

nine persons residing at Ballycreen had been unable to obtain turf banks, and had asked that the Council vest the bog.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

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

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to the Vesting Order made in respect of 513 acres of bogland at Ballycreen Upper.

Passed unanimously.

Application for Approval to the Erection of Garage at Wingfield.

Having considered site plan submitted, the Council recommended that permission be granted for the erection of a garage at Wingfield, Kilmacanogue.

Allowance to Ambulance Driver.

The Council noted further letter received from the Department of Health indicating that the Minister was not prepared to alter his previous decision in regard to the application for an allowance to Mr. J. O'Rourke, Ambulance Driver.

Application of Mr. Peter Hughes, Arklow, for Permission to Erect Petrol Pump.

Councillor P. McCarthy referred to the recommendation made by the County Council at the previous meeting, and stated that Arklow Urban District Council had also passed a resolution recommending that permission be granted to Peter Hughes for the erection of a petrol pump or tank.

The County Manager explained the reasons why he could not agree to the granting of a licence for the erection of a pump at this place. Councillor W. Cleary asked that the Council's Engineer submit a report in regard to the matter, indicating the distance of the proposed site of the tank from the road junction.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 18th August, 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, P. P. O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Ledwidge, Edwd. Byrne, L. O. Laoighleis, P. N. Murdoch, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, J. Jacob, M. Brennan and Miss E. F. Bobbett.

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

The Deputy County Engineer, and Assistant Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, R. M. Fenlon and P. J. Foley were present.

BUSINESS:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 16th June, 1952.
2. Arrangements for filling the vacancy for Clerk to Shillelagh Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.
3. Filling of vacancy on Wicklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.
4. Renewal of University Scholarships.
5. To allocate Scholarships under the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1952.
6. Report of examiner in regard to examination for Clerk/Typists held in June, 1952.
7. Application from Bray Amusements Committee for closing of roads at Bray on Sunday, 14th September, 1952.
8. Wicklow/Arklow Road—Silver Strand Section—Letter dated 25th July, 1952, from the Department of Local Government.
9. Application of Mr Peter Hughes, Arklow, for permission to erect a Petrol Pump at Ferrybank, Arklow.
10. Enniskerry Public Library—Letter from County Librarian, and report of Assistant County Engineer.
11. Arklow Library—Recommendation of County Library Committee.
12. Provision of Towing Vehicles for Trailer Pumps—Letter from Dept. of Local Government and report of Chief Fire Officer.
13. Report of meeting of Housing Committee held on 11th August, 1952.
14. Report of Sub-Committee in connection with the dismissal of worker employed by the Council at Farbreaga Bog.
15. Letter from the Department of Local Government in regard to the administration of Reconstruction Grant applications.
16. Circular letter, dated 12th August, 1952, Ref. H.9/52, from the Department of Local Government, in regard to the provisions of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952.
17. Circular letter, dated 12th August, 1952, Ref. 10/52, from the Dept. of Local Government, in regard to supplementary grants by Housing Authorities.
18. To affix the Seal of the Council to Lease of portion of land at Ballywaltrim.
19. Circular letter from the Department of Health in regard to Health Services.
20. Letter, dated 28th July, 1952, from the Dept. of Health in regard to requirement that medical graduates serve a period of internship in an approved hospital.
21. Revision of remuneration of Nurses—Letter, dated 1st August, 1952, from the Department of Health.
22. Alterations and Extensions to Baltinglass District Hospital—To authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works for Loan of £27,900.

23. Alterations to County Fever Hospital, Wicklow—To authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works for loan of £5,380.
24. Dispensary at Kilcoole—Letter, dated 15th July, 1952, from the Department of Local Government in regard to raising of loan.
25. Dispensary at Knockenarrigan—Report of Chief Medical Officer in regard to proposal to utilise a vacant cottage at Rustyduff as a Dispensary Depot.
26. Public Lighting: Redcross Village—Quotation from E.S.B.
27. Public Lighting: Kilpedder—Quotation from E.S.B.
28. Public Lighting: Monaline, Newtown—Quotation from E.S.B.
29. Public Lighting: Dunlavin—Quotation from E.S.B.
30. Public Lighting—To authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of additional lighting approved by the Council during the current year.
31. Dumping Ground, Baltinglass—Offer of site.
32. Dumping Ground at Rathnew—Proposed agreement in regard to acquisition.
33. Public Sanitary Convenience at Newtownmountkennedy—Report of Health Inspector.
34. Water Main Extension, Kilpedder/Kilquade—To authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to Mortgage from the Commissioner of Public Works for Loan of £2,700.
35. Water Main Extension, Bellevue, Delgany—To authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to Mortgage from the Commissioner of Public Works for loan of £1,160.
36. Windgates Water Supply—Report of County Engineer in regard to proposed laying of 3' main.
37. Water Supply, Shillelagh—Report of County Engineer.
38. Water Supply, Blessington—Report of County Engineer.
39. Water Supply, Roundwood—Report of County Engineer.
40. Provision of Life-saving equipment on private beaches—Report of Health Inspector.
41. Resolution from Waterford County Council urging the amendment of Regulations for the administration of Health Services Grant to allow of recouplement in full from the State of all expenditure on the treatment of tuberculosis.
42. Resolution from the National Agricultural and Industrial Development Association Inc., calling on the Government to direct the Central Bank to make available funds to local authorities for housing purposes.
43. Resolution from Galway Corporation requesting that the Minister hold an inquiry into the existing rating system with a view to establishing a more just and equitable method of assessing rates.
44. Report received from the Corporation of Limerick in regard to Conference with the Chairman and officials of the E.S.B., in relation to electricity charges, and in regard to proposed Conference of public bodies.
45. Inquiries arising out of County Manager's Orders.
46. New County Hospital at Rathnew—Accommodation to be provided.
47. Enniskerry Water Supply—Report of County Engineer.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

The County Secretary stated that the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th June, 1952, had been proof-read, but had not yet been circulated to the members.

