesting, was estimated at £30,000. The annual loan charges on this sum, based on a 10-year loan from the Council's Treasurer, would be £4,200, which was approximately equivalent to the present annual cost of repairs.

The County Manager pointed out that if a Scheme, in which the annuity was based on 50 per cent. of the basic rent, were adopted, there would be an added imposition on the rates of between £4,000 and £5,000.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. N. Murdoch;

That we direct that a Purchase Scheme under the Labourers Act, 1936, be prepared in respect of all cottages not included in the Scheme made by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance on 28th March, 1938, and further direct that the amount of the terminable annuity in respect of each cottage be based on 75 per cent. of the rent payable by the tenant on the basis of the graded rents scheme.

As an Amendment, it was proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That we direct that a Purchase Scheme under the Labourers Act, 1936, be prepared in respect of all cottages not included in the Scheme made by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance on 28th March, 1938, and further direct the new Scheme be based on 50 per cent. of the rent at present payable by the tenant.

As a further Amendment, it was proposed by Councillor W. Lawless; Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan:

That we direct that a Purchase Scheme, under the Labourers Act, 1936, be prepared in respect of all cottages not included in the Scheme made by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance on 28th March, 1938 and further direct that the amount of the terminable annuity in respect of each cottage be based on 50 per cent. of the rent payable by the tenant on the basis of the graded rents scheme.

Following a discussion, Councillor J. O'Neill, with the agreement of Councillor Senator J. McCrea, and the Council, withdrew his Amendment, and a vote having been called for on Councillor Lawless' Amendment, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

In Favour: Councillors Senator J. McCrea, W. Hammond, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Ed. Byrne, W. Lawless, M. Brennan, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Jacob, and P. Ledwidge (13).

Against: Councillors T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, H. J. Byrne, P. Murdoch and Miss E. F. Bobbett—(5).

Councillor W. Lawless' Amendment was declared carried by thirteen votes in favour to five against, and when put as a substantive motion, was declared passed on the same voting.

Tenancy of Cottage at Trinity, Ashford.

Councillor W. Lawless raised the matter of the allocation of the cottage at Trinity, Ashford, of which his mother had been the tenant. It was stated that it was the wish of the family that his brother, Patrick Lawless, should be allocated the tenancy of the cottage in succession to his late mother.

The County Manager explained that Mr. P. Lawless was a permanent official of the Council, and could not be regarded as qualifying as an agricultural labourer. He pointed out that it was his duty to allocate the cottage in accordance with the Acts and the Regulations made by the Minister, and indicated that the Regulations required that a cottage be let to a family. He did not consider that Mr. P. Lawless could be regarded as eligible, having regard to the Acts and the Regulations.

The Council having recommended unanimously that the cottage be allocated to Mr. P. Lawless, the Co. Manager stated that in view of the unanimous wish of the Council he would review the matter, and would inform the Council at the next meeting.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Saturday, 16th February, 1952, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman;
Councillors L. O Laoighleis, J. Everett, T.D.; C. W. Hudson, Jos. Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. J. Brennan.

Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, attended.

The report on the Estimates for the year 1952/'53 prepared by the County Manager, and the Explanatory Table of the Estimates had been circulated to all the members.

Following a brief discussion, the Council decided to adjourn further consideration of the Estimates to the meeting to be held on Tuesday, 19th February, 1952, at 11 a.m.

The Adjourned Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 19th February, 1952, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman;
Councillors Senator J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; Jas. O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. P. O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, H. J. Byrne, L. O Laoighleis, Liam O Cleirigh, P. N. Murdoch, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. O Broin, C. W. Hudson, Joseph Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett, and M. J. Brennan.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, attended.

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant Engineers P. J. Foley, C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, and P. J. O'Keeffe, were present.

The Chairman, on behalf of the members, expressed congratulations to Councillor P. P. O'Reilly on his recovery.

The County Secretary stated that the following letter from the Department of Local Government in regard to Road Fund Grants for 1952/'53, had been received that morning:—

Department of Local Government—Roads,
Custom House, Dublin.
18th February, 1952.

RGM/201/52/53.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to inform you that Road Fund Grants for 1952/'53 will be as follows:—

1. County Road Improvement Grant.

This is a free grant of £31,800. It will be noted that the annual grant allocated in recent years has been increased. Nevertheless, the Minister is conscious that the overall resources available for dealing with the big and pressing problem of improving the rural road system are limited and that it is essential to get the maximum results for the money spent on this important work. The work of improving county roads should, therefore, proceed according to a plan, and it is better to aim at a relatively modest but realisable plan rather than to spread expenditure over a wide selection of unrelated works which are unlikely to be knit together in a reasonable period.

A county road improvement plan should therefore be drawn up by each council. It should consist of a list of the improvements works on important county roads, in order of priority, which should be carried out in the next five years with the aid of any grants made available or loans sanctioned for the improvement of county roads. The works should be selected having regard to the following desiderata:—

- (a) the linking up of towns and villages with each other and with the main road system;
- (b) the production of a system of spinal roads;
- (c) the linking up of important centres of food and fuel production

with the towns and main roads;

(d) the encouragement of tourism.

The plan should be prepared by the County Engineer in the first instance, and in view of its importance should, when approved by the Manager, be submitted to the Council for their consideration. In its final form it should be forwarded to the Department accompanied by a map (scale $\frac{1}{2}$ " to one mile) showing prominently marked the priority network of improved county roads aimed at and by reference numbers the location of the particular works set out in the county road improvement plan.

The plan, when drawn up, should be adhered to and any future grants or loans for the improvement of county roads should be applied in accordance with it, the works selected being, where possible, continuous with those carried out in the previous year.

In the application of moneys provided for county road improvements, economy and efficiency should be the aim throughout. For instance, a small number of relatively large works should be put in hands in any particular year rather than a large number of small works; otherwise, full economy will not be secured in supervision, the use of machinery, the production of purchase of materials, etc.

The county road improvement plan should be drawn up and forwarded to the Department as early as possible during the present calendar year. It will be a condition of future grants for county road improvement that a suitable plan has been drawn up. It is appreciated that the preparation of the road works programme for 1952/'53 has already proceeded; nevertheless, the works to be carried out with the help of the county road improvement grant for that year should as far as possible be selected having regard to the principles embodied in the concept of a county road improvement plan and its application.

A technical memorandum as to the type of work which may be carried out under the 1952/'53 County Road Improvement Grant is attached for the information of the County Engineer. It will be noted that certain types of surface dressing are allowed. Councils are reminded, however, that the grant is for the improvement of county roads and that its purpose will be defeated if it is diverted to work which should more properly be carried out by them as part of their maintenance programme. Failure to maintain properly county roads which have been rolled already can lead to the deterioration of these roads back to an unimproved condition, thus offsetting the improvement work being done on other county roads.

A numbered list (A) of the works proposed for execution under the 1952/'53 County Road Improvement Grant should be submitted for approval, together with Forms 11 and 11A and a map (scale 1" to 1 mile) in respect of each work proposed.

2. Main Road Improvement Grant.

This is a free grant of £29,600. It will be observed that this shows a considerable increase over the annual grant for main road improvement allowed in recent years. It should be possible with the aid of the increased grant to undertake more substantial works, and therefore to secure more economies in execution. The grant may be devoted to the following classes of work:—

- (i) Road improvements such as realignments, reconstruction of roads on bog ramparts, etc.
- (ii) Rolling unrolled main roads.
- (iii) Widening, haunching and resurfacing, or widening and haunching narrow or too steeply cambered roads.
- (iv) Strengthening, reshaping and surfacing in waterbound or bituminous macadam and surface dressing of weak roads.
- (v) The continuance of restoration work on roads damaged or neglected during the Emergency.
- (vi) Extending the county councils' surface dressing programme as

set out in the technical memorandum on county roads.

The remarks made under the county road improvement grant in regard to the need for the provision of adequate sums for maintenance apply with equal force to main roads, in the case of which an upkeep grant as set out below is available. The diversion of road improvement grants to work which can be undertaken under the upkeep grant should be avoided as far as possible and the maximum amount of the 100 per cent. grant devoted to work which will effect a fundamental and lasting improvement in the condition, etc., of the road.

The County Engineer should be asked to examine the position regarding work of this type which ought to be executed with the aid of any main road improvement grants that may be made available in the next few years, and to prepare a programme of it so that priority works can proceed immediately grants are made available. In some cases in recent years urgent works have had to be deferred because the preliminaries, land acquisition, etc., had not been completed.

Schemes to absorb the above allocation for main road improvement should be submitted on a list (B) prepared by the county engineer. The same documents as requested in the case of the county road improvement grant should be furnished for each work proposed.

3. Main Road Upkeep Grant.

This will amount to 40 per cent. of approved expenditure on "ordinary" main roads. The grant will extend, as in the case of the 1951/'52 grant, to all "ordinary" works on main roads, the definitions "repair" and "improvement" in the Public Bodies Order being again merged for this purpose. Particulars of the amounts provided for 1952-'53 for "ordinary" main road works should be furnished, together with a statement (C) as follows:—

Main Roads — Ordinary Road Works

Section Number.	Amount Provided.	Nature of Work.
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It will be a condition of the improvement grants that a reasonable provision is made for the upkeep of main and county roads respectively, involving as an absolute minimum the provision out of rates of sums not less than those provided for such purposes for the present financial year.

A brief statement on the attached form D should be forwarded immediately the information is available showing the various amounts provided by the County Council for road works for 1952/'53. Lists A, B, and C should be forwarded in due course to enable the appropriate grants to be notified; as it will be a condition of these grants that only expenditure incurred by 31st March, 1953, will rank for recoupment; early submission and examination of the Council's proposals are desirable, and accordingly the lists should be submitted at the earliest possible date.

A copy of this letter is enclosed for the information of the County Engineer.

Mise, le meas,

J. GARVIN.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

The County Secretary pointed out that the grants made available from the Road Fund for the year 1952/'53 exceeded those made available in the current year by £18,100, of which £13,500 was provided as extra grant for main roads and £4,600 as extra grant for County Roads.

In regard to the Council's application for the allocation of further monies for works under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, the following letter had been received from the Department of Local Government:
W.27/1/3. Custom House, Dublin.
18th February, 1952.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to

your letter of the 5th instant, regarding the attendance of a deputation to discuss the question of the allocation of further monies for works under the Local Authorities (Works) Act in the current financial year, and to inform you that the maximum amounts which can be made available to County Councils for this service having regard to the amount provided in the Department's Vote have already been allocated and cannot be increased. In the circumstances the Minister feels that nothing would be achieved by a discussion with a deputation.

Mise, le meas,

G. A. MEAGHER.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy:

That the section of the Estimates relating to roads be taken first.

As an Amendment, it was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett:

That the other items in the Estimates be taken first.

The Amendment was declared defeated on a show of hands by fourteen votes against to six in favour.

The Council proceeded to consider the Estimates in relation to roads.

Councillor P. McCarthy urged that a sum be added to the Estimates submitted by the County Engineer or Roads, to provide for increases in the wages of employees.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond:

That the same amount of money be provided from Rates for Roads as in the year 1951/52.

As an Amendment, it was proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor J. Jacob:

That the County Engineer's Estimate be adopted.

As a further Amendment, it was proposed by Councillor T. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

That an increase of 11d. in the £ be allowed for County Roads over the amount allowed in the current year.

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

In Favour: Councillors Senator J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, W. Lawless, M. Brennan, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, J. Jacob and P. Ledwidge—(14).

Against: Councillors W. Hammond, G. Timmins, H. J. Byrne, P. Murdoch, C. W. Hudson and Miss E. F. Bobbett—(6).

The motion was declared passed by fourteen votes in favour to six against.

The amendment was then put as a substantive motion and a vote having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

In Favour: Councillors Senator J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, W. Lawless, M. Brennan, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, J. Jacob, and P. Ledwidge—(14).

Against: Councillors W. Hammond, G. Timmins, H. J. Byrne, P. Murdoch, C. W. Hudson, and Miss E. F. Bobbett—(6).

Passed by fourteen votes in favour to six against.

Allocation of Road Grants:

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

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

Resolved—That the Department of Local Government be asked to receive a deputation to consider the re-allocation of Grants by diverting more to County Roads.

Passed, Councillors H. J. Byrne and P. N. Murdoch dissenting.

The Council appointed the following members to act on the deputation: Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman; Councillors T. Brennan, T.D.; J. Everett, T.D.; Senator J. McCrea, P. P. O'Reilly.

The Council asked that the latest census of traffic be procured and submitted by the deputation to the Department.

The Council agreed also that the deputation take up with the Department the question of the special grant for the coast road via Silver Strand.

Application for increase in wages of road workers.

The Council decided to defer consideration of the applications received from the Federation of Rural Workers and the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, for increases in wages to road workers.

The Council then proceeded to consider the Estimates for other services, in detail.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

In regard to the provision of fuel for the Council's institutions, the County Manager stated that the turf produced by the Council in the previous year had cost approximately £5 per ton. There was sufficient fuel available to meet requirements for the coming year, and it would not be necessary for the Council to embark on a turf production scheme for providing fuel for their own institutions. No indication had yet been received as to the policy of the Government in the matter.

Councillor P. Murdoch stated that the question of turf production in the coming year should be taken up immediately with the Department of Local Government.

In reply to Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., the County Manager stated that turf had been used in institutions and in all offices, but that it had been necessary to use a certain amount of coal at peak periods, as turf alone could not keep up the necessary heat for cooking, etc.

HOUSING:

The Council decided to strike out the provision of £960 in the Estimates for the purpose of making Grants under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, to persons erecting houses for their own occupation.

The Council agreed that one Grant, which had been considered specially by the Council might be paid from revenue during the present year.

MENTAL HOSPITALS:

In the course of a discussion in regard to the high cost of maintenance of patients in Grangegorman Mental Hospital, the Co. Manager suggested that the possibility of coming to an arrangement with Carlow or Wexford for the reception of Wicklow patients might be examined.

The Council agreed that inquiries be made in regard to this suggestion.

Health Services and Sanitary Services.

The Council approved of the Estimates submitted in respect of Health Charges and Sanitary Charges.

General Purposes.

Councillor H. J. Byrne suggested that members of the Council might agree to a reduction in the rate of travelling expenses for attendance at meetings.

The County Manager stated that he and the members of the staff appreciated greatly the assistance given by the members of the Council, and that the public could scarcely appreciate the onerous duties carried out and the benefits given to the ratepayers by the Councillors in the handling of more than half a million pounds annually.

Members of the Council pointed out that it was not desirable that members should be at a loss in coming to attend to public business.

Cost of Rate Collection.

Councillor P. Murdoch, supported by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett,

drew attention to the cost of the rate collection which Councillor Murdoch considered to be high.

The County Manager stated that he agreed that Rate Collectors had received a high remuneration for the duties performed. In the coming year the Collectors will automatically get an increase in remuneration consequent on the increase in the rate levy. He pointed out, however, that it was essential that persons handling large sums of money should receive adequate remuneration. If the Council so decided, the Co. Manager stated he would submit a scheme to adjust the poundage payable in the coming year so as to maintain the rate of remuneration of collectors at the same level as in the present year.

The Council agreed that the County Manager should submit proposals in this respect. Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., asked that information be submitted to the Council showing the amounts received by the Collectors in 1939 and 1951.

The Council approved of the Estimates submitted in respect of General Purposes.

The necessary amendments having been made in the Estimates as submitted, it was proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and adopt the Estimate (Form E.1) now submitted to use 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, 1953, as follows:—

Name of Service	Rate in the £
Road Charges	Pence 100.20
Public Assistance Charges	61.1d.
Mental Hospital Charges	30.95d.
Health Charges	19.95d.
Sanitary Charges	20.7d.
Housing Charges	24.5d.
General Purposes	42.6d.

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SEPARATE CHARGES.

No. in Separate Register	Name and Particulars of Separate Charge	Rate in the £
LXI	Vocational Education Rathdrum and Wicklow	7.956d.
LXVII	Joint Burial Ground Baltinglass No. 1 District Pensions	.295d.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

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, 1953, as follows:—

	Arklow	Bray	Wicklow
Roads	1,685 11 11	7,603 2 7	1,499 13 3
Public Assistance	2,686 3 1	12,200 13 1	2,399 0 5
Mental Hospital	1,436 16 6	6,500 1 0	1,281 16 5
Health Charges	941 14 5	4,193 14 11	831 2 10
General Purposes	310 11 5	1,428 4 2	273 19 4
Separate Charges	388 17 0	—	344 15 3

Passed unanimously.

I hereby certify that at the Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council held this 19th day of February, 1952, 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, 1953.

Signed—Peter Ledwidge, Chairman.

Countersigned—K. J. Brangan, Secretary.

The statement circulated by the County Manager in relation to the Estimates for the financial year 1952/53 and details of the Estimates as adopted, were as follows:—

To the Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council, Courthouse, Wicklow, 7th February, 1952.

ESTIMATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1952/53.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, Estimates of Expenses and Receipts for the year ending on 31st March, 1953, together with Tables giving details of how the totals for each Service are made up, are attached.

In presenting these Estimates it is necessary to make clear at the outset that they contain provision for items on which the Council yet has not taken final decisions, or may not have had an opportunity of explaining in detail. This applies especially to the Estimate for Roads, and to the provision included for certain Housing Grants.

The total expenditure estimated for the coming year is £696,023. Receipts are estimated at £324,508. The net amount to be provided from Rates would be £371,515.

The corresponding figures in the Estimates for the current year, were:—

Gross Expenditure	.. £635,831
Receipts	.. £309,679

Net amount to be levied from Rates .. £326,152

The total rate required for the coming year would be 26s. in the £, which would be an increase of 3s. over that levied in the present year, which is 23s.

The rates in the £ for the various Services resulting from the attached Estimates, would compare as follows with those levied in the present year:—

	1952/53	1951/52	Increase (+) Decrease (—)
Roads	111.20d.	89.41d.	+ 21.79d.
Public Assistance	61.10d.	63.01d.	— 1.91d.
Mental Hospitals	30.95d.	30.95d.	—
Health Services	19.95d.	7.69d.	+ 12.26d.
Sanitary Services	20.70d.	18.40d.	+ 2.30d.
Housing	25.50d.	26.81d.	— 1.31d.
General Purposes	42.60d.	39.73d.	+ 2.87d.

Of the increase of 3s. which the Estimates would require 1s. 10d. is in respect of Roads, and the balance of 1s. 2d. is almost altogether attributable to the Health Services which show an increase of over 1s.

ROADS:

The Estimate for the Roads Programme in the coming year, which has been received from the County Engineer, is attached as a separate enclosure, and it will be noted that if it were approved it would entail an addition to the current year's rates of 5d. for Main Roads and 1s. 5d. for County Roads.

Thus far no indication has been received from the Local Government Department as to the sums which will be available to the Council in the coming year by way of Grants from the Road Fund. In the absence of such information, credit has been taken for Grants of the same amounts as receivable in the current year.

During the past year the Council continued to receive representa-

tions regarding the necessity for improving County Roads, and in his Estimate the County Engineer has made provision for further works of this character. It is again evident, however, that with increasing costs, all the improvements which the Council have been asked to carry out could not be undertaken except with a substantial increase in Rates, or a larger measure of assistance from State Funds. When submitting the Estimates last year, attention was drawn to the effect on the roads of increasing traffic, especially the deterioration on roads which were not designed to carry heavy, fast-moving vehicles. The number of vehicles continues to increase at a marked rate—the number registered in this County in 1951 was almost twice that for the year 1947, and these figures do not take into account the numbers of public service and other vehicles registered in Dublin which use County Wicklow roads, and the ever-increasing volume of tourist and week-end traffic.

The Council last year decided to allow 6d. extra for Main Roads, and 1s. extra for County Roads. These additional levies correspond to amounts of £12,633, and £19,574 respectively. After the Estimates had been adopted, increases in wages were approved and they absorbed £14,870 of the additional allocations.

Despite the additional moneys which were available from rates for Road works, the Council in the past few months has received many submissions regarding the lack of employment in certain areas, and the necessity for public works to relieve such unemployment. In consequence the Council decided to provide a further sum of £10,000 for the preparation of materials for the coming year's Road Works. This was a contingency which, of course, could not be foreseen when the Estimates for 1951/52 were being adopted. It inevitably is upsetting to the Council's finances to have had to vote a further substantial sum to relieve unemployment after the Rates for the year had been adopted. Moreover, in 1951 the Council had hoped that Turf Production and Drainage Works might be expected to meet such unemployment as would arise. The allocation for Drainage Work, however, was much below the sum received in the immediately preceding years, and it may be that the tendency towards increasing mechanisation in agriculture is affecting the volume of employment. If, apart from its normal statutory functions, the Council is to be regarded as the only body with an obligation to take measures to meet periodic unemployment by a programme of public works; then the extra charges which the Rates would have to assume in pursuance of such a policy would present a very serious problem.

In the following summary a comparison is made of the Co. Engineer's Estimates for Roads for 1952/53 with the sum allowed in the present year. As mentioned, Government Grants have been taken at similar amounts to those allowed in 1951/52.

MAIN ROADS:

	Estimate of Co. Engineer for 1952/53	Allowed by Council for 1952/53	Increase
Maintenance and Reconstruction	£74,283	£64,708	£9,575
Special Improvement Grants	£16,100	£16,100	—
Total Expenditure on Works	£90,383	£80,808	£9,575
Deduct Govnt. Grants; Maintenance Grant 40%	£29,713	£25,883	

Special Grant (as above)	£16,100	£45,813	£16,100	£41,983	£3,830
		£44,750		£38,825	£5,745
Add Loan Charges		£2,424		£1,763	£661
To be Levied from Rates	£46,994			£40,588	£6,406
COUNTY ROADS:					
Maintenance and Reconstruction		£70,222		£52,182	£18,040
Special Improvement Grants		£27,200		£27,200	—
Total Expenditure on Works		£97,422		£79,382	£18,040
Deduct Govnt. Grants		£27,200		£27,200	—
		£70,222		£52,182	£18,040
Add Loan Charges				£2,373	Decrease £68
To be Levied from Rates	£72,527			£54,555	£17,972

The increased Estimate for Main Roads would require a rate of 5d. approximately, and the increase for County Roads represents 1s. 5d. in the £.

TURF PRODUCTION:

At the beginning of 1951 the County Council was asked by the Government to undertake a special Turf Production Scheme. From 1947 the Council had not cut any turf, but it was stressed last year that there might be a grave shortage of fuel and that County Councils in consequence should endeavour to save a quantity of turf equal to three years' requirements for all their Services. Owing to the fact that bogs required drainage and other preliminary work, and cutting could not start as early in County Wicklow as elsewhere, the County Engineer felt that production on this scale scarcely could be reached.

During the year 3,225 tons of turf were cut, saved, and transported to various depots throughout the County. The greater part of this turf was cut in North Wicklow in the Sally Gap and Wicklow Gap areas. The year was comparatively favourable for the saving of turf and the quality was quite good. Output at the beginning of the season, however, was not regarded as satisfactory and the necessity to transport workers to bogs far removed from any centres of population added to the difficulties of production and to costs. The final costs have been assessed at £5 per ton. This is a high figure but it includes cost of £1 7s. per ton for transport from the Bogs and stacking.

In addition to ordinary Road Grants the Council received last year, special Grants for the improvement of public roads giving access to bogs. With this special assistance considerable improvements were made to the road from Sally Gap via Lough Tay to Roundwood; the road from Sally Gap to Kilbride; the Wicklow Gap route from Glendalough to Hollywood; and some other mountain roads. These roads when brought to a suitable standard could be important tourist routes.

It is now found that the quantity of turf produced last year is more than adequate to meet the Council's requirements for the coming year, and consequently if production is to be limited to the Council's own requirements, there would be no necessity to cut turf in 1952. The absence of a Turf Production Scheme is bound to affect the employment position, but unless the Council be required to cut turf for use by other bodies, such as the Electricity Supply Board, it would scarcely be reasonable to continue production, as turf may be subject to loss from

weathering, etc., if retained for too long a period. No information has yet been received from any Government Department as to future policy in connection with the saving of turf by County Councils.

Elsewhere in the Estimates reference is made to the proposals for the charging of the costs of last year's turf against the Services for which it will be used, i.e., District Institutions, etc.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

The total expenditure is estimated at £125,695; in 1951/52 the amount allowed by the Council was £122,607. The increases in gross outlay would be £3,088. Receipts, however, show an increase of £4,561 (£44,930 as compared with £40,369 in 1951/52). There is, therefore, a net reduction of £1,473, which represents slightly under 2d. in the £. The increased receipts mainly derive from Health Grant recoupment. In future years it cannot be expected that additional outlay will be offset in this way, and consequently an additional rate levy would be necessary.

The Estimates under Public Assistance include provision for the running of County Institutions; the Dispensary Medical Service; Treatment of patients in Extern Institutions (i.e., in Hospitals in Dublin City or elsewhere, in which specialist treatment is obtained); Home Assistance to necessitous persons; the maintenance of Boarded-out Children; provision of Footwear for Children in families with low incomes; and the supply of Fuel to households receiving Home Assistance in the Urban Areas.

District Institutions: Salaries and Wages show an increase of £2,758. Some years ago it was decided to increase a 96 hour fortnight for Nursing Staff in all local authorities' Hospitals, and this resulted in additions to nursing staff everywhere. Owing to the lack of adequate accommodation there was difficulty and delay in the introduction of the revised arrangements, and furthermore staff could not always be procured. For example, grave difficulty was found for a period in meeting the staff requirements of St. Colman's. Again, in the past few years there has been a considerable reduction in the number of girls admitted to St. Colman's Hospital, who might assist in domestic work, and this has required the employment of a number of female attendants, and maids. In addition, it has been necessary to employ night attendants.

Expenditure on food supplies shows a reduction of £1,000.

In the present year £9,500 was provided for Heating and Lighting, due to the necessity to use locally produced turf. At the time this figure was submitted it was mentioned that apart from the lower calorific value of turf as compared with coal, it must be expected that costs of Turf Production would be higher than in former years. Turf from the 1951 Season production became available in July and August last, but up to the time other types of fuel had to be used. Instructions have been issued to the Macons of County Institutions to the effect that Turf must be used, as far as possible, and that any stocks of coal in hand must be carefully reserved, and used only at peak heating periods, and even then in conjunction with turf. The turf delivered to the institutions last Summer is of very good quality, yet representations are being received to the effect that satisfactory results cannot be achieved if it is solely used in ranges for cooking, etc. The position now is that adequate stocks of fuel are available for meeting the requirements of all County Institutions in the coming year. It is necessary, however, to charge against the Institutions' Accounts in the coming year the cost of turf which is at hand, and will be used in that period, and this sum is calculated at £7,500. The cost of fuel, therefore, shows a reduction of £2,000 as compared with the present year.

Repairs and Upkeep are again estimated at £1,500. This outlay is intended to cover such structural repairs as would not be covered by any comprehensive scheme of improvements which later may be ap-

proved by the Council.

Miscellaneous Institutional Expenses show an increase of £350, which is practically altogether attributable to the cost of Pathological Examinations.

For Loan Charges, £1,500 is provided. It includes provision for initial Loan Charges arising out of the Capital Costs of extending Balinglass Hospital. A limited provision is made for Loan Charges on the new County Hospital at Rathnew, and extensions to the County Fever Hospital.

In the present year a contract was entered into by the Council for the building works involved in extending and improving Balinglass Hospital. The amount of this Contract is about £55,000. Work started some time ago, and thus far satisfactory progress is being made. Tenders for the mechanical services (i.e., heating and lighting installations and water supply services) have recently been received and at present are being examined by the Council's Architect. Taking into account the cost of these latter services, and of equipment and furnishings, it is anticipated that the total capital outlay on this institution will be over £80,000 of which it is expected that two-thirds will be met from Hospital Trust Funds.

The settlement of a works programme which would allow the Hospital to remain open while building is in progress, was a complex task and it is hoped that the aim will be satisfactorily achieved.

Designs for extensions and improvements to the County Fever Hospital, Wicklow, were approved some time ago, and tenders recently were received, and have been transmitted to the Council's Architect for a report and recommendation. At present it is rather difficult to give an estimate of the total capital costs on this institution, but it probably will be at least £15,000 or £16,000.

Whilst the site for a new County Hospital at Rathnew has been purchased, the designs for the institution have not yet been settled, and are still the subject of discussion with the Dept. of Health.

Outline plans for a Central County Clinic at Rathnew were prepared some months ago, and submitted to the Department of Health. The Council, however, is of the opinion that there are many difficulties which would preclude any type of Central Clinic from giving satisfactory service to patients from all parts of the County. Recently it has been suggested to the Department of Health that the out-patients Department in the new County Hospital might, for the Eastern part of the County, supply the requirements of a County Clinic, and that new Dispensaries, with special facilities, might be provided for the Southern and Western parts of the County. A separate Central County Clinic is estimated to cost over £20,000.

Some time ago a White Paper was issued by the Government outlining the results of a special investigation into conditions in County Homes, and recommending a programme of improvements which should be undertaken. The Co. Council now has been asked to arrange, as soon as possible, for the preparation of a comprehensive scheme of improvements. This Scheme would entail the provision of new or improved accommodation for certain classes, such as Unmarried Mothers, and Children, Mental Defectives, Epileptics, etc., so that ultimately County Homes would accommodate only aged and infirm persons, and the chronic sick. Notwithstanding that in recent years many improvements have been made in St. Colman's Hospital, it is evident that the provision of the improvements which are now sought will entail very heavy capital expenditure, and will require further outlay from Rates in the coming years, even if, as indicated, one-half of the cost will be recouped from State Grants.

It should at this stage be made quite clear that the improved hospital standards which are being sought by the public and are recommended by successive Government Departments, cannot be achieved

without inevitably contracting liabilities, which are bound to be reflected in increased Rate levies in the future.

Extern Hospitals: The provision under this heading is the same as for 1951/'52, viz., £17,000. This is an item of expenditure which showed a marked increase in recent years, as apart from the upward trend of maintenance charges, there was a noticeable tendency to send more patients to Dublin Hospitals for specialist treatment. At times there was difficulty in finding beds in Dublin institutions, and at present the Council is endeavouring to make an arrangement with Rathdown Board of Assistance for a number of beds in St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown, for patients from North East Wicklow.

Home Assistance: The provision for Home Assistance is increased by £1,050, to permit of moderate increases in the scale of allowances to necessitous persons, which have been granted recently. The list of recipients is very carefully scrutinised periodically by the local Councillors. The granting of special allowances under the Infectious Diseases Maintenance Regulations has somewhat reduced the number of Home Assistance recipients, but this saving has been counterbalanced by the necessity, having regard to increased living costs, to augment the scale of allowances.

The other items under this heading show practically no variations from the current year.

Medical Assistance: The amount required to meet the cost of the Dispensary Medical Service is £22,763, which is an increase of £925 over the current year (£21,838). Whilst in the year 1951/'52, £1,900 was provided for Medical Supplies it is estimated that £2,500 will be required in the coming year, due to a very steep rise in the price of Medicines and Drugs. Under the heading of Dental and Ophthalmic Treatment, an extra £225 has been provided to meet part of the cost of the services of a whole-time Dentist. In Loan Charges £100 extra has been included to meet initial charges on the provision of some new Dispensaries. The Council already has acquired a site for a new Dispensary at Kilcoole, and the plans have been submitted to the Department of Health for approval. It is expected that the erection of this Dispensary should be started in the coming year.

Other Expenses: The total expenditure under this heading is £7,284, as compared with £6,798 in 1951/'52; an increase of £486. The increase is mainly attributable to the running of the Ambulance Service, which at £2,745 is £495 higher than in the present year.

Receipts: The greater part of the Receipts (£44,930) is derived from the State Health Services Grant. It is anticipated, however, that a further £500 (total £6,000) will be received from paying patients, including patients from other areas who are treated in County Wicklow Institutions.

MENTAL HOSPITALS:

The Demand from Grangeogorman Mental Hospital Committee again shows an increase: in two years it has risen by fifty per cent. In 1951/'52 it was £52,180; for the coming year it is £62,715—an increase of £10,535. The recoupment receivable from Health Grant is estimated at £17,662 (£11,783 in 1951/'52). The net amount to be raised from Rates is £45,053, which is an increase of £4,656 over that for the present year, and would represent almost 3½d. in the £. The effect of balances from previous years, which are available, will reduce the actual rate levy to 2s./6.95d., which corresponds to the rate levied in the current year.

Apart from the rise in maintenance costs, it is found that the number of patients from Wicklow County undergoing treatment in this hospital showed an increase. In 1950 the number was 306; in 1951 it was 333. The highest number in the past 25 years was 331 in 1937; the lowest was 272 in 1945. An examination of the variation in numbers over the period does not indicate any ascribable cause to which it may be attributable. For example, during the recent war period, when it

might possibly have been expected that the community would have experienced undue mental stress, the average numbers were lower than in the periods immediately preceding and following it.

HEALTH SERVICES:

The cost of the Health Services continues to rise. For 1952/'53 the gross outlay is estimated at £76,829; in 1951/'52 the amount allowed was £72,735. The increase is £4,094. The Health Grant recoupment in the present year is £64,466; next year it would be £58,132—a reduction of £6,334. The increase in gross cost and the reduction in Grant means that an additional sum of £10,302 will have to be found from Rates in the coming year.

When presenting previous Estimates, it was explained that the Health Grant was calculated on the excess expenditure over than incurred and admitted by the Department of Health for the year 1947/'48, and that full recoupment would be allowed until such excess represented 100 per cent. of the outlay in that year, when, however, this limitation would be reached the recoupment would be reduced to 50 per cent. Since the expenditure on Health Services—which include Public Assistance (excluding Home Assistance), Mental Hospitals, Infectious Diseases treatment, Schools Medical Services and Mother and Child Services—now is more than twice that in 1947/'48, the limitation to 50 per cent. recoupment will operate in the coming year.

The items which show appreciable variations from the costs in the present year are set out below:—

Health Inspectors, etc.: The provision under this heading is £2,675—a reduction of £313. The Department of Health considered that five permanent Health Inspectors would be required for the operation of the Food Hygiene Regulations, and other duties under the Health Acts, and for a period four were employed. Having regard to the volume of work arising the Council decided, on the advice of the County Medical Officer, that three Inspectors would be adequate.

Maternity and Child Welfare Schemes: An additional £250 will be required. This is due to the rise in prices of Milk, Cod Liver Oil, and medical foods issued under these Schemes.

Schools Medical Service: The expansion in Dental treatment of School Children accounts for an increase of £450. At present treatment is limited to extractions, and the Council agreed some time ago that in order that conservative work, such as fillings, etc., could be undertaken, the services of a whole-time Dentist would be necessary. It is intended that the Dentist also would assist in providing Dental treatment for Public Assistance cases.

County Sanatorium: There is a reduction of £1,000 under the heading of Fuel in the costs of this institution.

Extern Sanatoria and Hospitals: The outlay shows an increase of £2,500 (£27,500 for 1952/'53; £25,000 in 1951/'52). Apart from an increase in maintenance charges for patients treated in extern Sanatoria and Hospitals (i.e., institutions not under the control of the Council) there has been an increase in the number of patients undergoing treatment. At present there is no Waiting List and patients now can readily be provided with suitable treatment. There is consequently every prospect of cure, and the risk of infection is very much lessened.

Maintenance Allowances: For the payment of special allowances to assist persons (and their dependants) who may be undergoing treatment for infectious diseases (mainly tuberculosis) an additional £1,500 is required. The total outlay in the coming year is estimated at £9,500.

Mass Radiography Service: A contribution of £1,000 towards the cost of this Service, which is being organised on a national basis, is again included. It is understood that work will be undertaken at centres in this County at an early date. With this service available, it is expected that there should be early diagnosis and greater possibility of cure of chest disease and other ailments.

Diphtheria Immunisation: The amount required is £350—a reduction of £250.

Pathological Examinations: Here there is an increase of £100 due to the fact that doctors nowadays are availing to a greater extent of the facilities provided for free pathological examinations.

Contributions to District Nursing Associations: The outlay is increased by £80, mainly in order to permit a contribution being made to the new District Nursing Association which has been established in the town of Wicklow.

Cost of Health Services: Last year reference was made to the probable effect of the growing cost of the Health Services. It was pointed out that the margin of expenditure which would be recouped in full from the State Health Grant was rapidly being narrowed, and that with the expansion of the Health Services, and rising prices the position when one-half of any further outlay would have to be met from rates, would shortly be reached. In fact this position now has been reached. The expenditure on the treatment of tuberculosis has almost doubled in the past four years. The cost of treatment of patients in extern hospitals shows a like trend. Mental Hospital treatment has increased by 50% in the same period and the cost of the Council's own Institutions by about 40%. Since additional services, higher standards of treatment, and improved conditions for patients and staffs are being sought, it is thought fit that the present trends of cost and the ultimate effects should be stressed again.

SANITARY SERVICES.

Provision is made for a total expenditure of £22,441, and receipts are estimated at £1,250. The net cost is £21,191. For 1951/52 it was £18,788. The increase is £2,403, and is attributable mainly to Public Lighting (£600 extra) and Maintenance of Water Supplies (£1,625).

Public Lighting: For the coming year £2,600 is provided; in 1951/52, £2,000 was allowed. The additional provision arises in the first instance from the increase in electricity charges some months ago. Furthermore, lighting systems are being installed in Aughrim, Avoca and Knockananna, and additional lights were provided in Rathnew, Tinahely, Delgany, Greystones, Enniskerry and Killadreenan. The number of towns and villages with Public Lighting, when the new systems are installed, will be 30.

Dumping Grounds and Burial Grounds: The provision under these headings corresponds to that made last year—£1,250 and £400, respectively. At present the Council is endeavouring to obtain sites for Dumping Grounds to serve Rathnew, Blessington and Tinahely.

Maintenance of Water Supplies and Sewerage Systems: £4,800 is provided £3,175 was allowed for 1951/52, but this has been found to be insufficient. The sum of £4,800 includes the cost of 4 Chlorinators (800) to be used in any instances in which chlorination might be necessary pending and during the carrying out of major works on any water supply.

Open Spaces: £100 extra has been provided to cover cost of improvements on the Seafrost at Greystones.

Other Expenses: An additional £100 is included to meet a contribution to the Irish Red Cross Society for work in connection with Water Safety.

HOUSING:

The total expenditure from Revenue on housing is estimated at £77,332; Receipts are £48,680; and the net amount required from Rates is £28,652. This is an increase of £2,392 over the present year, in which the sum levied from Rates was £26,260.

The rate levy for Housing represents in the main the difference between the total Loan Charges on the Capital Costs of erecting houses, repairs and other costs, and the total income derived from rents and State Subsidies. In the figures presented to you the total

outlay on cottages—as distinct from other Housing activities of the Council—is £66,237, and the actual Rental Income is £15,500, whilst the State Grant is £23,500. The Housing deficit to be met by the Council represents the subsidy given from Rates towards the Housing programme. The levy in the coming year is £4,675 greater than in 1950/51, and this increase in a two year period is accounted for by £2,000 extra for repairs and £1,715 subsidy towards the Scheme of 450 houses which has been in progress since 1949, and £960 for Grants under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950.

Loan Charges: These show an increase of £4,200 due to the capital costs of new Schemes, but are offset by additional rents and State Subsidy.

Repairs: An extra £1,000 has been provided for Repairs. Owing to rising prices of materials this additional allocation is considered necessary.

Rent Collectors' Poundage: This shows an increase of £275, due to commission payable on Rents of new cottages.

Grants under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948: These are Grants payable to persons who build houses for letting. Eight such Grants are provided for, and the outlay (£300) is recouped by the State to the extent of two-thirds, so that the net cost is £100.

Special Tenant Purchase Schemes: Under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1950, houses may be built for persons other than those for whom a County Council normally would provide cottages under the Labourers Acts. In this class would be persons who would not be regarded as eligible for cottages, and who might not be able to erect their own houses, even with the aid of Loans under the Small Dwellings Acts and Government Grants. The Council has decided to proceed with Schemes of this type at Carnew, Blessington, Rathdrum, Aughrim and Kindlestown. £600 has been included to meet first year's Loan Charges on these Schemes. It is intended that these houses should be let on the basis of Purchase Annuities, which would meet all charges, and consequently no loss to the rates would be involved. However, in the coming year Loan Charges would have to be incurred before Purchase Annuities to an equivalent amount would be available. Consequently, whilst an outlay of £600 is provided for, the Receipts are calculated at £200.

Grants Under Section 7 of Housing Act, 1950: The Council is empowered to make Grants to persons erecting houses for their own occupation, and some time ago a Scheme for this purpose was adopted. The Department of Local Government, however, indicated that if borrowing to defray the cost of such Grants were to be arranged from Local Loans Fund administered by the State, then the Grants could only be given to persons who were members of working classes, i.e., to applicants for whom the Council otherwise would be under an obligation to provide housing accommodation. If the Grants were to be made to persons outside this category the Council would have to find the money elsewhere, and the rate of interest would be higher and the period of repayment shorter than obtains with loans from the Local Loans Fund. It was decided to defer further consideration of this Scheme to the Annual Estimates Meeting, and accordingly provision has been made for the costs. The sum of £960, which is included under this heading, would defray the annual loan charges on 168 Grants averaging £120 each, if borrowing were from the Local Loans Fund with a repayment period of 35 years, and interest at 3½%. If however, borrowing had to be by way of Bank Loan, as would happen if the Scheme were of the type originally adopted by the Council, the amount of £960 would permit the making of 57 Grants averaging £120 each. In the case of a Bank Loan, it is expected that the repayment would have to be made in ten years and the interest rate would be higher. These special Grants would be in addition to the normal

State Grants available for private housing and any cost would have to be met in full from the Rates. As will be seen from these details, the cost of such a Scheme would be about 1d. in the £, if Grants were made on the foregoing basis.

Reconstruction Grants: A few applications were received in the past year for Reconstruction Grants under Section 8 of the Housing Act, 1950, which allows a Housing Authority to make Grants for the reconditioning of unfit houses. The suitability of some of the dwellings for reconstruction was very doubtful, and, in addition, the persons inquiring did not submit precise details of the proposed work. In these circumstances no action was taken by the Council. It should be mentioned that the Council's staff for some time past, under a special arrangement, has discharged the routine work arising out of Reconstruction Grants, made direct by the State—a type of Grant which has been largely availed of by farmers for the reconstruction of dwellings.

Housing Progress: The total number of houses now owned by the Council is 3,041. Of these, 2,037 have been erected in the past 19 years. The number erected since 1939 is 577.

To date, of the Scheme of 447 houses started three years ago, 294 have been completed: 247 by direct labour and 47 by contract.

The Council in 1950 and 1951 purchased considerable quantities of materials in advance of requirements. Some delay, however, occurred from time to time in the past year in completing houses owing to shortage of supplies, such as lead and cement. Notwithstanding that the Council acquired such stocks, the cost of building continued to rise. Apart from wages increases in 1951, the rapid rise in the prices of some materials has greatly affected costs. For example, timber which in June, 1950, was £105 is now £190 per standard, and cement has increased by £2 per ton in the same period.

When estimates of building costs were taken out in 1948, it was expected that rural cottages might be built at prices under £800; the present cost is around £950, and there seems no prospect of a reduction. In the light of these costs it appears inevitable that the Council will require to adjust the basic rents which were determined over three years ago and which, incidentally, are on a lower scale than those charged in many other counties.

Cottage Purchase: The population of the rural part of County Wicklow is 42,000 approximately, and even at present the Council is responsible for the housing of about 40% of this population. This proportion will rise as further new houses are erected and the social consequences of having such a large section of the community tenants of the public authority merits careful consideration. Having regard to the rising costs of maintenance, the financial burden imposed by repairs could be very serious in the coming years. Two years ago the Council adopted a Scheme of Graded Rents, which would apply to all new lettings. Thus far the Graded Rents Scheme has not been applied to lettings in existence prior to 1950; and the rents of many of these cottages bears little relation to present-day incomes, or maintenance costs. Rather than having to resort to Graded Rents, it would seem preferable if tenants could be induced to purchase their cottages. The terms available under the 1936 Act for the determination of the Purchase Annuity are favourable to the tenant. Moreover, if tenants became owners, they probably would take a greater interest in the appearance of the houses and their surroundings. At present, whilst many tenants keep their plots very well, it is notable that some plots are left in a very unkempt and neglected condition. It is regrettable that some of these neglected plots adjoin main roads and important tourist traffic routes. Reverting to Tenant Purchase, it is considered essential that there should be clear definition of the rights which the tenant is acquiring. The Council on a number of occasions has drawn

attention to the lack of clarity in the Act of 1936, and to the difficulties which can arise from the requirement that "alienation other than by operation of law" is not permissible. Thus far, notwithstanding actions in the Courts, there is no precise definition of this phrase—it appears to be incomprehensible not only to members and officials of housing authorities, but even to lawyers.

Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts: The Loan Charges of £2,400 will be fully offset by repayments by borrowers and consequently the Scheme involves no charge on the Rates. Up to date 40 Loans have been made, and further Loans are being arranged. The amount borrowed by the Council for making such Loans is £80,000.

GENERAL PURPOSES.

The net charges after deducting receipts, are:—Chargeable to the County-at-large, including Urban Districts, £22,592; chargeable to County Health District, £29,495. The corresponding charges in the current year's Estimates were £23,103 and £26,549. There is, therefore, a reduction of £511 in the Urban Charges part of the expenditure and an increase of £2,946 in the expenditure chargeable to County Health District. The main items accounting for the latter increases are: Demand of Committee of Agriculture which is up by £1,021; Rate Collection costs (£1,105 up); and the additional £537 for the Library Service. Generally in the past few years the charges in this part of the Council's Estimates have not shown the wide variations which have occurred in the costs of other Services.

The principal alterations in cost for the coming year are shown hereunder:—

Public Libraries: An estimate of £5,383 was received for Library Service. In the present year £3,445 was allowed. Having carefully examined the details of proposed expenditure submitted for the coming year, it is suggested that £3,982 be allowed, mainly to permit an additional outlay on new books and re-binding. Owing to the marked rise in costs of paper and printing, the prices of new books are now much higher than two or three years ago, and in order to maintain book stocks at anything like reasonable level and to cover the outlay on even limited re-binding, this extra sum would be necessary. In the absence of a proper Library Headquarters, the Council had to arrange for a small extension to the Library building at Greystones, which would provide some additional badly needed accommodation for book stocks. This extension will be ready for use before the end of the present financial year.

Committee of Agriculture: As already mentioned, the Demand shows an increase of £1,021, but even then the total rate for this service is only about 5d., and represents the contribution from local funds towards the industry which is the main source of livelihood of the community.

Tourist Development: £400 is included which is the same provision as allowed last year.

Scholarships: There is a reduction of £400 in the charge for Secondary Scholarships. The cost of University Scholarships shows no change. The total outlay on Scholarships represents a rate charge of approximately 3d. in the £.

Salaries: There is an increase of £349 in the cost of salaries, mainly arising from increments.

Rate Collection Costs: This shows an increase of £1,105. The total cost in the coming year is estimated at £9,355.

Stationery, Printing and Advertising: The costs of stationery and advertising have risen considerably in the past year, and it is necessary to provide an extra £325 for 1952/53.

Fire Brigades: An extra £341 is required, and includes provision for Loan Charges on new Fire Stations at Bray and Arklow, and for the purchase of special Fire Siren for calling out the Brigades. The County

Fire Officer recommended the purchase of a new self-propelled Fire Engine for the town of Wicklow, but as this type of engine will be available in the coming year at Arklow, in addition to Rathdrum, Bray and Dunlavin, it was not considered essential to instal one at Wicklow. During 1951 the Council's Fire Brigades attended 135 fires.

Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme: Provision of £2,000 is again made, but the outlay is fully repaid and involves no charge on the Rates. This Scheme continues to be availed of by farmers and, whilst providing financial facility which could not be obtained elsewhere, assists in increasing production from the land.

Blind Persons Act: There is an increase of £250 to cover special allowances to Blind Persons. A Grant of £130 is also paid to the Co. Wicklow Branch of the National Council for the Blind. This Body, which is a voluntary group, does much commendable work and assists in providing home training for Blind Persons.

Civil Defence: In the present year £1,200 was allowed; the provision for the coming year is reduced to £500. The net cost would be £250, as recoupment of one-half of any outlay would be expected from State Funds. In the past year members of the Council's staff attended courses of instruction in Dublin, and some preliminary surveys of requirements have been made. The Scheme to be undertaken by the Council, however, has not yet been determined.

Loan Charges: The provision is almost the same as that allowed last year, and includes the charges to be met on the Capital Costs of demolishing the old gaol at Wicklow. This latter work was recently completed, and the site is now cleared. Decisions have not yet been taken by the Council on proposals for the future use of the site, and consequently no provision is made in the current Estimates for any charges which might arise from the erection of new buildings.

Overdraft—Interest on Turf Account: The position arising out of last year's Turf Production Programme already has been explained. Pending the charging to the appropriate services during the coming year of the cost of Turf, overdraft accommodation will be required from the Bank, and a sum of £200 has been included for this purpose.

Drainage Schemes: Reference has been made earlier to the effect on employment of Drainage Schemes. The amount of Grants allocated in the current year was £47,000, and £60,000 is included in these Estimates with a like receipt from the State. However, this is a provisional sum only, and the Council can only await a declaration of policy on the part of the State in regard to future Drainage undertakings.

Receipts: Apart from an expected increase of £500 from the State Bounty in lieu of Rates, the Receipts show no appreciable variations from the sums receivable in the present year.

Costs of Services: Once again it has been my unpleasant duty to present for your consideration an Estimate which would require an increase in the rate of poundage. The continued expansion in the Services which the Council is obliged by law to administer, and the rising prices of materials are responsible for the upward trend of costs. In submitting the Estimates each year the aim has been not only to supply members with full information, which will assist in the determination of Rates and the running of Services with due regard to economy and efficiency, but also to make known to ratepayers how the money which they have to contribute is being spent. Judging by some recent newspaper criticisms it seems as if there is an impression that officials show a tendency to submit Estimates which have no relation to public requirements, and that the members of local authorities do not show sufficient concern regarding the charges which result from their decisions. These comments may be well meant, and intended to be helpful, but it is evident that they overlook many relevant considerations.

The responsibilities which devolve on local authorities are of a delegated character. Members may have no part in determining the public policy which results in the imposing of new obligations on local bodies; the enactments which they are required to administer are settled not by the local authorities themselves, but by legislature. New and improved Public Services are continuously being sought and it seems scarcely reasonable to expect that these can be provided without expenditure being incurred. Better housing, roads of a higher standard, improvements in hospital and health services, the wider provision of amenities such as water supplies, sewerage and public lighting—these are some of the items which the public seeks and which local authorities, having due regard to the limitations of their resources, and the difficulties under which every organisation to-day has to operate, are endeavouring to provide.

Again, a local authority can scarcely be expected to administer its services in a sort of vacuum, completely removed from the conditions which require business firms, producers and others to seek higher prices for their products or services. They cannot insulate themselves against rising prices, and it would hardly be reasonable to expect that their employees would stand aside when other wage-earners are seeking increases on the plea of a rise in the living costs. All price trends are bound to be reflected in the costs of a local authority's services—be they the prices of clothing, cement, or newspaper advertising.

All items in the Estimates have been carefully checked and reviewed, and any further details required in addition to those given in this Report, will be supplied when they are being considered at the Annual Estimates Meeting.

This opportunity is taken to express sincere appreciation of the co-operation and valued assistance which has been so freely afforded by the members during the past year.

Yours faithfully,

M. FLANNERY,

Wicklow County Manager.

Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the local Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1953.

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				
Maintenance and reconstruction	64,708	64,708	63,610	63,610
Loan Charges	2,424	2,424	2,305	2,305
Contingencies	500	500	500	500
Special Grant Works:				
Road Fund	29,600	29,600	31,800	31,800
Other State Grants				
Other Purposes:				
Salaries, etc., of County Engineer and Assistants	2,447	2,447	3,372	3,372
Travelling Expenses of Co. Engineer and Assistants	720	720	1,700	1,700
Salary and Travelling expenses of Temporary Engineer			200	200
Salaries—Clerical Staff—Co. Engineer's Office			1,413	1,413
Retiring Allowances—Ex-County Surveyor	507	507		
Superannuation—Employees	714	714		
Printing, Stationery and advertising	50	50	450	450
Postage and Telephones	130	130	160	160
Stamp Duty—Paying Orders	150	150	130	130
Road Openings and Reinstatements	300	300	120	120
Miscellaneous (inc. E.L. Claims)	100	100	1,500	1,500
	£102,350	£102,350	£107,260	£107,260

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ROADS SERVICES.

Nature of Receipts	Amount Estimated			
	In which Urban Areas participate		In which Urban Areas do not participate	
	by Manager Estimated	by Council Adopted	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Road Fund — Maintenance Grant	25,883	25,883		
Do.—Special Grant	29,600	29,600	31,800	31,800
Other Receipts:				
Estate Duty Grant			1,500	1,500
Road Openings and other Refunds	300	300	120	120
Miscellaneous receipts (inc. refund of insurance Claims)	100	100	1,500	1,500
Prop. of salaries and trav. expenses of Co. Engineer and Assistant Engineers chargeable to Assistance, Health and Housing Services	1,583	1,583	2,899	2,899
Refund of Road Fund Bonus	140	140	160	160
Weighbridge Receipts	37	37		
Railway Overbridges	75	75		
Contributions from establishments (L.G. Superannuation) Act, 1948	500	500	500	500
	£58,218	£58,218	£38,479	£38,479

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1953.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

Nature of Expenditure:	Amount Estimated	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
DISTRICT INSTITUTIONS:		
Salaries, Wages, etc. ..	17,818	17,818
Superannuation ..	700	700
Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	10,000	10,000
Farm Expenses ..	300	300
Furniture and Hardware ..	800	800
Washing and Cleaning ..	300	300
Medicines ..	1,650	1,650
Medical & Surgical Appliances ..	1,500	1,500
Heating and Lighting ..	7,500	7,500
Clothing and Bedding ..	1,200	1,200
Repairs and Upkeep ..	1,500	1,500
Loan Charges ..	1,500	1,500
Miscellaneous Institutional Expenses ..	1,450	1,450
TOTAL FOR DISTRICT INSTITUTIONS ..	£46,218	£46,218
ASSISTANCE IN EXTERN INSTITUTIONS ..	£17,000	£17,000
HOME ASSISTANCE:		
Assistance in Cash to Aged, Infirm, etc. ..	18,800	18,800
Provisional Assistance to Unemployed, etc. ..	3,100	3,100
Footwear Scheme ..	1,550	1,550
Boarded-out Children ..	4,850	4,850
Salaries of Assistance Officers ..	2,700	2,700
Retiring Allowances ..	580	580
Fuel Schemes and other Expenses ..	850	850
TOTAL FOR HOME ASSISTANCE ..	£32,430	£32,430

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE—Contd.

Nature of Expenditure:	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (otherwise than in Institutions):		
Salaries of Dispensary Medical Officers, Midwives and other Staff ..	15,408	15,408
Superannuation ..	1,555	1,555
Medical Supplies ..	2,500	2,500
Loan Charges ..	300	300
Repair and Upkeep of Dispensaries ..	1,500	1,500
Dental and Ophthalmic Treatment ..	1,200	1,200
Miscellaneous Expenses ..	300	300
	£22,763	£22,763
OTHER EXPENSES:		
Salaries and Wages of Office Staff ..	1,130	1,130
Salaries of Engineering, Legal and Analyst ..	872	872
Superannuation ..	87	87
Printing, Stationery and Advertising, etc. ..	350	350
Rents, Rates and Insurance ..	750	750
Postage and Telephones ..	275	275
Ambulance Service and other transport of patients ..	2,745	2,745
Coffins and Burials of Poor Persons ..	350	350
Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages ..	275	275
Mental Treatment Act—Fees ..	150	150
Other Miscellaneous Expenditure ..	300	300
TOTAL FOR OTHER EXPENSES ..	£7,284	£7,284
GROSS TOTAL OF EXPENDITURE ..	£125,695	£125,695

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

Nature of Receipt:	To which Urban Areas contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
REPAYMENT OF ASSISTANCE:		
In respect of Maintenance in Institutions ..	£ 6,000	£ 6,000
In respect of Home Assistance ..	150	150
GOVERNMENT GRANTS:		
Health Act, 1947 ..	36,635	36,635
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 ..	200	200
Other Miscellaneous Receipts ..	500	500
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	£44,930	£44,930

MENTAL HOSPITAL SERVICE.

Nature of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Money Supplied to Joint Committee ..	£ 62,715	£ 62,715
Nature of Receipt	In which Urban Areas participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Grant under Health Act, 1947 ..	£ 17,662	£ 17,662

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**HEALTH SERVICES.
EXPENDITURE:**

Nature of Expenditure:	To which Urban Areas contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Salaries:	£	£
Chief Medical Officer and Assist. Chief Medical Officer ..	2,592	2,592
District Medical Officers ..	1,202	1,202
Public Health Nurses ..	1,490	1,490
Health Inspectors, Sanitary Sub-Officers and Infant Life Protection Visitors ..	2,675	2,675
Office Staff ..	2,500	2,500
Analyst (Proportion of salary) ..	30	30
Retiring Allowances & Gratuities	350	350
Mother & Child Services:		
Maternity and Child Welfare Schemes ..	1,350	1,350
Schools Medical Services ..	1,950	1,950
Free Milk Schemes ..	2,650	2,650
Infectious Diseases:		
Tuberculosis:		
County Sanatorium ..	9,250	9,250
Extern Sanatoria & Hospitals ..	27,500	27,500
Dispensaries ..	6,250	6,250
Maintenance & Transport of Chalets ..	150	150
Maintenance of Persons suffering from Infectious Disease ..	9,500	9,500
Contribution to National Radiography Service ..	1,000	1,000
Veneral Disease ..	500	500
Other Expenses		
Notification of Disease ..	175	175
Vaccination Acts ..	90	90
Disinfection ..	50	50
Replacement of Clothing & Bedding ..	20	20
Diphtheria Immunisation ..	350	350
Pathological Examinations, etc. ..	150	150
Supervision of Food and Drink under Health Act, 1947 ..	250	250
Midwives Act ..	50	50
Other Expenses		
Travelling Expenses of Chief Medical Officer and Assistant Medical Officer and Assistant Dental Surgeon, Public Health Nurses, Health Inspectors and Infant Life Protection Visitors ..	2,300	2,300
Contributions to District Nursing Association ..	805	805
Printing, Stationery and Advertising ..	750	750
Postage and Telephones ..	200	200
Insurance Premiums ..	60	60
Loan Charges ..	440	440
Miscellaneous ..	200	200
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	£76,829	£76,829

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**HEALTH SERVICES.
RECEIPTS.**

Nature of Receipt:	In which Urban Areas participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Grant under Health Act, 1947	58,132	58,132
Miscellaneous Receipts	200	200
	£58,332	£58,332

SANITARY SERVICES.

Nature of Expenditure:	From which Urban Areas are exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Salaries:	£	£
Office Staff	930	930
Caretakers—Water and Sewerage Schemes, Dumping Grounds, & Sanitary Conveniences	2,350	2,350
Burial Grounds	1,208	1,208
Engineering Staff—proportion of salaries and trav. expenses	1,680	1,680
Shops Acts—Inspectors	56	56
Analyst—proportion of salary	30	30
Superannuation	87	87
Water Supplies, Sewerage Schemes and Public Conveniences—Repairs and Maintenance	4,800	4,800
Dumping Grounds—Repairs and Maintenance	400	400
Burial Grounds—Do.	1,250	1,250
Public Lighting	2,600	2,600
Maintenance of Open Spaces	150	150
Loan Charges:		
Water & Sewerage Schemes, etc.	6,100	6,100
Burial Grounds	400	400
Other Expenses	400	400
	£22,441	£22,441

**SANITARY SERVICES.
RECEIPTS.**

Nature of Receipts:	In which Urban Areas do not participate.	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Water Undertakings	850	850
Burial Fees	300	300
Miscellaneous	100	100
	£1,250	£1,250

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HOUSING

Nature of Expenditure:	From which Urban Areas are exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Labourers Acts:		
Salaries	1,100	1,100
Retiring Allowances	530	530
Superannuation—Employees	100	100
Remuneration of Engineers (Portion)	2,296	2,296
Remuneration of Law Agent (Portion)	225	225
Rent Collectors' Poundage	2,300	2,300
Cottage Repairs	5,500	5,500
Loan Charges	53,000	53,000
Insurances	800	800
Rates on Cottages	6,800	6,800
Other Labourers Acts Expenses	386	386
Derelict Sites & Demolitions	35	35
Small Dwellings (Acq.) Acts	2,400	2,400
Grants under Section 19 Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948	300	300
Loan Charges:		
Special Tenant Purchase Scheme	600	600
Grants under Section 7 Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950	—	—
TOTAL FOR HOUSING CHARGES	£76,372	£76,372

Nature of Receipts:	In which Urban Areas do not participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Labourers Acts:		
Rents of Labourers' Cottages	22,300	22,300
Housing Subsidy	23,500	23,500
Other Receipts	50	50
Small Dwellings (Acq.) Acts	2,400	2,400
Recoupment by State of Grants under Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948	200	200
Contributions under Local Government (Superannuation) Act	30	30
Purchase Annuities—Sec. 17, Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950	200	200
TOTAL FOR HOUSING RECEIPTS	£48,680	£48,680

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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			5,556	5,556
Public Libraries			3,982	3,982
Town and Regional Planning Acts			50	50
Tourist Development	400	400		
Scholarships:				
Secondary	2,605	2,605		
University	1,080	1,080		
Public Works—Local Authorities (Works) Act—Drainage Schemes	60,000	60,000		
Other Purposes:				
Salaries and travelling expenses	2,880	2,880	5,932	5,932
Cost of Rate Collection			9,355	9,355
Irrecoverable Rates, Discounts and Remissions			1,000	1,000
Tramway Employees Pensions			884	884
Pensions: Late Union Officers	1,049	1,049		
Late R.D. Council's Officers			188	188
County Officers and Servants	100	100	1,913	1,913
Franchise & Jurors Lists	1,630	1,630		
Valuation	175	175		
Legal Expenses			100	100
Coroners and Inquests	250	250		
Postage & Telephones	300	300	500	500
Stationery, Printing and Advertising	75	75	900	900
Assessments:				
(i) L. Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act	250	250		
(ii) Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act	250	250		
Fire Brigades	5,937	5,937		
Drainage of Land	50	50		

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GENERAL PURPOSES—Contd.

Purpose of Expenditure.	Amount Estimated.			
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Reformatories & Industrial Schools	2,000	2,000		
Conveyance of Prisoners	150	150		
Weights & Measures	300	300		
Food and Drugs	100	100		
County Analyst	240	240		
Seeds & Fertilisers Supply Scheme	2,000	2,000	418	418
Milk & Dairies Act	200	200		
Road Fund Expenses	650	650		
Blind Persons Act				
Prosecutors' & Witnesses' Expenses	120	120		
Civil Defence (A.R.P.) Acts	500	500		
Diseases of Animals:				
Veterinary Inspectors	528	528		
Sheep Dipping Scheme	1,470	1,470		
General Cattle Diseases Fund	320	320		
Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	200	200		
Courthouses and Offices:				
Repairs and Renewals	300	300	500	500
Rents & Expenses	450	450	350	350
Courtkeepers & Office Attendants	135	135	240	240
Loan Charges			803	803
Expenses of Pounds			75	75
Audit Fees			400	400
Insurance Premiums	40	40	40	40
Travelling Expenses of Councillors	1,400	1,400		
Harbour Guarantees	144	144		
Interest on Overdraft—General Account			1,500	1,500
Turf Account			200	200
Miscellaneous	30	30	120	120
Materials Expense (Bal.)				
Machinery Expense (Bal.)				
	£88,308	£88,308	£35,006	£35,006

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GENERAL PURPOSES.

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 ..	60	60	25	25
Licence Fees: Poison ..	5	5		
Cinematograph ..			6	6
Fines under Food & Drugs Acts ..	30	30		
Public Libraries ..			160	160
Seeds & Fertilisers Supply Scheme—Repayments ..	2,000	2,000		
Recoupments: Franchise & Jurors Exs. ..	380	380		
Prosecutors & Witnesses' Expenses ..	120	120		
Civil Defence—A.R.P. Acts ..	250	250		
Diseases of Animals Acts: (a) General ..	264	264		
(b) Sheep Dipping ..	735	735		
(c) Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order ..	200	200		
Fees Refunded by Co. Sec.: (1) Franchise & Jurors ..	264	264		
(2) Motor Registration ..	1,000	1,000		
(3) Valuation Certificates ..	3	3		
Proportion of Law Agent's Salary chargeable to Assistance & Housing Services ..			450	450
Prop. of Analyst's Salary chargeable to Assistance, Health & San. Services ..	120	120		
Contributions from Urban District Councils to County Checker's Salary ..			50	50
Bounty in lieu of Rates ..			3,700	3,700
Rents from County Property ..	65	65	20	20
Contributions to Superannuation ..	200	200	100	100
Miscellaneous ..	20	20	1,000	1,000
	£65,716	£65,716	£5,511	£5,11

Calculation of the 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 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			HEALTH DISTRICT Val. 246,346	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 for 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 DISTRICTS (Col. 8)				HEALTH DISTRICT Val. 776,853	Estimated BALANCE (if any) in favour of HEALTH DISTRICT	Estimated BALANCE (if any) AGAINST HEALTH DISTRICT	AMOUNTS LEVIABLE off HEALTH DISTRICT	RATES IN THE POUND IN HEALTH DISTRICT
							Urban District of Arklow Val. £11,210 .0353502	Urban District of Bray Val. £49,681 .1566631	Urban District of Wicklow Val. £9,871 .0311284						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8a)	(8b)	(8c)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	
Roads	£ 102,350	£ 107,260	£ 58,218	£ 38,479	£ 44,132	£ 63,781	£ 1,560	£ 6,914	£ 1,374	£ 103,065			£ 103,065	100.41	
Public Assistance	125,695		44,930		80,765		2,855	12,653	2,514	62,743			62,743	61.10	
Mental Hospital	62,715		17,662		45,053		1,593	7,058	1,402	35,000	3,232		31,768	30.95	
Health Services	76,829		58,332		18,497		654	2,898	576	14,369		6,100	20,469	19.95	
Sanitary Services		22,441		1,250		21,191				21,191			21,191	20.70	
Housing General Purposes	88,308	76,372	65,716	48,680	22,592	27,692	800	3,500	704	47,083	2,756		24,936	24.29	
	£245,897	£241,079	£244,858	£93,920	£211,039	£147,159	£7,462	£23,023	£6,570	£311,143	£9,308	£6,100	307,935	300.00	

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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 ..			115	115
Wicklow Harbour Loan ..	18	18		
Pensions—Ex-Officers of Co. Council ..			72	72
Vocational Education Committee:				
Demand ..	7,887	7,887		
Repayment of Loans ..	793	793		
Retiring Allowances—	1,142	1,142		
TOTAL SEPARATE CHARGES ..	£9,840	£9,840	£187	£187

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 ..	397	397		
Recoupment proportion of Pensions:				
Department £570 ..				
Leitrim £29 ..				
Sligo £6 ..				
Kildare £50 ..	635	635		
Contribution to Super-annuation ..	15	15		
	£1,047	£1,047		

**Tenders for Heating Installations and Water Services Installations—
Baltinglass District Hospital.**

The following letter, received from the Council's Architect, was submitted:—

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

87, Merrion Sq.
Dublin.
14th February, 1952.

**Re: Improvements to Baltinglass Hospital—Heating, Water
and Electrical Installations.**

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 13th instant, I desire to inform you that I have examined the Report and Recommendations made by Messrs. Kenny and Partners on the tendering for the Heating, Water and Electrical Services in connection with above.

I approve of the Consultant's recommendation for the acceptance of Messrs. F.K.M. Ltd.'s tender, amounting to £4,507 17s. 6d. for the heating installation.

Although Messrs. H. A. O'Neill submitted the lowest tender for the Water Services Installation, I am of the opinion that Messrs. F.K.M.'s tender, amounting to £5,017 3s. 10d. should be accepted.

From the point of view of administration and supervision, it would be extremely desirable to have one Contractor responsible for the Heating and Water Services Installations, more particularly when these services will require to be installed in a "piece-meal" fashion in order to keep the Hospital in operation during the progress of the work. Furthermore, the Heating and the Water Pipes will be located in the same ducts, and in consequence, a certain amount of confusion will be avoided if the one Contractor is appointed for both Services.

It will be noted from the Consultant's Report that the approximate delivery date of the required radiators is eleven months. If delivery cannot be effected before then the work will require to be carried out during the next heating season, which will result in considerable inconvenience and perhaps hardship to the patients and staff of the Hospital. If permission to seek Tenders for these services had been granted at the same time as that for the Building Contract, this situation would not have arisen, as the greater part of the work could have been carried out during the Summer months.

The provision of temporary heating, by means of electricity, may be costly and would necessitate additional wiring.

I understand that the Department of Health have stockpiled a considerable number of Hospital type radiators required for Institutions proposed to be erected under their supervision. In order to overcome the inconvenience previously referred to, and if possible, to avoid closing down the Hospital, I suggest that it should be ascertained from the Department whether it would be possible to procure the radiators we require, which will be replaced when the radiators ordered by the Heating Contractors are delivered in this country.

Yours faithfully,

VINCENT KELLY.

On the proposal of Councillor P. N. Murdoch, seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne, the Council approved of the acceptance of the recommendation of the Architect and Consultant Engineer for the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. F.K.M., Ltd., for both Heating Services and Water Services Installations.

The County Manager stated that he would submit the recommendation to the Department for approval.

The Council decided that a special meeting be held on Monday, 25th February, 1952, at 2 p.m., to deal with matters arising in connection with the retirement of the Rate Collector for No. 8 Collection District, and also to consider the Cottage Purchase Scheme.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 10th March, 1952, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman; Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. P. O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, H. J. Byrne, L. O. Laoighleis, W. Cleary, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. O Broin, C. W. Hudson, J. Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. Brennan.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor P. N. Murdoch.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, attended.

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assist. Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley and P. O'Kesffe were present.

BUSINESS:

- To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 11th, 16th and 19th February, 1952.
- Overdraft Accommodation on General Account, Turf Account and Capital Account, for quarter to 30th June, 1952.
- To affix the Seal of the Council to Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works for Loan of £50,000 for the completion of 1946 Housing Scheme.
- To affix the Seal of the Council to Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works for Loan of £13,120 for Scheme of 13 houses at Killincarrig and 3 houses at Lugduff.
- To affix the Seal of the Council to Mortgage from the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for Loan of £1,500 for the purchase of Tar Macadam Plant.
- To fill vacancy on Co. Wicklow Vocational Education Committee consequent on the resignation of Rev. J. Moran, C.C.
- To fill vacancy on Rathdrum Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee consequent on the death of Mr. O'Riordan.
- To fill vacancy on Arklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee consequent on the resignation of Rev. J. J. Kelly, C.C.
- Appointment of Nominee to represent the Council on the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd.
- Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1952—Recommendation of Committee of Council in regard to applicants under the Scheme.
- Scholarship Schemes: Letter from Scholarship holder—1947 Scheme.
- Turf Production: Circular No. WL/52 of 19th February, 1952, from the Department of Local Government re Turf Production in Season 1952.
- Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949: Circular Letter, W.202/1/4 of 19th February, 1952, from the Department of Local Government in regard to the 1952/53 Programme.
- To receive deputation representing the carters employed by the Council in the Carnew-Coolboy area.
- Application from Leinster Motor Club, Ltd., for closing of roads at Wicklow in connection with Road Races.
- To receive a deputation from Rathnew Tenants' Association.
- Application from Cottage Tenants' Association, Greystones, for reception of deputation.
- Meeting of Housing Committee held on 3rd March, 1952.
- Cost of Rate Collection, and remuneration of Rate Collectors.
- Fire Brigades Act, 1940—Precautions against fire in Cinemas, etc.
- Report on expenditure in respect of the Council's Services for year to 31st March, 1952.

22. Extern Hospitals—Circular A.1/52 of 18th February, 1952, from the Department of Health, re revision of present capitation charges for patients in Extern Hospitals and Sanatoria.
23. Health Inspectorate Staff—Letter dated 19th February, 1952, from the Department of Health.
24. To make Water Rates in respect of the year to 31st December, 1952, for the following towns and villages:—Aughrim, Avoca, Baltinglass, Carnew, Dunlavin, Kilcoole, Newcastle, Rathnew, Roundwood, Tinahely, Stratford and Shillelagh.
25. Extension of water main from Kilpedder to Kilquade—To authorise the raising of Loan to meet the costs of extension of water main.
26. Pumps and Wells—Report of County Engineer re provision of pumps and wells, and in regard to Council's Well-boring plants.
27. Water Supply at Laragh—Report of County Engineer, etc.
28. Glendalough Burial Ground—Decision of the Minister on Council's Petition re extension to Burial Ground.
29. Gilbert Row, Rathdrum—Proposed provision of sanitary accommodation.
30. Sanitary Convenience at Rathdrum.
31. Public Lighting—Cherry Orchard, Killincarrig.
32. Public Lighting—Avoca.
33. Letter from Secretary, Church Terrace Tenants' Association, Dunlavin, re provision of public lighting, and re provision by C.I.E. of a suitable 'bus service for school children.
34. Water Safety Activities—Letters from Irish Red Cross Society.
35. Letter from Catholic Women's Federation of Secondary School Unions re formulation of rules for the use of beaches.
36. Resolution from Roscommon Co. Council re Main Road Maintenance.
37. Resolution from Westmeath Co. Council re upkeep of Courthouses.
38. Resolution from Galway Co. Council re Andreo Geoffroy, Breton Nationalist.
39. Inquiries arising out of County Manager's Orders.
40. Order of Minister approving of the alteration of Boundary at Boghall, Bray.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

The County Secretary stated that the Minutes of the Meetings held on 11th, 16th and 19th February, 1952, had not yet been received from the Printers.

The Council deferred consideration of the Minutes to the next meeting.

Item No. 2—Overdraft: General Account.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea.

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary:

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, Limited, Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum for the quarter ending 30th June, 1952, shall not exceed £70,000.

Passed unanimously.

Turf Account.

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary:

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, Limited, Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Co. Council's

Turf Account, as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum for the quarter ending 30th June, 1952, shall not exceed £10,000.

Passed unanimously.

Capital Account.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless:

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

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, Limited, Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's Capital Account as may be required for the purpose of defraying the cost of reserve stocks of building materials, and we hereby direct that the maximum for the quarter ending 30th June, 1952, shall not exceed £50,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Housing Scheme, 1946—Loan of £50,000.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor J. Jacob:

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 Fifty Thousand Pounds (£50,000) proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Labourers' Acts, 1883-1950.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Housing Scheme—10 houses at Killincarrig and 3 houses at Lugduff.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor J. Jacob:

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 Thirteen Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Pounds (£13,120) proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Labourers' Acts, 1883-1950.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Purchase of Tar Macadam Plant—Loan of £1,500.

Proposed by Councillor J. Jacob;

Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett:

Resolved—That pursuant to the letter of sanction of the Local Government Minister dated 25th January, 1952, the sum of £1,500 be borrowed from the National Bank, Limited, Wicklow for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the purchase of tar macadam plant, said sum to be repaid within ten years with interest at the rate of 4% under the Irish Banks Rate, rising and falling from time to time with a minimum of £4 per cent. per annum as in said letter of sanction provided, the said loan and all interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank, Ltd.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Filling of Vacancy on Co. Wicklow Vocational Education Committee.

The following letter received from the Chief Executive Officer, was submitted:—

The Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Wicklow.

Technical School,

Wicklow.

27th February, 1952.

A Chara,

I wish to inform you that Rev. J. Moran, until recently Catholic Curate at Baltinglass, has, by letter dated 25th Feb., 1952, resigned his position as representative for West Wicklow on the Co. Wicklow

Vocational Education Committee. Fr. Moran has recently been transferred to Stradbally, Laois, and hence is no longer eligible to continue as a member of my Committee.

Kindly arrange for your Council to appoint a successor to Rev. Father Moran at the earliest convenient date.

I enclose a resolution submitted to my Committee by the Baltinglass Sub-Committee, recommending the appointment of Rev. Fr. W. O'Mahony, C.C., Baltinglass, to the vacancy. As the function of filling the vacancy is one for the County Council, I am passing on the recommendation to you for consideration by your Council.

Mise, le meas,

AINDREAS O CROTAIGH,
Príomh Oifigeach Feidhmiúchain.

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Rev. Fr. W. O'Mahony, C.C., Baltinglass, as a member of the Co. Wicklow Vocational Education Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. J. Moran, C.C.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Rathdrum Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

The following letter from the Clerk to the Sub-Committee was submitted:—

Rathdrum Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee,

Mr. K. J. Brangan,
Co. Secretary,
Wicklow.

4, Main St., Rathdrum.

11th Feb., 1952.

A Chara,

A vacancy occurred on above Sub-Committee some time ago, caused by the death of Mr. O'Riordan, The Castle, Rathdrum. The Committee have proposed Mr. William Newman, Main St., Rathdrum, to fill this vacancy.

Mise, le meas,

A. W. LAMBERT,
Clerk.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr. William Newman, Main St., Rathdrum, as a member of Rathdrum Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. O'Riordan.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Arklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

The following resolution received from Arklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee was submitted:—

Proposed by Miss G. M. Hoyne;

Seconded by Mr. Peter O'Reilly, and passed unanimously:

Resolved—That Rev. R. Clancy, C.C., Arklow, be appointed a member of Arklow O.A.P. Sub-Committee to the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. J. J. Kelly, C.C., who has taken up duty in Dublin.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Rev. R. Clancy, C.C., Arklow, as a member of the Arklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. J. J. Kelly, C.C.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd.

The following letter from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd., was submitted:—

A Chara,

February, 1952.

I wish to inform you that each local authority which is a member of "Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd.," is entitled, should it so desire, to appoint one of its members or officers, or any other person authorised in that behalf by it to attend and vote at General Meetings of the Company, and exercise every other right or power incidental to such membership.

As the Twenty-sixth General Meeting of the Company will take place at an early date, I have pleasure in enclosing herewith Form of "Appointment of Nominee."

Should it be desired to exercise the right conferred by the Articles of Association of the Company and the Local Authorities (Mutual Assurance) Act, 1926 to 1935, the enclosed Form should be duly executed and returned as early as possible.

For your information I have pleasure in enclosing herewith Extracts from the Local Authorities (Mutual Assurance) Act, 1926, and the Articles of Association governing the appointment of Nominees.

Mise, le meas,

EAMONN SMYTH,
Runaidhe.

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

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillor C. M. Byrne as our Nominee on the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools.

The County Secretary stated that two applications for permission to compete under the Council's Scholarship Scheme had been referred by the Council to the members of the Council for the Bray area, and the applications had been considered by the members, who recommended that both applications be refused.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:

Resolved—That we refused the application of John Patk. O'Dea, 30, Vevay Road, Bray, and Brendan Thomas Kelly, 18, Carrig Villas, Delgany, for permission to compete under the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Scholarship Schemes—Letter from Scholarship Holder.

The Council expressed appreciation of the following letter received from Miss K. Byrne, Tourboy, Kiltegan, and directed that it be recorded in the Minutes:—

Tourboy,
Rathdangan, Kiltegan,
Co. Wicklow.

11th Feb., 1952.

Dear Sir,

I wish to inform you that I have relinquished my scholarship to take up a post as a Clerical Officer. The scholarship was granted me in 1947. I wish to thank the Council for the grand opportunity they gave me of receiving a sound moral education in Mountmellick. I hope God will bless the good work of the Council always.

Thanking you,

Your obedient servant,
KITTY BYRNE.

Item No. 12—Turf Production.

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

Custom House, Dublin.
19th February, 1952.

Circular No. WI/52.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to

the conference held in November last at which he indicated the desirability of local authorities producing or securing supplies of turf again in 1952 for use in institutions, offices and machinery. In this connection Councils should have regard to the advisability in present circumstances of maintaining a reserve supply of turf over and above immediate requirements. The Minister accordingly would be glad to learn at an early date of the Council's intentions in the matter, and to have:—

1. An estimate of direct production by (a) hand-won methods, and (b) semi-automatic methods.
2. An estimate of the quantity likely to be purchased under contract.
3. An indication of the period for which the quantities at 1 and 2 would meet local authority requirements.

Acquisition and Development of Bogs.

Emergency Powers (No. 310) Order, 1944, under which Bogs can be acquired, worked or leased by local authorities has been continued in force up to 31st December, 1952. Local authorities who intend to develop bogs for machine production may, in some cases, find it more economical and satisfactory to acquire the bogs outright under whichever of their ordinary powers of land acquisition is appropriate. In selecting the bogs to be worked in the coming season, regard should be had to the experience gained in previous seasons, especially in the matter of accessibility, quality of turf and costs of production. In addition to acquiring bogs for their own use, local authorities can encourage and facilitate private turf production by acquiring and developing, where necessary, bogs for letting to persons unable to meet their own needs.

Development works such as drainage and the making and repair of bog roads should, where necessary, be put in hands at the earliest possible date.

The extent of the monies to be allocated to works under the Local Authorities (Works) Act will be a matter for determination in due course by the Dail, but the Minister will be prepared to give priority for grants of any monies so provided to works for bog drainage and the repair of bog roads which, in the opinion of the local authority, have sustained or are likely to sustain damage from flooding, landslide, subsidence, or other similar occurrence. Particulars of works proposed should be submitted on Form W.7 (Part III) (specimen attached).

It will also be a matter for the Dail to decide what grants, if any, will be made available in due course to recoup expenditure necessarily incurred in the making and repair of bog roads (other than repairs carried out under the Works Act) on bogland owned or acquired by the local authority either for letting or for their own use or over which the local authority has acquired a right of turbarry. Proposals for works on bog roads (other than works to be executed under the Works Act) should be submitted to the Department as soon as possible on Form T.2, of which a specimen is attached.

In any case where development works, whether roads of drainage of bogs acquired by the local authority are a matter of urgency, they may be commenced without the Minister's prior approval, provided the estimated cost does not exceed 5s. per ton of turf likely to be produced in 1952 on the bogs in question. Particulars of works so commenced should be notified to the Department together with the appropriate Forms noted above. Where development work on bogs involve operations under such financial arrangements as may in due course be made under the terms of the two preceding paragraphs a cross reference thereto should be made on each Form.

Miscellaneous.

The paragraphs relating to insurance, employment of temporary Engineers, etc., which were included in this Department's Circular, W.2/51, of 19th February, 1951, will apply in the current season. Attention is, however, drawn to the Circular Letter issued by the Dept. of Industry and Commerce in May last regarding applications for permits authorising the use of lorries for the carriage for reward of turf workers by County Councils.

The Conditions of Employment (Turf Industry) (Exclusion) Order, 1951, made by the Minister for Industry and Commerce under which work done in connection with the production of turf is declared to be excluded industrial employment for the purposes of various sections of the Conditions of Employment Act, 1936, dealing with working hours of adults, overtime, etc., continues in force up to 31st December, 1952.

Returns of Employment and Production.

A return of Form T.3 should be forwarded each fortnight (specimen attached). The figures to be furnished on the first return should cover the fortnight ending 23rd February, 1952.

Additional copies of this circular are enclosed for the use of the appropriate Technical Staff.

Mise, le meas,

R. O MURCHU.

To: Each Manager.

The Council decided to consider this Circular in conjunction with item No. 13 on the Agenda in regard to the 1952/53 programme of works to be carried out under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949.

Item No. 13—Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949—1952/53 Programme.

The following letter, received from the Dept. of Local Government was submitted:—

Dept. of Local Government.

Custom House, Dublin.

19th February, 1952.

W202/1/4.

Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949—1952/53 Programme.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to request that you will arrange to have prepared and submitted within a month from this date and within the limits hereinafter indicated, a draft programme, in the attached Form W.7, of the works under this Act which the local authority consider can and should be executed by them during the year ending 31st March, 1953, with preference given to proposals in the following order:—

- (1) Bog drainage;
- (2) Works on bog roads;
- (3) Road drainage and other road protection works of an urgent, useful and durable nature;
- (4) Other drainage designed to assist agricultural or industrial production or transport.

The works to which, subject to the provisions of the Act, preference may be given under heads (1) and (2) may include not only those designed to facilitate turf production by the local authority, but also schemes which are, in the opinion of the local authority, in the public interest as calculated to encourage and facilitate turf production by private interests, particularly in areas where the bogs already in production are not sufficient to meet local demands or are not fully workable because of inadequate development. Bord na Mona have instructed their local representatives to furnish, on request, any available information in regard to such bogs, and it is suggested that the County Engineer should contact their local representative where such information is required.

All bog development proposals under the Act should be submitted on Part III of Form W.7 (specimen attached). In preparing proposals, the local authority should have regard to such considerations as accessibility of the bogs, quality of turf, potential production and the number of persons who would ultimately benefit from the availability of the developed bog.

In the case of drainage works to be included in the programme, the Minister wishes to remind local authorities that there should be close co-operation with other bodies concerned with drainage and reclamation.

Only works which will create or facilitate benefits of a reasonably durable character should be submitted for the Minister's approval. Many schemes included in previous programme have had to be rejected on the grounds of limited benefits, having regard to the small number of beneficiaries or the small acreage and poor quality of the property affected. Likewise, several proposals for cleaning drains have not been approved because the results would not be effective unless the drains were maintained and there appeared to be no prospect that such maintenance would be carried out. Works for light or superficial cleaning of watercourses are open to objection as not affording benefits of a reasonable durable character. In the case of road protection works, proposals are frequently put forward for works obviously of a maintenance character which are not appropriate for execution with the aid of grants. The Minister expects that all proposals will be critically scrutinised so that the programme as submitted will not include schemes which are patently of doubtful benefit or are not appropriate for execution with the aid of grants.

The works proposed should be within the technical capacity and scope of the Council's staff, and it follows that drainage works of an arterial character requiring specialist and comprehensive treatment should not be submitted.

The works selected should be such that in so far as it can possibly be avoided, their execution will not tend to draw labour away from the Council's other operations, agricultural work, Bord na Mona operations, Arterial Drainage Schemes, etc. The local authority should satisfy themselves that the works proposed by them are reasonably planned as regards timing and location. As much work as can economically and efficiently be done in Winter and early Spring should be deferred until then. Last year the total grant for 1951/52 was reduced by £530,000 to £1,220,000 so that labour would be available for the County Council's turf production programme. In the coming financial year the total amount to be allocated for Works Act schemes will be approximately half the present year's grants, in order to make more labour available for agricultural production and for an increased Road Works programme, for which the Minister is providing an increase in Road Fund Grants to a total amount which will fully compensate for the reduction being made in the Works Act programme. The schemes to be submitted in the latter programme should be limited accordingly.

It will be noted that the only schemes to be included in Part I of Form W.7 (specimen attached) are those which commenced in the current year, and which will not have been completed by the 31st March, 1952. Part II and Part III of the Form should be used for the submission of the balance of draft programme for 1952/53. This programme other than schemes relating to Bog Development should be drawn from the schedules of schemes already approved but not commenced. Those schedules should now be carefully reviewed in the light of the foregoing paragraphs. Schemes which the Council

may wish to undertake in the early part of the year should be marked with an asterisk so as to facilitate their early consideration in the Department.

Special attention is directed to the necessity for the proper completion of Form W.7, and in particular to the columns numbered 2, 5, and 6 of Part II. Over-elaboration is not required, but the particulars furnished should be sufficient to assist the Department in assessing the merits of the works proposed. Any supplementary information such as designs, surveys, etc., can be furnished separately.

All proposals for works should be approved by the Council before submission to the Department.

A copy of this circular letter is enclosed for the information of the Chief Engineering Officer.

Mise, le meas,

J. GARVIN.

To: Each County Secretary.

The following report from the County Engineer was considered by the Council:—
6th March, 1952.

Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949—1952/53 Programme.

Please refer to Circular Letter W.202/1/4 of 19th February, 1952. It is necessary to emphasise a few points in this Circular as follows:

- (1) It is noted that a scheme for bog drainage and work on bog roads may include not only local authority turf production, but where private production may be encouraged.
- (2) Particular attention is directed to the quality of the turf, accessibility of the bogs and the number of persons who would benefit by the availability of the bog.
- (3) An important point is that only works which will create or facilitate benefits of a durable character are to be submitted. The Council will recollect that in former years many schemes were disapproved by the Department because of the limited benefits which would result from the proposals, and several schemes for cleaning drains were wasted because there is no prospect of any maintenance work on those drains by land owners.

Certain amounts were allowed under this Act in 1951 for the strengthening and reconstruction of portion of those two roads over the mountains, viz.: Wicklow Gap (Glendalough-Logstown) and Sallygap (Annacarter-Kilbride); the work carried out was satisfactory and the Council would never have been in a financial position to reconstruct those roads. Portions of each road still remain unfinished, and I am sure that the Council will wish to take this opportunity of completing the works this year (1952/53); the opportunity may never again be given.

Consequently, it is urged that the first schemes under the 1952/53 programme should be to allocate sufficient monies from the 1952/53 allocation to finish the 2½ miles on Sallygap and 2½ miles on Wicklow Gap.

According to the Circular referred to (W.202/1/4—19/2/52), the Council is entitled to submit schemes for Road Drainage, Road Protection Works, etc., of a useful and durable nature.

In the coming financial year the amount of allocation to County Wicklow would see to be approximately one-half of the present year's grants (i.e., half of £47,000)—£23,500.

The estimated expenditure on the two roads named above is:—
2½ miles, Sallygap—£6,750; 2½ miles, Wicklow Gap—£6,330. Total: £13,080.

The advantages to the County Wicklow users of these roads from the point of view of turf production and general traffic from east to west need not be stressed to the Councillors, who are aware of the

position; the attraction to tourists and "outside" traffic from the city and from the Midlands is obvious. The cost of ordinary maintenance and repairs on those mountain roads have gone altogether beyond the resources of the county authority.

I would wish to make an early start on those roads for many reasons; it is impossible to carry out work during the late Autumn and Winter and the routes will be required for heavy traffic about August. I ask, therefore, that the Council approve of the proposals as a priority and allow application to be made to the Department immediately.

In addition to above, I give a list hereunder of schemes which were submitted in 1951 to the Department and to which approval was given, but for which no funds were made available. The Council may wish to give its sanction to those schemes as listed, or substitute others; if others are substituted, it may involve delays on inspections and getting sanction.

The total value of schemes under this heading in each area is:—

Northern	..	..	..	..	£2,030
S/Eastern	..	..	..	..	£3,090
Southern	..	..	..	..	£2,700
Western	..	..	..	..	£8,603

£16,423

It would not be possible, however, to carry out all those schemes in 1952, having regard to the total amount available, namely, £23,500 (see above) with an amount of £13,080 set aside for the Sallygap and Wicklow Gap roads; the balance available for ordinary schemes would be £10,420, instead of £16,423. The details of those schemes above referred to as being sanctioned are:—

Northern Area:

Scheme No.	Location	Description of Work	Amount
*A 77	Old Boley-Glencree	Provide gullets, etc.	£200
*A 78	From Road 13 to river	Clean drain	£100
*A 79	Bellevue-Delgany,	Clean stream	£200
*A 81	Highfield, Kilmurray	Clean stream	£100
*A 85	At Waterfall—Road 85	Construct retaining wall	£1,000
*A 88	Diamond Hill Road	Clean and widen stream	£220
*A 89	Knockfodda Road 71	do.	£50
*A 90	Bolinass Road No. 72	do.	£50
*A 91	Carrowbawn Road 70	do.	£60
*A 93	Mullinaveigue Road 38	do.	£50
			£2,020

South-Eastern Area:

Scheme No.	Location	Description of Work	Amount
*B 34	Brittas	Clean stream	£350
*B 39	Whitebridge	Remove weir	£1,000
*B 41	Kish River	Clean river and widen bridge	£1,740
			£3,090

Southern Area:

Scheme No.	Location	Description of Work	Amount
*C 7	Toberpatrick-Killaveney	Clean and deepen river	£1,700
*C 15	Kilcarney	Construct bridge	£1,000
			£2,700

Western Area:

Scheme No.	Location	Description of Work	Amount
*D 11	Drim	Construct gullet	£600
*D 55	Rathsallagh	Clean River	£330
D 45	Lisheen	Straighten, widen and deepen river	£3,550
*D 59	Bessina-Fryanstown	Clean river, pipe gullet on road	£660
*D 70	Millar's Field, Blessington	Lay pipes to take surface water	£110
D 73	Winetavern	Clean river	£440
D 78	Blackbrook-Crosscool-harbour	Widen, deepen and clean river	£880
D 79	Crosscoolharbour	Lay pipe to take surface water	£132
D 81	Tournant Upper	Clean stream	£165
D 82	Knocknadort	Clean stream	£220
D 72	Knockanarrigan-Slaney	Clean river	£506
*D 80	Ballinreddin	Deepen stream	£330
D 87	Griffinstown	Construct gullet	£30
D 89	Springfield-Grangecon	Construct gullet	£30
*D112	Luglass-Corrageh Bogs	Construct drains and gullets	£350
*D113	Garryknock	Construct three gullets	£100
*D114	Ballinagee	Construct five gullets and two drains	£40
*D115	Granamore	Construct drains and one gullet	£130
			£8,603

It is suggested that those schemes marked with an asterisk (*) should be carried out.