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

Item No. 2—Vacancy for Clerk to Shillelagh O.A.P. Sub-Committee.

The County Secretary stated that consequent on the death of Mr. Thomas Fleming, Shillelagh, it would be necessary to arrange for the filling of the vacancy for Clerk to Shillelagh Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee. It was proposed to invite applications by public advertisement for the post.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That we approve of applications being invited by public advertisement for the post of Clerk to Shillelagh Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.

Passed unanimously.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor W. Hammond, seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, the Council passed a resolution conveying the sympathy of the members of the Council to the relatives of the late Mr. Thomas Fleming, former official of the Council.

The County Manager asked that he and the members of the Staff be associated with the terms of the Council's resolution.

On the proposal of Councillor P. McCarthy, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with the relatives of the late Mr. P. O'Reilly, Avoca, who had been a member of Arklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

Item No. 3—Wicklow O.A.P. Sub-Committee.

The County Secretary stated that the Clerk to the Wicklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee had reported that a vacancy existed on the Sub-Committee due to the resignation of Very Rev. P. J. O'Flynn, P.P. The Committee, at meeting held on 29th July, 1952, recommended that the Council appoint Councillor J. Jacob, Rathnew, to fill the vacancy.

Proposed by Councillor Senator McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillor J. Jacob, Rathnew, as a member of the Wicklow Old Age Pension Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Very Rev. P. J. O'Flynn, P.P.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Renewal of University Scholarships.

The following report, received from University College, Dublin, was submitted:—

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

Registrar's Office,
Dublin.

18th July, 1952.

Dear Sir,
I wish to report on the Summer Examinations in respect of the following Scholarship holders from your Council:—

O'Callaghan, William C.*—Passed the First University Examination in Engineering.

Mulcahy, Joseph A.*—Passed the First University Examination in Engineering.

Haughton, Gabriel F.*—Passed the First University Examination in Arts.

Hayden, William J. R.*—Passed the Second University Examination in Civil Engineering with Second Class Honours.

Gilheany, Margaret M.*—Passed the Fourth University Examination in Architecture.

Robinson, Brenda—Passed the subsidiary subject (Spanish) for the B.Comm. Degree. A report on the professional subjects will be furnished after the Autumn Examinations.

MacCathmhaoil, Iobar—Rejected at the B.E. (Mechanical and Electrical Degree) Examination. The next Examination for the Degree will be Summer, 1953.

A report on the following will be sent to you after the Autumn Examinations:—Magee Elizabeth L.; Kavanagh, Michael J.; Mescal, Andrew A.

*Renewal of Scholarship is recommended.

Yours faithfully,

J. J. HOGAN,

Registrar.

The County Secretary stated that Miss M. Gilheany had applied for a further renewal of her Scholarship for a final year, having passed her Fourth Year Architectural Examination.

The County Secretary stated that applications had been received from Miss E. M. Magee and Mr. M. Kavanagh for extensions of their Scholarships, but that reports on examinations in these cases were not yet available.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we approve of the renewal of University Scholarships for the following Scholarship-holders: William C. O'Callaghan, Joseph A. Mulcahy, Gabriel F. Houghton, William J. R. Hayden, Miss Margaret M. Gilheany.

Passed unanimously.

The Chairman stated that in the University Scholarship Examination for the coming year, it should be indicated that Scholarships will be available only for Courses not exceeding three years.

The Council noted that Scholarship for Mr. Iobhar MacCathmhaoil could not be renewed.

Item No. 5—Secondary and Vocational Schools Scholarship Scheme, 1952.

The County Secretary submitted details of the results of the examination for Scholarships under the Council's Secondary and Vocational Schools Scholarship Scheme, 1952. Twenty-nine candidates passed the examination; eighteen failed; and two did not attend.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—Subject to the sanction of the Minister for Education, we hereby approve of the award of Scholarships to the following successful candidates under the Council's Scheme:—

Category 1A—Patrick Joseph O'Sullivan,
Brendan Thomas Kelly,
William Joseph Morrissey,
Maire Teresa Cullen,
Mary Christina Murphy,
Catherine Teresa Quinn.

Category 1B—Maurice Robert O'Brien,
James Patrick Tyrrell,
Joseph Senan Jacob,
Mairead Aine Ni Laimbeart,
Maire C. Ni hEachtain,
Kathleen B. McCrudden.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Clerk/Typists Examination.

The County Secretary submitted report of the Examiner on the Examination for Clerk/Typists held in June/July, 1952. The Council noted the results submitted.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea inquired whether the examinations for posts as Clerk/Typists and Clerical Officers could be confined to persons residing within the County. The County Secretary stated

that the Regulations in regard to the examinations had been declared by the Minister, and that they could not be confined.

Proposed by Councillor P. N. Murdoch;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we request the Minister to amend the Regulations in regard to the holding of examinations for posts as Clerk/Typists and Clerical Officers, and agree to confine competition for these posts to persons residing within the County.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, P. Murdoch, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, Jos. Jacob, C. W. Hudson, Miss E. F. Bobbett and H. J. Byrne—11.

AGAINST: Councillors T. Brennan, T.D.; P. Ledwidge, Ed. Byrne, Wm. Lawless and M. Brennan—5.

Councillor W. Hammond did not vote.

The resolution was passed by eleven votes in favour to five against.

The results of the examination were as follows:—

Order of Merit	Exam. No.	Name	Irish	English	Arithmetic	Shorthand	Typewriting	Interview	TOTAL
1st	26	Genevieve E. O'Hanlon, Monaghan	---	---	170	662	644	260	1566
2nd	17	Catherine S. Maher, Clonmel	---	---	300	642	669	240	1551
3rd	2	Anastasia M. Byrne, Arklow	145	147	300	636	636	220	1498
4th	13	Anna Mary Joyce, Arklow	---	---	---	663	622	175	1460
5th	27	Mary T. O'Keefe, Clonmel	---	---	---	580	625	235	1450
6th	20	Una P. McGurk, Laois	---	---	---	587	576	240	1403
7th	16	Mary B. Key, Clonmel	---	---	---	592	505	260	1367
8th	25	Mary F. O'Farrell, Greystones	---	---	---	478	588	245	1311
9th	21	Philomena M. Murray, Wicklow	---	---	---	461	545	275	1281
10th	23	Johanna F. O'Brien, Co. Wexford	---	---	200	484	494	260	1238
11th	4	Mary J. Byrne, Arklow	---	---	---	400	498	260	1152
12th	14	Sheila J. Kavanagh, Ashford	---	---	---	612	280	260	1152
13th	19	Elizabeth McGuire, Greystones	---	---	---	336	573	230	1139
14th	6	Elizabeth M. Commons, Mullingar	---	---	---	322	508	250	1080
15th	29	Patricia M. Sheehan, Enniscorthy	---	---	---	367	486	225	1078
16th	11	Angela S. Higgins, Monasterevan	---	---	---	367	385	280	1033
17th	28	Joan T. O'Neill, Clontarf, Dublin	---	---	---	303	385	280	1033
18th	12	Ellen Hogan, Castlemahan, Co. Limerick	---	---	---	370	404	250	957
19th	8	Teresa M. Driven, Glencady, Rathdrum	---	---	---	286	318	225	913
20th	10	Mairin Ní Fithcheallaigh, Rathdrum	---	---	---	289	297	220	803
	3	Elizabeth M. Byrne, Arklow	---	---	---	160	338	170	797
	5	Anna C. Colfer, Arklow	---	---	---	175	413	265	797
	7	Brigid Doyle, Bray	---	---	---	154	350	280	780
	15	Johanna Kennedy, Co. Limerick	---	---	---	145	339	165	749
	18	Evelyn Mellon, Rathdrum	---	---	---	145	281	230	749
	24	Margaret O'Driscoll, Wicklow	---	---	---	145	614	155	749
	22	Rose Murray, Arklow	---	---	---	229	671	200	749
			(57)	(95)		(229)	(131)	(120)	
						344			

Item No. 7—Closing of Roads at Bray.

The following letter, received from Bray Amusements Committee was submitted:—

Town Hall,
Bray.

Dear Sir,

5th August, 1952.
On 14th September next, in connection with Bray Festival (6th-14th September), it is intended to hold a 100-kilometre Cycle Race which will necessitate the closing of some roads during the time the race will be in progress. As some of the route the race will follow is under the control of the Wicklow County Council, I am requested by my Committee to make application to your Council for the making of the required Order. The roads in question are set out at the foot of this letter. I have also to inform you that application is being made to the Bray Urban Council in regard to the roads under the control of that Council. The Garda Authorities have been consulted before approaching you and have intimated that they have no objection. It will be appreciated if the County Council is good enough to approve of this request.

I may add that the application is identical with that approved for last year's race.

Yours faithfully,

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

E. J. McDONNELL,
Hon. Secretary.

ROADS TO BE CLOSED.

(1) Strand Road from Albert Avenue to Putland Road; (2) Albert Avenue.

TIME OF CLOSING ROADS:

From 3 o'clock p.m. to 6.30 o'clock p.m. on Sunday, 14th September, 1952.

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

Resolved—That we approve of application being made to the Minister for Local Government for an Order for the closing of the following roads at Bray, from 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, 14th September, 1952:—(1) Strand Road from Albert Avenue to Putland Road; (2) Albert Avenue.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Silver Strand Section—Wicklow/Arklow Road.

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

Dept. of Local Government,
Roads,
Custom House,
Dublin.

R/RU/33/1.

Wicklow/Arklow Road: Silver Strand Section

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 9th ultimo on the above subject and to state that Items 1-3, inclusive of the estimate (£3 030 in all), appear to be in order, and there is no objection to the Council proceeding with these items.

As to Items 4 and 5, however, I am to point out that the risks of failure associated with the soil stabilisation method, which is as yet untried in this country, are greater than those normally to be encountered in constructing a stone based carriageway. It appears from the estimate submitted that the saving, if any, which would arise, from the use of the new method would not be such as to justify its

use over the whole length of the road to be constructed. If the Council so desire, the Minister would be prepared to authorise the construction of an experimental section of road of about one-eighth mile in length by the soil stabilisation method. The costs of such experimental section should be kept separately and a detailed report furnished in due course on the soil characteristics, control tests and construction procedure. In the meantime, arrangements should be made to prepare and submit a revised scheme providing for a stone base course and grouted macadam surface for the carriageway. California Bearing Ratio tests should be carried out to determine the appropriate thickness of construction. The revised scheme should be accompanied by detailed documents.