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

Turf Production.

In reply to inquiries from the members the County Manager referred to the turf produced in the season 1951, and stated that the Council's requirements for that year had been over-estimated particularly in relation to the quantity of turf to be used by machinery. Furthermore, turf produced during the season 1951 was available for use in the Council's institutions only from about September, 1951. Accordingly the Council had sufficient stocks on hand to meet the needs of the institutions during the year 1952, and also to provide a reserve. Members of the Council, having urged that the Council should embark on a turf production scheme during the season 1952, the Co. Manager agreed that when the scheme was commenced in the previous year long term arrangements had been made in regard to drainage works on bogs and roads serving the bogs. An inquiry had been addressed to the Department of Local Government as to whether, if turf were produced by the Council in 1952, the Electricity Supply Board would be prepared to purchase the turf, or whether Bord na Mona or any

local authority in Dublin would avail of turf produced by the Council. It was understood, however, that the Electricity Supply Board would not require any of the Council's turf, and that it was unlikely that Bord na Mona would purchase any turf from the Council. The County Manager suggested that the Council might consider producing turf to meet the requirements of the Fuel Schemes operated in the Urban Districts of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow. He referred to difficulties experienced in Arklow in obtaining supplies of fuel for present year. He suggested also that local authorities in County Wexford might also be approached with a view to the Council's supplying them with turf for their Fuel Schemes. The County Manager pointed out that the price charged for the turf would have to be competitive, but even if some of the turf had to be sold at less than the cost of production, it still might be desirable to produce turf from the point of view of provision of employment and in the national interests. A subsidy of up to £1,000 might be needed. The Co. Manager suggested that a target of 2,000 tons might be set for the coming year, and that turf for Arklow or Wexford Local Authorities might be produced from the bog at Aughavannagh. In addition further reserve stocks could be acquired for the Council's services.

Following a discussion on the basis of payment of workers to be employed on the Turf Production Scheme, it was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That we produce 2,000 tons of turf in the season 1952, and that day rates be paid to workers employed, with the addition of a bonus fixed on a production basis.

Passed unanimously.

The County Engineer was asked to submit a Scheme for Turf Production as soon as possible.

In reply to a statement by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., that he had received complaints from persons in the area that damage had been caused to drains on the bog at Knockananna as a result of the Council producing turf on this bog, the County Engineer stated that the Council had not blocked any drains but that he would investigate the complaint.

Scheme under Local Authorities (Works) Act.

Having considered the recommendations of the County Engineer in his letter dated 6th March, 1952, the Council agreed that the works recommended on the Sally Gap and Wicklow Gap Roads should have priority, and approved of the allocation of the sum of £13,080 from grants available under the Act in 1952/53 for the purpose of defraying the cost of these works.

The Council also agreed that Scheme No. A 85 be deferred, and in lieu of this Scheme, Bog Drainage Works should be carried out.

Item No. 14—Deputation from Carters in Carnew-Coolboy Area.

Councillor Senator J. McCrea stated that this matter could be adjourned indefinitely as the carters were presently employed.

The Council noted that the deputation would not attend.

Item No. 15—Closing of Roads at Wicklow and Rathnew.

The following letter received from the Leinster Motor Club, Ltd., was submitted:—

27 Stn. William St., Dublin.

Dear Sir,

February 29, 1952.

I am instructed by my Committee to request you to close the roads of the Wicklow road racing circuit, Wicklow Marlton, Beehive, Westbrook, Red Pags, Ballybeg, Rathnew, Bolarneey and Wicklow, together with the roads within the circuit, also the approach roads as follows, as necessary for the safety of competitors and spectators at the races:

(a) Hunters Hotel to Rathnew;

- (b) Rathnew, Tighe's Avenue, Stephen's Corner, Ashford, together with branch from Ballinslea to Main Road;
 - (c) Tighe's Avenue, Milltown Lane, to Brick Works with branch to Croneroe;
 - (d) Glenealy to Rathnew via Brick Works, with branch to Cuckoo Corner Junction with Noad No. 110;
 - (e) Glenealy Church, Blackhill to Red Pags, with branch to Coolbeg.
 - (f) Carrigmore Quarry to Coolbeg;
 - (g) From the Tap at Coolboy via Rosscath to Beehive;
 - (h) From Kilbride No. 109 to Rosscath (Ballymurrin);
 - (i) From Minions Cross Roads to Ballintreskin Cross Roads;
 - (j) From Ballintreskin Cross Roads to Wolohan's Bridge;
 - (k) From Blainroe Cross Roads to Ballynerrien with two branches to main road at Marlton.
 - (l) From Grand Hotel, Wicklow, to Fitzwilliam Square;
 - (m) From Railway Gates via Church Road, to Brickfield Lane.
- The times for which we will require closing order are:—
 May 1st and 2nd—from 5.30 to 7.30 a.m.
 May 3rd—from 1 to 6.45 p.m.
 July 10th and 11th—from 7.30 to 9.30 a.m.
 July 12th—from 2 to 6.30 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

J. IRVINE.

In further letter dated 8th March, 1952, the Leinster Motor Racing Club, Ltd., it was stated that the request for the closing of the roads adjoining the Race Circuit was for the days of actual racing only, i.e., 3rd May and 12th July. For the purpose of practice, only the actual Circuit would require to be closed.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

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

Resolved—Having considered application of Leinster Motor Club, Ltd., we approve of the closing of roads at Wicklow and Rathnew as recommended by the County Engineer on the 1st and 2nd May, 1952, from 5.30 a.m. to 7.30 a.m. and on the 3rd May, 1952, from 1 p.m. to 6.45 p.m., and on the 10th and 11th July, 1952, from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. and on the 12th July, 1952, from 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. subject to the Leinster Motor Club, Ltd., discharging the costs of all advertisements required under the Closing of Roads Regulations.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16—Deputation from Rathnew Tenants' Association.

The Council received a deputation representing Rathnew Tenants' Association. The deputation having been introduced by Councillor J. Jacob, Messrs. Franey and Swayne addressed the Council. The following matters were referred to by the members of the deputation: Water Supply, Lavatories, Road and Pathways, Lights, Carty's Brook Bridge, Rent Receipt System, Removal of dangerous corner at Merrymeeting, Differential Rent System, Building of more cottages, Bringing families from outside village to fill vacant cottages, Painting of cottages, Public Lavatory, Public Telephone, Dispensary, Arrears of rent—Mrs. Doherty and Mrs. Canning.

The Chairman informed the members of the Deputation that the matters referred to would receive the attention of the Council, and that a report would be considered at the next meeting of the Housing Committee. The members of the deputation expressed appreciation of their reception by the Council.

Item No. 17—Application from Cottage Tenants' Association, Greystones, for reception of deputation.

The following letter was submitted:—

9 Castle Villas,

Killincarrig, Delgany.

Sir,

On behalf of above Association I am to ask the County Council

to kindly receive a deputation authorised to speak on behalf of a large number of tenants of this area. The deputation, consisting of four members, to put the following grievances before the Council, viz., cottage maintenance, water supply, sanitation, public lighting, road maintenance, E.S.B. charges and cottage purchase.

As we are not satisfied with the non-attention of the Council to grievances already reported by this association, I am to ask that this deputation be received in Wicklow at the earliest possible convenience of the Council.

Signed—William Greene, Hon. Sec.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we agree to receive at the next meeting of the Council a deputation from the Cottage Tenants' Association, Greystones.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 18—Meeting of Housing Committee.

The following report of the Meeting of the Housing Committee held on 3rd March, 1952, 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, 3rd March, 1952, at 2 p.m.

The following members attended:—

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, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, H. J. Byrne, L. O. Laoighleis, L. O. Cleirigh, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, J. Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. J. Brennan.

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley and P. O'Keefe were present.

The County Secretary stated that the County Manager had to attend at the Department of Health that day and would be unable to be present.

Progress Report:

The Committee noted the attached report of the County Engineer on the progress of the Housing Scheme during the month of Feb., 1952.

Erection of Office for Assistant County Engineer at Blessington:

The Committee considered letter dated 29th February, 1952, from Mr. A. E. MacMahon, Solicitor, on behalf of the tenants occupying cottages at Rockeypool, Blessington, protesting against the erection by the Council of an office for the Assistant County Engineer. The Committee noted that the site for the office and the plans had been approved by the Council at the January meeting, and did not agree that the erection of the office on this site would cause any hardship to the tenants of the cottages.

Design of Cottages:

The County Engineer submitted for examination by the Committee a new design for two-storey house of 665 sq. feet floor area. The estimated cost of erection of the house would be £2850.

The Committee approved of the plans submitted.

Housing Scheme at Kindlestown:

The Committee noted that the Local Housing Committee had adjourned to a later meeting the consideration of the Housing Scheme at Kindlestown, pending receipt of further information in regard to the number of applicants for cottages in the district.

Rent Collection District No. 8:

Having considered report of the County Accountant, dated 14th February, 1952, the Committee approved of the recommendation that

on the retirement of the Rent Collector for No. 8 District, the District be altered and certain cottages in No. 8 District be transferred to No. 6 District and No. 10 District. The Committee did not agree with the suggested apportionment, and asked that the matter be further examined in order to arrange a more equitable allocation of cottages between the three Districts referred to.

Temporary Dwellings:

The Committee considered letter dated 7th February, 1952, Ref. L.6218/3/51 from the Department of Local Government in regard to petition received by the Minister from Mr. John Gallagher, 2 Mount Pleasant Terrace, Ranelagh, Dublin, against the refusal of the Council to grant a Licence permitting the erection of a hut on his land at Railway Plot at Ennis' Lane, Greystones. In the Department's letter reference was made to the existence of other huts in the neighbourhood, and it was suggested that the amenities of the district were therefore low, and would not be affected by the erection of Mr. Gallagher's hut. It was agreed that the dwelling was sub-standard, but it was considered that that applied to all huts. It was stated that in all the circumstances of the case, the Minister proposed to direct the Council, in accordance with Sub-section 9 of Section 34 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948, to grant the licence sought.

The Committee noted that legal proceedings had been instituted against the owners of three of the huts, for their removal; that two other huts had been in existence for the past 6 years, and that the owner of the tram body, referred to in the letter, had been asked to remove it.

The Committee recommended that the Minister be informed of the action taken by the Council for the removal of the huts referred to in the Department's letter, and that it be indicated that the Committee could not agree that the existence of sub-standard dwellings in the district could justify the granting of a licence for the use of land for additional sub-standard dwellings.

Order under Section 31 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948.

The Committee considered a proposal that an Order be made by the Council under Section 31 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948, prohibiting the erection or retention of temporary dwellings within 100 yards of any road in the Electoral Divisions of Kilmacanogue, Delgany, Greystones, Kilcole, Newcastle Lower, Wicklow Rural, Dunganstown East, Dunganstown South, Ennerilly, Kilbride, Arklow Rural, Ballyarthur, Avoca, Cronebane, Rathdrum and Glenealy. The Committee also considered letter dated 22nd February, 1952, from the Council's Law Agent in which he suggested that it would not be desirable that the Council should make an Order under Sect. 31.

The Committee decided to adjourn consideration of the matter pending receipt of reply from the Department to the representations made by the Council in regard to the Department's letter of the 7th February, 1952, which had been considered at the meeting.

Town and Regional Planning Acts.

Having considered plans received for the erection of a cottage at Scurlocksleap, Manor Kilbride, together with letter of 29th February, 1952, from Mr. H. P. Higginbotham, Architect, the Committee recommended that permission for the erection of this cottage be refused.

The Committee also considered letter dated 28th February, 1952, from Mr. W. A. Maguire, Architect, requesting approval in principle to the erection of a garage at Rathnew. The Committee referred the matter to the Local Housing Committee for consideration.

Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:

The Committee approved of applications for loans as follows:—
Pearse O'Brien, F.S.A.A., 92 Main St., Bray, for house at Monastery, Enniskerry—£1,600.

Brian O' Daly, 2 Cowper Drive, Rathmines, Dublin, for house at Dargle Rd., Bray, £1,500, subject to verification of income.
Kevin Devereux, Cherry Orchard, additional loan of £100.
Mrs. E. Joyce, 31 Main St., Arklow, for house at Killinure, additional loan of £100.

Water Connection to Cottage at Ballynulta:

The Committee considered report of the Rent Collector indicating that the tenant of the cottage at Ballynulta was prepared to pay 6d. or 1s. per week to defray the cost of the provision of a water supply to his cottage.

The County Secretary pointed out that the cost of taking a connection from the main to the cottage, and providing a tap in the yard, would be about £50, and that the Co. Manager considered that this cost should be defrayed by payments of at least 5s. per week.

The Committee recommended that a charge of 1s. 6d. per week be made.

Repairs carried out during the month of February:

The Committee noted the report submitted by the Co. Engineer in regard to repairs carried out during the month of February.

Authorisation of Repairs:

The Committee authorised the repairs to cottages in accordance with the lists submitted by the County Engineer, excluding the provision of glass and rimlocks.

The Committee also considered letter from Mr. Joseph Kavanagh, Kilpipe, in regard to the necessity for fencing a cottage plot adjoining his land. The Committee noted that wire and posts for fencing had been supplied to the tenant, but that the tenant was not prepared to erect the fence. The Committee recommended that the fence be erected by the Council.

Provision of Public Light at the Protestant Church, Enniskerry:

The Committee recommended that the quotation of the Electricity Supply Board for the provision of a public light at the steps leading to the Protestant Church at Enniskerry be accepted.

Tenders for Central Heating—Extensions to County Fever Hospital:

The five tenders received in response to public advertisement were opened in the presence of the members. The Co. Secretary stated that the tenders would be submitted to the Council's Consultant Engineer for his recommendation.

Meetings of Committees of Council re Roads Programme, 1952/53:

The Committee decided that Meetings of the Councillors concerned would be held as follows: North-Eastern District (Assist. Engineer P. O'Keeffe) at Town Hall, Bray, at 8 p.m. on 10th March; South-Eastern District (Assist. Engineer P. J. Caffrey) at Co. Secretary's Office, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 3 p.m. on 14th March; Southern Area (Assist. Engineer C. J. Byrne) at Courthouse, Shillelagh, at 3 p.m. on 7th March; Western District (P. J. Foley, B.E.) at Courthouse, Baltinglass, at 4 p.m. on 6th March.

With reference to the recommendation of the Committee that permission be refused for the erection of cottage at Scurlocksleap, Manor Kilbride, the County Secretary stated that the opinion of the Council's Law Agent had been obtained, and that he had advised that there were no grounds under the Town and Regional Planning Acts on which the application could be refused. In reply to inquiries from members the Co. Manager pointed out that the erection of the proposed house at Scurlocksleap could not be regarded as affecting prejudicially the amenities of the district. The circumstances would be entirely different if the proposal related to a populous centre.

The Council agreed that in the circumstances, permission should be granted.

Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:

The Council considered application received from John F. O'Brien,

St. Mary's, Kilmacanogue, Bray, for a loan of £500 in respect of the erection of a house at Glencap, Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue. The Council recommended that the Loan be granted.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett;

Resolved—That we approve of the report of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on the 3rd March, 1952.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 19—Cost of Rate Collection and Remuneration of Rate Collectors:

The Council considered the following statement circulated by the County Manager:—

Courthouse, Wicklow,

23rd February, 1952.

The Chairman and Members,

Wicklow County Council.

re: Cost of Rate Collection and Remuneration of Rate Collectors.

A Chara,

At the Estimates Meeting of the Co. Council on the 19th instant reference was made to the cost of collecting Rates and it was arranged that a special statement be submitted to the members showing the trend of costs in recent years and the effect which the progressive rise in rates over the past 10 years or more has had on the amounts paid to Rate Collectors by way of remuneration.

Attached is a statement showing the remuneration allowed to each Rate Collector in the year 1938/'39; remuneration payable for year 1951/'52; and, the remuneration which would be payable in 1952/'53 if poundage were allowed on the existing basis.

In 1938/'39 collectors were allowed the poundage of 7d. in the £. The rate levy for that year was 11s. 8d. In 1948/'49 as a result of representations made by the collectors it was decided to increase the poundage to 9½d. in the £. The existing poundage is payable subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions, viz.: 7d. in £ is paid subject to compliance with the following requirements: ½d. in £ is paid provided there was a collection equivalent to 75 per cent. of first Moiety and arrears by 30th September; a further ½d. is paid provided the first Moiety and arrears is collected by 31st October; an additional ½d. if 65 per cent. is collected by 31st January; another ½d. is paid if 95 per cent. of warrant is collected by 31st March; a further ½d. if 97½ per cent. be collected by 31st March.

Most of the collectors have qualified for the payment of full poundage of 9½d. in recent years; in a few instances it happened that collectors qualified for payment of 9d. instead of the poundage of 9½d., i.e., they had not fulfilled one of the foregoing conditions.

It will be found from the attached statement that Collectors since 1938/'39 have been allowed an increase in remuneration ranging from 73 per cent. to 172.6 per cent. There have been increases in valuations but increases in valuations do not represent additional work. Additional work would arise from increases in the number of ratings and there are only two districts in which there has been any appreciable increase in the number of ratings, viz.: District No. 7 (Greystones, Delgany, etc.), and No. 8 (Powerscourt, Enniskerry, etc.) The increase in remuneration is, therefore, almost completely attributable to (1) the rise in rate levy from 11s. 8d. in 1938 to 23s. 6d. in 1951/'52; and to the revision of the poundage rate (from 7d. to 9½d.)

The poundage rate is subject to the sanction of the Minister each year and may be altered provided that it does not result in a reduction of the collectors remuneration.

The effect on the Rate Collectors' remuneration of the increase in the rate levy for the coming year, 1952/'53 is also shown and it will be noted that if remuneration were allowed on the existing basis collectors would automatically receive increases in remuneration of approximately 1/12th.

It is considered appropriate that the poundage rate should be adjusted in the coming year so as to allow collectors a remuneration equivalent to that which they were receiving in the present years, and it is proposed to submit a revised scheme for the sanction of the Minister.

It should be mentioned that there has been a marked improvement in the collection of rates in the past 10 years or so. The introduction of the conditions for the payment of an additional 2½d., which may be regarded as equivalent to an efficiency bonus, has resulted in an improved collection with consequent saving to the rates in the payment of overdraft interest. The advisability of allowing reasonable remuneration to persons entrusted with the collection of large sums of money is appreciated, but it is considered that regard must be had to the total cost of collecting rates and it is felt undesirable that remuneration should be determined merely by fluctuations in the rate levy—this scarcely could be regarded as a reasonable basis for determining such remuneration.

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

REMUNERATION OF RATE COLLECTORS.

Name	Dist. No.	Poundage 1938/39	Poundage & Bonus 1951/52	Inc. %	Estimated Poundage & Bonus 1952/53	Inc. %
		£	£		£	
L. McDonnell	1	188	448	137.7%	485	158%
Michael Byrne	2	107	320	140.0%	346	166%
Edward Lynch	3	75	180	140.0%	195	160%
Patrick Bourke	5/4	158	405	156.3%	438	177%
Mrs. M. Healy	6	128	350	172.6%	379	197%
John Sheehan	7	445	768	159.0%	832	181%
Patk. Mulligan	8	120	700		758	
Michael Healy	9	361	908	151.0%	983	172%
W. P. Murphy	10	141	330	133.0%	357	153%
J. J. McCull	11	220	518	135.0%	561	155%
W. C. Byrne	12	197	518	161.0%	561	185%
Michael Roche	13/14/15	317	722	127.0%	782	146%
P. J. O'Byrne	16	217	479	120.0%	519	139%
D. J. Kinsella	17	125	340	173.0%	366	192%
Michael O'Toole	18	144	248	73.0%	268	86%
Michael O'Neill	19	109	310	131.0%	335	155%

The following letter, received from the Council's Law Agent was submitted:—

4 Church St., Wicklow.
28th February, 1952.

re: Remuneration of Rate Collectors.

Dear Sir,

We duly received yours of the 27th instant, and after careful consideration of this matter we are of opinion that there is no power to vary the terms of appointment of Rate Collectors. In other words, if they are appointed at the rate of 7d. in the £ this cannot be altered.

There would, however, be power to reduce or cancel the present bonus being paid.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. MCCARROLL & CO.

The County Secretary stated that particulars had been obtained from 21 other County Councils in regard to the amount paid to Rate Collectors in respect of poundage, and in relation to the basis of payment. In the majority of cases, Rate Collectors were paid on a poundage basis plus bonus similar to that applicable in County Wicklow. Payments made in respect of poundage to collectors represented amounts varying from 3.9d. in the £ to 9.2d. in the £ based on the valuations of respective County Health Districts. The figure of 9.2d. in the £ related to Co. Donegal, and the next highest figures were 7.3d. in the £ for Longford and Wicklow.

Councillor H. J. Byrne pointed out that the proposal before the Council represented a stabilising of the remuneration of rate collectors, and not a reduction in the amount of their remuneration.

Councillor M. Brennan suggested that if the remuneration of Rate Collectors were reduced the percentage of rates collected might also be reduced.

The County Manager pointed out that an important principle was involved. It did not appear reasonable that one class of officers should obtain an automatic increase in remuneration consequent on an alteration in the rate struck by the Council, without any change in the extent of their duties or responsibilities. He paid tribute to the Rate Collectors for the manner in which their duties had been carried out in recent years, which had resulted in a saving of overdraft interest to the Council, but pointed out that all officers must carry out their duties efficiently, and that the work of other members of the staff had also effected a saving to the Council. The Co. Manager also referred to the presence at the meeting of a number of the Rate Collectors.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill:

That the present system of remuneration of Rate Collectors be not interfered with.

As an Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett:

That steps be taken to stabilise the basis of payment for Rate Collectors so as to allow Rate Collectors the same remuneration in 1952/53 as receivable in respect of the year 1951/52.

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

For the Amendment—Councillors W. Hammond, H. J. Byrne, W. Lawless, Miss E. F. Bobbett and P. Ledwidge—(5).

Against the Amendment—Councillors Senator J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, M. Brennan, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne and J. Jacob—(13).

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

Councillor P. McCarthy's proposal was declared carried on the same voting.

Item No. 20—Fire Brigades Act, 1940—Precautions against fire in Cinemas, etc.

As requested by the Council, the Chief Fire Officer attended the meeting to reply to inquiries regarding his recommendations for precautions which should be taken against fire in places of public resort.

Having heard the statement of the Chief Fire Officer, it was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendations of the Chief Fire Officer in the enclosure to his letter of 10th January, 1952, in regard to the precautions to be taken against fire in places of public resort, including the provision in Cinemas of two independent systems of

lighting, and note the opinion of the Council's Law Agent that the powers given by Section 7 and 8 of the Fire Brigades Act, 1940, are adequate to ensure compliance with the Council's requirements.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 21—Report on expenditure in respect of the Council's Services for the year to 31/3/52:

Having considered explanation submitted by the County Secretary in regard to expenditure in excess of the estimates under certain headings, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates as set out hereunder:

Health Services:

Infectious Diseases	..	£1,250
Extern Sanatoria	..	£4,200

Total .. £5,450

Sanitary Services:

Public Lighting	..	£300
Water Supplies and Sewerage Schemes	..	£750

Total .. £1,050

Housing Services:

Loan Charges	..	£3,000
Cottage Repairs	..	£1,000

Total .. £4,000

Public Assistance:

Extern Hospitals	..	£3,000
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Passed unanimously.

Item No. 22—Extern Hospitals—Revision of Capitation Charges for Patients.

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

Department of Health,

Custom House, Dublin.

18 Feabra, 1952.

Circular A.1/52.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Health to refer to Circular P.32/50 dated 24 Meitheamh, 1950, regarding the capitation charge payable for adults and children sent for treatment by local authorities to voluntary hospitals and sanatoria and to say that he has received representations from the hospitals and from the Hospitals Commission requesting a revision of the present capitation charge.

The Minister has had the accounts of the hospitals examined and he is satisfied that the increased cost of maintenance and medical treatment in hospital justify him in approving the payment by local authorities of increased charges. He has, however, decided to take the opportunity afforded by the review to provide that the charges now sanctioned will be fully inclusive of the cost of special drugs and services, blood transfusions, etc., with the exception of:—

- (i) Deep X-ray therapy, and
- (ii) X-ray examinations of patients sent to Drumcondra Hospital and the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin, in which X-ray facilities are not available.

The revised charges, inclusive except as indicated above, which the Minister has approved, as from 1st ultimo, are as follows:—

- 15s. per day for patients in hospitals shown on Appendix A.
- 13s. 6d. a day for patients in hospitals shown on Appendix B.
- 12s. a day for patients in hospitals shown on Appendix C.

The charges for X-rays in the case of patients in the two hospitals specified in the preceding paragraph will continue to be as set out in Circular P.142/47 of 15 Samhain, 1947.

Mise, le meas,

P. CINNEIDE.

Each City and County Manager.

Appendix A:

Adelaide Hospital, Peter Street, Dublin.
 Barrington's Hospital, Limerick.
 Bedford Row Hospital, Limerick.
 Charitable Infirmary, Jervis Street, Dublin.
 Children's Hospital, Temple Street, Dublin.
 City of Dublin Skin and Cancer Hospital, Dublin.
 Cobh General Hospital.
 Coombe Hospital, Dublin.
 Cork Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital.
 Countess of Wicklow Memorial Hospital, Arklow.
 Drogheda Cottage Hospital.
 Drogheda Memorial Hospital, Curragh.
 Dymcondra Hospital, Dublin.
 Dr. Steeven's Hospital, Dublin.
 Erinville Hospital, Cork.
 Limerick County Infirmary.
 Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin.
 Mercy Hospital, Cork.
 Meath County Infirmary, Navan.
 Meath Hospital, Dublin.
 Mercer's Hospital, Dublin.
 Monkstown Hospital, Dublin.
 National Maternity Hospital, Dublin.
 National Children's Hospital, Harcourt Street, Dublin.
 North Infirmary, Cork.
 Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda.
 Our Lady's Hospice for the Dying, Dublin.
 Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe.
 Rotunda Hospital, Dublin.
 Royal City of Dublin Hospital.
 Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin.
 Shiel Hospital, Ballyshannon.
 Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin.
 South Infirmary, Cork.
 St. Anne's Skin and Cancer Hospital, Dublin.
 St. Joseph's Hospital, Mount Desert, Cork.
 St. Laurence's Hospital, Dublin.
 St. Patrick's Hospital, Cork.
 St. Patrick's Infant Hospital, Dublin.
 St. Michael's Hospital, Dunlaoghaire.
 St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin.
 Teach Ultain, Dublin.
 Valentia Hospital.
 Victoria Hospital (Incorporated), Cork.
 Waterford County and City Infirmary.

Appendix B:

Newcastle Sanatorium, Co. Wicklow.
 Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Dunlaoghaire.
 Peamount Sanatorium, Co. Dublin.

Appendix C:

Incorporated Orthopaedic Hospital, Dublin.
 St. Mary's Hospital, Cappagh.
 Beaumont Convalescent Home.
 Cheeverstown Convalescent Home.

Linden Convalescent Home.
Meath Hospital Convalescent Home.
Clifton Convalescent Home.

The County Secretary stated that as regards Health Services Account, the revision in the rate of payment for maintenance of patients would result in additional payments by the Council in the current year, amounting to approximately £1,200. The estimated additional expenditure which would be incurred in the year ending 31st March, 1953, was £4,800 approximately. As regards the Assistance Services Account, the additional expenditure in the current year would be approximately £1,000, and in the coming financial year approximately £4,200.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary:

Resolved—That having considered Circular A.1/52, of the 13th February, from the Department of Health, conveying approval to the payment by local authorities of increased charges for patients in Extern Hospitals, we authorise the incurring of expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the coming year's estimates in respect of the maintenance of patients in Extern Hospitals and Sanatoria, as follows:

Health Services	£4,800
Assistance Services	£4,250

Item No. 24—Water Rates.

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

Resolved—That the Water Rate Book as submitted by the Sec. be signed and Water Rates in respect of the year ending 31st December, 1952, made for the towns of Battinglass, Dunlavin, Rathnew, Stratford, Roundwood, Kilcoole, Newcastle, Avoca, Carnew, Tinahely and Shillelagh in accordance with those adopted on consideration of the Sec.'s Estimates, namely, in the following towns:—

Battinglass—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 Nine Pence) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.
Tinahely—1s. 9d. in the Pound (One Shilling and Nine Pence) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.
Shillelagh—1s. 9d. in the Pound (One Shilling and Nine Pence) 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 Council.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 28—Glendalough Burial Ground Extension.

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

Custom House, Dublin.
27th February, 1952.

P.12478/51.
A Chara.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government-Government to refer to previous correspondence regarding the Council's petition for a Provisional Order for the acquisition of land for the proposed extension of Glendalough Burial Ground and to state that he has dismissed the petition. It is presumed that you will notify any persons having an estate or interest in the land which it was proposed to acquire that the petition has been dismissed.

Mise, le meas,

Secretary, Wicklow County Council. B. NOLAN.

The Council asked that the Minister be requested to state the reasons for refusing the Petition for the extension of the Burial Ground. **Re-surfacing of New Church Road, Bray.**

The following letter forwarded by Councillor P. N. Murdoch, was submitted:—

Copy, 1st March, 1952.

The Chairman,
Bray U.D.C., Bray.

Dear Sir,

In connection with the resurfacing of the New Church Road outside my house I should like to make a very strong protest at the action of the Gas Co. in proceeding to carry out excavations immediately the local council had made arrangements with the Wicklow County Council to carry out this resurfacing.

As you are aware the resurfacing of this road has been promised for nearly two years, and I and the other residents have been considerably inconvenienced due to the serious state of deterioration of the road which has caused considerable damage to our motor vehicles. I understood that all public utilities such as the Gas Co. and E.S.B. have been aware for some considerable time that this resurfacing was to take place, and, therefore, I fail to understand why the Gas Co. could not have carried out the relaying of the mains at least twelve months ago, and given the ground time to settle down before resurfacing took place.

I am aware that due to representations from the Co. Engineer, that the Gas Co. are now laying most of the new main on the edge of the footpath, but nevertheless, at the Vevay Road end there is a considerable excavation in the road itself for a matter of 30 or 40 yards, in which there will be considerable subsidence of the soil when the excavation is filled in, which will cause considerable difficulty to the Engineers to obtain a proper smooth road surface, and I can foresee that there will be considerable sinking on this point until the time the ground has settled.

To my mind, due to the lackadaisical attitude of the Gas Co. they should be held responsible for any additional expenditure which will be incurred by the local council in putting right any subsidence which will occur eventually, and this should not be charged on the local rates.

Yours faithfully,

The Council agreed that the Gas Company should be responsible for any additional expenditure which might be incurred by the Bray Urban District Council in putting right any subsidence in the road surface as a result of the road openings.

The Council adjourned consideration of the remaining items on the Agenda to a meeting to be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 1952.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

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Road Estimates Meeting:

The Council decided that the meeting of the members concerned to consider the Road Works Programme in relation to the North-Eastern District (Assistant Engineer P. O'Keeffe, B.E.) would be held on Tuesday, 18th March, 1952, following the meeting of the Council.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 18th March, 1952, at 11 a.m., to consider the remaining items on the Agenda for the meeting held on 10th March, 1952.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman;
Councillors Senator J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. P. O'Reilly, Paul Kehoe, A. Toomey, H. J. Byrne, L. O. Laoighleis, Liam O Cleirigh, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. J. Brennan.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors C. M. O Broin and P. N. Murdoch.

The County Secretary conveyed the County Manager's apologies for his inability to attend the meeting as he was engaged in the preparation of the Estimates for Bray Urban District.

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assist. Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley, and P. O'Keeffe were present.

BUSINESS:

23. Health Inspectorate Staff—Letter dated 19th February, 1952, from the Department of Health.
25. Extension of water main from Kilpedder to Kilquade—To authorise the raising of Loan to meet the costs of extension of water main.
26. Pumps and Wells—Report of County Engineer re provision of pumps and wells, and in regard to Council's well-boring plants.
27. Water Supply at Laragh—Report of County Engineer, etc.
28. Glendalough Burial Ground—Decision of the Minister on Council's Petition re extension to Burial Ground.
29. Gilbert Row, Rathdrum—Proposed provision of sanitary accommodation.
30. Sanitary Convenience at Rathdrum.
31. Public Lighting—Cherry Orchard, Killincarrig.
32. Public Lighting—Avoca.
33. Letter from Secretary, Church Terrace Tenants' Association, Dunlavin, re provision of public lighting, and re provision by C.I.E. of a suitable bus service for school children.
34. Water Safety Activities—Letters from Irish Red Cross Society.
35. Letter from Catholic Women's Federation of Secondary School Unions re formulation of rules for the use of beaches.
36. Resolution from Roscommon Co. Council re Main Road Maintenance.
37. Resolution from Westmeath Co. Council re upkeep of Court-houses.
38. Resolution from Galway Co. Council re Andreo Geoffroy, Breton Nationalist.
39. Inquiries arising out of County Manager's Orders. Extension of Boundary at Boghall, Bray.

Item No. 23—Health Inspectorate Staff.

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

Department of Health,
Custom House, Dublin.
19 Feabra, 1952.

B.32/5.

A Chara,

The Minister for Health has asked me to refer to your letter of 25th January, 1951, and to convey approval to the proposal to appoint an additional permanent health inspector for the county. The County Manager's proposals in regard to the remuneration for the office should be submitted as soon as possible.

I am to say that, on the information before him, the Minister is not satisfied that three health inspectors are sufficient for County Wicklow. He considers, for instance, that the Urban District of Bray is a special case and that with its large Summer-time population, the health inspector for that area will be over-taxed and will require the assistance of another inspector, say, from an adjoining district. In so far as it may be necessary to arrange for this, it would likely be necessary to arrange also that the adjoining district in question would be smaller than at present envisaged.

The Minister also has in mind that, in a couple of months' time, more registration work will be under way, which will be required to be completed by 30th September next, and that during this period all the health inspectors will probably be taking annual leave. Furthermore, there will be follow-up work to be done on the hotels at present now being registered.

Considerations similar to those in the case of Bray will likely apply to other towns in the county, though perhaps to a smaller extent, and in all the circumstances, the Minister considers that four working health inspectors is the minimum for the discharge of health inspector duties in the county. He would be glad, therefore, if the matter were reconsidered by the Co. Council as soon as possible.

Mise, le meas,

T. O. SULLIOBHAIN.

The County Secretary stated that in regard to the first part of the letter, the Department had been informed that the Co. Manager had fixed a salary scale of £300 x £15—£375 together with appropriate temporary bonus for the vacant office of Health Inspector.

In letter dated 7th March, 1952, the Chief Medical Officer had stated that he had considered the matter of the Health Inspectorate Staff, and was in agreement with the views of Dr. Dunlevy and the County Manager that three permanent Health Inspectors would be adequate.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett;

Resolved—That having considered letter dated 19th February, 1952, Ref.B.32/5 from the Department of Health, we direct that the Dept. be informed that the Council does not consider that more than three Health Inspectors are required.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 25—Water Main from Kilpedder to Kilquade.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the raising of a Loan of £2,700 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years with interest at 3½ per cent, for the purpose of defraying the cost of the extension of the water main from Kilpedder to Kilquade.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 26—Pumps and Wells.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
Courthouse, Wicklow.

10th March, 1952.

re: Pumps and Wells.

In 1949 the first well-boring plant was purchased and the following year a second one was acquired. With these two plants 23 new wells have been sunk as follows:—

Northern Area:

Ballybawn—61 ft. deep.

Priestnewtown—70 ft. deep.

Blackditch—81 ft. deep.

Ballynerrin—54 ft. deep.

Leabeg—25 in progress.

South East:

Arklow Rock 1—60 ft. deep.

Arklow Rock 2—60 ft. deep.

Kilcarra—70 ft. deep.

Kilbride—112 ft. deep.

South:

Kilballyowen—75 ft. deep.

Tomacork—50 ft. deep.

Crab Lane

Coolkenno—55 ft. deep.

Tullowclay—55 ft. deep.

Croneyhorn—60 ft. deep.

Ballyconnell—60 ft. deep.

Rosbawn—55 ft. deep.

West Wicklow:

Fryanstown—47 ft. deep.

Three Castles—32 ft. deep (not completed).

Blackhill—45 ft. deep.

Ballyhook—60 ft. deep.

Clough—50 ft. deep.

Doodysbottoms—57 ft. deep.

Granabeg—28 ft. deep.

The total expenditure is £5,386 but this figure includes supplying and erecting 10 new pumps to replace old pumps, the carrying out of minor repairs to existing pumps and stocks of pipes and liners purchased in advance.

The boring of wells in West Wicklow has been held up during the last few months due to a breakdown in the engine and the difficulty in having this part repaired. The firm who are repairing it have notified us that it is now finished and is being sent out.

Signed—J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

The Chairman stated that he considered the progress made in the provision of pumps and wells to have been slow.

Councillor Senator J. McCrea suggested that additional plant should be obtained in order to expedite the work.

At the suggestion of Councillor W. Hammond, the Council agreed that the County Engineer submit his recommendations in regard to the purchase of additional well-boring equipment to the next meeting of the Council.

Item No. 27—Water Supply at Laragh.

The County Secretary stated that representations had been received from tenants of Council cottages on the Laragh-Glendalough Road for the provision of a water supply. The petition was supported by an appeal from Dr. O'Shaughnessey, Medical Officer for Annamoe. The following report of the Co. Engineer was submitted:—

Courthouse, Wicklow.

27th February, 1952.

re: Water Supply for Glendalough and Laragh.

In reply to yours of the 11th and 15th instant, I wish to point out that except for the Royal Hotel, which has a private supply, the position in these districts in regard to water supply is very bad and an alternative supply is urgently required. The present supply in Laragh Village comes from springs in a field outside the village and is piped to a public pump.

The population of the district, is, according to the 1951 census, 339. Allowing for a slight increase in population and the influx of visitors in summer months a supply of 16,000 gallons per day is required.

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Two courses of action are open:—

(1) The provision of two public pumps. One of these pumps should be in Laragh Village and the other at the cottage on the Glendalough Road. This would be only an expedient to save money and to hasten relief. The cost would be difficult to estimate, but would be in the region of £550. Under this scheme the hotels and the visitors thereto would still be catered for by their own private supplies.

(2) The provision of a piped water supply from streams on the Wicklow Gap Road where the present hotel supply comes from. The cost of the scheme would depend largely on the purification required, but a tentative estimate would be in the region of £4,000. In my opinion the cost of this scheme would be prohibitive in view of the fact that the hotels are already catered for.

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

The following report of the Health Inspector was submitted:—
Rathdrum.

13th March, 1952.

re: Provision of Water Supply for Council Cottages at Glendalough (Brockagh and Laragh (Knockfinn)).

I have carried out a survey in the above-mentioned areas, and report as follows:—

In the Brockagh area there are six Council cottages, one private dwelling and An Oige Hostel without proper water supply for the summer periods. The six Council cottages occupants total 38 persons, private dwelling 2, and An Oige has accommodation for approximately 25 persons.

In the Knockfinn area there are 8 Council cottages also having no proper supply for the summer months. The number of occupants in the eight cottages is 41.

As Brockagh cottages are approximately a quarter of a mile from Knockfinn cottages, I am of the opinion that one pump would not be sufficient to ensure an adequate supply as some of the tenants would have to carry water for a distance of nearly half a mile.

I would suggest that the provision of two pumps (one at Brockagh and one at Knockfinn) be considered.

Laragh Village is supplied by a piped supply which could be im- provide at a small cost.

Signed—P. P. DUFFY,
Health Inspector.

In letter dated 14th March, 1952, the Chief Medical Officer recommended that two pumps should be provided as suggested by the Health Inspector.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had already included the provision of pumps at Knockfinn and Brockagh on the list of Pumps and Wells to be provided from the Loan recently cancelled.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., inquired whether a water supply might be taken from the overflow from the supply to the Hotel at Glendalough and suggested that the County Engineer might consult Mr. P. Byrne, Assistance Officer, who was familiar with conditions in the area.

The County Engineer stated that he thought it unlikely that the supply could be obtained in the manner suggested and pointed out that the owner of the supply was not prepared to provide a connection from the supply for the purpose of the Public Convenience to be erected at Glendalough.

The Council noted that two pumps would be provided.

Item No. 29—Sanitary Accommodation at Gilbert Row, Rathdrum.

The following report of the Health Inspector was submitted:—
Rathdrum.

re: Provision of Water and Sanitary Accommodation at Gilbert Road, Rathdrum.

I carried out inspection re above, and the following are my observations:—

There are 13 houses in this Row, and the following are without water, yard drainage, or sanitary accommodation:—

1. James Keogh, owner and occupier.
3. William Finn, owner and occupier.
4. David Hughton, owner and occupier, sanitary accommodation provided, but not connected to the Main Sewer. Drains into box shore.
5. Not occupied at present, owned by Coopers.
6. Michael Sheehan, owner and occupier.
7. Vacant house owned by Davis Bros. and used as store.
8. Occupied by John McDonald, owned by Mrs. T. Kennedy, Fair Green.
10. Mrs. Brigid Jordan, owner and occupier.
11. Michael Bell, owner and occupier.

Nos. 2, 9, 12, 13 are provided with water and sanitary accommodation.

The Main Sewer runs down a field at the back of these houses, and to connect up to same, these people would have to compensate the owner of the field.

I would suggest that a 6-inch sewer be laid along the back entrance to these houses to connect up the main sewer which comes out just below the last house on Gilbert Row, and notice served on the owners to provide sanitary accommodation, yard drainage, and connect up to same.

Signed—DONAL C. COONEY.

The Acting Chief Medical Officer who had carried out the inspection with the Health Inspector had recommended that the Engineer be asked to report on the matter, and the following report of the Council's Engineer was submitted:—

Courthouse,
Arklow.

Re: Water and Sanitary Accommodation at Gilbert Row,
Rathdrum.

I have inspected Gilbert Row, in connection with the report of the Health Inspector that a 6" sewer be laid along the back to allow sanitary accommodation to be provided there for use of the householders.

The project is feasible and the cost would be about £220. I do not think any of these houses will be dealt with under the Housing Acts in the near future, as they are fairly substantial houses.

Signed: J. P. Caffrey,
Assistant County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the County Manager considered that if the sewer were provided, a contribution of £10 per house should be required. The County Secretary stated that the persons involved were mostly in poor circumstances and gave particulars of their occupations.

Having considered the matter, the Council decided to take no action.

Item No. 30—Sanitary Conveniences at Rathdrum.

The County Secretary stated that in report dated 2nd February, 1952, the Acting Chief Medical Officer had suggested that a single convenience situate between the Fair Green and the bus stop would be sufficient to serve Rathdrum.

The following report of the Assistant County Engineer was submitted:—

Courthouse, Arklow.
10th March, 1952.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AT RATHDRUM.

I made further inspections of sites at Rathdrum with a view of finding the most suitable for the location of a Public Convenience.

Mr. Michael Haughton would give a site on the Fair Green near the Fire Station, but the most convenient one is in a yard belonging to Mr. James Lynham, Ballinderry. This is situated in Brewery Lane about 120 yards from the Market Place and about the same distance from the Fair Green.

Mr. Lynham is asking £50 for this site as a minimum price, depending on the amount of land we would take.

In my opinion this is the most suitable site in the area.

Signed: J. P. Cafferey.

Assistant County Engineer.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter, and directed that the views of the residents of Rathdrum be obtained as to the most suitable site for a public convenience.

Item No. 31—Public Lighting—Cherry Orchard, Kilincarrig.

The County Secretary stated that in letter dated 15th February, 1952, the Electricity Supply Board had advised the Council that the erection of 3-200 watt lamps at the Cherry Orchard, Kilincarrig, would necessitate the erection of a net work extension costing £52.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge.

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the tender of the Electricity Supply Board for the provision of three public lamps at Killincarrig on roads serving Killincarrig and Cherry Orchard cottages in the sum of £52.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 32—Public Lighting—Avoca

The County Secretary stated that in letter dated 21st February, 1952, the Electricity Supply Board had informed the Council that the Board would supply and erect a 200 watt lamp complete with lantern and bracket at a point adjacent to the public sanitary convenience at Avoca, at an inclusive cost of £9, payable on the completion of the work.

On the suggestion of the Council's Engineer the Council deferred consideration of the estimate pending a report from the Engineer in regard to the number of lamps required at Avoca.

Item No. 33—Public Lighting, etc. at Dunlavin

The following letter from the Secretary, Church Terrace Tenants' Association, Dunlavin, was submitted:—

Main Street,
Dunlavin,
Co. Wicklow.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

Sir,

At a meeting of the townspeople of this town held in the Imaal Hall on the 15th February at which a number of County Councillors were present, it was decided that the following proposals be sent to you for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting of the Wicklow County Council.

(1) That the tenants of the twenty-five houses known as Church Terrace be granted full facilities of street lighting by the erection of three street lamps.

(2) That the Council should make representations to Coras Iompair Eireann to arrange a suitable bus service to facilitate some twenty-four children travelling to Secondary Schools at Naas.

Trusting that these proposals meet with your requirements.

Yours faithfully,

Thomas Kirwan,

Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Engineer had reported that since the Electricity Supply Board had not yet extended the wire to the houses at Church Terrace there was not much hope of lighting the road yet. When the wiring was provided, he considered that one light would be sufficient. The Council's Engineer indicated that a further light was desirable on the pole south of the Courthouse, and that these were the only lights he would recommend at present.

The Council directed that an estimate be obtained from the Electricity Supply Board for the provision of three lamps as requested by the Tenant's Association.

In regard to the bus service to facilitate school children, it was proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne.

Resolved—That we request Coras Iompair Eireann to arrange a suitable bus service to facilitate school children travelling from Dunlavin to Secondary Schools at Naas.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 34—Water Safety Activities

The County Secretary stated that the Council had provided £100 in the current year's estimates as a contribution to the Irish Red Cross Society for Water Safety Activities. Provision had been made in the coming year's Estimates for payment of a similar amount. In letter received from the County Director, Irish Red Cross Society it was stated that Water Safety, unlike other activities of the Irish Red Cross Society was at present directed and organised by a Central Committee at their Headquarters, and that their first objective was to recruit and train a corp of qualified instructors. Courses of instruction were arranged at seaside resorts and other places where the local Branch or swimming Club gathered together a sufficient number of potential pupils. In arranging its programme the Water Safety Committee take into consideration the number of prospective pupils, the distance from base and the prospect of getting pupils who obtain the first four certificates to attend for further instruction at the base. Until sufficient instructors had been trained to enable each town to have its own resident instructor Water Safety would continue to be classed as a Headquarters activity and it would be the duty of the Central Water Safety Committee to utilise the funds available for the work for the benefit of the country as a whole. There could be no guarantee that all, or in fact any of the money granted to the Irish Red Cross Society by a local authority would be expended during the same year on Water Safety Activities within that County. It was pointed out, however, that County Wicklow did benefit from the work of the Water Safety Committee and particulars were given of work carried out at Arklow, Bray, Greystones and Wicklow.

The Council agreed that the contribution should be continued for the coming year.

Item No. 35—Rules for uses of Beaches

The following letter from the Hon. Sec., Catholic Women's Federation of Secondary School Unions, was submitted:—

Catholic Women's Federation of Secondary School Unions,
91 Lr. Baggot St.,
Dublin.

Dear Sir,

11th February, 1952.

The development of the tourist trade is bringing visitors of many nationalities to Ireland, and as one of the most Catholic countries in the world, it should be our pride to set a standard for seaside behaviour.

Now is the time for our coastal authorities to formulate rules for the use of their beaches, and my Committee would suggest that the regulations should govern the following:—

1. Facilities for dressing—for example, separate free shelters for men and women; also private bathing boxes which could be chargeable.
2. A definite standard of bathing costume—for example, the regulation swimming club costume.
3. The same standard of costume for sun-bathing.
4. Adequate toilet facilities.

Yours faithfully,

MAEVE DONOVAN,

Hon. Sec., C.W.F.

The Council approved in principle of the suggestions, but noted that facilities provided were not always availed of, and that regulations would be difficult to enforce.

Item No. 36—Resolution from Roscommon Co. Council re Main Road Maintenance.

The Council adopted the following resolution received from Roscommon County Council:—

"That having regard to the extraordinary high cost of maintaining roads, which cost in County Roscommon represented a rate of 8s. 7½d. in the £ in 1951/52, and is estimated to represent a rate in the £ in 1952/53 of 11s. 4½d., this Council is of the opinion that the stage has now been reached when road authorities must demand substantially greater relief in respect of road charges from Central Funds. This Council is further of opinion that the main roads, being the National arteries of transport, should be maintained not at the expense of local farming and business communities, but on a National basis, and consider that the most equitable form of affording relief in respect of existing high rates for road maintenance would be for the Government to accept the principal that the cost of maintaining these main roads should be met entirely from Central Funds.

"The Council further consider that, while there is no room for any further increases in local rates, the financing of the other services with which County Councils are charged will be seriously impeded unless the Council are granted the relief hereby sought.

"That copies of this resolution be sent to all County Councils and County Borough Councils in the country, with the request that these bodies consider the resolution, and furnish their views thereon as soon as possible so that the considered views on all such Councils may be furnished by this Council to the Minister for Local Government. Copies of this resolution also to be sent to the Taoiseach, the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Health."

Item No. 37—Resolution from Westmeath Co. Council re Upkeep of Courthouses.

The Council adopted the following resolution received from Westmeath County Council:—"Resolved that the upkeep of Courthouses be made a National charge."

Item No. 38—Resolution from Galway County Council re Andreo Geoffroy—Breton Nationalist.

The Council adopted the following resolution received from Galway County Council:—

"Gur impienn an Coisde seo de Comhairle Conndae na Gaillimhe go h-omosach ar Uachtaran na Fraince Andreo Geoffroy, Naisiuntach Briotanach, ata daoraithe chun bhais a leigint saor."

Item No. 39—Alteration of Urban Boundary at Bray.

The Council noted the provisions of the Bray Urban District (Alteration of Boundary) Order, 1952, made by the Minister, altering the boundary of Bray Urban District at Boghall.

Resolution of Sympathy.

Proposed by Councillor Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan;

Resolved—That we, the members of Wicklow County Council, have learned with deep regret of the death of Mr. James Troy, Overseer, and we hereby extend to his wife and family assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed unanimously.

Road Work at Bray—Supervisory Staff.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to the number of Overseers, foremen, etc., and Engineers, who had been engaged on the road works being carried out at Main Street, Bray.

The County Engineer explained the reasons for the employment of the staff referred to, and stated that he would examine the position further.

County Clinic.

The following letter from the Dept. of Health was submitted:—
Dept. of Health,
Custom House,
Dublin.

H.33/9/1.

A Chara,

14th March, 1952.

The Minister for Health has asked me to refer to previous correspondence regarding the erection of the proposed County Clinic at Rathnew, and to say that it is agreed that the provision of a separate clinic at this location is not necessary.

Accordingly, the proposal in your letter of the 29th December last to provide additional accommodation for an out-patients' Department and specialist consulting rooms at the new County Hospital at Rathnew, may be regarded as being approved in principle. Observations on the detailed Schedule of Accommodation submitted with your letter of the 28th Sept. last, in respect of the new County Hospital, will be forwarded to you in due course on this basis.

It is suggested that consideration should be given to the provision of specialist services at the dispensary at Bray, Wicklow and Arklow for East Wicklow, and at Baltinglass for the inhabitants of the western part of the County, either by means of an improved or new dispensary there or by co-operation with the Carlow County Council; the arrangements for Wicklow town to be, of course, of a temporary nature in view of the eventual provision of the hospital at nearby Rathnew.

Mise, le meas,

S. O MATHNA.

Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

The Council noted that the Department of Health had agreed with the Council's recommendation, that a clinic be not provided and that in lieu of a clinic special services be provided at certain dispensaries.

Scholarship Scheme, 1952.

In regard to letter received from the father of an applicant for permission to compete under the Council's Scheme of Scholarships for 1952, the Chairman ruled that the matter could not be re-opened at the meeting, since a decision had already been reached by the Council.

Letters from Rate Collectors.

The Council noted the following letters received from Rate Collectors P. J. O'Byrne and W. P. Murphy:—

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

Ballinatone,
Rathdrum.

Dear Sir,

I kindly ask that you convey my sincere thanks to the County Councillors for promoting me to No. 8 District. In the future I hope to carry out the duties of the position as I have done in the past years, to the satisfaction of the Councillors.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: P. J. O'BYRNE.

Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.

Mullinaveigue,
Roundwood.

Dear Sir,

I write to ask you to convey to the Chairman and members of the Council my very grateful thanks for granting my application for the Electoral Division of Powerscourt to be added to my district, No. 10, and also to the County Manager, yourself and members of the staff for the courtesy shown to me at all times since my appointment, and I hope that I shall still be able to give satisfaction to all in the future in my larger district.

I remain,
Yours faithfully

WILLIAM P. MURPHY.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 15th April, 1952, 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, A. Toomey, P. Kehce, H. J. Byrne, L. O Laoighleis, Wm. Cleary, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. O'Erain, C. W. Hudson, Joseph Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. J. Brennan.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, attended.

The Co. Engineer, Chief Assistant Co. Engineer, and Assistant Engineers P. J. Foley, J. P. Caffrey and P. O'Keeffe were present.

BUSINESS:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 11th and 25th February, 1952.
2. Overdraft on Capital Account for Hospitals.
3. To fill vacancy on Baltinglass No. 1 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.
4. Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1952—Letter from the Department of Education re application of Bernard Thomas Kelly.
5. Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1950 Scheme—Letter from Department of Education re proposed increase in amount of Scholarship.
6. Appointment of Rate Collector No. 8 District: (a) Letter dated 7th April, 1952, from the Department of Local Government sanctioning the appointment of Mr. P. J. O'Byrne; (b) Resolution from Ratepayers' Protest Committee, No. 8 District.
7. To consider arrangements for filling vacancy for Rate Collector No. 16 District.
8. Ashford Bridge—Report of County Engineer on cost of works.
9. Letter from Ratepayers on Rathnew-Newcastle Road, re road works at Coolawinna.
10. Road Works Scheme, 1952/53—Report of meetings of Committee of Councillors for each Electoral Area.
11. Letter dated 5th April, 1952, from Department of Local Government re allocation of Road Grants.
12. Local Authorities Works Act, 1949—Schemes for 1952/53.
13. Remuneration of Fire Brigade Personnel—Circular from Department of Local Government.
14. Fire Brigade Call-out System—Report of Chief Fire Officer.
15. Turf Production Scheme, 1952—Letters from Departments of Local Government and Social Welfare.
16. Report of Meeting of Housing Committee held on 7th April, 1952.
17. Blessington Housing Scheme—To approve of Compulsory Purchase Order for acquisition of lands at Blessington required for Housing Scheme.
18. Temporary Dwellings—To make Order under Section 31 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948, prohibiting the erection or retention of temporary dwellings within 100 yards of any road in certain Electoral Divisions.
19. To receive a deputation from Cottage Tenants' Association, Greystones.
20. Baltinglass District Hospital—To authorise the raising of Loan to defray proportion of the cost of works.
21. Wicklow County Fever Hospital—To authorise the raising of Loan to defray proportion of the cost of works.
22. Residence of Dispensary Medical Officer, Newcastle—To consider

- letter from the Department of Health.
23. Dispensary at Wicklow.
 24. Letter from the Department of Social Welfare, re Scheme of Additional Benefits.
 25. Watermain Extension, Bellevue—To authorise the raising of Loan.
 26. Well-boring equipment—Recommendation of Co. Engineer.
 27. Water Supply at Windgates.
 28. Public Lighting—Avoca.
 29. Public Lighting—Aughrim.
 30. Public Lighting—Tinahley.
 31. Public Lighting Kiltegan.
 32. Burial Grounds—Proposed provision of Burial Ground at Enniskerry.
 33. Alleged Nuisance at Churchlands, Tinahley.
 34. Cliff Walk, Bray Head—Application from Bray Amusements Committee for restoration of damaged portion of Walk.
 35. Protection of Wild Birds—Letter from Co. Wicklow Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
 36. Letter from Air Corps Flying Personnel Dependants' Association.
 37. Resolution from Ard Comhairle of Clann na Poblachta, re reduction in Estimates for Capital development projects.
 38. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless

Resolved—That we confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of Co. Council held on 11th and 25th February, 1952.

Passed.

Item No. 2—Overdraft on Capital Account.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the County Council's Capital Account for the purpose of defraying expenses in connection with extensions to Baltinglass District Hospital, extensions to County Fever Hospital, Wicklow, and construction of new County Hospital at Rathnew, pending the availability of loans for the purpose of such works, and we hereby direct that the maximum for the quarter ending 30th June, 1952, shall not exceed £26,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Baltinglass No. 1 O.A.P. Sub-Committee.

The following letter from the Clerk to Baltinglass Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, was submitted:—

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

Dear Sir,

I wish to inform you that there are two vacancies on Baltinglass No. 1 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, occasioned by the death of J. J. O'Reilly, Intack, Doward, and the resignation of Rev. J. Moran, C.C. The Sub-Committee desire that Rev. Wm. O'Mahony, C.C., be appointed to fill one of the vacancies.

Yours faithfully,

L. McDONNELL.

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

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Rev. Wm. O'Mahony, C.C., as a member of Baltinglass No. 1 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. J. Moran. That we appoint Michael Kelly, Hollywood, as a member of the Sub-Committee in place of the late Councillor J. O'Reilly.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1952.
The following letter, from the Department of Education, was submitted:—

R.O. (2) 81336.
The Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Primary Branch,
Marlborough St.,
Dublin, C.8.
5 Aibrean, 1952.

**Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1952—
County Wicklow.**

A Chara,

With reference to the application made under the above Scheme by Brendan Thomas Kelly, 18 Carrick Villas, Delgany, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of a letter addressed to the Department of Local Government by the boy's father regarding the rejection of the applicant by the Council under the means conditions of the scheme.

It is noted that Brendan Thomas Kelly was accepted as a candidate for the examination held under the Council's scheme for 1951.

I am to request the favour of the Council's observations in regard to the application of this boy, and to inform you that if the Council is unable to complete in sufficient time before the examination any necessary further consideration or inquiries in regard to the matter, in view of the appeal now made to the Minister, no objection will be raised by the Minister for Education to the provisional admission of the candidate to the examination in accordance with the terms of Clause 11 of the Scheme. On this understanding a "Provisional Authorisation" to attend the Scholarship Examination is enclosed for issue by you in respect of Brendan Thomas Kelly.

Mise le meas.

Enclosure:
The Secretary,
Dept. of Local Government,
Custom House,
Dublin,
Dear Sir,

D. O. LAOGHAIRE,
18 Carrick Villas,
Delgany,
Co. Wicklow
27th March, 1952.

The Wicklow County Council have refused to allow my boy to enter for the Co. Council Scholarship Exam. on the grounds of alleged excessive means. He was allowed to sit for the exam. last year and my circumstances have not since changed—as a matter of fact, they have worsened. I have appealed against this decision and the local Councillor wished to have the matter reconsidered as his previous statement on the case was incorrect, but the Chairman refused to re-open the question at that meeting.

I would be glad if you would have this question examined at once as the examination will be held during Easter week.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed): JAMES KELLY.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we allow Brendan Thomas Kelly and John Patrick O'Dea to sit for the examination under the Council's Scheme, provisionally, pending the further consideration by the Council of these applications.

Passed, Councillor H. J. Byrne dissenting.

Item No. 5—Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools—1950 Scheme.

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

R.O. (2)77360.
The Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

Roinn Oideachais,
Brainse an Bhun-Oideachais,
Sraid Maoilbride,
Baile Atha Cliath.
31 Marta, 1952.

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

With reference to your communication of the 10th March, 1952, regarding the value of the scholarship held by Miss Elizabeth O'Toole, under the above Scheme, I am directed to inform you that the Minister has approved of the Council's proposal to increase the annual value of that scholarship in accordance with the provision contained in the amendment of Clause 1 (c) of the Scheme as approved on the 17th July, 1951, subject to the condition that the Council is satisfied that no vacancy was available in Arklow Convent Day School at the time of the award of the scholarship.

Mise, le meas,

D. O LAOGHAIRE.

The following letter from the Mistress of Schools, St. Mary's Colleges, Arklow, was noted:

St. Mary's College,

Arklow.

4/4/52.

A Chara,

Mother Superior gave me your letter of the 2nd instant. In reply I have to say that it is correct that Miss Elizabeth O'Toole, 7 Tinnahask, Arklow, could not get admission to our Day School.

Yours faithfully,

SISTER M. LAURENCE,
Mistress of Schools

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

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Resolved—That having considered letter dated 31st March, 1952, from the Department of Education, and letter dated 4th April, 1952, from the Mistress of Schools, St. Mary's College, Arklow, we approve of the increase in the value of the scholarship awarded to Miss O'Toole from £25 per annum to £65 in the first year, and £55 per annum in the subsequent years of the scholarship.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Appointment of Rate Collector—No. 8 District.

The Council noted the following letter received from the Dept. of Local Government:—

E.L.27/54.

Custom House,
Dublin.

A Chara,

7th April, 1952.

With reference to your letter of the 27th February last, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to convey sanction under Article 28 of the Local Government (Officers) Regulations, 1943, to the appointment of Mr. P. J. O'Byrne, Ballinatone, Rathdrum, as Rate Collector for No. 8 District, as from the 1st May, 1952.

Mise, le meas,

D. TURPIN.

Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.

The following letter was submitted:—

Ratepayers' Protest Committee—No. 8 District, Co. Wicklow.

Secretary,
Co. Wicklow Co. Council,
Wicklow.

Moor Park,
Kilmacanogue,
Co. Wicklow.

A Chara,

20/3/52.

I am instructed to forward to you copy of the resolution passed unanimously at a public meeting of the Ratepayers of the above district, which was held at the Gle of the Downs on Tuesday last, 18th inst.

Le meas mor,

KEVIN WHELAN,

Hon. Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

"That this meeting of the Ratepayers of the No. 8 District emphatically protest against the decision of the County Council to fill the vacancy for Rate Collector by transfer.

"We call on the County Council to rescind its decision—to advertise the vacancy and fill it by open competition.

"Copy of this resolution to be sent to the County Council, the Minister for Local Government, and the Press."

A lengthy discussion ensued. The Council decided to proceed to the next business.

Item No. 7—To Fill Vacancy for Rate Collector, No. 16 District.

The County Secretary stated that consequent on the appointment of Collector P. J. O'Byrne as Rate Collector for No. 8 District, there was a vacancy for Rate Collector in No. 16 District.

The following application, received from Collector Edwd. Lynch, No. 3 District, was submitted:—

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,

Kilbaley,

Secretary,

Donard,

Wicklow Co. Council.

4/3/52.

Dear Sir,

As No. 16 Rate Collecting District is about to become vacant, and as my Collecting District, No. 3, is the smallest in the county, I beg to apply for a transfer to No. 16 District.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: EDWARD LYNCH.

Proposed by Councillor A. Tocmey;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we appoint Mr. Edward Lynch, Donard, as Rate Collector for No. 16 District, to fill the vacancy caused by the appointment of Mr. P. J. O'Byrne as Collector for No. 8 District.

Passed, Councillors P. Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, W. Lawless and M. Brennan dissenting.

Item No. 8—Ashford Bridge.

The following report of the Co. Engineer was submitted:—

15th April, 1952.

Re: Ashford Bridge.

I beg to report that the work on building the new bridge and approach roads at Ashford is now completed. The work has been satisfactorily carried out by the contractors, Messrs. Wm. Lee.

It will be necessary to provide for an additional expenditure over the original estimate made in 1946, which was caused by rise in rate of wages, increase in cost of materials and some extra works carried out in road widening and filling.

The nett final cost of all work is £21,965 1s. 2d., including Clerk of Works, and Fees to Consultant Engineer. A Government grant of £10,000 was given towards the cost of the work: a Loan amounting to £8,634, was raised in addition, making a total of £18,634.

Signed: J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That having considered report of County Engineer in regard to the cost of construction of Ashford Bridge, we request the Minister for Local Government to allocate an additional grant of £3,330 to defray the balance of the cost of the work.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Road Works at Coolawinna.

The following letter was submitted:—

To: The Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council

Clonmannon,
Ashford.

Dear Sir,

Road Work at Coolawinna.

We, the undersigned, being ratepayers resident on the Rathnew-Newcastle Road, will be obliged if you will submit to the Council this letter recording our emphatic protest against the undertaking now in progress at the corner of Coolawinna.

We need hardly point out that Rates, already a crushing burden, are increasing annually, nor that there is more than enough essential road maintenance work throughout the county, without looking for unnecessary work such as the operation in question. In view of the numerous similar sharp bends and corners on this road, the straightening of this particular corner appears to be not only futile, but an unjustifiable extravagance.

We shall be obliged if you will inform us of the total cost of this work at Coolawinna; and what excuse the Council has to offer for what seems to us this most wanton and reckless waste of the ratepayers' money.

We are,

Yours faithfully,

Hunters' Hotel, Rathnew;

Kenneth Davies, Killoughter, Ashford;

A. I. Bennett, Barnacoyle Big, Newcastle;

J. V. Tyner, Cronykeery, Ashford;

W. H. S. Truell, Clonmannon;

S. D. Jonhstone, Coolawinna, Ashford;

S. B. Moeran, Castlegrange;

A. F. Brown, Coolawinna, Ashford.

The County Secretary stated that the works at Coolawinna were estimated to cost £340, of which £250 represented a grant under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, and the local contribution amounted to £90. It was a condition of the grant that the amount be expended in the neighbourhood of Rathnew to relieve unemployment, and that the type of work carried out should be of a high labour content. The work was being carried out in accordance with the plans approved by the Department. The Co. Secretary stated that the County Engineer estimated that to complete the road widening at this point would cost another £500. It was expected that an additional grant would be obtained to defray the greater part of the cost of completing the work.

The Council noted the position in the matter.

Letter from Rathdangan Ratepayers' Association.

The Council noted the following letter received from Rathdangan Ratepayers' Association:—

Mr. J. T. O'Byrne,
County Engineer,
A Chara,

Rathdangan,
Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow.
12th April, 1952.

I have been instructed by the Committee of the above to express to you our appreciation of the expeditious manner in which the Rathdangan-Mullan Road was re-surfaced.

They are also pleased to say that they are most appreciative of the earnestness of all concerned to ensure that the work was done in the least possible time, and that the maximum results would be obtained from the monies granted.

We wish to assure you that any suggestions of ours are made with the best possible intentions—with no wish to hamper the smooth running of the roads organisation or to interfere in matters purely technical. We feel that this district has not before now received the attention it deserved, and are glad to note that the Council have given earnest of their intention to rectify matters. We are gratified to learn that there is a definite plan for this particular road, and hope that the terms for its completion will be shorter than is proposed. We are aware of the difference which the resurfacing of even these few miles of road has meant to the people of the area. We are sure that no time would be lost in completing the job.

With renewed expression of the Committee's appreciation and thanks.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: JAMES BYRNE.

In connection with the purchase of a certain amount of stone for road reconstruction, the County Engineer stated that the Council's Stone Crushing Plant was insufficient to produce the amount of material required either in quantity or economically. He suggested that additional crushing machinery be procured for quarries at Carnew, Donard, and in Barndarrig or Ballylusk area. He estimated that the cost of the additional plant required would be £19,950.

The Council directed that the report of the Co. Engineer be circulated to the members, and that it be included as an item on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

Item No. 10—Road Works Scheme, 1952/53.

The Co. Secretary reported that meetings of the members of the Council concerned, in relation to the allocation of monies available for Roads Works in the year 1952/53, had been held as follows:—

North-Eastern District (Assist. Engineer P. O'Keeffe's Area).

Meeting held on Tuesday, 18th March, 1952, at 2.30 p.m., at the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow.

The following members attended: Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman; Councillors M. Brennan, H. J. Byrne, W. Lawless, Miss E. F. Bobbett.

South-Eastern District (Assist. Engineer J. P. Caffrey's Area).

Meeting held on Friday, 14th March, 1952, at 3 p.m., at County Secretary's Office, Courthouse, Wicklow.

The following members attended: Councillors J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, J. Jacob, C. W. Hudson, Miss E. F. Bobbett, P. Murdoch and W. Cleary.

Southern District (Assist. Engineer, C. J. Byrne).

Meeting held on Friday 7th March, 1952, at 3 p.m., at the Courthouse, Shillelagh.

The following members attended: Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, W. Hammond, P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary and J. O'Neill.

Western District (Assist. Engineer P. J. Foley's Area).

Meeting held on Thursday, 6th March, 1952, at 4 p.m., at the Courthouse, Ballyglass.

The following members attended: Councillors P. P. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe and A. Toomey.

The Council approved of the Roads Works Scheme as amended following the meetings of the Committee, and directed that copy be circulated to each member of the Council.

Item No. 11—Allocation of Road Grants.

The County Secretary stated that a reply had been received from

the Department of Local Government in regard to the Council's request that part of the extra monies made available for Main Roads Improvement Works in 1952/53, should be transferred to County Road Improvement Works. It was stated in the letter that monies accruing to the Road Fund from the proceeds of motor taxation were primarily intended for the improvement of the more important roads in the county i.e., those linking the greater centres of population and having more than local significance. It was stated that there was still a considerable mileage of Main Roads in County Wicklow in an unsurfaced condition, while the main roads carrying through traffic required substantial realignment in many cases. Nevertheless, the Minister had given special consideration to the growing demand for the improvement of County Roads in determining the Road Fund Improvement Grants for 1952/53, and in the case of Wicklow County Council, the County Road allocation had been fixed at £31,800 as compared with £27,200 in 1951/52—an increase of £4,600. The Minister regretted that he was not in a position at this stage to vary the allocations already made, but would be prepared to consider the matter further in 1953/54, with due regard to the circumstances then obtaining. It was pointed out that since it was not possible to accede to the Council's request, no useful purpose would be served by the attendance of a deputation.

The Council noted the terms of the Department's reply in connection with the matter.

Item No. 12—Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949.

Particulars of the schemes submitted in respect of 1952/53 had been circulated to the members of the Council as follows:—
County Engineer's Office,

To: Courthouse, Wicklow.
The Chairman and Members of 9th April, 1952.
Wicklow Co. Council.

Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949: 1952/53 Drainage Schemes.

Dear Sir,

In accordance with Circular Letter dated 19th February, 1952, Ref. W.202/1/4, from the Department of Local Government, schemes amounting to £29,476 15s. 5d. have been submitted to the Department as follows:—

Part 1: Balance of Schemes commenced during the year 1951/52, but not completed £713 15 5

Part 2:

NORTHERN AREA:

Scheme No.	Location	Nature of Work	Amount £
A 77	Old Boley-Glencree	Provide new gullet & clean out drain	200
A 78	From Road 13 to River	Clean out drain	100
A 79	Bellevue-Deigany	Clean stream and re-new pipes	200
A 81	Highfield to Kilmurray	Clean out stream	100
A 85	At Waterfall, Road 58	Construct retaining wall	1,000
A 88	Diamond Hill	Clean out & deepen drains	220
A 89	Knockfodda	Clean drains	50
A 90	Bolinass	Clean out drains	50
A 91	Carrowbawn	Clean stream and provide gullet	60
A 93	Mullinaveigue	Clean out stream	50
			£2,030

S/EASTERN AREA:

Scheme No.	Location	Nature of Work	Amount £
B 34	Brittas	Clean Stream	350
B 39	Whitebridge	Remove weir	1,000
			£1,350

SOUTHERN AREA:

Scheme No.	Location	Nature of Work	Amount £
C 7	Toberpatrick-Killaveney	Clean & deepen River Derry	1,700
C 15	Kilcarney	Construct Bridge on Road 257	1,000
			£2,700

WESTERN AREA:

Scheme No.	Location	Nature of Work	Amount £
D 11	Drim	Construct gullet and raise road	600
D 45	Lisheen	Straighten, widen and deepen river	3,550
D 55	Rathsallagh	Clean river for 300 piers	330
D 59	Bessina-Fryanstown	Clean river and pipe gullet	660
D 70	Miller's Field, Blessington	Lay pipes to take flood water	110
D 73	Winetavern	Clean river	440
D 78	Blackbrook-Crosscoolharbour	Widen, deep and clean river	880
D 79	Crosscoolharbour	Lay pipe to take surface water	132
D 80	Ballineddin	Deepen stream & sink bed; remove bends on river	330
D 81	Tournant Upper	Clean stream	165
D 82	Knocknadort	Clean stream	220
D 72	Knockenarrigan-Slaney	Clean river	506
D 87	Griffonstown	Construct gullet	30
D 89	Springfield Grange Con	Construct gullet	30
D120	Glashaboy Bridge-Ballinagee: Road 343, 1-1½ miles	Improve drainage; strengthen & improve road surface	3,610
D121	Sallygap-Kippure: Road 379, 2½ miles	Do.	6,750
A110	Wicklow Gap-Glashaboy Bridge: Road 80	Do.	2,720
			£21,063
			£27,856 15 5

Part 3:

PROPOSALS FOR BOG DEVELOPMENT WORKS.

Scheme No.	Location	Type of Work	Amount £
A111	Cloghogue	Improve existing drains and construct new ones	1,000

D112	Luglass-Coragh	.. Construct drains and gulleys	350
D113	Garryknock	.. Construct drains and gulleys	100
D114	Ballinagee	.. Construct drains and gullet	40
D115	Granamore	.. Construct drains and gulleys	130

TOTAL: £29,476 15 5

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

9/4/1952.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan;
Resolved—That we hereby approve of the schemes proposed to be carried out during the year 1952/53 with the aid of grants under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949, as submitted by the County Engineer.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Remuneration of Fire Brigade Personnel.

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

EL.3/52.

Dept. of Local Government,
Custom House,
Dublin.
7 Marta, 1952.

A Chara,
1. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he has had under consideration the rates of remuneration of part-time Fire Brigade Personnel, and he has decided that the maximum rates set out in this Department's Circular Letter G.386/48 of the 24th May, 1948, may be replaced by the following:—

Retaining Fee

Station Officer—10% of the locally recognised Trade Union rate for fitters, expressed as an annual amount.

Sub-Officer—7½% of ditto.

Driver-Mechanic—7½% of ditto.

Fireman—5% of ditto.

2. For attendance at drills and fires, all ranks may be paid on an hourly basis, at a rate not exceeding the locally recognised Trade Union rate for fitters, plus 25%. Twice the normal hourly rate may be paid in respect of the first hour (or part of an hour) for attendance at fires. The rates for attendance at fires may be increased by 50% for fires occurring between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Where stand-to arrangements have been approved by the Minister, a payment not exceeding twice the weekly value of the fireman's retaining fee may be paid to all ranks in respect of each week of stand-to duty, with pro-rata payments where the stand-to duty is for a greater or lesser period.

3. In applying the foregoing paragraphs, the hourly rates may be rounded up to the nearest 1d., the weekly rates to nearest 1s., and the annual rates to the nearest £.

4. This Circular is not to be interpreted as an instruction to pay any particular rate of pay. It merely indicates the limits within which payment may be made without the specific sanction of the Minister.

Mise, le meas.

To/ Each Manager,
County Secretary.

T. J. BARRINGTON.

The County Secretary stated that the cost of applying the maximum of the new scale to all Brigades would amount to £3,915, which would exceed the amount provided in the Estimates by £1,381. The Bray Fire Brigade had indicated that they wished to have the stand-to allowance increased to 30/- per week.

The Council asked that copy of the circular be sent to each member of the Council, together with a report on the matter, and that it be included on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Item No. 14—Fire Brigade Call-Out System.

The following letter from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, was submitted:—

Uimhir
DW.1286/52.
The County Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Chief Superintendent's Office,
Bray.

28th March, 1952

**Re: Fire Brigades Act, 1940—Calling Out of Fire Brigades:
Co-operation by the Garda Siochana.**

A Chara,

I wish to refer to your letter of 15th March, 1952, and to my letter of 22nd March, 1952.

I desire to bring to your notice a matter which affects the system in operation in County Wicklow of calling out Fire Brigades. Owing to fall in availability of strength in the Garda Siochana a system now operates whereby from time to time Garda Stations are closed down, during the night from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m., and by day during meal hours, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

This closing down system applies from time to time for a minimum period of four months per annum at the following Garda Siochana Stations in County Wicklow, which Stations operate as call-out points for local Fire Brigades:—Dunlavin (Major Brigade centre); Tinahely (Minor Brigade centre); Carnew (do.); Blessington (do.).

Having regard to the fact that the Garda Stations I have named no longer provide a continuous all-the-year round 24 hours' opening for public business, including telephone service, a break in continuity of communications occurs which affects the call-out system of Fire Brigades at Dunlavin, Tinahely, Carnew and Blessington. In these circumstances, you will appreciate that it will be necessary for your Council to provide alternative means of communication with your Fire Brigade personnel at the centres named to ensure a continuous fire service. While the Garda Stations named are open for public business, the communications system is operative, but as Garda service is no longer continuous, all-the-year-round at centres named, it is no longer suited to your needs in relation to continuous Fire Service.

The display cards on issue are no longer indicative of the true position at Dunlavin, Tinahely, Carnew and Blessington. Continuous service is still provided at Baltinglass Garda Station,

Is mise, le meas mor,

W. QUINN,
Ard Ceannphort.

The following report of the Chief Fire Officer was submitted:—
8th April, 1952.

Re: Call-Out System for Fire Brigades.

With reference to your letter of the 31st ult., I have since discussed the matter with Chief Superintendent Quinn, and the only suggestion that he could make was that telephones be installed in the Station Officer's house, and that arrangements be made to have such telephones to a 24-hour exchange.

I doubt if the Department of Posts and Telegraphs would give us a connection to a 24-hour exchange (when the local exchange is closed down) and persons connected to the local exchange might not be able to effect a connection with the fire brigade via the 24-hour exchange. The proposed line would, in my opinion, only allow one fire brigade to call another brigade.

Under the circumstances, I suggest that the matter might be brought before the County Council at their next meeting.

I do not recommend the transfer of the major brigade now at Dunlavin to Baltinglass for the following reasons:—

- (1) The appliances would not fit in the Baltinglass station;
- (2) Service facilities are better at Dunlavin;
- (3) The Dunlavin crew are much better trained than the Baltinglass personnel, who have no knowledge of working a self-propelled fire appliance.

I am making arrangements to erect the siren on the Courthouse at Dunlavin and to control same from the fire station, i.e., the Courthouse.

(Signed): H. R. H. SHARPE,
County Fire Officer.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That to enable the Council to provide a satisfactory fire brigade service in the County, we request the Minister for Justice to restore a 24-hour service at the Garda Stations at Dunlavin, Tinahely, Carnew and Blessington, and request the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to provide a 24-hour telephone service at Dunlavin, Tinahely and Carnew.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Turf Production Scheme, 1952.

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

W.27/26/1.

A Chara,

Dublin.
18th March, 1952.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 11th instant, on the subject of turf production in 1952, and to state that it is noted that it is proposed to embark on the production of approximately 2,000 tens in the coming season.

As regards the disposal of turf, attention is directed to the Department's letter of the 10th idem. There are no funds at the Minister's disposal out of which a grant could be made to the Council in respect of the loss on the sale of turf to other authorities. In so far as funds administered by the Minister for Social Welfare are concerned, I am to suggest that you might communicate with his Department on the matter.

Mise, le meas,

F. K. O'NEILL.

Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.

The following letter from the Department of Social Welfare was submitted:—

H.2005.

A Chara,

Lord Edward St.,
Dublin,
29 Marta, 1952.

I am directed by the Minister for Social Welfare to refer to your letter of the 11th instant stating that your Council proposes to produce turf, during the present year, to supply the needs of the Cheap Fuel Schemes operated in Arklow, Bray and Wicklow, and that it is also proposed, if the appropriate local authorities in Co. Wexford are agreeable, to provide turf for the purpose of fuel schemes in their areas. As regards the latter proposal, it is estimated that the annual

requirements for the cheap fuel schemes operated in towns in County Wexford would amount to about 2,300 tons.

With regard to the question of the cost of the turf, which your Council proposes to produce, it is pointed out that local authorities are required to purchase fuel for the cheap fuel scheme at the lowest price obtainable. Under most schemes operating in counties Wicklow and Wexford, timber has been found to be the cheapest fuel available, the prices during the current year ranging from 65/- per ton upwards. I am to state that, should the price of turf produced by your Council be in excess of the price of turf or timber obtainable from other sources, this Department could not agree to meet the higher cost either directly or by the suggested method of special grants payable to your Council to meet losses which might be sustained in the production of turf for issue under approved fuel schemes.

Mise, le meas,

W. MAGUIRE.

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

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer reported that he had made arrangements for the cutting of turf on bogs as follows:—Sallygap, 800 tons; Farbreaga, 500 tons; Knocknaskeagh, 200 tons; Ballinagee, 500 tons.

The County Secretary stated that the sanction of the Minister for Social Welfare had been received by Wicklow Urban District Council to the acceptance of the tender for the supply of firewood blocks at a price of £2 15s. per ton, and that it had been pointed out in the letter from the Department that this would preclude the use, under the Council's Free Fuel Scheme, of turf produced by the Co. Council at least for the period of the Summer Scheme. It was also stated that it appeared doubtful if the Council could provide turf at £2 15s. per ton or less. The Co. Secretary stated that inquiries had been made from Enniscorthy Urban District Council and Wexford Corporation, and that approximately 450 tons of firewood had been obtained by Enniscorthy U.D.C. in respect of the year 1950/51, and approximately 1,100 tons during that period by Wexford Corporation. Timber fuel was used in both cases, the prices paid being £4 per ton and £4 10s. per ton, respectively. Wexford Corporation indicated that recipients of fuel obtained the fuel at the yards of the local merchants on presentation of vouchers, and that the merchants were paid on the return of the vouchers. The Urban authorities in Co. Wicklow would require about 1,000 tons of turf in one year.

The County Manager stated that it would appear that if turf were sold by the County Council for the purpose of Cheap Fuel Schemes operated by the Urban Councils, a loss of about £2,000 would have to be borne by the County Council. He did not consider that there was any likelihood of being able to supply Wexford in view of the cost of transport.

Councillor H. J. Byrne handed in notice of motion, that the decision of the Council to proceed with the production of turf be rescinded.

Following a discussion on the matter, Councillor H. J. Byrne withdrew his notice of motion, and the Council agreed that the turf production scheme be proceeded with. The Council indicated, however, that if it appeared to the County Engineer that the cost of production was proving excessive, the scheme should be restricted.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Federation of Rural Workers for the provision of transport from Kilcoole and Newtownmountkennedy for workers who might be engaged on turf production at Sallygap Bog, and that it had been indicated by the County Engineer that it was not intended to employ

men from Kilcoole/Newtownmountkennedy area in the present year, as there were sufficient workers available in the Roundwood district.

Item No. 16—Report of Meeting of Housing Committee.

The following report of the meeting of the Council's Housing Committee, held on 7th April, 1952, was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of the Housing Committee of the Council was held at the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 7th April, 1952, 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, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, H. J. Byrne, L. O'Laoighleis, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. O Broin, Joseph Jacob, M. J. Brennan, and Miss E. F. Bobbett.

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assist. Engineers, P. J. Foley, J. P. Caffrey and P. O'Keefe were present.

Mr. M. Flannery, Co. 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 March, 1952.

Contract for Erection of Cottages at Parknasillogue, Enniskerry: Having considered the advice of the Council's Solicitor, the Committee recommended that new tenders be invited for the erection of these cottages.

Housing Scheme—Shillelagh Area: The Committee noted the Estimate of the County Engineer in the sum of £870 as the average cost of erecting each cottage on isolated sites. The estimate included for fencing and cost of out-offices; the cottage being of a floor area of 572 s.f.t. The Committee agreed that the list of applicants be re-examined and that arrangements be made for the raising of a loan to defray the cost of the scheme as soon as possible.

Rent Collection District No. 8: The Committee approved of the recommendation of the County Accountant in report dated 5th April, 1952, for an alteration in No. 8 Rent Collection District under which 202 cottages at present in No. 8 District would be assigned to No. 10 District and 70 cottages at present in No. 8 District would be assigned to No. 6 District.

Temporary Dwellings: Having considered report of legal proceedings against Mrs. T. Martin for the removal of two temporary dwellings and the suggestion of the District Justice, the Committee recommended that one of the dwellings be allowed to remain provided that it was used solely in the summer by Mr. and Mrs. Martin and that Mrs. Martin carried out the works recommended by her Architect in his letter of 12th March, 1952.

Order under Section 31, Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948: The Committee approved of the recommendation of the County Manager that the Council make an Order under Section 31 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948, prohibiting the erection or retention of temporary dwellings within 100 yards of any road in certain Electoral Divisions in the eastern part of the County.

Proposed Increased Charges for Water Supply by Dublin Corporation: The County Manager stated that Dublin Corporation had given notice by public advertisement of their intention to seek an increase to 2s. 6d. per 1,000 gallons for water supply in the districts in north-east Wicklow at present served from the Corporation supplies. The County Manager stated that on behalf of the Council he had informed the Department of Local Government that the Council would oppose any increase in charges for water supplies by Dublin Corporation. It was likely that a public inquiry would be held in connection with the Corporation's application.

Water Main Extension at Bellevue Delgany: The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government has approved of the proposal to provide an extension to the water main at Bellevue, Delgany, subject to provision being made for at least four fire hydrants on the line in the neighbourhood of cottages and attached houses. The Department has indicated that as the cost of the work should be largely recouped to the Council by the beneficiaries the provision of State assistance could not be considered in this case. In December, 1949, the Council passed a resolution authorising the raising of a loan of £880 to meet the cost of the work but the revised estimate of cost now submitted was £1,200. One of the persons residing in the district had indicated that he was prepared to contribute a sum of £50 provided the pipeline was laid immediately. The Committee recommended that a loan of £1,200 be raised for the purpose of defraying the cost of the work.

Water and Sewerage Extensions to Cottages at Newtownmountkennedy and Kilpedder: Detailed estimates of costs were submitted by the County Engineer as follows:—

Water and Sewerage Extensions to—	Estimated Cost.
13 cottages at Kilpedder	£2,500
17 cottages at Newtownmountkennedy	£2,349 13 7
4 houses at Newtownmountkennedy	£250

The County Secretary pointed out that the cost per house worked out as follows: Kilpedder—£192; 17 Cottages at Newtownmountkennedy—£138; 4 Cottages at Newtownmountkennedy—£32 10s.

To defray the cost of the work it would be necessary to charge 4s. 4d. per week in respect of the cottages at Kilpedder, 3s. 14d. per week in respect of 17 cottages at Newtownmountkennedy and 1s. 5d. in respect of the 4 cottages at Newtownmountkennedy. In view of the high cost of the works, the Committee recommended that the matter be deferred.

Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts: The Committee recommended that loans be granted as follows:—

Patk. Coffey, in respect of house at Monastery, Enniskerry—£1,200.
John A. Murphy, in respect of house at Ballywaltrim, Bray—£800.

Rathnew Tenants' Association: The Committee noted that matters raised by Rathnew Tenants' Association were receiving the attention of the Council's Officers and that representatives of the Association had met the Council's Officers in connection with the matters raised.

Sinking of Well on Cottage Plot at Leabeg: The Committee considered file of correspondence with a tenant of cottage at Leabeg, New-castle, and approved of the action taken by the County Manager in the matter.

Application for provision of extra room to cottage at Ballinacor: In connection with an application for the construction of an extra room to a cottage at Ballinacor, the Co. Manager pointed out that the cost of the work could only be defrayed by a Bank loan repayable in 10 years and that the repayment would involve a charge of 12s. 6d. per week approximately. The Committee agreed that in the circumstances, an additional room could not be provided.

Alterations to Cottage at Monastery: The Committee recommended that permission be given to the tenant of a cottage at No. 13, Monastery, Enniskerry, to carry out alterations to the cottage.

Application of tenant for provision of Range: Having considered report of Assistant County Engineer, C. J. Byrne, dated 15th February, 1952, in regard to an application of a tenant at Lugduff, Tinahely, for a range, the Committee noted that the matter had since been settled satisfactorily.

Condition of Fence of Cottage Plot at Colliga: Having considered report of Assistant Engineer, P. J. Foley, dated 20th March, 1952, the Committee recommended that wire and stakes be supplied to the tenant in order that he could carry out repairs himself.

Repairs carried out during Month of March, 1952: The Committee noted the list of repairs carried out to cottages during the month of March, 1952.

Authorisation of Repairs to Cottages: The Committee authorised repairs to cottages in accordance with list submitted by the County Engineer.

Condition of Cottage at Glenealy: Having considered report of Health Inspector, in regard to condition of cottage at Glenealy, the Committee recommended that Notice to Quit be served on the tenant.

Caretaker for Baltinglass Burial Ground: Having considered applications received the Committee recommended that Miss M. A. Harris be appointed Caretaker of Baltinglass Burial Ground subject to the conditions proposed by the Council's Engineer.

Mental Hospital: The Co. Secretary submitted particulars of the cost of maintenance of patients in Grangegorman, Carlow and Wexford Mental Hospitals in respect of the years 1949/50 and 1950/51. The Committee noted that the cost of maintenance of patients in both Carlow and Wexford Mental Hospitals was substantially less than the cost in Grangegorman Mental Hospital. The Committee agreed that the possibility of having Co. Wicklow patients catered for in Carlow Mental Hospital instead of Grangegorman Mental Hospital should be examined.

Cultivation of Cottage Plots: The following letter received from the Dept. of Local Government in regard to the cultivation of cottage plots was considered:—

Department of Local Government.

Circ. H. 7/1952.

Custom House, Dublin.

2nd April, 1952.

Cultivation of Cottage Plots.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that in the course of his inspections of housing schemes he has been pleased to observe that the tenants in many individual instances, and sometimes in schemes as a whole maintain their gardens in excellent condition and are cultivating them as well as might be expected. The Minister is, however, aware that in other cases the standard of attention given by tenants to their plots is far from satisfactory. This carelessness, particularly in the tilling of plots, represents not only a loss to the tenants themselves, but to the aggregate of national food production. The Minister is sure that the elected representatives will lend their support to publicising the need for securing that these plots are kept in better condition and that the maximum return is obtained from their cultivation. The terms of this letter, should, therefore, be brought to the notice of members of the housing authority so as to secure their co-operation in a further effort to improve the position. The matter should also be made the subject of reports from the rent collectors as regards the keeping of plots in a proper state, pursuant to the terms of the letting agreements.

Mise, le meas,

The Secretary to the County Council.

The Committee recommended that the Rent Collectors be asked to report on plots which were not tilled and that possession of cottages should be obtained by the Council where tenants did not cultivate their plots.

Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts: The Committee noted letter from Mr. G. Mulvihill, Rathnew, indicating that he was withdrawing the plans submitted in connection with an extension to his garage.

The Committee considered an application for approval to the erection of a garage at Kilmurry, South, and recommended that permission for the erection of this garage should be refused. It was indicated

by members that the erection of a garage at this point would lead to traffic difficulties on account of the narrowness of the road.

Proposed Housing Scheme at O'Neill's Park, Newtownmountkennedy:

Having considered letter dated 20th March, 1952, from Dept. of Local Government, in which it was recommended that the Council should proceed with the erection of the 16 houses proposed in accordance with documents approved by the Department and having considered the report of the County Engineer dated 7th April, 1952, in which he recommended that tenders should be invited by public advertisement for the erection of the cottages in accordance with plans already approved, the Committee agreed to adopt the Engineer's recommendation.

Erection of Cottages for Forestry Employees at Glenmalure:

The Co. Manager stated that the Forestry Department had approached the Council with a view to the erection by the Council of approximately 20 houses over a period of years at Glenmalure for the purpose of housing forestry workers. The Co. Engineer and the Council's Architect in reports dated 7th April, 1952, submitted suggested layout plan for the eventual development of a village scheme at Glenmalure. The Co. Manager stated that the Department was prepared to offer the land at £5 per acre. The Committee recommended that the number of applicants for cottages in Glenmalure area be ascertained and suggested that if houses were erected for forestry workers they should be let to the Department of Lands.