A further letter will issue later regarding the financing of the scheme.

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

Mise le meas,

E. T. SHEEHY

Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.

The County Secretary stated that the Deputy County Engineer had reported that the method now proposed to be used was one which had been developed by the Council for use on mountain roads and had proved very satisfactory and cheap. It consisted of spalling, the spreading of 3" of 2"-3" stone and grouting with tar. The original estimate for soil stabilisation was submitted in January, 1950, and since then the price of cement had greatly increased. The Deputy County Engineer pointed out that soil stabilisation was not a new method, but was new in Ireland. Hundreds of thousands of miles had been constructed in America and England. The main disadvantage in this climate was that continuous rain would seriously affect the work. The Deputy County Engineer also pointed out that one mile of road had been constructed by this method, and it had proved satisfactory and cheap.

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

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Resolved—That the County Engineer prepare the revised documents requested by the Department of Local Government, and we request the Department to indicate when the grant for this work will be available. This Council considers that the work should not be delayed any further.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Application for Permission to Erect a Petrol Pump at Ferrybank, Arklow.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
18th August, 1952.

Re: Erection of Petrol Pump at Ferrybank, by Mr. Peter Hughes.

I have examined the proposed site for the erection of petrol pump at Ferrybank by Mr. Peter Hughes. The road at this point is 32ft. wide and the footpath is 19ft. wide for a distance of about 60 feet, when it is reduced on either side to 8' 6".

The position of the pump would be approximately 80 yards linl. from the corner, which is very dangerous due to the fast traffic coming from Dublin and further complicated by the traffic coming in from the Sea Road.

In my opinion, petrol pumps should not be erected here unless they can be kept well in from the road and footpath so that cars

getting supplies of petrol will not cause an obstruction to vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

Signed: R. L. FARRELL,
Deputy County Engineer.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter in order that the Council's Engineer could interview the applicant, and see if the pump could be erected on a site which would meet the requirements of the Council.

Item No. 10—Enniskerry Library.

The following letter from the County Librarian was submitted:—
Mr. K. J. Brangan, County Librarian,
Co. Secretary, Greystones,
Courthouse, Wicklow. 31/7/52.

Re: Enniskerry Library Lettings.

A Chara,

At their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, the 29th July, 1952, the County Library Committee directed me to send you and to the County Manager copy of the following resolution adopted at the meeting:—

Proposed by Mr. C. M. Byrne, M.C.C.;

Seconded by Miss E. F. Bobbett, M.C.C.;

Resolved—That we protest strongly against the improper use of the library building at Enniskerry by the Enniskerry Parish Committee; we request the Co. Manager to cancel the agreement dated 31/12/47, made directly between the Co. Council and Enniskerry Parish Committee; the terms of which removed effective control of the Enniskerry library building from the County Library Committee; to give immediate notice to the Enniskerry Parish Committee to hand over possession of the premises together with all keys of the building; to have all repairs necessary at Enniskerry library building executed without further delay, and to recover from Enniskerry Parish Committee the cost of such repairs.

We protest against the agreement dated 27/3/51 made between the Co. Council directly and the Manager of Enniskerry No. 1 N.S., on the ground that the agreement was made directly between the County Council and the Manager of Enniskerry N.S., and that the witnesses of this agreement do not include any member or officer of the County Library Committee.

We make the following recommendations to the County Manager:

1. The acceptance of the agreement for letting Enniskerry library building formerly in use by the County Library Committee from 1930-1947, whereby the County Library Committee controlled all lettings of the Enniskerry library building.
2. The making of a fresh agreement between the Co. Library Committee and the Manager of Enniskerry No. 1 N.S.
3. The provision of a new lock for Enniskerry library building, together with three keys to be delivered to the County Librarian.
4. The implementation of recommendations regarding Enniskerry Library made by the County Librarian in October, 1950:—

- (a) That the County Engineer's Department be instructed to have the Enniskerry Library grounds cleaned regularly once each fortnight;
- (b) That a cleaner be appointed to keep the interior of Enniskerry Library building clean;
- (c) That a table and two chairs be supplied to Enniskerry Library for the use of the local librarian;
- (d) That the old book case, 9' 1" now in the room used for school purposes be reconstructed into a wall book case for juvenile literature.

5. The immediate cleaning of Enniskerry Library grounds by the County Engineer's department.
Passed.

Le meas,
Signed: B. REDMOND.

The following report of the Council's Engineer was submitted:—
Courthouse,
Wicklow.
18th August, 1952.

Re: Enniskerry Library.

As requested, I have inspected the above and wish to submit the following report:—

The building is structurally sound, but needs considerable repairs. The following is a list of repairs needed:—

1. Replace 3 slates on roof;
2. Patch-plaster internal wall;
3. Replace front grill on fireplace;
4. Cut out and point three cracks in wall;
5. Replace 33 panes of glass;
6. Repair fascia board;
7. Paint all woodwork.

The approximate cost of above repairs is £30.

Regarding the cleaning of grounds, I would suggest that the weeds and brush-growth be cut and the front be re-gravelled at an estimated cost of £11. When the initial cleaning has been completed, an employee of the Council could be appointed to spend one half-day per fortnight to keep the grounds in a proper condition. This would involve a cost of approximately £10 per annum.

The cost of supplying a table and two chairs, as suggested by the librarian, would be £10 10s.

There is no indication that any damage has been caused to the premises as a result of letting to the Enniskerry Parish Committee.