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That we approve of the report of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on the 7th April, 1952.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 17—Baltinglass Housing Scheme—Compulsory Purchase Order.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary;

Resolved—That we approve of the affixing of the Seal of the Council to the Compulsory Purchase Order for the acquisition of lands at Blessington required for the purpose of the housing scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 18—Temporary Dwellings—Order under Section 31 of Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary;

Resolved—That we direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Order under Part IV of Section 31 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948, prohibiting the erection or retention of temporary dwellings within one hundred yards of any road in the Electoral Divisions as set out in the Order.

Passed unanimously.

The Order made by the Council was as follows:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

ERECTION OR RETENTION OF TEMPORARY DWELLINGS

Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948—Part 4, Section 31.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Council of the County of Wicklow being the Sanitary Authority for the County Health District of Wicklow, hereby prohibits the erection or retention of temporary dwellings within one hundred yards of any road in the Electoral Divisions of Kilmacanogue, Delgany, Greystones, Kilcoole, Newcastle Lower, Wicklow Rural, Dunganstown East, Dunganstown South, Ennereilly, Kilbride, Arklow Rural, Ballyarthur, Avoca, Cronebane, Rathdrum, and Glenealy, the Council being of opinion that such erection or retention would be prejudicial to public health or the amenities of the locality, or would interfere to an unreasonable extent with traffic on the road.

Given under the Seal of the Council of the County of Wicklow, this 15th day of April, 1952.

Present when the Corporate Seal of the Council was affixed thereto
 Chairman,
 County Secretary,
 Wicklow County Manager.

Item No. 19—Deputation from Cottage Tenants' Association, Greystones.

The Council received a deputation consisting of Messrs. Frawley and Greene from the Cottage Tenants' Association, Greystones. Mr. Frawley addressed the Council, and referred to dampness in houses at Lower Kindlestown, and cases of tuberculosis in these houses. He stated that the barges on the houses were defective, and should be removed. He also referred to the need for repairing the roadway to the cottages. Mr. Frawley asked that sanitation be provided for four cottages at Blacklion. Mr. Greene also addressed the Council and asked that water and sewerage facilities be provided for 20 cottages at Redford. He stated also that seven cottages at Three Trout, and Charlesland were without sanitation, and that the well for which the water supply was taken was open to pollution. A sample of water from the pump at Redford was submitted. Mr. Greene also complained of the lack of lighting at St. Brigid's Terrace, and at the new houses at Killincarrig. Mr. Frawley asked for particulars of the Cottage Purchase Scheme.

The Council noted the matters raised by the members of the deputation, and pointed out that these matters were receiving the attention of the Council.

Item No. 20—Baltinglass District Hospital.

The County Secretary stated that the sanction of the Minister has now been obtained to the acceptance of tenders for Mechanical Services for Baltinglass District Hospital, and that the estimated total cost of the works would be £83,418. A grant of two-thirds of the cost would be made available by the State, and it would be necessary for the Council to raise a Loan to defray the Council's proportion of the cost.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the raising of a loan of £27,900 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 35 years at 3½ per cent. for the purpose of defraying the Council's proportion of the cost of extensions to Baltinglass District Hospital.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 21—Wicklow County Fever Hospital.

The County Engineer stated that the estimated total cost of the works at the County Fever Hospital, Wicklow, was £16,100 approximately. It was expected that a grant of two-thirds of the cost would be available from the State. The Council would require to authorise the raising of a Loan to meet the Council's proportion of the cost.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor W. C. Carey;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the raising of a loan of £5,380 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 35 years at 3½ per cent. for the purpose of defraying the Council's proportion of the cost of extensions and improvements to the County Fever Hospital, Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 22—Residence of Dispensary Medical Officer, Newcastle.

The following letter from the Department of Health was submitted:

Department of Health,
 Custom House, Dublin.
 5th April, 1952.

A Chara,

The Minister for Health has asked me to refer to your letter of the 14th February, 1952, regarding the place of residence of the Medical Officer of Newcastle Dispensary District, and to say that the position in this regard has been noted.

With regard to the erection of a residence, I am to say that grants are not made available by this Department for that purpose. The question of a loan from the Local Loans Fund is a matter for the Department of Local Government, with whom you should communicate in the matter, giving particulars as to the estimated cost of the erection of the building, etc.

I am to request that this Department be informed when a suitable site is located, so that it may be inspected and also, so that the question of whether the proposed purchase price is reasonable or not may be considered.

Mise, le meas,

Signed—O. P. Hargedon.

The Secretary,
 Wicklow County Council.

The Council noted that the County Engineer had been asked to report on a suitable site for a new Dispensary Residence for Newcastle Dispensary District.

Item No. 23—Dispensary at Wicklow.

The following letter from Wicklow Urban Council was submitted:
 Wicklow Urban District Council,
 Town Hall, Wicklow.

Secretary,

Wicklow Co. Council, Rathdrum.

2nd April, 1952.

re: Dispensary.

A Chara,

At the meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on the 1st instant, reference was made to the very unsatisfactory condition of the dispensary in Wicklow Town. The Council strongly expressed the opinion that the dispensary lacks many essential amenities and directed that your Council be requested to carry out needed improvements as soon as possible.

Mise, le meas,

Signed—S. S. O'Ceallaigh,
 Cleireach an Bhaile.

The Council noted that the County Engineer was preparing a report in regard to the condition of dispensaries and that a report on the Dispensary at Wicklow would be included therein.

Item No. 24—Scheme of Additional Benefits.

The following letter from the Dept. of Social Welfare was submitted:—

The Dept. of Social Welfare—National Health Insurance.

Arus Brugha,
 Upper O'Connell St., Dublin.

26th March, 1952.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Social Welfare to inform you that the current Scheme of Additional Benefits will terminate on the 31st March, 1952, and that the Minister has made a new Scheme to operate from 1st April, 1952, which includes the provision of Hospital and Convalescent Home Benefit. I enclose a copy of the relevant Part of this Scheme and request your early acceptance of the provisions on behalf of your institution.

The main provision of the existing Scheme have been retained except that the maximum period of coverage in hospitals has been reduced from eight to six weeks. The rates of payment to hospitals and convalescent homes in respect of insured persons in the public wards have been fixed at £5 5s. for hospitals and £4 4s. per week for convalescent homes, of which the Department will pay £4 4s. and £3 3s. per week respectively, leaving the balance in each instance of £1 1s.

per week to be paid directly by insured persons to the hospitals or homes. It is important that, at the time of admission, insured persons be made aware of their liability to make this payment.

With regard to insured persons admitted to hospitals and convalescent homes prior to 1st April, 1952, you are requested to ensure that applications for benefit are made by them or on their behalf, before that date. If such applications are made before 1st April, 1952, they will be authorised under the provisions of the existing scheme and no charges will be payable by insured persons in the public wards for the period of covagage (eight weeks in hospital and two weeks in convalescent homes).

Applications in respect of insured persons who enter hospitals or homes on or after 1st April, 1952, will fall to be dealt with under the new scheme and the appropriate charges may be made by the hospitals or homes to insured persons in the public wards for the period of coverage (six weeks in hospital and two weeks in convalescent homes).

Mise, le meas.

M. Maguire, Runai.

To: Hospital and Convalescent Homes.

The Council considered that the additional cost of treatment of insured persons in Hospitals should be recouped by the National Health Insurance Society for a period of eight weeks.

Effect of Budget decisions re Food Subsidies on hospital costs.

In reply to inquiries from Councillor P. McCarthy, the Co. Manager stated that a report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Council, in regard to the effect of the Budget decisions on Food Subsidies in relation to institutional costs.

Item No. 25—Water Main at Bellevue.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the raising of a Loan of £1,160 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years with interest at 3½ per cent. for the purpose of defraying the cost of the extension of the water main at Bellevue, Delgany.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 26—Well-boring Equipment.

The following report of the Co. Engineer was submitted:

County Secretary,

Dear Sir,

re: Well Boring Plant.

I have examined carefully the proposal to purchase a large plant but I cannot at this stage recommend it.

The chief cause of delay at present is keeping a supply of sharpened bits to each plant, and the demand varies according to the type of rock through which they are boring.

Sometimes the bit will last for two days and other times half a day and as each bit has to be taken back to the yard to have the cutting edge renewed by electric welding and then dressed there is considerable delay.

I would, therefore, suggest that 12 extra bits be purchased at an appropriate cost of £600, and a special fitter be employed solely for the purpose of welding and dressing the bits.

If at later date it should be necessary to purchase the large plant, these bits will still be required.

Yours faithfully,

Signed—J. T. O'Byrne,

County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer to purchase 12 bits for well-boring plant.

Passed unanimously.

The Council did not approve of the employment of a special fitter as recommended by the County Engineer.

Item No. 27—Water Supply at Windgates.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:

County Secretary:

Courthouse, Wicklow.

10th March, 1952.

re: Windgates Water Supply.

Dear Sir,

With reference to proposal to supply water to cottages at Windgates, Lord Meath was interviewed on 8th instant in this connection.

After discussion with Lord Meath, he was agreeable to contribute towards the cost of constructing a storage tank and piping to same, and also laying 1-inch dia. pipe down to the cottages to be served by water.

I estimate that the cost of erecting this tank and supplying and laying the pipes to be £450. Lord Meath is agreeable to contribute towards the cost and I consider that he be asked to contribute half.

The only outstanding difference between the Co. Council and Lord Meath is the exact position of the storage tank, but as this is merely a technical detail, it will easily be adjusted.

I strongly recommend that ten connections only should be taken off this supply.

Yours faithfully,

Signed—J. T. O'Byrne.

County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Peter Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we approve of the erection of a storage tank at Windgates and the supplying and laying of pipes to supply water to cottages at Windgates at an estimated cost of £450, subject to the Earl of Meath contributing one-half of the cost of the works, i.e., £225.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 28—Public Lighting at Avoca.

The County Secretary stated that the Avoca Branch of the Irish Labour Party had applied for the provision of 8 additional lights for the village at Avoca and District as follows: two lights at Public Convenience at Village; two lights at Kilmagig Cottages; one light at Garda Barracks; one light at bus stop known as Moran's Steps; one light at Castleacadam, at end of main road leading to Church. There were only 26 houses in the village proper, and arrangements had already been made for the installation of seven public lights. If the application were approved, it would mean providing 15 lights in a village containing 26 houses. The Assistant County Engineer had reported as follows: "I inspected the public lighting arrangements in Avoca at night-time, and in my opinion the village is quite adequately lighted unless some form of gala lighting is required for tourist purposes. The light at the Bridge would give slightly better lighting if it were on the other side of the road, but as it is it shows light at the corner over the bridge, both entrances to the public convenience, and railway station."

28th March, 1952."

Signed—J. P. Caffrey.

Following a discussion, the Council asked that a further report be submitted by the Assistant Engineer.

Item No. 29—Public Lighting, Aughrim.

The County Secretary stated that the Electricity Supply Board had submitted a quotation in the sum of £62 for the provision of an additional public lamp, and alteration of the position of two existing public lamps in the village of Aughrim. The Council had received representations that some of the 12 public lamps recently erected at Aughrim had not been erected in the positions selected by the Council's

Engineer. The Council had already incurred the following expenditure in connection with public lighting at Aughrim: provision of Lamps, £130; time-switches £29, and this expenditure, together with the additional sum of £62, would make a total of £221. The annual charges for existing lights are approximately £30, including the remuneration of the caretaker.

The County Secretary stated that it would appear that the number of lamps in the village seemed high having regard to the population and size of the village.

The Council deferred the matter for a further report from the Council's Engineer in regard to the altering of the positions of the public lamps in the village.

Item No. 30—Public Lighting—Tinahely.

The County Secretary stated that the Electricity Supply Board had submitted a quotation in the sum of £24 12s. for switch wire extension in connection with the provision of one additional public light at the Bridge, Tinahely.

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill.

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea.

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the quotation of the E.S.B. in the sum of £24 12s. for the erection of one additional public lamp at Tinahely.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 31—Public Lighting, Kiltegan.

The County Secretary stated that the Electricity Supply Board had submitted a quotation for switch wire extension and time switch in the sum of £30 in connection with the provision of an additional public lamp adjacent to the Dispensary Residence at Kiltegan.

Proposed by Councillor P. Kehoe.

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins.

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the quotation of the E.S.B. in the sum of £30 for the provision of switch wire extension and time switch in connection with the provision of an additional public lamp adjacent to the Dispensary Residence at Kiltegan.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 32—Burial Grounds—Proposed provision of Burial Ground at Enniskerry.

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Medical Officer in report dated 7th March, 1952, recommended the provision of a Burial Ground at Enniskerry, and that when this was provided, the graveyards at Curtlestown and Killegar should be closed to further interments.

The following report had been submitted by the Co. Engineer:—
County Secretary: Courthouse, Wicklow.

15th April, 1952.

re: Burial Grounds—Enniskerry.

Dear Sir,

Regarding your request to provide a new Burial Ground in the vicinity of Enniskerry, I wish to say that I find it very difficult to locate a suitable or convenient position near the village. I would like it if two or three of the Local Councillors could inspect with me a few positions which might suit.

Owing to the number of houses all over the District, it is unusually difficult.

Yours faithfully,

Signed—J. T. O'Byrne, Co. Engineer.

Councillor H. J. Byrne suggested that the possibility of providing a burial ground to serve both Enniskerry and Bray might be considered.

The Council approved of the recommendation of the Co. Engineer that local Councillors would examine the needs of Enniskerry and Bray, in regard to the provision of a new burial ground.

Item No. 33—Alleged Nuisance at Churchlands, Tinahely.

The County Secretary stated that some time ago a sum of £56 had been expended on piping waste water which remained stagnant on the roadside near cottages at Churchlands. A complaint had been received from Mr. Haskins in regard to the effluent from this pipe which runs on to his lands. The following report had been submitted by the Council's Engineer:—

A. O'Connor, Esq.,

Courthouse, Tinahely.

Staff Officer, Rathdrum.

5th March, 1952.

re: Nuisance at Churchlands, Tinahely.

A Chara,

Reference to your letter of 28th ultimo, the £56 was provided to dispose of the water which lay beside the road near the Churchlands cottages. There was an existing drain going into Mr. Haskins' field which was taking the road water, and as this was the only possible outlet for the stagnant water it was drained into it. Mr. Haskins complains that the water is now much more foul, due to the effluent from W.C.s and sinks in these cottages.

At the time I was preparing plan for a sewerage system for these cottages and was under the impression that it would be shortly undertaken and I assured Mr. Haskins that the nuisance to his field would be only of a temporary nature.

The only solution I can see is to undertake the laying of the sewers for that end of the scheme at least. To complete the part of the scheme which would be required would cost about £200, but I could give further details if the Manager considers this action might be desirable.

Mise, le meas,

Signed—C. J. O'Byrne, Assist. Co. Engineer.

The Health Inspector had reported as follows:—

A. O'Connor, Esq.,

Tinahely.

Rathdrum.

3rd March, 1952.

re: Alleged Nuisance at Churchlands, Tinahely.

A Chara,

In reply to your letter of the 28th ultimo re above, I wish to report that I have investigated same and the following are my observations.

I could find no evidence of sewage from the Council houses running into Mr. Haskins' land at the time of my inspection. However, the slop water from two of the houses, together with the road-surface water is piped along the side of the roadway for a short distance, then under the roadway and across into Mr. Haskins' field where it runs in a shallow trench along the fence, but goes nowhere near the Protestant Church. The following rough sketch may help to clarify the position.

The water is piped from the cottages on to the roadside, but none of it flows beyond point "A" in the sketch as most of it has already seeped through the ground and whatever is left lodges here. There is no trace at all of filthy water or sewage between point "A" and the Protestant Church.

All these Council houses have water laid on but are not connected with the town sewerage system. I recommend that the appropriate authority be approached with a view to having this done.

Mise, le meas,

Signed—Donal G. Sheehan,

Health Inspector.

The County Secretary stated that in November, 1950, the County Engineer had submitted an estimate in the sum of £1,209 for the provision of a sewerage scheme for 9 cottages at Churchlands, and the Council had decided to include the Scheme on the Priority List. The

estimate submitted had not included provision of a percolating filter, or for house installations.

The Council asked that a report on the cost of providing a sewerage scheme, including house installations, water supply and filtration system, be submitted.

Item No. 34—Cliff Walk, Bray Head.

The following letter from the Bray Amusements Committee, was considered:—

Town Hall, Bray.
5th April, 1952.

Cliff Walk, Bray Head.

Dear Sir,

My Committee has requested me to bring to your notice the fact that portion of the Cliff Walk leading from Bray to Greystones over the Railway Line is now impassable. As this is one of the favourite walks for tourists between Bray and Greystones, it is most desirable that it should again be made available for holidaymakers. I am, therefore, to request you to be good enough to bring the matter before the County Council with a view to having the necessary work done to restore the damaged portion of the walk and thus facilitate the tourists and the public generally to again enjoy the use of this very popular walk.

Yours faithfully,

J. MacDonnell,

The Secretary,

Wicklow Co. Council, Wicklow.

Hon. Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that the matter had been examined by the Council's Engineer, who pointed out that the cost of repairs to the walk would be substantial, and that in addition there would be annual maintenance charges if the Council were to accept any responsibility for the Cliff Walk.

The Council noted that the Cliff Walk was not maintained by the Council and that the Council were under no liability in connection with the matter.

Item No. 35—Protection of Wild Birds.

The following letter from the Co. Wicklow Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals, was submitted:—

Glencapple, Kilmacanogue,
Bray, Co. Wicklow.

Dear Mr. Brangan,

March 8th, 1952.

I thank you for your letter of the 22nd February re the reply received by the Co. Council from the Minister for Justice re Order prohibiting the killing or taking of wild birds in the County. May I on behalf of our Society say that if your Council would reply to the Minister that it has been found that it is almost impossible for the ordinary Garda to identify wild birds when only certain species are protected. The result has been that the Wild Birds Protection Act has not been enforced, and—in the nature of things—cannot be enforced so long as the protected birds are all listed by species.

The new Order for which we asked you to apply, gets over this difficulty, without any disadvantages. The birds which are exempted (4) are well known and can be identified by any countryman. The majority of the protected birds, with one exception, are not only not harmful, but are economically beneficial. The one exception is the sparrow hawk. We included it with the protected birds, because it is by no means very common, and we know from experience in other areas, that if the hawks are not protected en masse, the commonest of the hawks, the kestrel, is shot in large numbers. This bird is—without exception—one of the most beneficial and useful birds in the country, as its food is mice, and young rats and such small animals.

We trust that the above will give your Council the data for answering the Minister, and my society and the Irish Wild Birds Protection Society very much hope that you will apply again for the above-mentioned reasons.

Yours faithfully,

Signed—Irene A. Ball-Acton.

The Council agreed that the Minister for Justice be asked to consider his decision on the matter, and to make the Order as requested by the Council.

Item No. 36—Air Corps Flying Personnel Dependents Association.

The Council noted that this matter was receiving the attention of the appropriate Minister.

Item No. 37—Resolution from Ard Comhairle of Clann na Poblachta.

The resolution received from the Ard Comhairle of Clann na Poblachta was ruled out of order as being of a political character.

1946 Housing Scheme—Site No. 159.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that on 9th April, 1952, when Council workmen arrived at Site No. 159, at Killiskey, Ashford, acquired by the Council from Mr. Belton, to commence preparation for the erection of two houses. Mr. Belton informed them that he had sowed the plot with cats, and wished to have the building of the cottages postponed until the crop was saved. Payment of compensation in respect of the acquisition of the plot had been made by the Council in January, 1951. The County Engineer requested the views of the Council on the matter.

The Council agreed that if the County Engineer considered it necessary to enter on the site at once, he had authority to do so.

The following notices of motion were handed in and accepted by the Chairman:—

By Councillor L. O Laoighleis:

"That I or some other Councillor for me will move at the next meeting that this Council forward a resolution to the Minister that Patrick Lawless be appointed tenant of cottage at Newtownboswell."

By Councillor A. Toomey:

"That I, or some other member for me, will move that a public convenience be erected at Dunlavin."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11 a.m. on Monday, 12th May, 1952.

The following members attended:

Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman;
Councillors Senator J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. P. O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, L. O. Laoighleis, P. N. Murdoch, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, M. J. Brennan and Miss E. F. Bobbett.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, attended.
The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, Assistant Engineers J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley, R. Fenlon, and Mr. P. O'Brien, Architect, were present.

AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 16th February, 10th and 18th March, 1952.
2. To fill vacancy on Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.
3. To fill vacancy on Wicklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.
4. University Scholarship Scheme, 1952—To consider applications.
5. Secondary Schools Scholarship Scheme, 1952 — Report of Local Committee re two applications.
6. Report of County Engineer in regard to Stone Crushing Plant required (Copy attached).
7. Applications from the Federation of Rural Workers and the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union for increase wages of road workers.
8. Remuneration of Fire Brigade Personnel—Circular from Department of Local Government (Copy of Circular and report attached).
9. Report of meeting of Housing Committee held on 5th May, 1952.
10. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Lawless for the appointment of Patk Lawless as tenant of cottage at Newtownboswell.
11. Report re effect of Budget decisions re Food Subsidies on Hospital costs.
12. Scheme of Additional Benefits—Letter from Department of Social Welfare dated 29th April, 1952.
13. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor A. Toomey for provision of Public Convenience at Dunlavin.
14. Public Lighting at Avoca—Report of Council's Engineer.
15. Fountains at Seskin, Knockenarrigan, Colliga, and Rustyduff—Report of Council's Engineer.
16. Repairs to Pumps at Arklow Rock, Redcross and Canary—Report of Council's Engineer.
17. Dispensaries—Letter from Department of Health.
18. Circular from the National Monuments Advisory Council re preservation of all monuments.
19. Letter from the Department of Local Government re finding of objects of archaeological or historical interest in the course of turf cutting operations.
20. Minutes of meetings of County Councils' General Council held on 13th December, 1951, and 28th February, 1952.
21. County Manager's Orders.
22. Report on negotiations with Department of Social Welfare and Dublin Board of Assistance re use of turf from County Wicklow for free Fuel Schemes in Dublin City area.
23. Letter from Department of Local Government regarding the Petition for acquisition of land for extensions to Glendalough Burial Ground.

Resolutions of Sympathy:

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

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

Resolved—That we the members of Wicklow County Council learned with deep regret of the death of Very Rev. Canon Moriarty, P.P., Bray, and we hereby extend to his relatives, and to the Archbishop of Dublin and Clergy of the Diocese the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

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

Resolved—That we the members of Wicklow Co. Council learned with deep regret of the death of Mr. Patrick Brennan, Wicklow, and we hereby extend to Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., and the relatives of the late Mr. Patrick Brennan, the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed unanimously.

The Co. Manager asked that he, and the members of the staff, be associated with the terms of the Council's resolutions of sympathy.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 16th February, 10th and 18th March, 1952.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Vacancy on Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

The Council deferred consideration of the filling of the vacancy on Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, pending receipt of recommendation from the members of the Sub-Committee.

Item No. 3—Vacancy on Wicklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

The County Secretary stated that the Clerk to the Sub-Committee had reported that there was a vacancy on Wicklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee owing to the death of the late Mr. Matthew Olohan. The Sub-Committee recommended the Council to appoint Rev. W. Lillis, C.C., Ashford, to fill the vacancy.

Proposed by Councillor W. C. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Rev. W. Lillis, C.C., Ashford, as a member of Wicklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Matthew Olohan.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—University Scholarship Scheme, 1952.

The County Secretary stated that nine applications had been received for permission to compete under the Council's University Scholarship Scheme, 1952.

The County Secretary stated that the Council awarded three Scholarships each year on the results of the Leaving Certificate Examination. In 1951 there were 13 candidates, of whom 5 qualified; in 1950 there were 13 candidates of whom 6 qualified; in 1949 there were nine candidates of whom 4 qualified; in 1948 there were 8 candidates of whom 4 qualified, and in 1947 there were 17 candidates of whom 6 qualified. In 1949 one of the scholarship holders gave up his Scholarship after the first year, and the three persons awarded scholarships in 1950, two had given up their scholarships after the first year.

The Council examined, in Committee, the applications received.

Proposed by Councillor T. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

University Scholarship Scheme, 1952.

Resolved—That we approve of the following applications for permission to compete under the Council's University Scholarship Scheme, 1952:—

Miss Brigid M. Turner, Abbey St., Arklow, subject to the application being acceptable under the terms of the Scheme, and to verification of income;

John P. Hayden, Novara, Blacklion, Greystones;
Miss Brigid M. R. Reynolds, Mentone, Church Rd., Greystones.
Cathal V. Cullen, Rathdangan, Kiltegan.
Joseph T. Murphy, 17 Blacklion, Greystones.
Miss Eileen Ryan, Bridge St., Arklow.
Passed unanimously.

The Council deferred for further investigation the applications of Miss Mary Pauline Condell, Blacklion, Greystones, and Miss Aiden Patricia Carr, Ballymacsimon, Glenealy.

Item No. 5—Secondary Schools Scholarship Scheme, 1952.

The County Secretary stated that the applications of Brendan T. Kelly, 18 Carrig Villas, Delgeny, and John Patrick O'Dea, 30 Vevay Rd., Bray, for permission to compete under the Council's Scheme for scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1952, had been considered by the Committee of Councillors for Bray Electoral Area at meeting held on 7th May, 1952, and that the Committee recommended that both applications be allowed.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That having considered report of Committee of Councillors for Bray Electoral Area, we approve of the applications of Brendan T. Kelly, 18 Carrig Villas, Delgeny, and John P. O'Dea, 30 Vevay Road, Bray, for permission to compete under the Council's Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1952.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Stone Crushing Plant.

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

Copy, Wicklow County Council,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

15th April, 1952.

re: Machinery—Stone Crushing.

Owing to the great amount of stone required for Roads Reconstruction and to the fact that our Stone Crushing Plant is insufficient to produce the amount of material either in quantity or economically, it has been found necessary in peak periods to get stone from sources outside the County at prices and at speed of delivery such that we could not possibly reach.

I strongly advise that additional stone crushing machinery be procured as soon as possible for the quarries at (a) Doyle's Quarry, The Rock, Carnew (which is now found to be almost the best stone in the County); (b) Newtown Quarry, Donard (which is developing into a very fine quarry); and (c) a third quarry either in the Barn-darrig Area or Ballylusk.

Our existing very old and small crushers are capable of dealing with only small quantities such as about 25 to 30 cubic yards per day—the proposed machines should be able to provide at least 100 cubic yards per day and would obviously be economical. The small crushers could still be used in smaller quarries and for smaller jobs. The larger crushers would, of course, need additional labour to keep them working to full capacity.

I advise that the following are required:—

Two 24" x 15" Crushers.

One 36" x 15" Crusher.

Two 22" "Cone" Crushers with motor.

Three Sets Vibrating Screens.

One Portable Crusher with Motor.

Four Elevating Belt Conveyors.

It will be difficult to get early delivery of this plant, so that approval to purchase should be given as soon as possible.

The cost is estimated to be not more than £19,950.

Signed—J. T. O'Byrne,

County Engineer.

The following further report of the County Engineer was circulated to the members at the meeting:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

County Secretary.

Roads Department.

Report on Proposed Purchase of Stone Crushing Plant.

A Chara,

The large increase in the amount of stone of all sizes required for Roads and the economical and potential output of the Council's existing plant has been exercising serious consideration for some time. It is clear that a greater output of Road Material within the limited few months at our disposal for Road Making must be ensured.

The estimated quantity of stone in varying grades for the year 1952/53 amounts to 74,000 tons approximately.

The existing plant consists of a number of small 16-inch by 9-inch crushers, and some 12-inch by 6-inch Granulators, and the maximum capacity of the total plant would give, under favourable working conditions, an output of about 1,400 tons per week. Obviously, this output could not be counted on for the whole 52 weeks of the year; firstly because of weather conditions, and secondly, because the material is required within the normal road working period of say 9 months, so as to allow of road improvements and repairs to be carried out.

Consequently, estimating for working for about 36 weeks, an output with existing plant will amount to, at the best, 50,400 tons. If the difference between potential output and requirements is to be made available, the material must either be purchased from contractors who supply suitable stone, or our plant must be increased. There are Quarry Firms in a position to supply all our materials and at prices which certainly cannot be reached by our organisation under present plant conditions.

There would be little use in increasing the number of our existing type of crusher or Granulator which are altogether too small in output; the obvious course is to supplement these by larger units with greater and hence more economical results.

The average output of one of our ordinary crushers (depending on the size of stone required) would be about 30 to 40 tons of 2-inch stone per day for granulated chippings about 15 to 20 tons per day.

It is essential that the quantity and cost of our material be overtaken and it is therefore suggested that for a start at least three quarries should be equipped with crushers capable of turning out about 25 to 30 tons per hour and granulators for a potential of 15-20 tons per hour. To ensure that those units will be fully "fed," it is essential that certain ancillary equipment such as Conveyors, loaders, rails, bogie-wagons, vibrating screens be provided, together with secondary crushers or granulators (such as the "cone," where the maximum quantity of sizes of stone from 3/4-inch down may be needed. Even though the whole "set-up" would involve the additional costs of purchase of the plant, and increase in labour personnel, it is obvious that material will be produced at much less cost than at present.

The three quarries which are suggested for development at present are:—

1. Doyle's (the Rock) near Carnew.
2. Carrigmore Quarry near Bardarrig.
3. Newtown Quarry near Donard.

It is not intended to cease working altogether with the smaller Crushers for the present. Indeed, at any time, it would be desirable to maintain production in such places as Kilpool or Ballyusk where

I must say that the stone is excellent and too good to lose even though it is greater in cost than that which would be produced by the larger units.

Advertisements have been inserted in the Public Press asking for Tenders for the various types of plant and a summary of the offers and prices received is attached hereunder.

It is recommended that the following equipment for each quarry named should be procured as soon as possible, viz.:—
(Note: Prices are taken from Tenders; the lowest price is accepted as far as possible, having regard to (a) suitability of unit; (b) time for delivery).

Note: The proposals as regards type and cost will be subject to advice and approval of the Department of Local Government).

Doyle's Quarry (The Rock):

(a) One Primary Crusher 24" x 15" (An existing crusher to be used).	..	£2,603	0	0
(b) One Secondary ("Cone") Crusher-Granulator	..	£500	0	0
(c) Set Vibrating Screens	..	£1,100	0	0
(d) Conveyors (two)	..	£1,200	0	0
(e) 1 "Chaseside" Loading Shovel	..	£180	0	0
(f) 8 h.p. Diesel Engine for Screens	..	£300	0	0
(g) 4 Bogie Trucks and rails (estimated cost)	..			
(h) Add for incidental equipment (belts, girders, etc.) transport, setting-up, building concrete foundations, slides and bins, etc.	..	£650	0	0
Total	..	£6,533	0	0

Carrigmore Quarry:

(a) One Primary Crusher 24" x 15"	..	£1,857	0	0
(b) One Secondary "Cone" Crusher-Granulator	..	£2,603	0	0
(c) Set of Vibrating Screens	..	£500	0	0
(d) Conveyors (2)	..	£1,100	0	0
(e) 8 h.p. Diesel Engine for Screens	..	£180	0	0
(f) 6 No. Bogie-Trucks and Rails (Estimated)	..	£300	0	0
(g) Add for set up, transport, foundations, etc. (estimated)	..	£770	0	0
Total	..	£7,310	0	0

Newtown Quarry:

(a) One Primary Crusher 24" x 15"	..	£1,857	0	0
(b) One secondary "cone" Crusher-Granulator	..	£2,603	0	0
(c) Vibrating Screens	..	£500	0	0
(d) Conveyors	..	£1,100	0	0
(e) 8 h.p. Diesel for Screens	..	£180	0	0
(f) 3 No. Bogie-Trucks and Rails (estimated)	..	£400	0	0
(g) Add for set up, ancillary equipment, etc., foundations, etc. (estimated)	..	£620	0	0
Total	..	£7,260	0	0

The total estimated cost of the above proposals for Plant as a whole is, therefore, £21,103 0 0.

In order that that equipment may be procured as soon as possible, it would be desirable to place orders immediately. It is accepted of course that where the units are not in stock, the firms quote for prices at time of delivery.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'Byrne.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., opposed the purchase of additional plant, and suggested that it would be possible to work existing plant throughout the year.

Councillor H. J. Byrne proposed that the Council approve of the purchase of the plant, and pointed out that additional employment would be provided by producing all stone requirements of the Council in the County.

In reply to inquiries from members, the County Engineer stated that stone crushed in the Council's quarries cost about 15s. to 17s. per ton. The production of stone could not go on throughout the whole year. The County Engineer stated that he was satisfied that if the plant he recommended was acquired, the saving in cost of production would more than offset the loan charges for the purchase of the plant.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. N. Murdoch.

Resolved—That we approve of the purchase of stone-crushing plant as recommended by the County Engineer in his report submitted to this meeting.

Passed: Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and W. Hammond dissenting.

Item No. 7—Applications for increases in wages of Road Workers.

The following applications from the Federation of Rural Workers and the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, were submitted:

Federation of Rural Workers,
20 Westland Row, Dublin.
26th April, 1952.

The Manager,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I write you with reference to the application for increased wages for road workers served by this Union on the Wicklow Co. Council on the 29th January last. Our application has been deferred on at least two occasions by the Council and it would appear that the taking of a decision on the application is being put off indefinitely.

This position has been under consideration by the members of our Co. Wicklow Branch and I am instructed to again write you in the matter. Since the last increase in wages was granted to our members in April, 1951, there has been a continuous rise in the cost of living, the official index showing an increase of some 11 points. When the full effects of the recent Budget introduced by the Government are experienced it has been stated that the cost of living index will increase by a further 10 points or so. This will mean an increase of about twenty per cent. in the cost of living since the last increase was granted. The result of this will be to cut the purchasing power of our members' wages by at least one-fifth, and of course it is well known that the official index figures only measure the cost of living very inadequately. If the value of our members' wages is to be cut by over one-fifth in comparison with this time last year, it can be easily appreciated that an intolerable burden will be imposed on them unless there is a corresponding adjustment in wages. In these circumstances our members feel that they have no alternative but to amend their original demand and seek an increase of 25s. in their present wages.

As indicated previously we are prepared at any time to meet you or the members of the Co. Council to discuss our application, but we insist that definite and final consideration be given to our application at an early date.

Your immediate attention to this matter will oblige.

Signed—Sean Dunne,

General Secretary.

Irish Transport and General Workers' Union.

35 Parnell Sq., Dublin, C.16.

1st May, 1952.

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

re: **Wages—County Council.**

Dear Sir,

We are to request that an increase of 20s. per week be granted to

all our members employed by your Council.

In support of this application we are to point out that such an increase is necessary for our members to meet the ever rising cost of living, and, furthermore, the added impositions of the recent Budget make it imperative so that our members can sustain themselves in some degree of comfort.

Trusting this application will have the favourable consideration of your Council and that they will recommend accordingly at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

Irish Transport and G.W. Union.
—per W. McMullen, General President.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That having considered applications received from the Federation of Rural Workers and the Irish Transport and G.W. Union, we approve of an increase of £1 per week in the wages of road workers.

As an amendment, it was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson; Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

That applications for increases in wages of Road Workers be deferred until after July, 1952.

As a further amendment, it was proposed by Cllr. T. Brennan, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

That this Council leave the matter of determining remuneration of road workers for consideration of the County Manager.

As a further amendment, it was proposed by Cllr. T. Brennan, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

That an increase of 5s. per week be granted to Road Workers.

A vote having been called for on Councillor W. Lawless' motion, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

In Favour—Councillors W. Lawless, M. Brennan, C. M. Byrne and P. Ledwidge—(4).

Against—Councillors Senator J. McCrea, W. Hammond, P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D.; J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, H. J. Byrne, Ed. Byrne, P. Murdoch, J. Everett, T.D.; C. W. Hudson and Miss E. F. Bobbett—(15).

The Amendment was declared defeated by fifteen votes against to four votes in favour.

The Amendment in the name of Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., was then put to the meeting, and a vote having been called for it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

In Favour—Councillors T. Brennan, T.D., and C. M. Byrne—(2).

Against—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, W. Hammond, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, A. Toomey, H. J. Byrne, Ed. Byrne, W. Lawless, P. Murdoch, M. Brennan, J. Everett, T.D.; C. W. Hudson, Miss E. F. Bobbett and P. Ledwidge—(17).

The Amendment was declared defeated by seventeen votes against to two in favour.

The Amendment in the name of Councillor C. W. Hudson was then put, and a vote having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

In Favour—Councillors T. Brennan, T.D.; P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, H. J. Byrne, W. Lawless, P. Murdoch, M. Brennan, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, Miss E. F. Bobbett and P. Ledwidge—(11).

Against—Councillors Senator J. McCrea, W. Hammond, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, Ed. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.—(8).

The Amendment was declared carried by eleven votes in favour to eight votes against, and when put as a substantive motion was declared passed on the same voting.

Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman, reported that he had received a letter from Deputy Sean Dunne re non-payment of workers from Kil-

coole and Newtownmountkenedy areas on turf production. He asked that the question of unemployment in the northern area of the County be examined by the County Manager and County Engineer.

Item No. 8—Remuneration of Fire Brigade Personnel.

The following report of the County Secretary, together with copy of circular EL.3/52 of the 7th March, 1952, from the Department of Local Government, had been circulated to the members:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,

Remuneration of Fire Brigade Personnel.

In accordance with decision of the Council at the last meeting, I enclose herewith copy of circular letter, dated 7th March, 1952, Ref. EL. 3/52, from the Department of Local Government, setting out the maximum rates of remuneration for part-time Fire Brigade Personnel, which may be paid without the specific sanction of the Minister. It will be noted that the new maximum rates are related to the locally recognised trade union rate for fitters. From inquiries made from the Trade Unions, it has been ascertained that the rate for fitters in the Bray Area is 3s. 7d. per hour for a 47-hour week, and that in the rest of the County fitters claim the same rate as that paid to tradesmen, i.e., 3s. 4½d. per hour for a 48-hour week.

The maximum rates payable under the circular enclosed would, therefore, be as follows:—

Retaining Fees	Bray	Rest of County	Present Rate
Station Officer	£44 per annum	£43 per ann.	£26 per ann.
Sub-Officer and Driver-Mechanic	£33 per annum	£32 per ann.	£20 per ann.
Fireman	£22 per annum	£22 per ann.	£13 per ann.
Attendance at Practices	4s. 6d. per hour	4/3 per hour	2/6 per hour
Attendance at Fires	7s. 2d. per hour for first hour, 4s. 6d. per hour thereafter	6/9 per hour for first hour 4/3 thereafter	5s. per hour first hour, 2/6 thereafter

The rates for attendances at fires have increased by 50 per cent. for fires occurring between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.

Stand-to Fees 17s. per week 15s. per week.

N.B.—Stand-to fees are payable only to the Bray Fire Brigade.

Application had been made by the Bray Fire Brigade for an increase in stand-to rate from 15s. per week to 30s. per week. The members of the Brigade still wish to have the stand-to allowance increased to 30s. per week.

If the maximum revised scale of remuneration were applied to all Fire Brigades in respect of the year 1952/53, the additional cost involved would be £1,381. In framing the Estimates, provision had been made for an increase in the stand-to fees for the Bray Brigade in accordance with the application made on behalf of the Brigade, but provision had not been made for any other alterations in the rates payable.

K. J. Brangan,

6th May, 1952.

Copy.

EL. 3/52.

A Chara,

7 Marta, 1952.

1. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that

County Secretary.

Dept. of Local Government,

Custom House, Dublin.

7 Marta, 1952.

he has had under consideration the rates of remuneration of part-time Fire Brigade Personnel, and he has decided that the maximum rates set out in this Department's Circular Letter, G.386/48 of the 24th May, 1948, may be replaced by the following:—

Retaining Fee

Station Officer—10 per cent. of the locally recognised Trade Union Rate for fitters, expressed as an annual amount.
Sub-Officer—7½ per cent. of ditto.
Driver Mechanic—7½ per cent. of ditto.
Fireman—5 per cent. of ditto.

2. For attendance at drills and fires, all ranks may be paid on an hourly basis, at a rate not exceeding the locally recognised Trade Union rate for fitters, plus 25 per cent. Twice the normal hourly rate may be paid in respect of the first hour (or part of an hour) for attendance at fires. The rates for attendance at fires may be increased by 50 per cent. for fires occurring between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Where stand-to arrangements have been approved by the Minister, a payment not exceeding twice the weekly value of the fireman's retaining fee may be paid to all ranks in respect of each week of stand-to duty, with prorata payments where the stand-to duty is for a greater or lesser period.

3. In applying the foregoing paragraph, the hourly rates may be rounded up to the nearest 1d. the weekly rates to the nearest 1s. and the annual rates to the nearest £.

4. This Circular Letter is not to be interpreted as an instruction to pay any particular rate of pay. It merely indicates the limits within which payment may be made without the specific sanction of the Minister.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. Barrington.

To Each Manager,
County Secretary.

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

Resolved—That having considered letter dated 7th March, 1952, from the Department of Local Government and report of Co. Secretary, dated 6th May, 1952, we approve of fire brigade personnel being paid at the maximum rates permitted under the Circular Letter of 7th March, 1952, and authorise expenditure of £1,381 in excess of the amount provided in the Estimates for the current year to meet the cost of the increase in remuneration. The revision of remuneration shall take effect as from 1st April, 1952.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Report of Meeting of Housing Committee held on 5th May, 1952.

The following report of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 5th May, 1952, had been circulated to the members of the Council:

A meeting of the Housing Committee of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 5th May, 1952, 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, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, H. J. Byrne, L. O Laoighleis, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. O'Broin, Joseph Jacob, M. J. Brennan, Miss E. F. Bobbett.

Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, attended.

The County Engineer and Assistant Engineers J. P. Caffrey, P. O'Keefe and Council's Architect, P. O'Brien, were present.

The Committee approved of the attached report of the County Engineer on the progress of the Housing Scheme during the month of April, 1952.

Housing Scheme at Kilgarron, Enniskerry: The following letter from the Department of Local Government was submitted:—
Dept. of Local Government,

Custom House,
Dublin.
N. 72/3/51.
A Chara, 23rd April, 1952.

With reference to previous correspondence regarding the proposed acquisition of a housing site at Kilgarron, Enniskerry, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that the matter has been the subject of discussions between this Department's Inspector and the Council's technical officers, and it has been agreed that a lay-out plan for the required number of houses should be prepared which, when agreed upon in sketch form, would determine the shape and size of the site to be acquired.

I am to add that subject to the preparation of a sketch lay-out plan showing that a housing scheme can be satisfactorily designed, with alteration of the shape of the site, if necessary, the Minister is prepared to reconsider the Council's proposal.

I am to request that the sketch lay-out plan referred to above will be submitted to this Department as soon as possible.

Mise, le meas.
Signed: S. O'HANLON.
Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.

The following report of the Co. Engineer, together with sketch lay-out plan of 60 houses, two shops and Parochial Hall, was submitted:—

Courthouse, Wicklow.
5th May, 1952.
Co. Secretary.

Re: Kilgarron Housing Scheme, Enniskerry.

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith sketch lay-out plan of 60 houses, two shops and Parochial Hall for above scheme.

I would like to emphasise that this is a sketch lay-out only and has been drawn up to indicate a possible lay-out on the basis of a revised shape, for the proposed site, and to indicate the extra amount of land required consequent on this revised shape and the provision of shops, Parochial Hall and open spaces. The area of the site now is 10.9 acres, area of the original site 10½ acres, approximately.

This lay-out has been discussed with the Local Government Department Technical Advisors and some slight revisions have been agreed to tentatively. These consist of the provision of a greater amount of open and playground spaces in the vicinity of houses Nos. 55-60 and the provision of one or two more four house blocks. I have laid out the scheme on the basis of a single storey type house similar to the Killarney Road type. In this connection reference might be made to the boundary wall. This was required to be 8ft. high by the landowner. In view of the proposal of placing single storey houses on this site, I suggest that the landowner might be approached to reduce the height of the boundary wall to 6ft. 0in.

The alteration in the shape of the site is to eliminate as far as possible the closed-in effect which a rectangular site with an 8-foot boundary wall would give. The question of the landowner's approval to the proposed shape of the site and extra land required would be subject to approval of this sketch lay-out by the Local Government Department.

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

The Committee approved of the lay-out plan prepared by the Co. Engineer and directed that it be submitted to the Department for

approval. The County Engineer stated that he would submit an estimate of the cost of the scheme to the next meeting of the Committee.

Housing Scheme, Shillelagh Area: The County Secretary stated that a meeting of the Local Housing Committee for the Shillelagh area had been held on the 18th April, 1952, and that the Committee had examined the applications received for the erection of cottages on agreed sites in that area. Particulars of the sites and applicants approved were submitted. It was indicated also to the Committee that the all-in cost of the type of house proposed to be erected would be £935, and that if the Council wish to maintain the same contribution from rates it would be necessary to charge a rent of 8s. 9d. per week, plus rates. The Committee recommended that the matter be considered further by the local Housing Committee in regard to certain applicants, and that enquiry be made from the applicants as to whether they would be prepared to pay a rent of 8s. 9d. per week plus rates.

State Subsidy Towards Housing Costs: The Committee recommended unanimously that the Minister for Local Government be asked to increase the amount of subsidy payable in respect of the erection of houses by the Council.

Erection of Houses in Baltinglass Area: Having considered report of meeting of Local Housing Committee held on 27th March, 1952, the Committee recommended that four of the cottages proposed to be erected at Stratford-on-Slaney be abandoned, and that instead two be erected on sites at Baltinglass and two on sites in the Donard area.

Boundary Wall at Baltinglass Housing Scheme: Having considered report of Assistant Engineer P. J. Foley, the Committee approved of the erection of a concrete block wall between the Housing plot and the holding of the adjoining owner as recommended by the Assistant Engineer.

Presidential Election: It was decided to take no action in regard to circular from the Department of Local Government dated 25th April, 1952, Ref. G.5/52.

Filling of Post of Assistance Officer: The Committee recommended that Mr. T. Kavanagh, Assistance Officer, Rathdrum No. 3 area, be transferred to the post of Assistance Officer, Rathdown No. 2 area, consequent on the resignation of Mr. P. Byrne, and that steps be taken for the filling of vacancy for Assistance Officer in No. 3 area.

Temporary Dwellings: The Committee recommended that a licence for use of land for the parking of one caravan be given to William George Kelly, Ballydonagh House, Delgany, on similar terms to the licence issued on 24th July, 1951.

The Committee recommended that a licence for the use of land for two caravans and tents be granted to Mr. C. Darlington, Monastery, Enniskerry, provided that the caravans and tents are used by members of his family or near relatives.

The Committee noted the report of the Health Inspector dated 28th April, 1952, in regard to the caravan at Reaper's Row, Newtownmountkennedy.

The Committee recommended that the application of Mrs. Shirley, Ballyvolan, Ashford, for a licence in respect of one caravan be refused.

The Committee recommended that the application of Mr. R. Beadle, Worcester, England, for a licence in respect of Summer chalets at Dunbur, Silver Strand Road, Wicklow, be refused.

The Committee noted the report of the Council's Engineer dated 30th April, 1952, in regard to the temporary structure on the cottage plot at Ballinacorrigh, Brittas.

Town and Regional Planning Acts: In connection with an application for approval to the erection of a house at Kilpoolie, the Com-

mittee recommended that the applicant be asked to obtain an alternative site further from the quarry, and that the advice of the Council's Law Agent on the matter be obtained.

The Committee agreed that permission be refused for the erection of a Holiday Lodge at Blainroe and noted that the type of construction would not comply with the Council's Bye-Laws.

The Committee asked that the County Engineer submit a further report in regard to the proposal for the erection of a garage at Kilmurray for the meeting of the Council to be held on the 12th May, 1952.

Markets at Ashford: The Committee recommended that the obstruction caused by traffic parked at both sides of the road at Ashford in connection with markets be brought to the notice of the Garda Síochána.

Loans Under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts: The Committee recommended that loans be advanced as follows:—

William McGarry, in respect of house at Windgates, loan of £1,400, subject to repayment of loan being guaranteed by Mr. Wm. Murphy.

John Kelly, Main St., Kilcoole, loan of £500, subject to Title being in order, etc.

John Shannon, Baltyboys, Blessington, loan of £800.

H. S. Jervois, loan of £1,400, subject to verification of income of applicant.

The Committee adjourned the application of Patrick Burke, Lack-eragh, Baltinglass, for a loan of £1,600, for further consideration by local members at next Committee's meeting.

The Committee noted that a loan could not be granted to Mr. J. A. Murphy, Ballywaltrim, Bray.

Dispensary Residence at Newcastle: Having considered report of County Engineer dated 5th March, 1952, the Committee indicated that the site proposed by the Co. Engineer for Dispensary Residence at Newcastle was suitable. The Committee recommended that the title be investigated and that plans and specifications, together with an estimate of cost, be submitted by the County Engineer following consultation with the Medical Officer in regard to the type of residence required. The Committee also considered report of Council's Architect, dated 5th May, 1952, in regard to his inspection of houses in the Newcastle District at present for sale. The Committee were of opinion that Newtownmountkennedy would be the more suitable location for the doctor's residence.

Matters Raised by Greystones Tenants' Association: The Committee noted the report of the Health Inspector on the condition of the 22 cottages at Kindlestown. The Co. Engineer was asked to submit an estimate of the cost of remedying certain defects. The Committee also noted the report of the Health Inspector in regard to the Redford Water Supply and directed that the Engineer report as to the improvements necessary. The County Engineer was also asked to report in regard to the application for a sewerage system for other cottages in the area.

Letting of Building in Arklow Cemetery: The Committee recommended that portion of the cottage in Arklow Cemetery be let to Mr. W. Geoghegan, Arklow, at 7/ per week on a Caretaker's Agreement.

Application for Leasing of Plot at Ballywaltrim: The Co. Engineer was asked to submit a further report on this matter for the meeting of the Council to be held on the 12th instant.

Grazing of Lands at Avoca: The Committee recommended that the grazing of the lands of the housing site at Avoca be let at a figure of £8 per month and pro-rata for any longer term.

The Committee noted the list of cottages repaired during the month of April, 1952, as submitted by the County Engineer.

Authorisation of Repairs to Cottages: The Committee authorised repairs to cottages in accordance with the list submitted by the Co. Engineer, subject to tenants being agreeable to repay the cost of ranges provided.

The Committee also approved of provision of small retaining wall and a concrete channel at back of cottage at Whitehills, Grange Con, as recommended by Assistant County Engineer P. J. Foley in report dated 23rd April, 1952.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea.

Resolved—That we approve of the report of the meeting of the Housing Committee of the Council held on Monday, 5th May, 1952.

Passed unanimously.

Lease of Site at Ballywaltrim.

The County Secretary reported that the question of the lease of the plot at Ballywaltrim had now been settled to the satisfaction of the County Engineer and the interests of the parties concerned.

Proposed Erection of Garage at Kilmurray.

The County Engineer reported that he had again inspected the site at Kilmurray in respect of which application for approval to the erection of a garage, had been submitted and refused by the Council, and had met Mr. O'Gorman, owner of the site. The Co. Engineer stated that he did not favour the proposal to erect a garage at this point, but that he had informed Mr. O'Gorman that if he submitted further proposals accompanied by proper and comprehensive documents, he would examine them.

Item No. 10—Tenancy of Cottage at Newtownboswell.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, Councillor W. Lawless moved that the facts in the case of the application of Mr. Patk. Lawless for the tenancy of cottage at Newtownboswell be submitted to the Minister for Local Government. He also asked that the question as to whether Mr. P. Lawless would be eligible to purchase the cottage be considered.

The County Manager stated that he would examine the suggestion in regard to the purchase of the cottage, and would submit the facts in the case to the Department of Local Government.

Item No. 11—Effect of Budget Decisions re Food Subsidies on Hospital Costs.

The County Secretary stated that the County Accountant had submitted a report as to the effect of the abolition of food subsidies on the costs of the Council's institutions. It was calculated that for the period 1st July, 1952, to 31st March, 1953, there would be a nett increase in expenditure on provisions amounting to £2,089 15s. 6d. In a full year the increase would amount to £2,119 14s. 1d.

The Council noted the report and decided to wait for further details as to costs in relation to Grangegorman Mental Hospital and extern institutions, to be submitted later.

Item No. 12—Scheme of Additional Benefits.

The Council noted the following letter, received from the Dept. of Social Welfare:—

Dept. of Social Welfare,
National Health Insurance,
Upr. O'Connell St., Dublin.
29th Aibrean, 1952.

Add. Bens. PWC/MB.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Social Welfare to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10th April, 1952, on the subject of Parts V and VI of the current scheme of Additional Benefits, and to point out that the funds available for the Hospital Scheme are limited and, consequently, must be utilised in the manner considered to be most

advantageous to the insured persons, and to state that the Scheme has been approved with this object in view. It should also be borne in mind that the contribution of £4 4s. 0d. per week reduces considerably the liability of the Local Authority in the type of case referred to by you, as, if the Scheme was not in operation, the treatment might have to be provided free and the entire charge would fall on the Local Authority.

Mise, le meas,

Signed: J. M. DEVITT.

Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion—Public Convenience at Dunlavin.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor A. Toomey;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

That Public Convenience be provided at Dunlavin.

The Council asked that a report on the matter be obtained from the Chief Medical Officer, and the Assistant County Engineer.

Item No. 14—Public Lighting at Avoca.

The following further report, requested by the Council, was submitted by the Assistant County Engineer:—

30th April, 1952.

Public Lighting at Avoca.

I note that I have been asked to report again on the public lighting at Avoca, with particular reference to additional light at the Parish Priest's Gate. There is a light opposite the Church Gate which is within 100 yards of the Parish Priest's gate, and for ordinary pedestrian purposes it should be sufficient.

In the matter of public lighting in general, I am taking it that the policy of the Council is to give sufficient lighting only in built-up areas, where people are moving or congregating at night time.

Signed: J. P. CAFFREY,

Assistant Co. Engineer.

The Council recommended that one light be provided at the Parish Priest's house at Avoca.

Item No. 15—Fountains at Seskin, Knockenarrigan, Colliga, and Rustyduff.

The Co. Secretary stated that on the 29th November, 1951, Mr. Foley, Assistant Co. Engineer, suggested that a Caretaker be appointed to look after the fountains of Seskin, Knockenarrigan, Colliga and Rustyduff, as they were being damaged from time to time, with consequent expense in charges for water, apart from repairs. The fountains are supplied on a metered basis from the supply to the Military Camp in the neighbourhood. The Assistant Engineer suggested a salary of £12 per annum for this post. The Co. Engineer had suggested that a member of the Road Staff to be selected by him, might be appointed caretaker at remuneration of £12 per annum. The Co. Secretary stated that the County Manager considered that it should not be necessary to have a caretaker for fountains, but that local people should be warned that if there was any further wanton damage to them, the water supply would be discontinued.

The Council agreed that a member of the Road Staff should be assigned to look after these fountains.

Item No. 16—Repairs to Pumps at Arklow Rock, Redcross and Conary.

The County Secretary stated that it had been necessary to expend £79 18s. in respect of repairs to pumps at Arklow Rock, Redcross and Conary. As these pumps had been provided within the previous two

or three years, the Assistant Engineer had been asked to report on the matter, and he had reported as follows:—

24th April, 1952.

One of the pumps at Arklow Rock had to be repaired twice and one of them three times. On each occasion stones had to be removed from the well bore and the rods and working barrel had to be withdrawn to do this. On one of the occasions the well was so badly jammed, the lining tubes had to be taken up.

If this damage had happened only once, the culprits might be unnoticed, but I know this is not the case. I spoke to several local people about the matter, and I gather they do not wish to take on themselves to check or reprimand those who caused the damage.

One remedy would be to appoint caretakers at a nominal annual sum, who would protect the pumps from damage and arrange for any repairs that might be necessary.

The only other remedy would be to put the responsibility for protecting the pumps on the users.

Signed: J. P. CAFFREY,

Assistant Co. Engineer.

The Council directed that persons served by the water supply be written to and that it be pointed out to them that they should help in preventing damage to the supply at Arklow Rock.

Pump at Kilcarra—Councillor P. McCarthy referred to complaints received in regard to the water supply at Kilcarra.

The Assistant Engineer was asked to report on the matter.

Item No. 17—Dispensaries.

The following letter from the Department of Health was submitted:

Copy/
Circular No. H.12/52.
A Chara,
Dept. of Health,
Custom House, Dublin.
5 Bealtaine, 1952.

The Minister for Health desires me to refer to previous Circulars regarding the conditions of dispensary buildings, and to say that he is concerned to note from reports which he has received from his Medical Inspectors that, taking the country as a whole, the progress made in regard to the improvement of dispensaries, either by the replacement of unsuitable premises or the remedying of defects in existing premises is still far from satisfactory.

The Minister appreciates that it is difficult, in present circumstances, for public assistance authorities to undertake from their own resources large-scale schemes of dispensary improvement on the basis of the schedule of accommodation furnished by his Department. So as to relieve the financial burden on public assistance authorities and to achieve more rapid progress in the improvement of dispensary accommodation, he has re-examined the schedule of accommodation and has caused to be prepared in his Department three suggested dispensary plans on a more economical scale. These plans, copies of which are attached, differ only in lay-out and are based on an approximate floor space of 650 sq. ft. Your local authority, from their experience of the cost of erecting dwellings of this size under the Housing Programme, will appreciate that these alternative plans afford an opportunity to provide satisfactory dispensary accommodation at a cost approximating to that of a labourer's cottage.

The Minister suggests that new dispensaries in rural areas or in small towns might be based on one or other of the plans. The plans might also be used for dispensary depots where accommodation on the scale set out is required in any particular case. As regards the larger towns, where no County Clinic is being provided, the dispensary accommodation might require to be on a larger scale than is provided for in the plans, and any such case should be dealt with on its merits.

The attention of public assistance authorities has already been drawn in Circular P.79/49 of 5th November, 1949, to the necessity for the proper caretaking and cleaning of dispensaries. The Minister desires to stress the importance of this matter and to suggest that, in addition to the measures recommended in that circular, public assistance authorities should bear in mind the desirability of having the caretaker's residence attached to or as near to the dispensary as possible and of erecting dispensaries as near as practicable to existing houses. He desires also to suggest the use of bright colours in the decoration of the dispensaries and the use of marbled linoleum on the floors.

The Minister has decided, as a further inducement towards the replacement of unsatisfactory dispensaries, to make grants available from the Hospitals Trust Fund for this purpose. These grants will take the form of a contribution not exceeding £600 in any one case, and will be paid on the production of satisfactory evidence that the premises have been completed, furnished and equipped, and that the accommodation provided is at least on the scale laid down in one or other of the plans. The grant will also be made available on the same terms for dispensaries which are in course of construction on the date of this Circular.

The present practice will continue whereby public assistance authorities are authorised to proceed with the erection of dispensaries without further reference of documents to this Department when the proposed site and cost thereof have been approved.

I am to request that you will be good enough to complete the enclosed form and return it to this Department as early as possible.

Mise, le meas,

P. O CINNEIDE.

Secretary,
Co. Council.

The County Engineer stated that the plans enclosed with the Department's letter had been examined and compared with the plan prepared by the Council for the Dispensary at Kilcoole. The total floor area of the proposed dispensary at Kilcoole was 536 sq. ft., which was less than the floor area in the plans received from the Department. The lower floor area was mainly due to the fact that a separate Nurse's room was not provided. The County Engineer pointed out that the planning of the Kilcoole Dispensary was carried out in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer.

The Council directed that application be made to the Department of Health for a grant in respect of the Dispensary at Kilcoole.

The County Manager informed the Council that special reports in regard to all Dispensaries were being prepared, and would be submitted to the Council very shortly.

Item No. 18—Ancient Monuments.

The Council noted the following letter from the National Monuments Advisory Council:—

The Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Wicklow.
Dear Sir,

10 Hume St.,
Dublin.
17th April, 1952.

At recent meetings this Council has received reports of the destruction of ancient monuments throughout the country. Such destruction has been occasioned mainly by agricultural operations, either locally directed or under the auspices of the Land Rehabilitation Project; but other works on the land—quarrying, drainage, sand-digging, etc.—have also contributed.

The amount of destruction has so far luckily not been excessive, but it is felt that it can easily become more widespread unless some effort is made to point out the value of the history of the country of

every single monument and to seek to record all data appertaining to everything that cannot be saved.

I am accordingly directed by my Council to seek your earnest co-operation in the safe-guarding for the Nation of the relics of our past. It would be appreciated if you would bring to the notice of the local authority and to the people of the countryside in general the necessity for the preservation if at all possible of all monuments, no matter how insignificant they may appear; and, in the case of monuments which are in actual and potential danger, my Council would be glad to receive reports, so that every effort may be made before it is too late to garner the information which every site will yield.

The Department of Education will shortly have ready a brief Guide dealing with objects likely to be found in these monuments and, as soon as it appears, copies will be sent to you for distribution.

Faithfully yours,

J. RAFFERY,

Hon. Secretary.

Item No.19—Finding of Objects of Archaeological or Historical Interest.

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

Dept. of Local Government,
Custom House,
Dublin.
Phone 42691.
W.2/52.
A Chara,

ROINN RIALTAIS AITIUL,
Teach An Chustaim,
Baile Atha Cliath.
18th April, 1952.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he has received representations from the National Monuments Advisory Council in regard to the finding of objects of archaeological or historical interest, in the course of turf-cutting operations. The Advisory Council consider it important that early information should be secured in connection with any such finds. It is desired that the Engineers and Supervisors in charge of turf cutting may be acquainted with the requirements as regards the preservation and notification of finds and that these officers be requested to ensure that the County Council's workmen and also lessees of bogs will watch out for objects of this kind.

Copies of a pamphlet "Ancient Objects in Irish Bogs and Farms—A Guide to Finders," were circulated to County Engineers with the Department's Circular letter, T.428, of 1st June, 1942. It is possible that copies of this pamphlet may be still available locally and the special attention of County Engineers and their Assistants should be directed to the instructions contained therein.

It is understood that the question of re-printing the pamphlet is at present under consideration and that copies will be circulated when they become available. In the meantime, it is desired to draw attention to some of the more important instructions contained in the pamphlet.

During turf-cutting operations, many ancient objects of stone, flint, wood, leather, bone, metals and woven materials are brought to light. The National Monuments Advisory Council is anxious that nothing of value found should be lost or destroyed. If any objects found must be removed immediately, they should be taken out whole as carefully as possible, a note being made of the place where they were found, the depth at which the discovery was made, and also other special circumstances noticeable at the point of discovery. Where possible, however, the objects should be left in their places to give the Gardai or Museum officials a chance to examine the position. If the

objects have to be removed beforehand, some of the peat in which they lay should be preserved as far as possible intact. If the objects are of wood, leather or some woven material, they should be kept in wet turf or moss or in a safe place until they can be treated by an expert. No object of metal of any kind should be cleaned-up or scraped in any way, as its archaeological or other value might be destroyed in this way. Pottery vessels should be handled carefully and not emptied.

Finds should be reported immediately either by notifying a local officer of the Garda Síochána or the Keeper of Irish Antiquities, National Museum, Dublin. If there is reason to believe that the finds are of such a perishable nature that they may disintegrate rapidly after exposure to the air, the National Museum Authorities should be informed immediately by telephone or telegram.

Additional copies of this Circular are enclosed.

Mise, le meas,

To each Co. Secretary.

R. O. MURCU.

The Council noted that copies of the Circular had been forwarded to the Engineers in charge of turf production in the county.

Item No. 20—Minutes of Meeting of Co. Councils' General Council.

The Council noted the submission of the Minutes of the Meetings of the County Councils' General Council held on 13th December, 1951, and 28th February, 1952.

Item No. 21—County Manager's Orders.

The Council noted summaries of the County Manager's Orders which had been circulated to the members.

Item No. 22—Turf Production.

The County Manager stated that officials of the Council had interviewed officials of the Department of Social Welfare in regard to the proposed disposal of turf produced by the Council to urban authorities in connection with their Free Fuel Schemes. The Department of Social Welfare had suggested that the Council might get in touch with the Dublin Board of Assistance, which distributed approximately 1,000 tons of turf per week in connection with Free Fuel Schemes. The Dublin Board of Assistance purchased machine-won turf from Bord na Mona, and it was understood that such turf was supplied from bogs in the Midlands. In view of the shorter haul of turf from bogs in County Wicklow, it was possible that the Dublin Board of Assistance would be agreeable to purchase turf from the Council. The C.E.O. of the Dublin Board of Assistance was examining the matter, and a discussion with officials of the Council would be arranged.

The Council noted with approval the County Manager's report in regard to the matter.

Item No. 23—Glendalough Burial Ground.

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

Custom House,
Dublin.
May, 1952.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 13th March last, regarding the Council's Petition for a Provisional Order for the acquisition of land to enable the burial ground at Glendalough to be extended, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to say that the matter was investigated at a public inquiry at which representatives of the Council were present. The Minister's decision—which he has no power to revoke—was based on evidence given at the Inquiry on Oath. He cannot engage in a re-argument of the matter, but the following is a summary of the reasons which impelled him to make his decision:—

1. The greater portion of the land scheduled for compulsory acquisition was unsuitable for burial purposes.

- (ii) There was no reliable evidence that the unsuitable portion could be rendered suitable.
- (iii) The method of access had not been fully examined, nor was it certain that any proper access could be made available.
- (iv) Responsible and disinterested opinion was to the effect that the proposed extension, while in accord with local sentiment, would not be in the national interest.
- (v) The portion of the area suitable for burial purposes was similar in size to the 1930 extension. The proposed extension could not, therefore, be expected to be effective for a greater period, viz.: 20 years. A similar situation would then arise with little likelihood of a further extension being found feasible or desirable. Approval of the Council's proposal would, therefore, afford only a temporary respite from the necessity of providing a separate burial ground, during which irreparable harm might be done. The significance of the Glendalough foundation as one of the country's ecclesiastical treasures is of prime archaeological interest.
- (vi) Apart from the grave spaces allotted to outsiders, there was at the time of the Inquiry space available in the 1930 extension for an estimated 1,000 burial of residents of Glendalough, who have been allotted 604 grave spaces, the majority of which were unused. Moreover, the number of such allocations would suggest almost every family in the parish had at least one grave space. It would, therefore, appear that the older generation, for example, all residents over 30 years of age and upwards, were generally provided for, thus rendering the hurst to local sentiment, and the break with tradition, less acute.
- (vii) Ignoring the question of sentiment, all other considerations suggested that a new burial ground nearer the parochial centre at Roundwood would be desirable.

Mise, le meas,

Signed: B. NOLAN.

Secretary,

Wicklow Co. Council.

Councillor M. Brennan, supported by other members of the Council, stated that he did not agree with the terms of the letter from the Department.

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett;

Resolved—That we request the Minister for Local Government to receive a deputation from the Council in regard to the refusal of the Council's Petition for a Provisional Order for the acquisition of land at Glendalough for an extension of the Burial Ground.

The Council agreed that the deputation would consist of members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area—Councillor M. Brennan, Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., and the Chairman.

Sanitary Convenience at Rathdrum.

In reply to inquiries from members, the Assistant Engineer stated that local persons had agreed on a proposed site for the Public Convenience at Rathdrum.

Site for Cottage on Lands of Major-General Dennis.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Manager stated that a full report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Housing Committee in regard to the use of an alternative site for a cottage on the lands of Major-Gen. Dennis.

Housing Scheme at Carnew.

In connection with the proposal to acquire 3½ acres of land from Mr. Correll at Carnew, the Council agreed to an offer of £400 being made in respect of the acquisition of this land.

Public Lighting at Baltinglass.

The County Secretary stated that application had been received from the Local Development Committee, Baltinglass, for the provision of two public lights—one between Parkmore and Dr. Lyons' house, and the other on the bridge over the Slaney. The Assistant Engineer had reported that a light should be provided between Parkmore and Dr. Lyons' house, but that a light could not be erected on the bridge, as it was too narrow. The light between Parkmore and Dr. Lyons' house could be provided on the existing pole.

The Council approved of the provision of one additional public light at Baltinglass, and directed that an estimate of cost of providing the light be obtained from the Electricity Supply Board.

Appointment of Rate Collector.

The County Secretary stated that the sanction of the Minister had been received to the appointment of Mr. Edward Lynch as Rate Collector for No. 16 District, with effect as from 1st May, 1952.

The Council noted the appointment, and agreed that applications be invited by public advertisement for the vacant position of Rate Collector in No. 3 District.

Kilcoole Water Supply.

The County Engineer reported that the proposed extension of the water main from Kilquade to Kilcoole village—a distance of approximately 1,900 lineal yards—would cost £5,500 for 6" pipe.

The Council asked that the matter be included on the Agenda for the next meeting, and that in the meantime the agreement of the Corporation of Dublin to the supply of the water be obtained.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 16th June, 1952, 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.; J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. P. O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, H. J. Byrne, Ed. Byrne, L. O. Laiginleis, W. Cleary, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. O Broin, Joseph Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. Brennan.

The Co. Sec. stated that an apology for inability to attend due to illness had been received from Councillor C. W. Hudson. A message had also been received from Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett, stating that she would be unable to attend the meeting in the morning session, but hoped to be present in the afternoon, and asking that Item No. 14 on the Agenda be deferred to the afternoon in order that she might be present. The Council agreed to defer Item No. 14 to the afternoon as requested by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett.

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

On the suggestion of Councillor J. O'Neill, the members of the Council expressed welcome to Assistant Engineer C. J. Byrne on recovery from his illness.

BUSINESS:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 15th April, 1952, and 12th May, 1952.
2. Overdraft Accommodation on General Account and Capital Account.
3. To fill vacancies on Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.
4. To fill vacancy on Rathdrum Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.
5. Renewal of Cinematograph Licence.
6. University Scholarship Scheme—To consider applications deferred at previous meeting.
7. Application for Order for closing of roads at Greystones.
8. Application for reception of deputation from Kilquiggan area re road works.
9. Road Works Scheme, 1952/53—Correspondence re proposed acquisition of land required for improvements to Kish Bridge.
10. Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949—Letter dated 28th May, 1952, from the Department of Local Government.
11. Call-out System for Fire Brigades—Letters from the Department of Justice and Department of Posts and Telegraphs.
12. To allow and make the County Rate for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1953; to sign and seal Rate Books, and to authorise the affixing of the seal to Rate Collectors' Warrants.
13. To sign and seal Demands on the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow, in respect of the financial year 1952/53.
14. To consider applications received for appointment as Rate Collector for No. 3 District.
15. Report of Meeting of Housing Committee held on 9th June, 1952.
16. Scheme for 5-roomed houses at Carnew—Acquisition of Site.
17. Dispensaries—Report of Co. Engineer on condition of Dispensaries.
18. Dispensary at Knockenarrigan—Application for increase in rent.
19. Dispensary at Kilcoole—To authorise raising of loan to defray cost of erection.

20. Coolfancy-Coolboy Water Supply—Acquisition of land and water rights.
21. Water Supply at Coolroe, Tinahely.
22. Extension of Water Supply at Carnew.
23. Water Supply at cottages at Milltown North, Milltown South and Milltown.
24. Water supply to cottages at Croneyhorn, Carnew.
25. Pump at Kilcarra—Report of Assistant County Engineer.
26. Disposal of waste water at Churchlands, Tinahely.
27. Site for Proposed Sanitary Convenience at Rathdrum.
28. Public Lighting—Annacurra.
29. Glendalough Burial Ground—Letter dated 27th May, 1952, from Department of Local Government.
30. National Schools—Report of Chief Medical Officer on condition of schools in the county.
31. Proposed closing of Shillelagh Branch Railway Line—Resolution from Aughrim Branch of the Labour Party, and Aughrim Branch of Macra na Feirme.
32. Resolution from General Council of County Councils re amendment of Road Transport Act.
33. Resolution from Fermoy Urban District Council re University Adult Education Scheme.
34. Resolution from Corporation of Dun Laoghaire re control of litter, etc., on beaches and other places frequented by holiday-makers.
35. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;
Secoded by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.:

Resolved—That we confirm and sign Minutes of meeting held on 15th April, 1952.

Passed unanimously.

The following letters, received in reply to resolutions of sympathy passed by the Council, were submitted and noted by the Council:—

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

Archbishop's House,
Dublin, N.E.3.

Dear Mr. Brangan,

His Grace the Archbishop requests me to thank you for the courtesy of your letter, and enclosed copy of the resolution of sympathy passed by the Council on the occasion of the death of Very Rev. Canon Moriarty, P.P., Bray.

For this kind act, His Grace wishes to express deep appreciation, and asks that you would be good enough to convey to the Council this expression of his gratitude.

I am,
Yours very faithfully,

J. MARTIN, Secretary.
Ballinacurra,
Convent Avenue,
Bray, Co. Wicklow.

Dear Mr. Brangan,

I wish to express my sincere thanks, also on behalf of my brothers, for your letter of 15th instant, and for a copy of resolution as passed by the Wicklow County Council, on the sad occasion of my brother's death. Kindly convey my thanks to the members of the Council.

Sincerely yours,

MAURICE J. MORIARTY.

1 Dunbur Road,
Wicklow.
3rd June, 1952.

Dear Sir,

Please convey my sincere thanks to the members of the Council for their kind expression of sympathy on the death of my brother Paddy. R.I.P.

Yours sincerely,

JIM BRENNAN.

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,
Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.
Dear Sir,

Main St.,
Carnew.
June 13th, 1952.

Please convey to the Chairman and members of Wicklow County Council my appreciation for their kindly thought at their last meeting, in tendering to me their sincere sympathy on the death of my cousin, the late Patrick Brennan, Dunbur Road, Wicklow.

Yours faithfully,

THOMAS BRENNAN.

Arising out of the minutes, the County Secretary stated that Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett had asked that the question of the Notice to Quit served on Martin Byrne, Glenealy, be raised. Miss Bobbett had stated that she had inspected the house at Glenealy, and that it was in perfect condition, and requested that the Notice to Quit be cancelled. The Council decided to refer the matter to the next meeting of the local Housing Committee.

Bonus Scheme for Workers Engaged on Direct Labour Housing Scheme.

Councillor P. McCarthy asked the present position in regard to this matter, and the County Engineer stated that he would submit a report later in the meeting.

Councillor J. O'Neill referred to a charge made by a carter employed by the Council, that members of the Council had approached the Engineering Staff with a view to having certain workers dismissed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Secoded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:

Resolved—That the charge made by a carter employed by the Council be investigated by a Committee of local members and report submitted to the Council.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Overdraft Accommodation.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Secoded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the County Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the quarter ending 30th September, 1952, shall not exceed £100,000.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor T. Brennan;

Secoded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the County Council's Capital Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the quarter ending 30th September, 1952, shall not exceed £98,500.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that pending receipt of sanction to the overdraft on the Council's Capital Account in respect of the quarter ending 30th June, 1952, it had been necessary to exceed for a brief period the amount of overdraft authorised by the Council.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That having considered report of County Secretary, we hereby authorise the incurring of temporary overdraft on the County Council's General Account as may be required during the quarter ending 30th June, 1952, and direct that the maximum amount of overdraft shall not exceed £103,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Bray O.A.P. Sub-Committee.

The County Secretary stated that the Clerk to the Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee had informed him that Very Rev. Father Fitzpatrick, P.P., Bray, had been recommended by the Sub-Committee for appointment, but had indicated that he was unable to accept owing to pressure of other duties. Rev. Wm. Breen, C.C., St. Peter's Presbytery, Little Bray, had indicated that he was willing to accept the vacancy on the Committee caused by the death of Very Rev. Canon Moriarty.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Rev. Wm. Breen, C.C., as a member of Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Very Rev. Canon Moriarty, P.P.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that he had been informed by the Clerk to the Sub-Committee that the Committee had recommended Mr. H. B. Hipwell to fill the vacancy on the Sub-Committee caused by the resignation of Councillor Sayers. The recommendation for the appointment of Councillor H. P. Hipwell had not been forwarded to the Council, but Councillor Hipwell had been attending meetings of the Sub-Committee for some while. It would be necessary to regularise the matter.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillor H. P. Hipwell, 113 Main St., Bray, as a member of Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor D. Sayers.

Passed unanimously.

The Council directed that the County Secretary to inform the Clerk to the Sub-Committee that no person was entitled to act as a member of the Sub-Committee unless formally appointed by the Council acting as County Old Age Pensions Committee.

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

The County Secretary stated that the Clerk to the Sub-Committee had informed him that the Chairman of the Sub-Committee, Very Rev. Fr. O'Keefe, P.P., had been transferred to Dublin, and that V. Rev. Father Power had been appointed Parish Priest at Rathdrum. The Sub-Committee recommended that Very Rev. Fr. Power, P.P., be appointed to fill the vacancy as Chairman of the Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee caused by the transfer of Very Rev. Fr. O'Keefe, P.P.

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

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Renewal of Cinematograph Licence.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we hereby renew Cinematograph Licence in respect of the Ormonde Cinema, Greystones.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—University Scholarship Scheme, 1952.

The County Secretary stated that further information had been obtained in regard to the application of Miss E. M. Turner, Abbey St., Arklow, and Miss Aiden P. Carr, Ballymacsimon, Glenealy, and that both these applicants would appear to be eligible. The father of Mary Pauline Condell, Blacklion, Greystones, had indicated in letter that he was not prepared to submit any additional information in regard to his income.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That having considered further reports submitted, we approve of the application of Miss Brigid M. Turner, Abbey Street, Arklow, and Miss Aiden Patricia Carr, Ballymacsimon, Glenealy, for permission to compete under the Council's University Scholarship Scheme, 1952. We hereby disallow the application of Miss Mary Pauline Condell, Blacklion, Greystones, the necessary information required by the Council not having been submitted.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Closing of Roads at Greystones.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of application being made to the Minister for Local Government for an Order authorising the Council to close to public traffic the roads set out hereunder on 26th July, 1952, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.: Portion of Harbour Road from Junction of Marine Road to Junction of Marine Road via La Touche Road.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Application for Reception of Deputation from Kilquiggan Area re Road Works.

The Council decided to defer the matter, in view of the statement by Councillor J. O'Neill, that the Assistant Engineer was investigating the matter.

Item No. 9—Road Works Scheme, 1952-53: Kish Bridge.

The County Secretary stated that a scheme for the removal of a corner at Kish Bridge, Arklow, had been included in the Road Works Scheme for the year 1952/53, as approved by the Council. It was necessary to acquire about half an acre of land in connection with improvements to the road, and the owner of the land had been approached in regard to the price required. The Council's Engineer had reported that the owner required a payment of £100 for the land, together with costs amounting to about £10. He also required possession of the trees on the land when cut down, and that the Council plant trees in lieu of those removed. The owner also required that the fencing on the south-east approach be of concrete posts and hexagonal mesh fencing. The Council's Engineer stated that the fencing would cost approximately £45.

The County Manager considered that the price asked for this land was unreasonable.

Following a discussion on the matter, the Council agreed that members of the Council for the district, together with the Assistant County Engineer, would interview the owner of the land with a view to reaching agreement in regard to the amount of compensation for the acquisition of the land required.

Item No. 10—Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949.

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

Department of Local Government,
Custom House,

W.27/1/4.
A Chara.

Dublin.
28 Bealtaine, 1952.

1. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to this Department's Circular Letter (Ref. W.202/1/4) of the 19th February, 1952/53, in which it was indicated that in consideration of the employment to be afforded under the increased road grants, and the need for making more labour available for agricultural production, the grants available during the present financial year for works under the Local Authorities (Works) Act would be approximately half the 1951/52 figures. A decision on the actual amount of the grant which will be made available to each County Council will be conveyed later in the year, but in the meantime the Minister has approved for an interim allowance of £5,000 to the Wicklow County Council for the carrying out of approved works in the current year.

2. The grant so allocated will be subject to the following conditions:—

- (I) Only the cost of works which have been formally approved by the Department may be charged to the grant.
- (II) All works put in hands must be completed within the financial year ending 31st March, 1953.
- (III) Recoupment will be made, within the limit of the grant allocated, only in respect of work done during the financial year. Such items as the cost of land acquisition, compensation, salaries or other such expenses will not be recouped and should not be included in requisitions and returns of expenditure.
- (IV) Labour shall be recruited in accordance with the Department Circular Letter, SGA./202 of 30th November, 1948, and any amending circular.
- (V) Payment may be withheld at any time by the Minister if, in his opinion, work done under the Act has not or is not being efficiently executed or if there has been a breach of any of the conditions attaching to the grant.

3. In regard to the timing of execution of works, attention is directed to the Circular already referred to, in which it was indicated that as much work as could efficiently and economically be done in Winter and early Spring should be deferred until then. In no case should work be put in hands where it is likely to interfere with agricultural or turf production, road works or other works of an urgent nature in the area. Subject to this it will be for the local authority to decide on the timing of the execution of approved works bearing in mind the need for avoiding sharp fluctuations in the employment of local authority workers and the weather conditions necessary for good results.

4. Works commenced in 1951/52 but uncompleted at 31st March, 1952, may be regarded as approved works for the present year, the approved estimate being the balance of the previous approval unexpended at 31st March, 1952. In no other case should work be put in hands in advance of notification of approval from the Department. The other works which are approved for execution in the present year will be notified in due course.

5. As regards the cost of individual works, a claim for recoupment of expenditure on any scheme which is in excess of the approved estimate for that work will not be considered unless—

- (a) The excess does not exceed £25 and is notified to the Department, or

(b) The approval of the Department is obtained.

The acceptance of such excess expenditure for recoupment will not involve an increase in the final grant for the year.

6. Local authorities have already been requested to co-ordinate their activities under the Local Authorities (Works) Act with the works being undertaken under the Land Rehabilitation Project. The Department of Agriculture has represented that drainage operations being carried out under the Project may necessitate the deepening of small culverts on public roads and the underpinning and reconstruction of bridges on public roads and that it would facilitate them if such works were carried out by the local authorities. The Minister bespeaks full co-operation with the Department of Agriculture in this respect and generally in the development of the Project. He is making available to each County Council a special grant allocation of £500 to meet the cost of their activities in the year in doing work of the type mentioned above at the request of the Department of Agriculture. This allocation, which is subject to review, is additional to the allocation referred to in the first paragraph of this letter and is subject to the following conditions:—

- i. Those set out in (ii)–(v) of the second paragraph of this letter.
- ii. The total recoupable expenditure on any particular scheme shall not exceed £200.
- iii. The prior approval of the Department need not be obtained to any particular scheme, but a list of the works decided on should be furnished on Form W.6 at the end of each quarter. It would be well to adopt a distinguishing series for numbering these works.

7. Unless called for, requisitions for recoupment of expenditure on works undertaken under the grant notified for the year or under the special allocation notified in paragraph 6 of this letter need not be submitted while works are in progress. Interim payments of the grant will be made in due course.

8. The statistics which will be required are as follows and should be furnished promptly as indicated:—

- (a) Form W.9 giving for each month particulars of men employed schemes in hands and recoupable expenditure incurred at the end of the month. This return should be furnished immediately after the month to which it relates—the first being for the month of April, 1952.
- (b) Form W.2—quarterly return of expenditure on individual approved schemes. The return is to be furnished as soon as possible after the end of the quarter to which it relates.
- (c) Final requisitions should be on Form W.3, accompanied by one Form 4, covering all completed works and a separated Form W.5 in respect of each individual completed work. These particulars should be submitted as soon as possible after completion of works.
- (d) Form W.6 as requested in paragraph 6 should be furnished at the end of each quarter.

9. A copy of this letter is enclosed for the information of the County Engineer.

Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.

Mise, le meas,
Signed: J. GARVAN.

Item No. 11—Call-out System for Fire Brigades.

The following letters, received from the Department of Justice, and the Department of Posts and Telegraphs, were submitted:—

Department of Justice,
27th May, 1952.

4.331.
A Dhuine Uasail.

I am directed by the Minister for Justice to refer to your letter of 21st ultimo relative to the arrangements at Dunlavin, Tinahely, Carnew and Blessington Garda Stations for the calling out of the local Fire Brigade in case of fire and to the fact that the arrangements are no longer continuously operative as the Stations in question close on occasions, during the period 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. daily, thus rendering the present system of sending out alarms to the local personnel of the Fire Brigade inoperative.

The arrangement whereby Stations close between the hours of 9 p.m. and 9 a.m. is operative throughout the country at certain Garda Stations. It is not possible with the personnel of less than four to have a member of a Station party on continuous duty for a period of 24 hours, and consequently when the number of men available for duty at a Station falls below that figure, it is necessary to close the Station between 9 p.m. and 9 a.m. It is also necessary to close the premises during meal hours 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. This reduction in personnel occurs at the Stations referred to.

The Minister regrets that by reason of the reduced overall strength of the Force, it is not possible to alter the existing conditions. The only remedy he can suggest is the provision of a 24-hour telephone service in the areas in question by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

Mise, le meas,

The Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.

F. C. CONNOLLY.

Dept. of Posts and Telegraphs,
Telephone Branch,
Hammam Buildings,
11 Upper O'Connell St.,
Dublin.

M.0563/52.

26 Bealtaine, 1952.

Re: Call-out Systems for Fire Brigades.

A Chara,

With further reference to your letter of the 21st April, concerning the call-out arrangements for fire brigades at Tinahely, Carnew, Blessington and Dunlavin, consequent on the closing at night of the Garda Stations in these towns, I am directed by the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to state that arrangements are being made, subject to Garda agreement, to provide night telephone service on the telephones at the residences of the fire officers in Carnew, Dunlavin and Tinahely.

The necessary forms of agreement in connection with the night service will be forwarded to you in due course.

Blessington Exchange has, of course, continuous telephone service and no special arrangement is necessary as regards the telephone at the residence of the Fire Officer in that town.

Mise, le meas,

The Co. Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.

J. G. HAMILL,
as. Runai.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea suggested that coin boxes might be attached to the telephones in the Station Officers' houses in order that local persons might be able to avail of the telephone service in cases of emergency when the local telephone exchange was closed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

Resolved—That, having considered letter dated 27th May, 1952, from the Department of Justice, and letter of 26th May, 1952, from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs, we approve of the provision of telephones in the residences of the Fire Officers at Carnew, Dunlavin, Tinahely and Blessington, subject to a night telephone service being provided for these telephones.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12—Making of County Rate.

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we now adopt the rates for the services of the financial year ending 31st March, 1953, and allow and make same as assessed in the Rate Books, and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Rate Collectors' Warrants for the year ending 31st March, 1953.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Demands on Urban Districts for Year 1952/53.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:

Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Demands of the Urban District Councils in respect of the sums to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1953:—

Arklow	.. .. .	£7,449 14 4
Bray	.. .. .	£31,925 15 9
Wicklow	.. .. .	£6,630 7 6

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Appointment of Rate Collector, No. 3 District.

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 for No. 3 Collection District, the knowledge and experience necessary for the efficient performance of these 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.

The County Secretary stated that in response to public advertisement, nine applications had been received as follows:—Charles L. Cullen, Main St., Rathdrum; Matthew J. Keenan, Roundwood; Thomas Malone, Knockenarrigan; Sean Metcalfe, Dunlavin; Francis T. Moynihan, Donard; Michael Nolan, Donard; Thos. M. O'Reilly, Donard; James J. Whelan, Knockananna, Ballinglen; and Thomas A. Rogers, Donard.

The appointment of the following applicants was proposed and seconded as follows:—

Matthew Keenan—Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge; seconded by Councillor W. Lawless.

James Whelan—Proposed by Councillor T. Brennan; seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:

Sean Metcalfe—Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne; seconded by Councillor W. Hammond.

Charles L. Cullen—Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne; seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett.

Thomas Malone—Proposed by Councillor P. Kehoe; seconded by Councillor G. Timmins.

Thomas O'Reilly—Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea; seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy:

Councillor W. Hammond proposed Mr. F. T. Moynihan and Councillor J. O'Neill proposed Mr. Michael Nolan, but neither of these propositions was seconded.

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

FOR CHARLES L. CULLEN—Councillors E. Byrne and Miss E. F. Bobbett—2.

FOR MATTHEW KEENAN—Councillors P. Ledwidge, M. J. Brennan, and W. Lawless—3.

FOR THOMAS MALONE—Councillors G. Timmins and P. Kehoe—2.

FOR SEAN METCALFE—Councillors W. Hammond and H. J. Byrne—2.

FOR THOMAS O'REILLY—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Murdoch and J. Everett, T.D.—7.

FOR JAMES WHELAN—Councillors T. Brennan, T.D., and C. M. Byrne—2.

As four of the applicants had obtained two votes each, a further vote was called for to decide as to which of these candidates should be eliminated. The voting resulted as follows:—

FOR CHARLES L. CULLEN—Councillors P. McCarthy, P. Ledwidge, E. Byrne, W. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D., and Miss E. F. Bobbett—6.

FOR THOMAS MALONE—Councillors G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, P. P. O'Reilly and A. Toomey—4.

FOR SEAN METCALFE—Councillors W. Hammond, H. J. Byrne and P. Murdoch—3.

FOR JAMES WHELAN—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, T. Brennan, T.D., J. O'Neill, M. J. Brennan and C. M. Byrne—5.

Mr. Sean Metcalfe, who received the least number of votes, was accordingly eliminated.

A further vote having been taken in respect of the remaining candidates, the voting resulted as follows:—

FOR CHARLES L. CULLEN—Councillors W. Hammond, E. Byrne and Miss E. F. Bobbett—3.

FOR MATTHEW KEENAN—Councillors H. J. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, M. J. Brennan and W. Lawless—4.

FOR THOMAS MALONE—Councillors G. Timmins and P. Kehoe—2.

FOR THOMAS O'REILLY—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Murdoch, J. Everett, T.D.—7.

FOR JAMES WHELAN—Councillors T. Brennan, T.D., and C. M. Byrne—2.

As Mr. Thomas Malone and Mr. James Whelan had received two votes each, a further vote was called for to determine which of these applicants should be eliminated.

FOR THOMAS MALONE—Councillors G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, P. P. O'Reilly, P. Ledwidge, M. J. Brennan, W. Lawless and J. Everett, T.D.—7.

FOR JAMES WHELAN—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D., J. O'Neill, A. Toomey, P. Murdoch, C. M. Byrne and Miss E. F. Bobbett—9.

Councillors H. J. Byrne and E. Byrne did not vote. Mr. Thomas Malone was accordingly eliminated.

A vote was then taken in respect of the remaining four candidates, and resulted as follows:—

FOR CHARLES L. CULLEN—Councillors W. Hammond, E. Byrne, and Miss E. F. Bobbett—3.

FOR MATTHEW KEENAN—Councillors H. J. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, M. J. Brennan and W. Lawless—4.

FOR THOMAS O'REILLY—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, P. P. O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Murdoch, and J. Everett, T.D.—9.

FOR JAMES J. WHELAN—Councillors T. Brennan T.D., and C. M. Byrne—2.

Mr. James J. Whelan was accordingly eliminated, and a further vote was taken in respect of the remaining three candidates, which resulted as follows:—

FOR CHAS. L. CULLEN—Councillors W. Hammond, E. Byrne and Miss E. F. Bobbett—3.

FOR MATTHEW KEENAN—Councillors T. Brennan, T.D., H. J. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, M. J. Brennan, W. Lawless and C. M. Byrne—6.

FOR THOMAS O'REILLY—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, P. P. O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Murdoch, and J. Everett, T.D.—9.

Mr. Charles L. Cullen having been eliminated, a vote was called for as to whether Mr. Matthew J. Keenan or Mr. Thomas M. O'Reilly should be appointed. The voting resulted as follows:—

FOR MATTHEW J. KEENAN—Councillors W. Hammond, E. Byrne, Miss E. F. Bobbett, T. Brennan, T.D.; H. J. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, M. J. Brennan, W. Lawless and C. M. Byrne—9.

FOR THOMAS O'REILLY—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, P. P. O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Murdoch, and J. Everett, T.D.—9.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of Matthew Keenan.

The proposal of Councillor P. Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor W. Lawless, for the appointment of Mr. Matthew Keenan was accordingly passed on the Chairman's casting vote.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That, having considered and examined the applications received for the position of Rate Collector, No. 3 Collection District, we hereby appoint, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, Matthew J. Keenan, Roundwood, to the position in accordance with the qualifications and particulars of office approved by the Minister for Local Government on 19th Feb., 1952.