Signed: R. M. FENLON,
Assistant Co. Engineer.

Councillor P. Ledwidge and the Chairman stated that they were satisfied that the use of the building by the Enniskerry Parish Committee had been of advantage to the residents of the area.

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

Resolved—That we approve of repairs being carried out to the Enniskerry Library building as recommended by the Council's Engineer, and approve of his recommendation for the regular cleaning of the Library grounds.

Passed unanimously.

On the suggestion of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the Council agreed that members of the Council for the Bray electoral area would meet representatives of the Enniskerry Parish Committee, together with the County Librarian, in relation to the matter.

Item No. 11—Arklow Library.

The following letter from the Co. Librarian was submitted:—
Mr. K. J. Brangan, County Librarian,
Co. Secretary, Greystones,
Courthouse, Wicklow 31/7/52.
A Chara,

At their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, the 29th July, 1952, the County Library Committee requested me to send you copy of the following resolution which they adopted:

Proposed by Mr. C. M. Byrne, M.C.C.;
Seconded by Miss E. Bobbett, M.C.C.:

Resolved—That having read a letter of the 2nd July, 1952, addressed by the Secretary of the Co. Council to the County Librarian

on the subject of Arklow Library, intimating that it is proposed to spend a sum of £80 on shelving the front wall of the Courtroom for the purposes of a Library, we are of the opinion that such shelving would not meet the library requirements of Arklow, and recommend the Co. Manager not to proceed with the proposed shelving, but to provide for the erection of a library building shelved to hold 5,000 books and properly equipped on some suitable site in the town of Arklow.

Mise le meas,
B. REDMOND.

Councillor P. McCarthy suggested that the possibility of providing an extension to the Courthouse to provide accommodation for a library might be examined. The County Manager stated that this proposal would be investigated, and that the Council's Engineer was also making inquiries in regard to the possibility of renting a suitable premises.

Item No. 12—Provision of Towing Vehicles for Trailer Pumps.

The following letter from the Dept. of Local Government was submitted:—
Custom House,
Dublin.

L/52.

Towing Vehicles.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that it has been pointed out from time to time that if the maximum efficiency is to be secured in firefighting, all brigades should be fully mobile. For this reason the necessity for the provision of Towing Vehicles for all trailer pumps in their areas has been urged upon local authorities and recommendations to this effect have been made in all communications which have issued from this Department regarding the organisation of the firefighting services.

An early report should now be furnished as to the extent to which these recommendations have been implemented in the Wicklow County area. A list should also be furnished giving the location, type and horsepower of all Towing vehicles in the area. The Council's proposals regarding the provision of additional vehicles should also be indicated. Where these are on order it should be stated when delivery of them is expected.

Mise le meas,
N. de PAOR.

The following report of the Chief Fire Officer was submitted:—
County Secretary, Courthouse,
Wicklow Co. Council, Bray.
Courthouse, Wicklow. 24th June, 1952.

Re: Towing Vehicles for Fire Brigade.

In reply to your letter of the 20th instant, with reference to towing vehicles for trailer pumps, I wish to state that only one towing vehicle, a 26 h.p. Chevrolet, circa 1930, is available on a 24-hour schedule, this vehicle is situated at Bray. In Wicklow, Greystones, Tinahely, Baltinglass, a County Council lorry is available only at night and at week-ends. In Carnew towing is carried out by a local shop-keeper's van, if available; in Blessington, where there is no Council lorry, and the local garage has no suitable vehicle, the brigade can attend only village fires.

As already mentioned in earlier reports, towing facilities are in general very bad, there have been many instances when brigades could not proceed to fires or else many hours were lost in locating a towing vehicle. I had provided in my current estimates for the purchase of a self-propelled fire engine for Wicklow, but this item was struck out

In my opinion a towing vehicle should be at least 30 h.p. and should have ample storage for equipment as well as seating accommodation for a crew of 6/8, such a vehicle must of necessity cost an appreciable sum. I understand that Kildare County Council have converted lorries to such a purpose and the cost was approximately £900 per vehicle, the lorries were bought secondhand and converted in the Council's own workshops; we have not got the facilities for carrying out such works.

I do not advocate the spending of large sums on towing vehicles which could not be used for any other purpose; also it must be borne in mind that all our trailer pumps are made of war grade materials and in many cases spares are unobtainable.

In view of the above remarks, I recommend the provision of appliances as set out below:—

- Bray:** 500 g.p.m. self-propelled "Firefly" (already purchased).
500 g.p.m. "Apex" trailer pump (to be transferred from Arklow).
Towing vehicle (chevrolet now in Bray).
- Arklow:** 350 g.p.m. self-propelled "Hatfield" (now in Rathdrum).
120 g.p.m. light trailer pump (now at this station).
- Rathdrum:** 500 g.p.m. self-propelled appliance (to be purchased).
120 g.p.m. light trailer pump (now at this station).
- Wicklow:** 750 g.p.m. self-propelled "Sulzer" (now in Bray).
500 g.p.m. "Apex" trailer pump (now at this station).
- Baltinglass:** 500 g.p.m. "Beresford Stork" trailer pump (now at Baltinglass). Towing vehicle (to be purchased).
- Dunlavin:** 750 g.p.m. Self-propelled "Sulzer" (now at this station).
120 g.p.m. Light trailer Pump (now at this station).
- Greystones:** 120 g.p.m. Light Trailer Pump (now at this station). Towing vehicle (to be purchased).
- Tinahely:** 120 g.p.m. light trailer pump (now at this station). Towing vehicle (to be purchased).
- Carnew:** 120 g.p.m. light trailer pump (now at this station). Council might consider present facilities satisfactory.
- Blessington:** 120 g.p.m. light trailer pump (now at this station). Towing vehicle (to be purchased).