Passed on the Chairman's casting vote.

Item No. 15—Report of Meeting of Housing Committee.

The following report of the meeting of the Housing Committee, held on 9th June, 1952, 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, 9th June, 1952, at 2 p.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman;

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, Thos. Brennan, T.D.; J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. P. O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, H. J. Byrne, Ed. Byrne, L. O. Laoighleis, W. Cleary, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. O'Brien, J. Jacob, M. Brennan, and Miss E. F. Bobbett.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, attended.

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant Engineers R. Fenelon and P. J. Foley, and the Council's Architect, Mr. P. O'Brien, attended.

Progress Report:

The Committee noted the attached report of the Co. Engineer on the progress of the Housing Scheme during the month of May, 1952.

Tenders for the Erection of Cottages at Parknasilloge.

Five tenders were received in response to public advertisement, the lowest tender being that of Thomas Young, Dunlaoghaire, in the sum of £4,265 8s. Having regard to the County Engineer's estimate of the cost of erecting these houses by Direct Labour, the Committee decided to adjourn the matter by Direct Labour, the Committee decided to adjourn the matter to the next meeting of the Housing Committee in order that the County Engineer would examine in the meantime the possibility of building these houses by Direct Labour.

Tenders for the Erection of Houses at Newtownmountkennedy.

Three tenders were received in response to public advertisement for erection of 16 houses at O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy in the sum of £23,264. The Committee recommended that the Dept. of Local Government be informed of the amount of the tenders received, and that the Dept. be requested to agree to the erection of houses of a lower standard in view of the rents which would have to be charged in respect of houses to the plans approved by the Department.

Housing Scheme at Kilgarron, Enniskerry:

The Committee considered report of the Co. Engineer on 9th June, 1952, in which he submitted an estimate of the total all in cost for the erection of 60 dwellings at Enniskerry, in the figure of £81,120. The estimate included provision for all necessary development of the site and services.

The Committee approved of the recommendation of the County Engineer that tenders be sought for the erection of 32 of the houses on the site, and that in the meantime the County Engineer examine the possibility of erecting these houses by Direct Labour.

Housing Scheme at Kindlestown:

The County Secretary stated that the local Housing Committee for the Bray Electoral Area had examined a list of applicants for houses in the district, and were satisfied that tenants would be available for 22 houses at Kindlestown and that such tenants would be in a position to pay the rent it would be necessary to charge in respect of such houses. The rent of the houses based on the estimated cost as submitted by the County Engineer in his report of 6th June, 1952, would be 18s. 6d. per week inclusive of rates.

The Committee recommended that the approval of the Department be obtained to the Council's proceeding with a Scheme for the erection of 22 houses in accordance with the plans prepared by the Co. Engineer—the houses to be erected by Direct Labour.

The Committee also recommended that the approval of the Department be requested to the Council's proceeding with the erection of 20 five-roomed houses under a Tenant-Purchase Scheme on the site of Kindlestown in accordance with the plans prepared by the Co. Engineer.

Grazing of Lands at Kindlestown:
The Committee considered report of the County Engineer dated 7th June, 1952, in regard to the unauthorised use of the lands at Kindlestown for grazing of stock. The County Engineer also submitted map indicating the two fields which would not be required immediately for housing and which might be let for grazing.

The Committee recommended that the two fields indicated by the Co. Engineer be let for grazing. The Committee also recommended that a claim be made against the tenant of Council cottage at Kindlestown in respect of unauthorised grazing by him of lands at Kindlestown for the grazing of his stock.

Proposed Housing Scheme at Glenmalur:

The County Secretary referred to the offer of the Department of Lands, Forestry Division, to dispose of sites at Carriglineen, Glenmalur, to the Council for building sites at the rate of £5 per acre, and to the draft layout plan considered by the Committee at a previous meeting, for the eventual erection of 20 houses in Glenmalur. The County Secretary stated that four applications had been received under the 1949 Scheme for houses in this district.

The Committee recommended that four cottages be erected on site to be obtained from the Forestry Division, Department of Lands, at Glenmalur.

Temporary Dwellings, etc.:

Having considered application of Mr. R. Simpson, Rathbraghan, Delgany, for permission to retain a caravan on lands at Drummin West, Delgany, and the reports of the Health Inspector and Council's Engineer, the Committee recommended that the application be refused.

The Committee indicated that there was no objection to the erection of a temporary hut at the Sugar Loaf Hotel, Kilmacanogue, in accordance with the plans submitted by Mr. D. Sweeney.

The Committee approved of proceedings being taken to require the removal of a nissen hut at Boghall Road, Bray, owned by Mr. L. Valentine.

The Committee agreed that there was no objection to the erection of temporary booths for the purpose of travelling show in connection with which application had been made by Mr. R. Woods, Robertstown, Co. Kildare.

Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts:

Having considered application of Messrs. P. J. Morris and Sons for the erection of two-storey houses instead of bungalows on portion of site at Victoria Road, Greystones, the Committee agreed that any proposal to amend the layout could not be determined until a drainage plan had been submitted and the drainage in accordance with the plan completed satisfactorily.

The Committee approved of the terms of letter of 7th June, 1952, sent to Messrs. P. J. Morris and Sons, by the County Secretary.

The Committee recommended that permission be refused for the erection of an additional bungalow at Ballyman Road, Monastery, owing to lack of a adequate water supply.

Proposed Shelters at South Beach, Greystones:

The Committee considered report of County Engineer dated 9th June, 1952, together with plans of double and single shelters proposed to be erected at the South Beach, Greystones. The Committee recommended that the Council proceed with the erection of one double shelter immediately at an estimated cost of £105, and agreed to the erection later of two single shelters at an estimated cost of £80 each.

Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:

The Committee approved of the transfer of a Loan in respect of bungalow at Diamond Valley, Dargie Road, Bray, from Mr. E. Gallagher to Mr. Hayes, subject to the submission of necessary application form from examination and approval.

The Committee recommended that a loan of £1,350 be made to Patrick Burke, Lackreagh, Balinglass.

The Committee adjourned an application from Mr. P. Lawlor, The Green, Dunlavin, for a loan of £500, in respect of the erection of house at Dunlavin.

The Committee was not prepared to approve of an increase in the amount of the loan to Mr. H. S. Jervois in respect of the erection of a house at New Road, Greystones.

The Committee approved of the making of loan of £1,200 to Reginald P. Tyrrell in respect of the erection of a house at Rocky Road, Wickiow, subject to verification of income of applicant.

The Committee approved of the making of loan of £1,500 to Mr. Noel R. De Chenu in respect of the erection of a house at Ballyman Road, Enniskerry, subject to verification of income of applicant.

Application for Felling Licence for Trees at Ballyhad:

Having considered letter from Department of Lands, forestry Division, and report of Council's Engineer, the Committee indicated that there was no objection to the felling of trees, subject to a re-planting condition.

Tillage of Plots:

Having considered letter purporting to be from tenant of Council cottage at Kilpedder in regard to tillage of plots and letter dated 19th May, 1952, from the tenant denying that he had written the letter, together with report of Rent Collector of 28th May, 1952, the Committee recommended that the Garda Síochána be asked to investigate the matter.

Grazing of Lands at Avoca:

The Committee recommended that the offer of Richard Fleming, Ballanagh, Avoca, for the grazing of lands at Avoca at £5, per month, be accepted. The Committee asked that the County Engineer expedite the erection of houses on this site.

Alternative Site at Killalish Lower.

The Committee noted the report of Assistant Co. Engineer P. J. Foley, dated 19th May 1952, and the Assistant Engineer's statement that Major Gen. Dennis, former owner of the site, had agreed to remove the ruins on the site.

Provision of Water and Sewerage Services for Cottages at Weaver's Square, Baltinglass:

The Committee noted that the cost of provision of water and sewerage services for four houses at Baltinglass would amount to £190, and recommended that rent be increased by 1s. 6d. per week in respect of the provision of these facilities.

Provision of Water and Sewerage Services for Cottages at Newtownsaunders, Baltinglass:

The Committee noted that the two tenants concerned were agreeable to pay an increased rent of 1s. per week in respect of the provision of water and sewerage services.

Cottages Repaired during month of May, 1952:

The Committee noted the list submitted by the County Engineer in regard to cottages repaired during the month of May, 1952.

Authorisation of Repairs to Cottages:

The Committee approved of repairs being carried out to cottages in accordance with recommendations submitted by County Engineer.

Letter from Greystones Tenants' Co-operative Society, Ltd.:

The Committee noted letter of 4th June, 1952, received from Greystones Cottage Tenants' Co-operative Society, Ltd., and approved of the reply proposed to be sent.

Annual Meeting of Council:

The Committee agreed that the Annual Meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 30th June, 1952, at 11 a.m.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we approve of the report of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 9th June, 1952.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed Erection of Factory at Kilmacanogue or Fassaroe.

The County Secretary stated that application had been received from Mr. W. Caytan for permission to use a site at Kilmacanogue or at Fassaroe for a factory for the curing and dressing of rabbit skins. The Council's Architect had inspected the sites, and had indicated that there was no objection to the use of the sites from the point of view of the Town and Regional Planning Acts.

Members of the Council for the district indicated that they did not consider Kilmacanogue would be a suitable place for a factory and the Council decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter for a report from the Chief Medical Officer as to whether such factory would be likely to cause any nuisance in the area.

Proposed Erection of Kiosk at the Waterfall, Powerscourt.

The County Secretary stated that application had been received from Mr. Conor M. Hogan, Mount Maulin, Enniskerry, for permission to erect a kiosk for the sale of ice cream adjacent to the entrance to Powerscourt Waterfall. The Council's Engineer had reported in regard to the proposal, and had indicated that there was no objection.

The Council recommended that permission be granted for the erection of the kiosk for a period of three months.

Erection of Portable Stall between Laragh and Glendalough.

The County Secretary stated that application had been received from Mr. Ian Stuart, Laragh, Glendalough, for permission to erect a small portable stall on the roadside between Laragh and Glendalough for the sale of souvenirs made by himself. The Council's Engineer had reported that there would not appear to be any objection to the proposal. The stall would be portable, and would be erected only at weekends.

The Council recommended that permission be granted for a period of three months.

Public Convenience at Avoca.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea inquired when the work would be commenced on the erection of a public convenience at Avoca. The Co. Engineer stated that it was hoped to commence the work during the following week.

Item No. 16—Scheme for 5-roomed Houses at Carnew.

The County Secretary stated that in letter received from Mr. Correll, Carnew, Mr. Correll stated that he required the sum of £425 for the site, containing 3 acres 1 rood required by the Council as a site for the erection of five-roomed houses.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

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

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the purchase of site at Carnew from Mr. R. D. Correll for the sum of £425, the site to be utilised for the purposes of the erection of 5-roomed houses.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 17—Dispensaries.

The Council directed that the report of the County Engineer in regard to the condition of the dispensaries be circulated to the members of the Council and included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Item No. 18—Dispensary at Knockenarrigan.

The Council adjourned to the next meeting consideration of the application of the Select Vestry of the Parish of Donaghmore for an increase in the rent of Knockenarrigan Dispensary pending a report as to the terms under which the Council holds the premises.

Item No. 19—Dispensary at Kilcoole.

The County Secretary stated that the estimated cost of the erection of a dispensary at Kilcoole including the preparation of the site was £1,190. The acquisition of the site and the cost of the equipment were estimated to cost a further £110 giving a total of £1,300. The Council had applied for a grant of £600 in respect of the work. It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the raising of a loan of £700 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 35 years with interest at 3½ per cent. to defray the cost of the erection of a new dispensary at Kilcoole.

Passed.

Extension to Nurse's Residence at Newtownmountkennedy:

Councillor M. Brennan enquired why the additional room for the nurse's residence at Newtownmountkennedy had not been erected. The County Engineer indicated that he expected to commence the work in the coming week.

Item No. 20—Coolboy-Coolfancy Water Supply.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Dixon, owner of the lands, had been interviewed by the Council's Engineer and had indicated that he was agreeable to sell to the Council the water rights and the necessary land required for the water supply scheme and to allow the Council to use his lane for the building and maintenance of the scheme provided the Council repair any damage done. Mr. Dixon was also agreeable to allow pipes to be laid across his land along the line indicated but that separate compensation would be required if the work were done before his hay and oats were harvested. Mr. Dixon required a payment of £50 and the provision by the Council of a drinking trough for his cattle, in Dixon's bog. Mr. Dixon also required that the Council make a connection from the supply to his house and supply sidered that it was undesirable that special facilities be given by way of water supply to a landowner and suggested that the amount of the compensation might be increased in lieu of providing a free water supply. Following a discussion on the matter the Council agreed that the local councillors, together with the Assistant Engineer for the district interview the landowner and endeavour to reach an agreement on the matter.

Item No. 21—Water Supply at Coolroe, Tinahely.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been made by tenants of 4 cottages at Coolroe for the extension of the water supply from the Coolboy-Coolfancy scheme to serve the cottages situated on the Milland Road. The Health Inspector had reported that there were only 2 cottages in question, the families comprising 5 adults and 6 children and that it would require 700 yards of piping to make the proposed extension. Councillor Senator McCrea suggested that possibly other persons would be prepared to take a water supply off this pipe line. The Council deferred the matter for a report from the engineer in regard to the application.

Item No. 22.—Extension of Water Supply at Carnew.

The County Secretary stated that in the year 1950/51 the Council had authorised expenditure for the purpose of providing an extension of the present water supply towards Carnew bridge. The Co. Engineer had reported that it was not possible at the time to obtain 4" diameter cast iron pipes, but that the pipes were now available and requested approval to the carrying out of the work. The cost of the work would now be £410 instead of £375 as a result of increases in the cost of materials and labour.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved That we hereby authorise an expenditure of £410 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates for the purpose of providing an extension to the water supply at Carnew for a distance of 285 lin. yards towards Carnew Bridge. z

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 23—Water Supply for Cottages at Milltown, Milltown North

The County Secretary stated that the Health Inspector had carried out inspections in the Milltown area and had reported that there were 9 families at Milltown depending on the well at the south side of the railway bridge for water. This well in his opinion was totally unfit for use as such. There were also 6 families in Milltown South depending on a well which was polluted by cattle, etc., and in his opinion was unfit. The Health Inspector stated that in wet weather these people had to use the well at the bridge as the approach to the other well was

very difficult. He recommended that a pump be provided mid-way between the main road and Milltown South. The Health Inspector also reported that there were 5 Council houses at Milltown North adjacent to the main Ashford-Rathnew road and that these houses had no proper water supply. He recommended that a pump be provided in the immediate vicinity. The Acting Chief Medical Officer reported that he had carried out the inspection with the Health Inspector and agreed with him that a water supply should be provided. In report 3rd June, 1952, the County Engineer reported that there was no source of pure water supply to any of the cottages and recommended that a bored well be sunk near each group at an estimated cost of £750 or £250 each.

It was proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

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

Resolved—That having considered report of Health Inspector and County Engineer we approve of the provision of three wells at Milltown, Milltown North, and Milltown South at a total estimated cost of £750 the work to be financed by way of loan.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 24—Water Supply to Cottages at Croneyhorn, Carnew.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the tenants of six Council houses at Croneyhorn for the provision of a water supply. The Council's Engineer reported that there was a pump at Croneyhorn but that the pump was a distance from the group of houses in question. He considered it would be very desirable if not essential to have an extra pump provided. The Chief Medical Officer in report dated 3rd June, 1952, stated that the tenants of the six cottages were obtaining water from an open stream about 200 yards from the nearest cottage and 500 yards from the furthest cottage. In his opinion the water was entirely unfit as the stream was open to pollution by cattle. In the circumstances he recommended that a pump be provided. The Council's Engineer reported that the furthest cottage was 730 yards from the pump and the nearest cottage was 429 yards from the pump. It was

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

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That having considered report of Chief Medical Officer dated 3rd June, 1952, we approve of the provision of a pump for the supply of water to six cottages at Croneyhorn, Carnew and authorise that this pump be included in the list of pumps and wells to be provided by way of loan.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 25—Pump at Kilcarra.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported in regard to the pump at Kilcarra. The Engineer stated that a supply of water was available from a tap on a branch from Glenart water main during the Winter and that during this period the pump recently provided by the Council was not used and the water lay stagnant. In dry periods the people started to use the pump and it appeared that the water came rusty for a while but afterwards cleared. The Council's Engineer stated that when he visited the pump recently it appeared to be in order and that Council workers engaged on the erection of a cottage in the vicinity had found the water supply satisfactory. Councillor P. McCarthy indicated that he did not agree with the Engineer's report and mentioning that he received a number of complaints from persons in the district. He asked that the Engineer again inspect the pump.

Item No. 26—Disposal of Waste Water at Churchlands, Tinahely.

The County Secretary submitted report of County Engineer dated 27th May, 1952 in which he stated that he had examined the problem of disposal of waste water from cottages at Churchlands, Tinahely.

The County Engineer recommended laying of a 9" diameter pipe line for a distance of approximately 370 lin. yds. to discharge into a stream as indicated on a tracing attached. He stated this would deal with the present complaint and should a sewerage scheme be required for the area a septic tank could be added in the position indicated. The cost of laying the pipe was estimated at £400. The County Secretary stated that the Assistant Engineer had interviewed the landowner, Mr. Haskins who had agreed to allow the pipe line to be laid and the septic tank to be constructed. In compensation for any damage which might be done to his property and for the plot required for the septic tank Mr. Haskins claimed £10. The Council decided to defer the matter for a further report in view of the amount of the estimates submitted by the County Engineer.

Item No. 27—Site for Sanitary Convenience at Rathdrum.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Engineer had recommended a site at Brewery Lane the property of Mr. James Lynam as being suitable for the erection of a sanitary convenience at Rathdrum. The Council had directed that the views of the local residents be obtained and the Council's Engineer had indicated that there were no objections locally to this proposal. On the 22nd May, 1952 a Memorial had been received signed by 14 residents of Brewery Lane protesting against the proposal, as follows:—

"We, the undersigned residents of Brewery Lane, Rathdrum where the County Council propose to erect a public convenience were astonished to read in "Wicklow People" of the 17th May, 1952 that there was no objection locally to the site.

There was no objection made by us at the time only because we were not given the opportunity of doing so by those responsible for ascertaining such.

We do now definitely and strenuously object to such a convenience being erected on the proposed site in this street because:—

- (1) As quite a large number of young children live in this narrow street, the conduct of those likely to use the convenience on fair days and bus excursions will not be to their edification.
- (2) The site is altogether unsuitable because of its position and distance from the centre of the town where it would be most suitable;
- (3) More suitable sites are available at the Fair Green, Rock St., Market Square, Church Hill, Pound Brook, etc;
- (4) The groundless objection of the individual to the original proposed site foisted this inconvenient "convenience" on us.

Signed by fourteen residents."

In view of the objections raised the Council decided to defer the matter.

Item No. 28—Public Lighting at Annacurra.

The County Secretary stated that an estimate had been requested from the E.S.B. for the provision of three public lights at Annacurra as approved by the Council at a previous meeting. The estimate had not yet been received. The Council noted that the estimate would be submitted when received from the E.S.B.

Extensions to Baltinglass Water Supply.

In reply to inquiries from Councillors, the County Manager stated that proposals for the extension of the water supply at Baltinglass had been submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval.

Dumping Ground at Baltinglass.

In reply to inquiries from members, the County Manager stated that the Council had failed to reach agreement in regard to a site, and the Health Inspector had been instructed to seek an alternative site.

Dumping Ground at Avoca.

In reply to Councillor P. McCarthy, the County Manager stated that investigations were proceeding in regard to obtaining a site for a dumping ground at Avoca.

Water Supply at Windgates.

Councillor H. J. Byrne suggested that the 3" pipe from the Schoolhouse to the top of Windgates Hill should be replaced by a 3" pipe. The County Engineer was asked to report on this suggestion, and to submit an estimate of the cost.

Item No. 29—Glendalough Burial Ground.

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

Custom House,
Dublin
27th May, 1952.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 14th instant, regarding Glendalough Burial Ground, and to say that while he is readily at the disposal of public representatives for discussion of matters of public import, he regrets that he could not see his way to discuss the decision arrived at after consideration of evidence given on oath at the Public Inquiry of a statutory nature, which the Council themselves are aware could not be revoked.

Mise, le meas,

B. NOLAN.

Following a discussion on the matter, it was

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan,

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne.

Resolved—That this Council cannot agree with the decision of the Minister on the Council's application for the extension of the Burial Ground at Glendalough, and ask again that the Minister would reconsider the matter in order that the burial requirements of the locality in accordance with the wishes of the local inhabitants, may be met.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 30—National Schools.

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Medical Officer had submitted a report in regard to the condition of National Schools in the County, as requested by the Council.

The Council directed that copy of the report be circulated to each member, and included on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Application for Licence for erection of Petrol Pump.

Councillor P. McCarthy raised the question of the application of Mr. Hughes, for permission to erect a petrol pump at Ferrybank, Arklow. The County Manager explained the reasons for refusing permission for the erection of a petrol pump at this place.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea.

Resolved—That we recommend that a licence be granted to Mr. Peter Hughes for the erection of a petrol pump on the footpath at Ferrybank, Arklow.

Passed, Councillor M. Brennan dissenting.

Item No. 31—Proposed closing of Shillelagh Branch Railway Line.

The following letters received from the Aughrim Branch Labour Party, and the Aughrim Branch Macra na Feirme, were submitted:—

The Labour Party,
Aughrim Branch,
Killacloran,

Dear Sir,

Will you please place the following resolution on the agenda for

next meeting of the Council:—

"We the members of Aughrim Branch of the Labour Party request Wicklow County Council to oppose the permanent closing by C.I.E. of Shillelagh/Woodenbridge branch line. There is no alternative route as Aughrim/Woodenbridge road is closed to all bus traffic. The closing of the line would create further unemployment, retard the possible development of the granite quarries which were a great source of employment in Aughrim in the past.

Yours faithfully,

Edward Moules.

Macra na Feirme,
Aughrim Branch,
30th May, 1952

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I have been instructed by the Club to inform you of a resolution passed at a meeting held here May 22nd. "That we emphatically protest at the proposed complete closure of the Shillelagh Branch Line."

Also to ask if you would be good enough to bring this letter to the notice of the Council for their views. And oblige,

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Fogarty,

Hon. Sec.

A protest has also been sent to the Tribunal.

The Council adopted the resolutions received, and asked that the Council's views be conveyed to the Department of Industry and Commerce.

Item No. 32—Resolution from County Council's General Council re amendment of Road Transport Act.

The following letter received from the County Councils' General Council was submitted:—

The Co. Secretary.

22 Bealtaine, 1952.

A Chara.

At the meeting of the County Councils' General Council held in Dublin on the 8th instant, I was directed to seek the views of the affiliated Councils on the following motion:—

Transport.

"That we press the Government to add an amendment to the Road Transport Act or promote a new Bill authorising the use of farmers' tractors and trailers without special haulage licence for the haulage of stone and gravel for road construction and maintenance for County Councils in the same way as special exception was made regarding exemption to haulage licence for wheat. That this is recommended as road reconstruction approaches the nature of a national emergency, and as the limited number of holders of haulage licences is inadequate at the particular time of year of greatest importance which coincides with the peak haulage of corn, beet and turf, and as in past much of this haulage was effectively catered for by medium farmers with their horses and carts, thus helping to round out the continuous employment also necessary on farms at a time of slackness."

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

Mise, le meas,

ENRI MacDAIBHEID.

Runai.

The Council decided to mark the letter "Read."

Item No. 33—Resolution from Fermoy Urban District Council re: University Adult Education.

The Council adopted the following resolution received from Fermoy Urban District Council:—

"That we deplore the action of the State Department in reducing the Grant of £4,000 per annum to £2,500 towards the University Adult Education Scheme sponsored by Doctor O'Rahilly, President, U.C.C., in sixteen centres throughout the South of Ireland, Fermoy having the privilege and honour of one of those centres. That we request the State Department concerned to reconsider its decision, and we further call on all public bodies and members of rural organisations throughout the land to have the minimum grant of £4,000 restored. We appeal especially to Muintir na Tire, Macra na Feirme, and I.C.A. organisations to take the initiative. Copy of resolution to be sent to all public bodies."

Item No. 34.—Resolution from Dun Laoghaire Corporation re Control of Litter, etc., on Beaches.

The Council adopted the following resolution received from the Corporation of Dun Laoghaire:—

"That we ask the Cinema and Theatre Exhibitors' Association to co-operate with us in appealing to the public to refrain from leaving litter, broken bottles, etc., on the beaches and in all places throughout the country frequented by holiday makers."

Item No. 35—Inquiries Arising out of County Manager's Orders.

Councillor H. J. Byrne referred to the Order approving of the payment of a marriage gratuity of £527 to a teacher, formerly employed by the Vocational Education Committee, and expressed the view that there should be a limitation in regard to amount payable in respect of marriage gratuities.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we request the Minister for Local Government to introduce amending legislation to reduce the maximum amount payable in respect of marriage gratuities to £200.

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

IN FAVOUR—Councillors W. Hammond, H. J. Byrne, P. Murdoch, M. Brennan, Miss E. F. Bobbett, and P. Ledwidge—6.

AGAINST—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Ed. Byrne, W. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D., C. M. Byrne—10.

The motion was declared defeated by ten votes against to six votes in favour.

Resignation of Mr. T. Byrne.

The County Secretary informed the Council of the resignation of Mr. T. Byrne, Chief Officer, Rathdrum Office, on account of ill-health. The resignation had been accepted.

The Chairman, supported by members of the Council, expressed regret at Mr. Byrne's retirement on account of ill-health, and asked that the best wishes of the Council be conveyed to him, and their hope that his health would improve.

Allowance to Mr. J. O'Rourke, Ambulance Driver.

The County Secretary stated that in letter dated 21st May, 1952, from the Department of Health, it had been indicated that the Minister was not prepared to approve of a special allowance to Mr. J. O'Rourke, Ambulance Driver, and had indicated that his remuneration compared favourably with that paid to persons in similar employment throughout the country.

Members of the Council protested against the decision of the Minister, and pointed out that the Council's application was for the restoration of an allowance previously granted to Mr. O'Rourke. The Council asked that the matter be resubmitted to the Minister.

Employment of Lorry or Tanker Driver.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that he understood a person from outside the county had been employed recently by the Council as a driver of a lorry or tanker. The County Engineer was asked to investigate the matter.

Assistance Case.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea raised a query concerning an application for assistance by a person in Carnew.

The County Manager stated the reasons why assistance had not been allowed. The County Manager stated that the Assistance Officer had been directed to investigate the case further, and that the matter be submitted to the meeting of the local Assistance Committee for the Shillelagh Area.

Kilcoole Water Supply.

Councillor W. Lawless asked that this item be included on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

Boherboy Water Supply.

Councillor A. Toomey gave notice that he would enquire at the next meeting of the Council, in regard to the Boherboy Water Supply Scheme, and in regard to taking of samples for the proposed Castle-ruddy and Hollywood Water Supply Schemes.

The Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 30th June, 1952, at 11 a.m.

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

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, attended.

1. Election of Chairman.
2. Election of Vice-Chairman.
3. Appointment of four representatives on Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.
4. Appointment of seven members on Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.
5. Appointment of representative on the County Councils' General Council.

Item No. 1—Election of Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

That Councillor Peter Ledwidge be elected Chairman of Wicklow County Council for the ensuing year or until such time as his successor has been appointed and takes up office.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

That Councillor H. J. Byrne be elected Chairman of Wicklow Co. Council for the ensuing year or until such time as his successor has been appointed and takes up office.

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

FOR COUNCILLOR P. LEDWIDGE: Councillors T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, W. Lawless, M. Brennan, C. M. Byrne and P. Ledwidge—8.

FOR COUNCILLOR H. J. BYRNE: Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, W. Hammond, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, H. J. Byrne, Ed. Byrne, P. Murdoch, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Jacob, C. W. Hudson and Miss E. F. Bobbett—13.

Councillor H. J. Byrne was accordingly declared elected Chairman of the County Council by thirteen votes in his favour to eight votes in favour of Councillor P. Ledwidge.

Councillor P. Ledwidge, the outgoing Chairman, thanked the members for their co-operation during his year of office. He also expressed thanks to the County Manager, County Secretary and the Council's staff for the assistance given him.

Councillor H. J. Byrne, having signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, took the Chair.

Councillor H. J. Byrne expressed thanks to the members of the Council for his election as Chairman, and paid tribute to the manner in which Councillor P. Ledwidge had discharged the duties of the office throughout the previous year.

The members of the Council joined in the tribute to Councillor P. Ledwidge.

Item No. 2—Election of Vice-Chairman.

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

Seconded by Councillor P. N. Murdoch:

Resolved—That Councillor C. W. Hudson be elected Vice-Chairman of Wicklow County Council for the ensuing year, or until such time as his successor has been appointed.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor C. W. Hudson, having signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, thanked the members for his election.

Item No. 3—Election of Four Representatives on Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

The County Secretary submitted the following letter received from Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board:—

Grangegorman Mental Hospital,
Dublin, N.W.5.
14th June, 1952.

Re: Mental Treatment Act, 1945—Third Schedule.

A Chara,

I am directed to inform you that the number of members to be appointed to the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board in the present year by each of the contributing authorities is as follows:—

Corporation of Dublin	27
County Council of Dublin	5
County Council of Wicklow	4

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These numbers are as nearly as possible proportional to the contributions payable by the contributing authorities to the Board's expenses for the year ended 31st March, 1952. The increased representation from County Wicklow (and the reduced representation from Dublin City) is due to the increased proportion of nett expenses payable by the county for last year.

Yours faithfully,

E. MURRAY,

Chief Clerk.

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

The appointment of the following members was proposed and seconded as follows:—

Councillor P. P. O'Reilly—Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson; seconded by Councillor P. N. Murdoch.

Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett—Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.; seconded by Councillor W. Hammond.

Councillor P. Ledwidge—Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless; seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy.

Councillor C. M. Byrne—Proposed by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.; seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe.

Councillor P. McCarthy—Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne; seconded by Councillor J. Jacob.

Councillor W. Lawless—Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne; seconded by Councillor A. Toomey.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea—Proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill; seconded by Councillor J. Jacob.

Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett, with the consent of the proposer and seconder, withdrew her name.

It was decided that each member would vote for four of the persons proposed and seconded, and a vote having been called for, it was found that the members voted as follows:—

FOR COUNCILLOR P. P. O'REILLY—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, W. Hammond, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, H. J. Byrne, Ed. Byrne, P. Murdoch, J. Everett, T.D., C. M. Byrne, J. Jacob, C. W. Hudson and Miss E. F. Bobbett—13.

FOR COUNCILLOR P. LEDWIDGE—Councillors W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D., W. Cleary, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, H. J. Byrne, Edwd. Byrne, W. Lawless P. Murdoch, M. Brennan, Miss E. F. Bobbett, and P. Ledwidge—12.

FOR COUNCILLOR C. M. BYRNE—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, W. Hammond, P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D., W. Cleary, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, W. Lawless, M. Brennan, J. Everett, T.D., C. M. Byrne, J. Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett, and P. Ledwidge—16.

FOR COUNCILLOR P. MCCARTHY—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D., W. Cleary, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, H. J. Byrne, Ed. Byrne, W. Lawless, P. Murdoch, M. Brennan, J. Everett, T.D., C. M. Byrne, J. Jacob, C. W. Hudson and P. Ledwidge—19.

FOR COUNCILLOR W. LAWLESS—Councillors P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D., W. Cleary, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, W. Lawless, P. Murdoch, M. Brennan, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson and Miss E. F. Bobbett and P. Ledwidge—13.

FOR COUNCILLOR SENATOR J. J. MCCREA—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, W. Hammond, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, H. J. Byrne, Ed. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., J. Jacob and C. W. Hudson—11.

The following members, accordingly, were appointed to represent Wicklow County Council on Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board:—Councillors P. McCarthy, C. M. Byrne, P. P. O'Reilly and W. Lawless.

Item No. 4—Appointment of Seven Members on Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.

The County Secretary stated that the Council was entitled to appoint seven members, together with the Chairman, to represent the Council on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.

Councillor W. Hammond indicated that he did not wish his name to go forward.

The appointment of Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett as a representative on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor W. Hammond. The appointment of Councillor P. McCarthy as a representative on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board was proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That the following seven members be appointed to represent, with the Chairman, Wicklow County Council on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board:—Councillors J. Everett, T.D., C. M. Byrne, W. Lawless, J. Jacob, Edwd. Byrne, Miss E. F. Bobbett, P. McCarthy.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Appointment of Representatives on the County Councils' General Council.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., indicated that he did not wish his name to be put forward.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

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

Resolved—That the following members be appointed to represent Wicklow County Council on the Co. Councils' General Council: Councillors Miss E. F. Bobbett, C. M. Byrne and Senator J. J. McCrea.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that he had been informed by the County Librarian in letter dated 23rd June, 1952, that Rev. Father Moran, Baltinglass, had resigned, and that the Committee had recommended the appointment of Rev. G. O'Mahony in his place.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we appoint Rev. Fr. O'Mahony, C.C., as a member of the Library Committee in place of Rev. Fr. Moran, C.C., resigned.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor A. Toomey;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

Resolved—That we appoint Councillor G. Timmins as a member of the County Library Committee.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne:

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

Resolved—That we appoint Mr. James Norton as a member of the Library Committee.

Passed unanimously.

Coolboy Water Supply.

The Council agreed to receive a deputation of representatives from Coolboy area in connection with the water supply for that area.

Rev. M. Lennon, C.C., addressed the Council and thanked the members for receiving the deputation. He pointed out the grave need for the provision of a proper water supply. Dr. J. Doyle, Dispensary Medical Officer, also spoke in connection with the unsatisfactory position in the area in regard to water supply. Mr. Dixon, owner of the land from which a supply was to be taken, informed the Council that he wished to have a water supply for his house and farm free of charge as part of the agreement in connection with the water rights.

At the request of the Council, the County Manager explained the difficulties in regard to granting any special rights to an individual in connection with water supplies. He pointed out that a local authority was expected by the Department of Local Government to acquire water rights free from any encumbrances. Local authorities had experienced difficulty in other counties in cases where individuals had special rights for water supplies from sources serving the district.

The Council agreed with the suggestion of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, that local members together with the Assistant County Engineer meet Mr. Dixon with a view to reaching agreement in regard to the terms for the water rights, and that the matter be included on the Agenda for the meeting of the Housing Committee to be held on Monday, 7th July, 1952.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th July, 1952, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman; Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; James O'Neill, G. Timmins, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, P. Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; W. Cleary, C. M. O Broin, C. W. Hudson, Joseph Jacob, Miss E. F. Ebbett and M. J. Brennan.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, was present.

The Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, R. Fenlon and P. J. Foley were present.

BUSINESS:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 12th May, 1952.
2. Applications for Cinema Licences.
3. Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board—To fill vacancy on Board.
4. Guarantee of Loan to Arklow Harbour Commissioners—To affix Seal of the Council to Mortgage and guaranteeing repayment of £1,500.
5. To approve of draft Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works for Loan of £1,160 for the extension of water main at Bellevue, Delgany.
6. To approve of draft Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works for Loan of £2,700 for extension of water main from Kilpedder to Kilquade.
7. Scholarship Schemes—Letter from parent of scholarship holders.
8. Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1953—To approve of draft Scheme.
9. To renew Secondary School Scholarships for the forthcoming year.
10. Remuneration of Fire Brigade Personnel—Letter from Irish Municipal Employees Trade Union re Bray Fire Brigade.
11. Dispensaries—Report of County Engineer on condition of buildings. (Copy circulated).
12. Purchase of Quarry Plant—To authorise raising of Loan of £21,200.
13. Report of Meeting of Housing Committee held on 7th July, 1952.
14. Kilcoole Water Supply.
15. Application for Water Supply for cottages at Newcastle Middle.
16. Application for moving of pump at Mill Street, Carnew.
17. Hollywood Water Supply—Report of Assistant County Engineer.
18. Boherboy Water Supply—Report of Assistant County Engineer.
19. Castleuddery Water Supply—Report of Assistant Co. Engineer.
20. Proposed Sanitary Convenience at Avoca—To authorise raising of Loan.
21. Proposed Sanitary Convenience at Dunlavin.
22. Proposed Sanitary Convenience at Newtownmountkennedy.
23. Proposed Sanitary Convenience at Rathnew.
24. Public Lighting—Rathnew.
25. Public Lighting—Ballinahinch, Ashford.
26. Public Lighting—O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy.
27. Public Lighting—Dunlavin.
28. Glendalough Burial Ground—Letter, dated 7th July, 1952, from the Department of Local Government.
29. National Schools—Report of Chief Medical Officer on condition of schools in County. (Copy circulated).
30. Letter from Local Authorities Retired Officers' and Servants' Association.
31. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Council passed a resolution expressing sympathy of the members with the relatives of the late Mr. Edward Murphy, who had been employed by the Council as a Consultant Engineer.

The County Manager asked that he and the members of the staff be associated with the terms of the Council's resolution.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we confirm and sign Minutes of meeting held on 12th May, 1952.

Passed unanimously.

Dates for August Meetings.

The Council agreed that the meeting of the Housing Committee be held on the 11th August, 1952, and the Monthly Meeting of the County Council be held on 18th August, 1952.

Item No. 2—Applications for Cinema Licences.

The County Secretary stated that an application for renewal of Cinema Licence had been received in respect of the Ormonde Cinema, Carnew. The Chief Fire Officer had reported in regard to the building, and had recommended that a blanket be provided for the projection box, and that metal shutters be fitted to all wall openings to the parterre. Film storage bins made of fire resisting materials should also be provided. The Chief Fire Officer recommended that safety secondary lighting be installed.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That we approve of the renewal of Cinematograph Licence in respect of the Ormonde Cinema, Carnew, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Chief Fire Officer.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Appointment of Representative on Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.

The County Secretary stated that Councillor P. McCarthy had submitted his resignation as a member of the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillor C. W. Hudson as a representative of Wicklow County Council on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Guarantee of Loan to Arklow Harbour Commissioners.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

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

Resolved—That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £1,500 proposed to be advanced by them to Arklow Harbour Commissioners under the Harbour Act, 1946.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Extension of Water Main at Bellevue, Delgany.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

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

Resolved—That we approve of draft Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works for Loan of £1,160 for the extension of Water Main at Bellevue, Delgany, 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 loans, will be punctually remitted on the dates on which they become due, viz.: 1st May and 1st Nov. in each year.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Extension of Water Main from Kilpedder to Kilquade.

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

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Resolved—That we approve of draft Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works for Loan of £2,700 for extension of water main from Kilpedder to Kilquade, 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 loans, will be punctually remitted on the dates on which they become due, viz.: 1st May and 1st Nov., in each year.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Scholarship Scheme.

The following letter was submitted:—

The Secretary,
Co. Council,
Wicklow.

Main Street,
Wicklow.
19/6/52.

Dear Sir,

I wish to thank you most sincerely for Scholarship cheques I have received on behalf of my son Thomas, and also for those awarded to my daughter Elizabeth. These Scholarships have been a great help to me and my family for the past few years, and I would be very grateful if you would convey our thanks and appreciation to the members of the County Council.

Yours faithfully,

B. M. MAGEE.

The Council noted the expression of appreciation for the assistance provided by the Council's Scholarship Schemes.

Item No. 8—Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1953.

The following letters, received from the Department of Education were submitted:—

Department of Education,
Primary Branch,
Marlborough St.,
Dublin, C.8.
5th July, 1952.

Circ. No. 15/52.
R.O. (2) 83780.

SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, 1953.

The Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.

1. In connection with the formulation by County and County Borough Councils of Schemes for the award of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools for the year 1953, I am directed by the Minister for Education to state that Schemes should be submitted in duplicate, for the approval of the Minister, not later than the 1st August, 1952. A copy of each section of the Application Form to be used in connection with the 1953 Scheme should also be submitted in duplicate.

2. Last year, the 1st September was prescribed as the date by which schemes formulated for 1952 should reach this Department, but some Councils did not furnish their draft Schemes until October, and in a few cases the schemes were not forwarded for approval until November. The Department regrets that owing to exceptional pressure of work during October and November last year, it was not possible to deal with the 1952 Schemes as expeditiously as it would have desired, particularly when the draft schemes were furnished later than the 1st September. It is essential that schemes should be finally

approved and ready for publication in time to give intending candidates ample opportunity of obtaining the certificates and documents necessary to establish their eligibility. Councils will, therefore, appreciate the importance of arranging that their draft schemes should be submitted to the Department by 1st August next, so as to allow due time for the completion of the necessary preliminaries to publication of approved schemes.

3. The lists of candidates for the 1952 Examination were not in all cases received in this office by the 1st February, 1952, the date specified by the Department as the latest date for the receipt of the Council's lists of candidates and the Application Forms. It will be esteemed a favour if Councils will arrange that all applicants who are eligible to compete and applicants whose cases require further investigation, are listed and notified to this Department not later than the 2nd February, 1953, in order that the appropriate preparations for the examination may be made.

4. (a) In the event of proposals being made by Councils, arising out of the general increases in salaries and wages which have taken place in recent years, to increase for 1953 the limits of income prescribed in their Schemes, the Minister would wish to emphasise that the Act of 1944 provides that Schemes shall prescribe income limits "for the purpose of limiting the receipt of scholarships to persons who need them." In this connection also he would impress upon Councils that the undue easing of income limits would tend to have the effect of rendering it more difficult for children of those with the lower incomes to obtain scholarships although they are probably the most numerous as a group and are the most seriously in need of assistance.

(b) In connection with the prescribing of limits of Poor Law Valuation, it is desired to point out the necessary adoption of "income" for salary and wage groups and "Poor Law Valuation" for the agricultural community as the basis for measuring the eligibility of candidates from these two main classes, does not mean that when circumstances require variation in the income limit, a variation in the Poor Law Valuation limit must automatically follow.

The Programme of Examination remains unchanged for 1953.

Mise, le meas

L. Muirthe,

Runaí Cunta.

Department of Education,

Primary Branch,

Marlborough St.,

Dublin, 9 Jul, 1952.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1953.

A Chara.

In connection with the formulation of a Scholarship Scheme by your Council for 1953, under the Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) Act, 1944, I am directed to refer to the limit of Valuation prescribed in the 1952 Scheme for the purpose of determining the eligibility of applicants to compete, viz.: £130 Valuation for parents and one child with an addition to that amount of £10 Valuation in respect of each additional child, subject to a maximum of £180.

I am to say that, according to the published particulars of agricultural holdings, the number of holdings in County Wicklow, with a poor law valuation up to and including £50, form 83.7 per cent. of the total holdings in the county and the percentage of the total holdings having a valuation not exceeding £100 is 93.5.

It is considered that the poor law valuation limit specified in your Council's Scheme for 1952 tended to operate unfairly against children of farmers on holdings of low Valuation and children of workers whose eligibility is determined under the income limits of the Scheme.

With regard to the means conditions to be prescribed by the Council for the purposes of their 1953 Scheme, I am to state that the Minister, in view of his responsibility under Section 4 (c) of the Act to see that scholarships be restricted to persons who need them, would be very reluctant to approve of a Poor Law Valuation limit in excess of £75 for a family of parents and one child with an addition to that limit of £7 10/- in respect of each child other than the candidate.

Mise, le meas,

D. O. Laoghaire.

The County Secretary submitted a Draft Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools for the year 1953, and stated that the valuation limits had been altered in accordance with the recommendation made in the Department's letter of 9th July.

The Council agreed to the alteration of the income limit as submitted in the Scheme, and directed that a note be included on the Application Form directing the attention of applicants to the fact that the Council might require applicants to submit any additional details in regard to income as might be considered necessary by the Council.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Draft Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools for the year 1953, as submitted to this meeting and amended.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Renewal of Scholarships.

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the renewal for a further twelve months of the Scholarships awarded to the following twelve successful candidates under Wicklow County Council's Scholarship Scheme, 1948, subject to satisfactory reports as to the conduct and progress of these pupils being obtained from the Superiors of their Schools: Brigid R. Reynolds, St. David's Secondary School, Greystones; Kiernan F. Spellman, Colaiste Muire, Parnell Square, Dublin; James M. Brennan, C.B.S., North Richmond St., Dublin; John J. Brosnan, C.B.S., Syngé St., Dublin; Mary P. Condell, St. David's Secondary School, Greystones; Mary T. Cullen, Presentation Convent, Mountmellick; George B. Kelly, St. Joseph's College, Wicklow; William Kavanagh, do.; James Loughlin Sutton, do.; Charles L. Byrne, Technical School, Wicklow; James F. Hayden, C.B.S., Syngé St., Dublin; Michael G. Spellman, Colaiste Muire, Parnell Sq., Dublin.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the renewal for a further twelve months of the Scholarships awarded to the following twelve successful candidates under Wicklow County Council's Scholarship Scheme, 1949, subject to satisfactory reports as to the conduct and progress of these pupils being obtained from the Superiors of their Schools: Kevin Brennan, O'Connell Schools, North Richmond St., Dublin; Eugene M. Doyle, Presentation College, Bray; Brendan Byrne, St. Mary's College, Knockbeg, Carlow; Winifred Manweiler, St. David's Secondary School, Greystones; Mary T. Roche, St. David's Secondary School, Greystones; Kathleen P. Cullen, Presentation Convent, Ballingarry,

Thurles; Robert J. Toal, Presentation College, Bray; Sean L. Fallon, St. Joseph's College, Wicklow; Richard Cuffe, St. Joseph's College, Wicklow; Mary F. O'Callaghan, Loreto Convent Secondary School, Bray; Mary Dodd, Technical School, Bray; Anne M. Fox, Dominican Convent, Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan;
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the renewal for a further twelve months of the Scholarships awarded to the following twelve successful candidates under Wicklow County Council's Scholarship Scheme, 1950, subject to satisfactory reports as to the conduct and progress of these pupils being obtained from the Superiors of their Schools:—Padraigh S. C. Hann, C.B.S., Synge St., Dublin; Terence F. Brennan, O'Connell Schools, North Richmond St., Dublin; Mary Philomena Byrne, St. Mary's Convent, Arklow; Mary Carmel Farrelly, St. David's Secondary School, Greystones Patrick Joseph Murphy, Patrician College, Ballyfin, Mountrath; Annie Teresa Byrne, Presentation College, Mountmellick; Patrick J. Graham, St. Joseph's College, Wicklow; Thomas Noel Magee, St. Joseph's College, Wicklow; James Reynolds, C.B.S., Westland Row, Dublin; William E. Purcell, Kilkenny College, Kilkenny; Ruth Anna Dowds, Diocesan Secondary School for Girls, Adelaide Road, Dublin; Elizabeth Mary O'Toole, St. Leo's Convent of Mercy, Carlow.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan;
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the renewal for a further twelve months of the Scholarships awarded to the following twelve successful candidates under Wicklow County Council's Scholarship Scheme, 1951, subject to satisfactory reports as to the conduct and progress of these pupils being obtained from the Superiors of their Schools:—Maire Laimbeart, St. Anne's Day School, Dominican Convent, Wicklow; Rosanna Phillips, do.; Ellen Teresa Ann Long do.; Francis Oliver Kavanagh Terenure College, Dublin Andrew J. P. Dunne, St. Joseph's Secondary School, Wicklow; Michael N. Wynne, Farist Brothers Secondary School, Athlone; Katherine M. Hayden, Holy Faith Convent, Glasnevin; Ann Tyrrell, The Collegiate School, Celbridge, Co. Kildare; Dorothy P. Darcy, St. David's Secondary School, Greystones; John J. N. Furlong, Colaiste Muire, Parnell Sq., Dublin; Edward P. Harding, Royal School, Cavan; Phelim Cullen, Patrician College, Ballyfin, Mountrath.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Remuneration of Bray Fire Brigade Personnel

The County Secretary stated that the following letter had been received by the Town Clerk, Bray Urban District Council, from the Irish Municipal Employees' Trade Union:—

E. Fennell, Esq.,
Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
Bray, Co. Wicklow.

49 Lower Gardiner St.,
Dublin,
25th June, 1952.

Bray Fire Brigade.