It will be observed that I recommend the transfer from Rathdrum to Arklow of the "Hatfield" Merryweather appliance and the purchase of a new machine for Rathdrum. The Merryweather is an open type appliance and is unsuitable for Rathdrum Brigade who have to travel long distances in bad weather.

The "Sulzer" engines are war grade appliances which were purchased secondhand after the war; the present mechanical condition of these machines is only fair, and the present "Sulzer" in Bray will have to be extensively overhauled in the near future.

I strongly urge the Council to place an order for a self-propelled appliance before considering the purchase of towing vehicles.

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

The County Manager stated that he could not recommend the Council to purchase the additional equipment suggested by the Chief Fire Officer. The Fire Brigade services had been extended considerably in recent years, and the Council must have regard to the total cost of the service in view of the fact that no State assistance is provided.

The Council agreed to adjourn the matter to the Estimates Meeting.

Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett referred to a complaint which she had received from Mr. Johnson, Knockanree, Avoca, in regard to attendance of the Fire Brigade at a fire which occurred on his property on the 4th August, 1952.

The County Secretary submitted the following report which had been received from the Chief Fire Officer:—

Courthouse,

Bray.

7th August, 1952.

County Secretary,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Report on Fire at Knockanree, Avoca.

A Chara,

On Monday, 4th instant, a large hay barn caught fire at Knockanree, the property of Henry Johnson.

The following brigades were called out by the Garda from Avoca: Arklow at 1.0 a.m., Rathdrum at 1.35 a.m., and Wicklow at 1.10 a.m. The times of arrival on the scene of the fire were as follows:—Arklow 1.45 a.m., Wicklow 2.0 a.m., and Rathdrum 2.20 a.m.

I was present at the fire from 4.0 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. No water whatever was found in the neighbourhood, all streams were dry, the nearest supply being the Avoca River, approximately two miles distant—too far away to pump from and also 300 feet below the farm.

A large barn filled with hay was found to be well alight, it was situated close to cowsheds on three sides, the doors of these sheds caught fire, but the buildings were saved by the brigades, who used a bucket chain from a small water tank used for livestock. I estimate that over 300 tons of hay were destroyed and the barn, a structure measuring 60' x 58', was badly damaged. As no water was available, I sent the Rathdrum brigade back to their station at 6.30 a.m., and Wicklow brigade at 6 a.m. I kept the Arklow brigade at the fire until 7 p.m., when the hay was completely burned out. Close to the scene of the fire was another hay rick of approximately 250 tons, and there was continual danger from sparks again setting fire to the outoffices of the farm, although the latter were kept cooled with buckets of water. I also had the Arklow trailer pump at a tank of water with a capacity of some 200 gallons with a line of hose made down to the fire; this tank was located 600 yards from the fire. We did not use this water, but kept it in reserve in case the fire got out of control and spread to the dwellinghouse. It would, of course, be useless to use such a small quantity of water on the rick. A strong wind made the danger from sparks very serious.

The cost of payments to firemen will be £84 approximately.

Mise, le meas,

H. R. H. SHARPE,

County Fire Officer.

The Council asked that a further report be submitted to the Council in regard to the matter raised by Clr. Bobbett.

The Council also noted report of the Chief Fire Officer, dated 7th August, 1952, in regard to the fire which took place at Ballymerrigan, Glenealy.

Item No. 13—Report of Meeting of Housing Committee.

The following report of the meeting of the Housing Committee, held on 11th August, 1952, had been circulated to the members:—

A meeting of the Housing Committee of the Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th August, 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, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, Ed. Byrne, P. Ledwidge, L. O Laoighleis, W. Cleary, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Jacob, M. J. Brennan and Miss E. F. Bobbett.

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

Mr. R. L. Farrell, Deputy Co. Engineer, and Assistant Co. Engineers: C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, R. Fenlon and P. J. Foley were present.

Approval of Draft Mortgage re Alterations and Extensions to County Fever Hospital, Wicklow.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., the Council approved of the draft Mortgage received from the Commissioners of Public Works in respect of the loan of £5,380 to defray the cost of alterations and extensions at the County Fever Hospital, Wicklow, and authorised the affixing of the Seal of the Council to the undertaking for the repayment of the loan.

Draft Mortgage to Defray Cost of Alterations and Extensions to the District Hospital, Baltinglass.

On the proposal of Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly, the Council approved of the draft Mortgage received from the Commissioners of Public Works in respect of the loan of £27,900 to defray the cost of alterations and extensions to the District Hospital, Baltinglass, and authorised the affixing of the Seal of the Council to the undertaking for the repayment of the loan.

Housing Progress Report: The Committee approved of the attached report of the County Engineer on the progress of the Housing Scheme during the month of July, 1952. In reply to an inquiry from Councillor Ledwidge, the County Manager stated that it was expected that the houses at Killarney Lane would be completed within one month. He gave particulars of the arrangements which had been made in regard to sewage disposal.

The Council asked that the cottage erected on Site No. 252, at present in use temporarily as a store, be advertised for letting.

Housing (Management and Letting) Regulations, 1950: Following a discussion in regard to the Regulations, the Committee agreed that the Deputies representing the County in Dail Eireann and Senator J. J. McCrea, wait on the Minister for Local Government with a view to seeking an amendment of the Regulations.