Dear Sir,

I have held a meeting of the members of the Bray Fire Brigade for the purpose of discussing the latest position with regard to their claim for an increase in the "Stand-to" allowance. They are completely dissatisfied with the Minister's decision in regard to this, and

desire that I give notice on their behalf, that as and from July 13th next they will not hold themselves available for "Stand-to" duty.

Yours faithfully,
Sgd: John B. Colgan,
Secretary.

The following letter received from the Town Clerk, Bray was submitted:—

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

Town Hall,
Bray,
11th June, 1952.

Bray Fire Brigade Personnel.

A Chara,

I desire to inform you that the Urban District Council at its meeting on the 8th inst. agreed to appoint a Committee to meet the representatives of the Irish Municipal Employees' Trade Union, and the firemen to discuss further the decision of the employees not to hold themselves available for "Stand-to" duty after the 13th inst. The Committee, consisting of the Chairman (Clr. H. J. Byrne), Councillors Ledwidge, H. B. Hipwell and D. Sayers, met the personnel of the Brigade and the Secretary of the Union (Mr. Colgan) on Thursday night, the 10th inst.

Following discussion and exchange of views, the Union agreed to withdraw the Notice of the 25th June, 1952 (wherein it was stated that the men would not be available for "Stand-to" duty after the 13th inst.) and their claim for increased "Stand-to" allowance of 30/- upon condition that the Minister for Local Government would agree to apply the revised rates of allowances set out in Circular of 7th March, 1952, as from the 1st April, 1951. As you are aware, the new Rates have been in operation since the 1st April, 1952. The Committee of the Council agreed to recommend Wicklow County Council to ask the Minister to convey his approval to the request of the union. It is hoped that the matter might be considered by your Council at its meeting on Monday. With the limited time available, it would not be possible to determine the exact cost which would be involved if the revised allowances were applied from the 1st April, 1951, since it would entail examination of the records relating to every fire attended by the men from 1st April, 1951 to the 31st March, 1952, and the extraction of details as to the duration of each fire call.

However, it is possible to arrive at a reasonably accurate estimate of the cost which would be involved and in this connection I have shown hereunder the manner in which the estimate has been arrived at:—

Retaining Fee	New Rate	Old Rate	Additional payment
Station Officer	£44	£26	£18
Sub Station Officer	£33	£20	£13
Driver Mechanic (2)	£33	£20	£26
Firemen (8)	£22	£13	£72
			£129

Fees for Practices

There are twelve practices held in the year. Formerly, the rate for a practice was 2/6 per hour for a two hour period. The new rate is 4/6 per hour for a two hour period. Thus, the additional payment per man, per practice, would be 4/-. The cost of each practice would therefore be £2 8/- per month, or £28 16/- per year.

Stand-to Allowances

The former "Stand-to" rate was 15/-. The new rate being 17/-. If the allowances is paid retrospectively, a sum of 2/- will be payable to each man for each week he was required to be on "Call to" duty.

The total cost of the "Stand-to" allowance would be £31 4/-.

Attendances at Fires

The figure hereunder is an estimated one. As the rate for fire calls has been increased by 80% under the new Circular, I have added 80% on to the amounts expended on fire calls during the year. I have estimated that the application of the new rate from 1st April, 1951, would entail additional expenditure of £168 under this heading.

It will be seen, therefore, that the total cost of the application of Rates from the 1st April, 1951, would amount to £357 approximately, as follows:—

Retaining Fees	..	..	..	£129	0	0
Practices	..	..	..	£28	16	0
"Stand-to" Allowances	..	..	..	£31	4	0
Fire Calls	..	..	..	£168	0	0
				£357	0	0

Mise, le meas,

E. J. Fennell.

Town Clerk.

The County Manager explained that "Stand-to" allowances were paid only to the Fire Brigade at Bray, and that the original claim made on behalf of the members of the Brigade was for an increase in the rate of "Stand-to" allowance only.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge.

Resolved—Having considered letter dated 25th June, 1952, from the Irish Municipal Employees Trade Union, in regard to the payment to members of the Bray Fire Brigade in respect of stand-to duty, we approve of the application of the revised rates of allowances as set out in Circular letter of 7th March, 1952, with effect as from 1st April, 1951, in relation to members of the Bray Brigade.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Dispensaries

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

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Courthouse,

Wicklow.

1st July, 1952.

The Chairman and

members of Wicklow County Council.

Dispensaries

Dear Sir,

From an examination of reports from the Assistant Engineers (attached herewith), it would appear that with the exception of one or two dispensaries erected in recent years, and those attached to the Dispensary Doctors' residences, their conditions are very unsatisfactory.

It is obvious that what it required is a general outline of the steps to be taken to improve those conditions.

The number of dispensaries that would satisfy modern conditions and requirements is very small: if new dispensaries are to be built in all cases where resident buildings do not satisfy the standards recently approved and published by the Department of Health, then considerable outlay must be anticipated.

Whilst new premises are urgently required in some cases, the question is how far repairs and alterations are to go on existing premises. From an examination of the reports to hand, the repairs and alterations indicated and suggested herein will never entirely make the premises satisfactory, and indeed in my opinion, many repairs will be of a temporary nature only and the building structure will continue to deteriorate rapidly.

If, therefore, a definite policy would be adopted by the Council to replace unsuitable premises at the rate of a certain number, perhaps each year, and if this policy is not adopted, the Council will have to be satisfied with poor diminishing standards involving continued costs in repairs.

The following is a list of dispensaries which have been reported on. The Local Government Inspector has already reported to you in detail:—

Annamoe Dispensary: Consists of two rooms; premises unsuitable. Estimate for repairs £26.

Arklow Dispensary: This is part of the Doctor's residence. The premises need repairs, but considerable work has already been carried out. Generally, the accommodation is fair, but a separate room is required for the nurse.

Aughrim Dispensary: These premises, together with depot at Clash are unsuitable. There is no sanitary accommodation and a separate room is required for the nurse.

Avoca Dispensary: This is considered to be very unsuitable and should be replaced. It consists of one room only—part of a private house constructed of galvanised iron sheeting and plastered on the inside.

Ballinglass Dispensary: Is unsuitable and a new building is required. It consists of a room in a dwelling-house; there is no "Waiting Room." A new dispensary would probably cost £1,000.

Blessington Dispensary: The existing premises are very inadequate in size, poorly lighted and damp. A new dispensary is required in its place. The auxiliary depot at Ballyknockan is in a very bad state of repairs.

Bray Dispensary: The Dispensary accommodation at Bray consists of four rooms. Certain repairs are necessary, including plastering, painting, distempering, etc., at estimated cost of £52 10/-.

Delgany Dispensary: This is in fair order and the accommodation is fairly satisfactory. The depot at Kilmurray consists of one room only in a private house and is most unsuitable.

Dunganstown Dispensary: In this case, the dispensary premises are most unsuitable and should be replaced with a small building.

Dunlavin Dispensary: A new dispensary is required at Dunlavin.

Kiltegan Dispensary: This dispensary is altogether inadequate and should be replaced by a new building. The two depots are in poor state of repair.

Newtownmountkennedy Dispensary: Accommodation at Newtown dispensary is fairly satisfactory. It requires some painting and other repairs at cost of £22.

Kilcoole Dispensary: A new dispensary is in course of erection, estimated cost £1,200.

Ashford Dispensary: Consists of one room in a private house in the village of Ballinallea. A new dispensary to a depot size would meet the case here at an estimated cost of £900.

Rathnew Dispensary: Consists of one room in a private house. Apparently the Doctor does not use this dispensary at the moment, but some accommodation costing about £100 should be provided.

Powerscourt Dispensary: This is in fair condition although not quite up to the standard.

Rathdrum: This is a very poor and definitely a new dispensary is required, at cost of £1,200. It consists of one room only in the dispensary residence.

Tinahely Dispensary: Is a fairly well equipped building designed as a dispensary. It requires certain repairs, repainting, proper seating, etc. The depot at Knockananna is very damp, there is not enough storage accommodation, etc. Estimate of cost of work would be about £60.

Wicklow Dispensary: This consists of three rooms: Waiting Room, Surgery and Consulting Room, but having regard to the position of the third room at first floor level with access through the consulting room, the working size of the dispensary consists of 2 rooms only which means that the premises is entirely inadequate. The condition and layout of the premises make it impossible to economically alter same. The only satisfactory point about the premises is its central yet quiet position. I would recommend that a new structure should be provided which together with siting costs, etc. would probably be estimated at £1,550.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer,

REPORT ON DISPENSARIES IN CO. WICKLOW.

SOUTH-EASTERN AREA:

Arklow Dispensary: This is part of the Dispensary residence and consists of a consulting room, dispensary and waiting room, each 10 ft. square. The dispensary has a glazed section containing wash basin with hot and cold water and shelving and cupboards for medicines and instruments. It connects the consulting room, which also has a wash basin, with the waiting room. There is a W.C. off the waiting room and there is one outside W.C.; both dispensary and consulting room have doors into the dispensary residence.

Generally, the accommodation and equipment of this dispensary is good, but there is no separate room for a nurse.

Aughrim Dispensary: This consists of a dispensary room and consulting room as part of the main dispensary residence each about 10 ft. square with a lean-to waiting room 9' 6" x 7' 0" built on. The waiting room is glazed for the upper part and is heated by a small stove which is not satisfactory. The layout of the structure prevents a proper draught. There is no sanitary accommodation and no place for a nurses' room.

Avoca Dispensary: This consists of one room 13' 4" x 12' 6" part of a private house with a lean-to waiting room 12' 0" x 4' 0" constructed of galvanised iron sheeted and plastered on the inside. The consulting room connects directly with the private house.

Barnadarrig Dispensary: This is in a separate building in the dispensary residence ground. It has stone walls and slated roof. It consists of a building room 11' 9" x 10' 4" with a W.C. opening off.

Clash Dispensary: This is part of a private house and consists of a consulting room 12' 0" x 8' 6" and waiting room 8' 0" x 7' 3". There is a W.C. partitioned off the consulting room it is open at the top and so is not private. The consulting room connects directly with the private house.

Ferrybank Dispensary: This is, in effect, a private house. The waiting room 10' 6" x 11' 9" is the kitchen of the caretakers. There is a small staircase in the waiting room to the bedroom overhead. The consulting room 11' 9" x 11' 6" is off the kitchen.

Rathdrum Dispensary: This consists of one room of the dispensary residence. It is partitioned off to form a dispensary room 8' 10" x 12' 3" and a waiting room 7' 8" x 12' 3". Privacy is difficult, if not impossible, with this arrangement.

GENERAL: By any standards the dispensaries at Clash, Avoca, Ferrybank and Rathdrum are entirely unsatisfactory. Arklow dispensary would appear to be adequate at least for the present, but Aughrim and Barnadarrig are too small. I would not like to make any recommendations until new standards of accommodation are adopted.

SOUTHERN AREA.

Askeagh Dispensary: This Dispensary is an upstairs room of a very old farmhouse. It is completely lacking in modern accommodation. The stairs is dangerous. The floor area is 200 sq. ft. The average number of weekly patients is about two.

Carnew Dispensary: This dispensary forms one ground floor of a good two storied house in the main street of Carnew. The accommodation is fair but patients have to wait in the hall which in cold weather is most severe on them. The floor area is 156 sq. ft. and the number of patients from 40 to 50 per week.

Coollattin: This forms part of a small two-storied well constructed house on the Coollattin Estate. The accommodation is poor. There is no running water in the district. Waiting room is in the kitchen of the house, the range of which is out of order since November, 1951. The floor area is 156 sq. ft. and the average number of weekly patients is from 15 to 20. The family also use the room.

Coilkenny: This dispensary is really an outoffice of a farm dwelling. The accommodation is primitive. It is very cold, damp and smoky. The waiting room is in very bad condition—with an earth floor and holes in the roof. The floor area of dispensary and waiting room are each 96 sq. ft. The average number of weekly patients is from 15 to 20.

Knockanna: The dispensary forms part of two-storied dwelling in poor condition. It is damp and completely lacking in proper accommodation, i.e. running water, etc. The floor area is 135 sq. ft. and the height of the room is only 7ft. The average number of weekly patients is about 6. The dispensary is very unsuitable for a dispensary.

Tinahely: This dispensary forms a modern well equipped building designed and built as a dispensary. It has all necessary modern accommodation required. The average weekly attendance is from 12 to 20.

WESTERN AREA.

Ballyknocken Dispensary: This consists of two rooms in a private house at present not occupied. The roof is in good condition and the floors are also in good condition. The walls are damp. The out-room, used as waiting-room has no fireplace, and stove should be fitted. The rooms have floor space of 200 sq. ft. Dispensary and 180 sq. ft. waitingroom, with lighting 1/30th and 1/25th, respectively. As an out-dispensary it could be made good by plastering internally and externally on the damp walls, fitting a stove and eave-gutting. The cost would be:—

41 sq. yds. internal plaster on Cork @ 22/-	£45 2 0.
60 yds. External plaster @ 10/-	£30 0 0.
10 lens. gutters and downpipe	£10 0 0.
Stove	£8 0 0.
	£93 2 0.

Note: The enlargement of the window in the Dispensary is desirable, or the provision of an additional window which would be £20.

Baltinglass: This is a room in a dwelling house, floor area 144 ft., the lighting area is 1/5th. There is no waiting room. The place is in good repair. In the case of this dispensary I think it will be necessary to provide a new dispensary altogether, on account of the size of the Town, and the accommodation which would be required. I cannot very well go into the question of costs, as it would be well before doing so to ascertain what the Department

would require as a standard. Roughly speaking I would say that a three-roomed building with sanitary accommodation would cost at least £800.

Donard: This consists of one room and is in good condition. There is no waiting room and the only space is the hall. Beside the hall and divided by a partition is a Butcher's Stall used periodically. This feature if objectionable, and if the space were not used it could be converted to a suitable Waiting room at a cost of £60.

Dunlavin Dispensary: There are two rooms in the above Dispensary one waiting room and the other dispensary, size 50 sq. ft. and 70 sq. ft. respectively. The floors are flagged with about half the dispensary floor in timber. There is an old dry closet. The requirements here would be Electric Light, a heater in the dispensary and a W.C. and sink. The cost would amount to £24. There are some repairs required to the lintol of the window and the door, but they are not very urgent. I presume in this case also that a new dispensary will have to be built on account of the size, but the Doctor is of the opinion that it will do for a good many years, and I agree with him.

Grangecon: This consists of two rooms—one dispensary and one waiting. This is in good repair. The rooms are used by the occupants when not required as a Dispensary. The heating arrangements in the Waiting room are not satisfactory I am informed, as the chimney smokes. The floor areas are—dispensary 153 sq. ft., Waiting room 91 sq. ft. Lighting is 1/10th and 1/10th of floor area respectively. The ceiling is 8' 4".

Hollywood: This consists of two rooms, one waiting and the other dispensary, 80 sq. ft. each. The lighting area is bad, being only about 1/30th, and the only heating is an old stove. There is no sanitary accommodation. If it were painted it might look a bit better, and it would probably serve the purpose of this place for a long time.

Knockenarrigan: This consists of two rooms, the outer one being a waiting room; the building is damp and the plaster on the external walls is in bad condition due to damp. The floor in the Inner room (consulting room) is decayed and has sunk down. There is no under ventilation. The only sanitary accommodation is the School Closet which is in the same grounds. There is no fireplace in the waiting room and I understand no fire is lighted in the other room. The floor areas are 170 sq. ft. approximately and lighting is only 1/20th of floor area. For the district served and considering that it is an out-dispensary used only a few hours a week, it should, if repaired and heated sufficiently suit the purpose. I suggest the internal walls be plastered where damp and lined with cork, the roof repaired, gutters erected with downpipes, and a stove put in the waiting room and a new floor in the Dispensary. Cost:—

85 sq. yds. internal plaster on Cork ..	£86	1	3.
1½ squares floor on concrete, breeze and tar	£21	0	0.
Stove	£8	0	0.
Gutters 10 lens. and two downpipes ..	£10	0	0.
Repairs to roof say	£5	0	0.
	£130	1	3.

The price might be reduced by using ½" Cork to £110 18 9.

Rathdangan: Floor spaces are 144 sq. ft., one window 5 sq. fe. which leaves the lighting ratio about 1/30th. Ceilings are only 7' 6" high.

No waiting room. Repairs required now to floors and ceiling. Internal walls should be plastered. Cost will amount to £48.

NORTH-EASTERN AREA.

Annacoe: Consists of 2 rooms—waiting room and surgery beside Doctor's Residence in Annacoe. Waiting room—230 sq. ft. with windows 1/9 floor area; fireplace, timber floor and ceiling 10' 0". Needs repainting and patch plastering, repair chimney flashing. Surgery—200 sq. ft. with windows 1/8 floor area; ceiling 10' 0"; fireplace; timber floor; running water. Needs repainting. W.C. seems to be out of order. All needs internal painting at an estimated cost of £26 0 0.

Ashford: This consists of one room in the house of Mrs. Devitt, Ballinlea, 30 sq. ft. with window 1/6 floor area; ceiling 8' 6" fireplace, timber floors. No running water and no sanitary accommodation patients wait in kitchen. No repairs needed to existing building.

Bray: Consists of four rooms—waiting-room, dispensing room; surgery and registrar's room and is occupied by Mrs. Lynch. Waiting-room—200 sq. feet with window 1/12 floor area; ceiling is 10' 0" high, bare timber floor; gas burning heater. Plastering on walls needs patching. Dispensing room, 99 sq. feet with window 1/7 floor area; ceiling is 9' 0"; floor tiled; running cold water, repairs needed include patch plastering, painting, distempering and provision of presses and shelving. Surgery—169 sq. feet, with window 1/9th floor area; ceiling 9' 0"; tiled floor and fireplace. Needs some patch plastering. The front door leading to dispensary is bad and needs replacement and notice boards needs repainting and fixing. Two W.C.'s need new seats, whitewashing point of ridge tiles. Total cost of repairs—£52 10s. 0d.

Boghall: Consists of one room in the house of Mrs. Crinnion, Boghall. Patients wait in the kitchen. 150 sq. feet, window 1/9th floor area. Ceiling 9' 0"; fireplace and timber floor; no running water or sanitary arrangements. The room is in good repair.

Delgany: Consists of two rooms—waiting-room and surgery as part of Nurses' residence in Delgany. Waiting-room, 185 sq. feet, with window 1/6th floor area ceiling 8' 0"; fireplace and timber floor; needs new casing to windows; in good repair otherwise. Surgery, 240 sq. feet, window 1/8th floor area; fireplace and tiled floor; running hot and cold water; W.C. in house; needs casing to windows; in good repair otherwise. Cost of repairing two windows estimated at £8.

Enniskerry and Powerscourt: Separate building at Enniskerry consisting of waiting-room, examination room and surgery. Waiting-room, 180 sq. feet with windows 1/7th floor area; fireplace, ceiling, 9' 0"; timber floor in good repair. Examination Room, 140 sq. feet with window 1/9th floor area; fireplace, ceiling 9' 0" and timber floor, in good repair. Surgery—135 sq. feet with windows 1/6th floor area; fireplace, ceiling 9' 0" and timber floor, running cold water in good repair. Two W.C.'s outside and in good repair. Notice board to be recommended. I also recommend the installation of Electric Geyser for hot water in surgery, say, 1½-gallon A.E.T. non-pressure type water heater. Total estimated cost of heater, £14 10s.

Kilcoole: New dispensary being built.

Kilmurray: Consists of one room in house of Patrick Woods. Patients wait in kitchen. 170 sq. feet floor with window 1/7th floor area. Ceiling 8' 0", fireplace and timber floor. No running water and no sanitary arrangements. Repairs needed to existing room include complete replastering, new floor, new window and new shelving and new presses. Total estimated cost of repairs—£68.

Newtownmountkennedy: Consists of three rooms—waiting-room, surgery, and consulting room in Nurses' residence, Newtownmountkennedy. Waiting-room, 176 sq. feet, windows 1/13th floor area; ceiling 10' 0"; fireplace and timber floor. Would need repainting and distempering. Surgery, 100 sq. feet with window 1/6th floor area. Ceiling 10' 0"; fireplace, timber floor covered with lino. Running hot and cold water. In good repair. Consulting room, 120 sq. feet with window 1/7th floor area; ceiling, 10' 0"; fireplace, timber floor covered with lino. In good repair. W.C.'s at back in good repair; Notice board being painted; the dispensary has been painted outside in the last few weeks. Cost of repainting waiting-room is approximately £12.

Rathnew: One room in the house of Miss J. Byrne, No. 3, Rathnew, 112 sq. feet, with window 1/9th floor area. Ceiling, 9' 0"; fireplace, timber floor. All in good repair. Apparently Doctor does not use this dispensary now. Assistance Officer uses it every Thursday morning.

Roundwood: Consists of 3 rooms, waiting-room, surgery and dispensing room, in detached building in Roundwood. Waiting-room, 168 sq. feet with window 1/6th floor area; ceiling 11' ", fireplace and timber floor, in good repair. Surgery—168 sq. feet with window 1/6th floor area; ceiling 11' 6" with window 1/6th floor area, fireplace, timber floor, running cold water. Slight dampness, probably need external plastering at a cost of £9. Dispensing room, 35 sq. feet with window 1/9th floor area, timber floor; two W.C.'s outside in good repair. Cost of repairs approximately £9.

Wicklow Dispensary: Comprising 3 rooms—waiting-room, surgery and consulting room. Waiting-room, 225 sq. feet, with windows 1/25th floor area; gas fire, concrete floor, and ceiling sloped, minimum height, 6' 9". Surgery—210 sq. feet with windows 1/9th floor area ceiling, 10' 0", gas fire, timber floor, hot and cold water. Consulting room—195 sq. feet with windows 1/10th floor area; first floor room, ceiling, 9' 0", timber floor, gas fire. There is a W.C. off waiting-room. Dispensary has been painted recently and is in good repair.

While this dispensary is comprised of three rooms as one of these is at first floor level with access through the consulting room, the working size of the dispensary consists of two rooms which renders the premises completely inadequate. The conditional layout of the premises makes it impossible to economically alter same. The only satisfactory point about the premises is its central yet quiet position. A new structure could definitely be recommended.

The County Manager stated that it would appear from the report of the County Engineer that the cost of providing new dispensaries might amount to from £15,000 to £20,000. Grants amounting to £600 in respect of each dispensary would be available from the Department of Health, but the balance of the cost would have to be met by the Council.

The Council directed that further details of the cost be prepared and submitted to the next meeting of the Housing Committee, and that the Chief Medical Officer also prepare, in respect of each electoral area, a priority list in regard to the provision of new dispensaries or the repair of existing dispensaries. The Council also asked that the Chief Medical Officer attend the next meeting of the Housing Committee.

Item No. 12.—Provision of Quarry Plant.

The County Secretary submitted the following list of final recommendations of the County Engineer in regard to the purchase of new Quarry Plant:—

Doyle's Quarry (The Rock, Carnew).

(a) One set Vibrating Screens:	Niagara Screen Ltd		
Type Q5A. Four Deck (Heavy)	Straysfield Road,	£	s. d.
Mesh Aperture 2½", 3", ½", 1".	Clay Hill, Enfield	500	0 0
(b) One Scalping Screen	do.	315	0 0
(c) 2 7/8 Diesel Engines to drive Screens—Lister	Messrs. Coleborn and Hopkins, Wicklow	290	0 0
(d) 2 Conveyors, 18" Belt 35' long	Universal Conveyor Co. Ltd., Barkley Road, Leicester	956	0 0
(e) 1 "Chassside" Shovel	S. McCormick, Ltd., Dublin	1200	0 0
(f) No. 1 cu. yd. Bogies—£25 8s.	do.	101	12 0
(g) 200 lin. yds. Rails complete at 16/6 l. yd.	do.	165	0 0
(h) 2 No. Points for above Rails at £14 14/- each	do.	29	0 0
(i) 2 Turntables at £13 5/- each.	do.	26	10 0
(j) Setting up machines, rails, foundations, etc.		1,000	0 0
	Total ..	£4,583	10 0

Carrigmore Quarry.

(a) 1 No. 30" x 16" Primary Crusher with automatic oiling	Strangford Ltd., Dublin	1,268	0 0
(b) 1 No. 45/50 h.p. Diesel Engine—Lister	Coleborn and Hopkins, Wicklow	550	0 0
(c) 1 No. Nordberg Cone Unit	So. McCormick Ltd.	2,603	0 0
(d) 1 No. Scalping Screen	Niagara Screens Ltd.	315	0 0
(e) 1 No. Set Vibrating Screens as before	do.	500	0 0
(f) 2 No. 7/8 Diesel Engine to drive screens, Lister	Coleborn and Hopkins	290	0 0
(g) 6 No. 1 cu. yd. Bogies and 600 yds. lin. rail 2 points, 2 turntables	S. McCormick Ltd.	703	0 0
(h) 2 No. Conveyors 18" belt 35' long	Universal Conveyors Ltd.	956	0 0
(i) Setting up machines, purchase of land, transferring from Tonalee		1,700	0 0
	Total ..	£8,885	6 0

Newtown Quarry, Donard.

(a) 1 No. Primary Crusher 24" x 15"	Goodwin Barsby Ltd., Jamestown Road	1,857	0 0
(b) 1 No. 1 Nordberg Cone Unit	Goodwin Barsby Ltd.	2,603	0 0
(c) 1 No. 1 Scalping Screen	Niagara Screens Ltd.	315	0 0
(d) 1 No. Set Vibrating Screens	do.	500	0 0
(e) 2 No. 7/8 Diesel Engines to drive Screens—Lister	Coleborn and Hopkins, Wicklow	290	0 0
(f) 2 No. Conveyors 18" belt 35' long	Universal Conveyors Ltd.	956	0 0
(g) 4 No. 1 cu. yd. Bogies 200' rails, 2 points, 2 turntables	S. McCormick Ltd.	322	0 0
(h) Setting up machines, opening quarry face, etc.		890	0 0
	Total ..	£7,733	0 0

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;
 Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the raising of Loan of £21,200 from the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, repayable over a period of seven years, with interest at $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. under Bank Rate, with a minimum of 4 per cent., for the purpose of purchasing Quarry Plant as set out in report of County Engineer dated 13th June, 1952.

Passed unanimously.

Item No.13—Report of Meeting of Housing Committee held 7/7/52.

The following report of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on Monday, 7th July, 1952, was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Housing Committee of the Council was held at the County Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 7th July, 1952, at 2 p.m.

The following members were present: Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman; Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; James O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. P. O'Reilly, Andrew Toomey, P. Kehoe, Peter Ledwidge, L. O. Laoighleis, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. O Broin, Joseph Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett, M. J. Brennan.

Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, attended.

The Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, R. Fenlon and P. J. Foley, attended.

Progress Report: The Committee adopted the attached report of the County Engineer on the progress of the Housing Scheme during the month of June, 1952.

Application for Reception of Deputation: Having considered an application from the Rathnew Tenants' Association for the reception of a deputation by the County Council at the next meeting, the Committee directed that the Association be asked to submit information as to the matters on which they wished to make representations to the Council.

Housing Scheme at Kilgarron, Enniskerry: The Committee noted letter of 21st June, 1952, from the Department of Local Government indicating that the revised shape of the site for the housing scheme at Enniskerry would now appear to be satisfactory, particularly if the land-owner agreed to the reduced height of the boundary wall. The Department requested that particulars of the exact area of the altered site be submitted as soon as possible, together with an amended layout embodying certain revisions pointed out to the Council's Architect by the Department's Inspector. Detailed reports regarding piped water and sewerage services for the site and an estimate of the cost of providing these services, together with a preliminary estimate for the development of the site are also required.

Houses at Parknasilloge: The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had indicated that he could proceed with the erection of four houses at Parknasilloge by Direct Labour if the Council so desired. The Committee recommended that the County Engineer be instructed to commence the erection of these new houses by Direct Labour immediately.

House Plans—Wexford Co. Council: The Committee noted letter from Wexford County Council, dated 20th June, 1952, stating that the Wexford County Council had not agreed on a house plan with the Department of Local Government for village schemes. It was stated in the letter that the Council wished to proceed with the erection of the ordinary rural type of labourer's cottage with a suitable sanitary annexe, but that the Department was not prepared to sanc-

tion this proposal. The Wexford County Council was concerned with the cost of the erection of houses in accordance with the plans favoured by the Department, as they considered that such houses would be out of reach of the ordinary agricultural labourer. The Committee recommended that Wexford County Council be asked if they would agree to a joint deputation to the Department of Local Government in connection with house designs and costs.

Rents of Houses at Lugduff and Killincarrig: The Co. Secretary submitted details of the Annual Charges in respect of three houses at Lugduff and ten houses at Killincarrig. Having allowed for the subsidy from the Department of Local Government and a subsidy of 1/- per week from rates, the net rent, exclusive of rates, would be approximately 7/6 per week in the case of the houses at Lugduff, and approximately 9/3 per week in the case of the houses at Killincarrig. Members of the Committee stated that they considered the tenants would not be in a position to pay the rents proposed. The Committee recommended that the Department of Local Government be requested to increase the subsidy from State Funds towards the cost of erection of these houses.

Bonus to Workers Employed on Direct Labour Housing Schemes: The Committee adopted the recommendation of the County Engineer as set out in his report of the 7th July, 1952, for a bonus scheme to workers employed on Direct Labour Housing. The scheme provided for the fixing of a number of man-hours in which a house would be erected and for the payment of a bonus amounting to two-thirds of the saving in man-hours effected.

Temporary Dwellings: The Committee recommended the renewal of licences for the retention of temporary dwellings as follows:—

Thomas Carrol, Ordinary, Brittas Bay—2 caravans.

Alexander McDaniel, Brittas Bay—20 caravans.

The Committee recommended that a licence be granted to Mr. Paul Costello, Ordinary, Brittas Bay, for the retention of four caravans on the site on the inland side of the road. The Committee noted that the site on the seaward side of the road was unsuitable.

The Committee noted that Mr. William Caytan, 42, Anglesley Road, Ballsbridge, had indicated that he had obtained a site in an adjoining county for a factory for processing rabbit skins and no longer required a site in County Wicklow.

Application for Loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts: The Committee adjourned for further information the application of James J. Phillips, for a loan of £1,500 in respect of the erection of a house at Monastery Cross, Enniskerry.

Having considered the views of the Council's Architect on plans submitted by Mr. P. Burke, Lackareagh, Baltinglass, for a house in respect of which he required a loan from the Council and the County Manager's observations on the matter, the Committee recommended that the application be deferred and that the applicant be requested to consider a revision of the plan for the house.

Cottage at Deerpark, Shillelagh: Having considered report of Rent Collector and Chief Medical Officer, that a cottage at Deerpark, Shillelagh, was not being occupied by the tenant, who was a single person, the Committee recommended that one month's notice be given to the tenant of the Council's intention of obtaining possession of the cottage.

Complaint re Site of Cottage at Avoca: The Committee considered complaint received from tenant of cottage at Cronebane, Avoca, in regard to the condition of the site and in relation to the rent charged for the cottage. The Committee noted the report of the Assistant Co. Engineer that the site had been selected to meet the wish of the original applicant. The site was covered with ferns and whins which would have to be cleared before the plot could be cultivated, and it

would take about a fortnight to carry out this work. The Committee noted that the tenant's application for a revision of rent in view of his being unemployed would be considered by the County Manager.

Repairs to Cottages carried out during Month of June, 1952: The Committee noted the report of the County Engineer in regard to the repairs to cottages carried out during the month of June, 1952.

Repairs to Cottages at Kindlestown: The Committee noted the report of the County Engineer that the barges on the 22 cottages at Kindlestown were defective and that four of these had been repaired. The approximate cost was £14 per house. The Committee recommended that the accommodation road leading to the cottages be repaired at an estimated cost of £70.

Application of Tenant at Ballinaclash for Provision of Range: The Committee deferred the matter for a report from the Co. Engineer as to the condition of the range which had been in the cottage and had been removed by the tenant during the war years.

Authorisation of Repairs to Cottages: The Committee authorised the carrying out of repairs to cottages in accordance with the list submitted by the County Engineer.

Coolboy Water Supply: Having considered report of meeting of Local Councillors with the owner of the lands from which the water supply was being taken, the Committee recommended that the owner be paid £150 compensation to cover the acquisition of the water rights free from all encumbrances.

Deputation from Roundwood District: The Committee received a deputation from the Roundwood District in regard to the allocation of cottages. The representations made by members of the deputation were considered by the Committee and the deputation was informed of the reasons for the decisions taken by the Council in the matter.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we approve of report of meeting of the Housing Committee held on 7th July, 1952.

Passed unanimously.

Letting of Cottages at Shillelagh and Brittas Bay.

Councillor P. McCarthy raised the question in regard to the passing over of the "original applicant" in respect of cottage at Shillelagh, and Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett referred to a similar case at Brittas.

The County Manager explained that all cottages provided under the 1946 Scheme must be let in accordance with the Housing (Management and Letting) Regulations, 1950. In deciding upon the tenant to be appointed, regard must be had to the report of the Chief Medical Officer. The County Manager gave particulars of the applications received in both cases referred to, and pointed out that in view of the report of the Chief Medical Officer, it was not possible to comply with the Committee's recommendations in these cases.

Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett, supported by the other members of the Local Housing Committee, asked that the Co. Manager consider the matter further with a view to meeting the unanimous recommendation of the Committee.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That we request the Minister for Local Government to amend the Housing (Management and Letting) Regulations, 1950, to enable the Council to give preference in the allocation of cottages to persons who have obtained the agreement of a land owner to the acquisition of the site on which the cottage was built and who are the heads of households.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Kilcoole Water Supply.

The County Secretary stated that the Co. Engineer had estimated the cost of extending the water main from Kilquade to Kilcoole at £5,500. A letter had now been received from Dublin Corporation indicating that the Corporation was agreeable to grant a supply of water for the purpose of supplying Kilcoole. It had been calculated that the net annual charge in respect of a Loan, having allowed for a State subsidy of 33½ per cent., would be £228. The expenditure in respect of Kilcoole Water supply during the year 1951 amounted to £294 14s. 7d.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the raising of a Loan of £5,500 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years for the purpose of defraying the cost of extending the water main from Kilquade to Kilcoole.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Water Supply for Cottages at Newcastle.

The County Secretary stated that application had been received for the provision of a water supply for four Council cottages at Newcastle Middle. The County Engineer had reported that there was a small spring on the land owned by Mr. Carey adjacent to the road on the opposite side from the cottages, and that Mr. Carey was prepared to let the Council take their water supply to the houses from this spring. The County Engineer suggested that a small covered intake chamber be constructed at the spring, and that the water be piped to the roadside where a small storage tank and tap could be constructed. This would give an ample supply for the four houses. The estimated cost of the work would be £40. The County Secretary stated that Mr. Carey had been asked if he would grant this facility free of charge. The Council had been informed that Mr. Carey desired a payment of £25 in respect of the water supply.

The Council recommended the payment of the sum of £25 to Mr. Carey for the water supply, and it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett;

Resolved—That, having considered report of County Engineer, dated 28th June, 1952, we approve of the works recommended for the purpose of taking a supply of water from a spring on lands owned by Mr. Carey to supply cottages at Newcastle Middle.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16—Application for Moving of Pump at Mill St., Carnew.

The following report of the Assistant Co. Engineer was submitted:
COPY/ The Courthouse,

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

Courthouse, Wicklow.

A Chara,

Tinahely,

8th July, 1952.

Reference to your letter of 2nd instant regarding moving of fountain at Mill Street, Carnew. This fountain has been cut off awaiting repairs. The caretaker informs me that it is subject to much abuse from the users, who jam the handle with stones to keep the water flowing.

The fountain would be much more central if it were moved about 85 yards away, but this will involve laying 85 yards of 3" piping at a total cost of £100.

If the proposal to build houses on Correll's field is agreed to, this main will have to be extended anyhow, and I would suggest that this be deferred until a final decision is reached on the new houses. In

the meantime the hardship involved is not so extreme, as there is water available very centrally which is fit for ordinary purposes except drinking.

The fountain is about 350 yards from the farthest consumer.
Mise, le meas.

C. J. BYRNE,
Assistant Co. Engineer.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea stated that these houses at present had no water supply, as the supply from the Carnew installation was not available.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That we approve of the moving of pump at Mill St., Carnew, to a new position 85 yards away.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 17—Hollywood Water Supply.

The following report of the Assistant County Engineer was submitted:—

COPY/

The County Engineer.

Blessington,

10th July, 1952.

Re: Hollywood Water Supply.

Dear Sir,

The present position in Hollywood is that the samples of water taken indicate that a supply from the stream must be filtered, and perhaps chlorinated as well. Consequently, no scheme at a reduced cost could be obtained in that way.

The District has been examined for springs. Two of these have now been located, from one of which we may expect to get sufficient water without filtration. The water, however, will have to be analysed and tested for quantity during the rest of the Summer. The present supply from each spring is 10,000 gallons per day. As there is no previous knowledge of these springs, it is essential that they be fully tested during the next few months.

Should the test be satisfactory it will reduce the cost, using 4" pipes, to £500, and by using 2" piping, to £350.

The existing tank constructed for use of the Schools and one house only will have to be rebuilt and enlarged at a cost of £200, which will leave the total at £700 for 4" pipes, and £550 for 2" pipes.

No provision is made in the Estimates for extension to site of the new School or houses at Hollywood Crossroads. This would entail a further expenditure of £500. It was, I believe, decided not to proceed with this extension at present.

Yours faithfully,

P. J. FOLEY.

The Council noted that springs would be tested during the period to September, 1952, and asked that immediately the results of the tests were available that the scheme be submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval.

Item No. 18—Boherboy Water Supply.

The Assistant Engineer stated that a water diviner had been engaged to endeavour to find suitable sites for pumps for water supply at Boherboy. The water diviner had reported that there was a supply available at two points in the area.

Proposed by Councillor P. Kehoe;

Seconded by Councillor A. Toomey;

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of two pumps at Boherboy at the points recommended by the Council's Engineer.

Passed unanimously.

The Council asked that the provision of these pumps be given priority.

Item No. 19—Castleruddery Water Supply.

The following report of the Assist. Co. Engineer was submitted:—
COPY/ Blessington,
The County Engineer. 10th July, 1952.

Re: Castleruddery Water Supply.

Dear Sir,

The spring here was cleaned up and protected and the analysis of the water is now good.

A supply from the spring alone is too small for use with a ram. If any appreciable amount of water is to be pumped.

As Rural Electrification of this area is to be undertaken in the near future, the water should be pumped by a small electric motor. As there are only five houses there, with four others some distance away, the quantity required should not be great. I suggest the water tank should be for 1,500 gallons.

The approximate cost of the tank, piping and small house for pump and motor would come to £390.

I cannot at the moment give the cost of the electric supply, but as the point is not far from the Road and houses, I do not think it would exceed £50.

The cost of disturbance for water, say, £25, making a total cost of £465.

Yours faithfully,

P. J. FOLEY.

The Council deferred consideration of the matter pending further report as to the cost of electric supply, and the cost of pumping by electricity.

Item No. 20—Sanitary Convenience at Avoca.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the raising of Loan of £800 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 25 years, with interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. for the purpose of erecting a sanitary convenience at Avoca.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 21—Sanitary Convenience at Dunlavin.

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Medical Officer had reported in regard to the proposal to provide a public sanitary convenience at Dunlavin, and stated that generally speaking in small towns, unless they were tourist centres, public conveniences were found to be undesirable unless one went to the expense of a whole-time caretaker. The Chief Medical Officer stated that Dunlavin was not a tourist centre, and he suggested the erection of a public convenience capable of being hosed out, such convenience to be opened on fair days and market days only, and kept closed on all other occasions. In the opinion of the Chief Medical Officer, this would meet the needs of Dunlavin.

The County Secretary stated that two sites had been suggested, one on the site of the derelict houses, at the Green, Dunlavin, and the other on the Fair Green. The Assistant Engineer had reported that the site at the Fair Green would be the more suitable.

In view of the report of the Chief Medical Officer, the Council decided to adjourn the matter.

Item No. 22—Sanitary Convenience at Newtownmountkennedy.

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Medical Officer had reported that in his opinion a public sanitary convenience was required for the village of Newtownmountkennedy. The Council's Engineer had suggested a site opposite the Courthouse, and the cost of erecting the proposed public convenience had been estimated at £500. Members

of the Council pointed out that the bus stop in the village was located at the premises of Mr. D. Dunne, and suggested that it be more desirable to have the sanitary convenience site close to the bus stop.

The Council decided to defer the matter in order that the views of the local residents might be obtained.

Item No. 23—Sanitary Convenience at Rathnew.

The County Secretary stated that the cost of providing a sanitary convenience at Rathnew had been estimated at £450, and a site on the corner at the junction of the Rathdrum Road with the Dublin-Wicklow road had been recommended. The site was the property of Mr. R. Dowling, Rathnew, who stated that he would be prepared to sell it to the Council for £50. It was understood that Mr. Jack Jacob had objected to the building being provided on this site, but no reply had been received to an inquiry addressed to Mr. Jacob in regard to the matter.

The County Secretary stated that the estimated cost, including the purchase of the site, was £500, and that the Co. Manager considered it doubtful if it would be justified as there was no unusual concentration of traffic at Rathnew. It was also considered that the price asked for the site, i.e., £50, was excessive.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter.

Item No. 24—Public Lighting: Rathnew.

The County Secretary stated that an estimate had been received from the Electricity Supply Board for the provision of additional public lamps at Rathnew. The total cost of one of the lamps was £42, and of another £33. The Assistant Engineer had re-examined the matter, and stated that he considered that the lamps were essential. It was

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

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of six public lamps at Rathnew, as recommended by the County Engineer, and of the acceptance of the estimate of the Electricity Supply Board, dated 20th June, 1952.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 25—Public Lighting: Ballinahinch.

The Council decided to defer this matter for examination by the Local Housing Committee at their next meeting.

Item No. 26—Public Lighting: O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy.

The County Secretary stated that the Electricity Supply Board had indicated that a 200-watt lantern and bracket could be supplied and erected on Pole No. 41 at O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy, free of additional cost to the Council. The cost of lighting the lamp would be £4 19s. 1d. per annum.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan;

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the quotation of the Electricity Supply Board dated 21st June, 1952, in respect of one public lamp at O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 27—Public Lighting: Dunlavin.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant Co. Engineer had recommended the provision of one light outside the Courthouse at Dunlavin, and one light to serve 25 cottages at Church Road, and considered that these lights would be adequate.

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor A. Toomey;

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of one public lamp outside the Courthouse at Dunlavin, and of the provision of one lamp to serve the cottages at Church Road, Dunlavin.

Passed unanimously.

Public Lighting: Blessington.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had inspected the lighting system at Blessington with the Assistant County Engineer, and had reported that he would not recommend more than four lights, namely, one at the Church, one at the garage near the Ulster Bank, one at the Parochial Hall, and one at Naas Road. He agreed that the efficiency of the present number of lights would be greatly improved if a large number of the trees were lopped and the extensive growth and branches were removed. Many lights were badly hidden, and also surrounded by tree branches. The County Engineer considered that the economy and efficiency of the whole system would be more satisfactory if it could be arranged with the Electricity Supply Board to have the lights fixed over the centre of the main road, that is, poles on either side with supporting wires between. The County Secretary stated that the Electricity Supply Board had been asked to submit an estimate of the cost of providing lighting in the manner suggested by the County Engineer.

The Council noted that the estimate from the Electricity Supply Board would be submitted at a later date.

Item No. 28—Glendalough Burial Ground.

The County Secretary stated that the following letter had been received from the Department of Local Government in reply to the Council's further application for the reception of the deputation by the Minister:—

Department of Local Government,
Custom House,
Dublin.
7th July, 1952.

PL1776/7/52.
A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 27th ultimo regarding Glendalough Burial Ground, and to state that there is nothing to add to this Department's letter of 27th May last.

Mise, le meas,

Signed: B. NOLAN.

Secretary,

Wicklow Co. Council.

The Council noted that the Minister was not prepared to re-open the matter.

Item No. 29—National Schools.

The report of the Chief Medical Officer on the condition of National Schools in the County had been circulated to each member of the Council.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter to the next meeting of the Housing Committee, and requested the attendance of the Chief Medical Officer at the meeting.

Item No. 30—Local Authorities' Retired Officers' and Servants' Association.

The Council considered letter received from the Local Authorities' Retired Officers' and Servants' Association. The Council approved of the representations made for the amendment of the Superannuation Act of 1948, to enable local authorities to grant increases in superannuation allowances to retired officers and servants of local authorities.

Vesting of Bog.

The County Secretary stated that representations had been received from residents of Ballyreen for the vesting of a bog at Ballyreen owned by Capt. Kemmis. The County Engineer had reported that