Lay-out Plan for Housing Scheme at Tigroney, Avoca: The lay-out plan for the housing scheme at Tigroney, Avoca, was examined by the Committee and it was noted that the scheme would require the construction of access roads and the provision of water and sewerage services. The Committee considered that the cost of the scheme would be such as would require a rent which would be beyond the capacity of the prospective tenants to pay. The Committee recommended that the lay-out plan be submitted to the Dept. of Local Government, and that the Department be requested to agree to the Council providing a rural type of cottage to a lower density on the site.

Scheme for Erection of 5-Roomed Houses at Carnew: The County Secretary stated that a meeting of persons interested in the scheme for the erection of 5-roomed houses at Carnew, to be let on a recent Tenant Purchase basis, had been held at the Technical Schools, Carnew, at 4 p.m. on Friday, 11th July, 1952. Plans for a two-storey house and also alternative plans for a single storey house, together with the lay-out plan for the scheme, were available for inspection. Four persons attended and indicated their intention of applying for the houses. The applicants indicated that they favoured the two-storey type of dwelling. Senator J. J. McCrea had submitted names of a further five persons whom he stated would also wish to apply for such houses. The applicants were informed that the weekly charge in respect of the houses exclusive of rates would be from 25/- to 28/- per week. The Committee recommended that enquiries be made in order to ascertain the number of persons who would definitely require houses on this site.

Housing Scheme at O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy: The Committee considered letter dated 21st July, 1952, from Department of Local Government in which it was stated that the Council should consider the erection of the 16 houses at O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy in two terraces and thus avoid the extensive development costs on roads, paths, sewers and water mains. It was indicated that by this means, it was considered that extensive reductions should be possible. The Committee also considered the report of the Council's Architect in regard to the proposal of the Department in which he stated that, while the erection of the houses in terraced blocks would result in the elimination of part of the access road, and footpath, it would be necessary to site the terraces at that part of the site having the steepest gradient and that, accordingly, there would be a considerable amount of underbuilding. It was the opinion of the Council's Architect that the provision of terraced blocks would not be a satisfactory solution to the problem of the provision of the houses in the area, and that the possible nett saving in over-all cost by the building of two terraced blocks would not be extensive, having regard to the number of houses to be erected and would not justify the alteration of the existing lay-out. The Committee recommended that the views of the Council's Architect on the matter be forwarded to the Department of Local Government.

Report of Assist. Chief Medical Officer, re Number of Applications for Cottages in Various Districts in the County.

The Assistant Chief Medical Officer reported that from examination of the number of applicants for cottages in each of the eleven districts, it would appear that in some of the areas in the county the building programme had reached and passed saturation point. The Co. Secretary pointed out that in western and southern parts of the county there was not a great demand for cottages and in some cases difficulty had been experienced in obtaining tenants. The Committee noted the details submitted.

Water and Sewerage Services for Cottages at Newtownmountkennedy: The County Secretary referred to representations received from the Newtownmountkennedy district for the provision of water and sewerage services for four cottages at the Main Street and 17 cottages at Church Road. In regard to the 17 cottages at Church Road, the Committee had noted at a previous meeting that the provision of water and sewerage services for these cottages would involve an increase in the rent of 3/1½d. per week, and, accordingly, had decided not to proceed with the scheme. The Cottage Tenants' Association Committee had inquired whether the cost of the scheme might be reduced if voluntary labour were provided. The County Manager considered that this suggestion would not be practicable, especially if the scheme, which was a rather large one, were carried out by contract. The Committee noted the position in the matter.

In regard to the four cottages at Main Street, Newtownmountkennedy, the cost of providing water and sewerage services would require an increase in the rent of 1/5d. per week and tenants concerned had indicated that they were prepared to pay this increase. The Committee recommended that this scheme be proceeded with.

Temporary Dwellings: Having considered report of Health Inspector and report of Assistant County Engineer, the Committee recommended that a licence be issued to Mr. Thomas Staunton, Brittas Bay, Wicklow, for the use of his land for the retention of 14 caravans.

Application under Town and Regional Planning Acts: Following a discussion in regard to an application for approval to the erection of a garage at Wingfield, Holybrooke, near Bray, the Committee decided to adjourn the matter pending submission of detailed plans.

The Committee noted letter from Department of Local Government in regard to the appeal on behalf of Messrs. Butler against the Council's refusal of permission for extensions to the Ballroom at The Scalp and the terms of the reply submitted on behalf of the Council.

Applications for Loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts: The Committee recommended that a loan of £500 be made to Mrs. Annie O'Hanlon in respect of the erection of a house at Burgage Moyle, Talbotstown Lower, Blessington.

Having considered reply received from Mr. Patk. Burke, Lackareagh, Baltinglass, in regard to the suggested modification of the plans submitted by him for a house at Lackareagh, Baltinglass, the Committee recommended that a loan of £1,000 be made to Mr. Burke.

Access to the Sea from New Road at Silver Strand: Having considered report of Assistant County Engineer in regard to his interviews with land owners, the Committee recommended that a further inquiry be made in regard to obtaining access to the sea from the proposed new Coast Road.

Provision of New Dispensaries: The Committee considered report of the Chief Medical Officer dated 28th July, 1952, in regard to the proposed provision of new dispensaries and noted that he suggested the following priorities:—(1) Baltinglass; (2) Rathdrum; (3) Avoca; (4) Wicklow; (5) Carnew; (6) Auhrim; (7) Coollatin.

The Committee also noted that the Chief Medical Officer considered that in regard to repairs and reconstruction, the most urgent works were required at Blessington, Dunganstown, Newtown and Dunlavin. The County Secretary stated that the cost of providing seven new dispensaries, together with the acquisition of the sites was estimated at £9,000. Having allowed for grants of £600 in respect of each dispensary, the net cost to the Council was £4,800. The Committee approved in principle of the provision of the new dispensaries as recommended by the Chief Medical Officer, the work to be financed by way of loan, and directed that the County Engineer submit his recommendations in regard to sites, together with detailed plans and specification. In regard to repairs to dispensaries, the Co. Engineer was asked to submit estimates of the cost of repairs in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer.

Condition of National Schools: Having considered report of Chief Medical Officer, the Committee recommended that the condition of National Schools, not regarded as satisfactory, be brought to the notice of the Managers and the Department of Education. The Chief Medical Officer, who attended the meeting, was asked to give a further report in regard to Granabeg Schools.

Repairs to Cottages Carried out during the Month of July, 1952: The Committee noted the list submitted by the County Engineer of cottage repairs carried out during the month of July.

Authorisation of Repairs to Cottages: The Committee approved of repairs being carried out to cottages in accordance with the estimate submitted by the County Engineer.

Dismissal of Employee: A special committee, consisting of members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area and the Chairman, was appointed to investigate the circumstances relating to the dismissal of an employee of the Council and to submit a report on the matter to the Council.

Turf Production: The Co. Manager informed the Council of the arrangements made for the disposal of turf at Sallygap and Ballinaggee to Dublin Board of Assistance and of other arrangements for disposing of the turf produced during the current year. Members of the Committee expressed appreciation of the Manager's efforts in regard to the matter.

Provision of Water Supply for Cottages at Sea Bank, near Arklow: The Committee agreed that special priority be given to the provision of a well to provide a water supply for cottages at Sea Bank, Arklow.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the report of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on the 11th August, 1952.

Passed unanimously.

Application from Rathnew Tenants' Association for Reception of Deputation by the Council.

The County Secretary referred to the application which had been received by the Council from the Rathnew Tenants' Association for the reception of a deputation at the next meeting of the Council, and stated that, as instructed by the Council, he had asked the Honorary Secretary of the Association to submit information as to the matters on which the Association wished to make representations to the Council. The following reply had been received:—

Mr. K. J. Brangan, 11, St. Brigid's Terrace,
County Secretary, Rathnew.
Courthouse, Wicklow. 15th August, 1952.

Dear Sir,

I am to refer to your letter, which I received some time ago, in reply to my letter for a deputation to be met by the County Council at their next County Council meeting; to submit matters to be raised by our Deputation. My Committee instructs me to say that they (the Committee), having carefully considered your request, see no reason why matters to be raised should be submitted to the Co. Council before the application for the deputation has been granted by the Council, and, furthermore, if my Committee were to accede to the Council's request, in the future when my Committee would require a further deputation to be met, they could be told, or requested, as now, to submit such matters to be raised before the County Council would give their consent to meet them; and, finally, in all cases, the submission of matters to be raised beforehand would undoubtedly prejudice the position of our members of the deputation in a matter of a practical and patient hearing, which can be attributed to the manner in which the County Council would receive them.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: M. FRANEY,
Hon. Secretary.

The Council agreed that since a deputation from the Association had been received at a previous meeting of the Council, a further deputation could not be received unless the information required by the Council was not submitted.

Item No. 14—Report of Sub-Committee in Connection with Dismissal of Worker Employed by the Council at Farbreaga Bog.

The Council considered, in committee, the report of the County Manager in regard to the meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed by the Council to investigate the matter of the dismissal of an employee of the Council at Farbreaga Bog.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor P. N. Murdoch;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the report of the meeting of the Committee appointed by the Council to inquire into the circumstances of the dismissal of Council employee employed at Farbreaga Bog.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager stated that in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee, the worker concerned would be re-employed.

Item No. 15—Reconstruction Grants.

The following letter from the Department of Local Government was submitted:—
Custom House,
Dublin.

Dear County Manager,

23rd July, 1952.

The Minister has decided to discontinue the present system of administration of reconstruction grant applications under Section 16 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948, whereby responsibility for dealing with the early stages of applications under the Section devolves on local authorities.

As from the 1st September, 1952, all new applications for such grants will be dealt with in the Department, and intending applicants after that date should apply direct to the Housing Section, Department of Local Government, Custom House, Dublin. Arrangements should, accordingly, be made to give adequate public notice of the revised procedure locally.

It will be appreciated that the altered procedure will entail a certain amount of dislocation. To minimise these effects, it is proposed that existing cases under examination locally should continue to be dealt with by the Councils pending the making of arrangements for the taking over of current files. These arrangements will be made at the earliest practicable date.

The Minister would like to take the opportunity of expressing his thanks to the Council, to you and to your staff generally for their willing co-operation in the experiment.

Yours sincerely,

P. COSGRAVE.

The Co. Manager.

Members of the Council expressed regret at the proposed alteration in the procedure for dealing with applications for reconstruction grants, and stated that they had been dealt with very satisfactorily by the Council's staff. The Council asked that representations be made to the Dept. of Local Government that the existing arrangements for dealing with reconstruction grants be allowed to continue.

Item No. 16—Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952.

The County Manager stated that a lengthy circular, of 12/8/52, had been received from the Department of Local Government, enclosing copy of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, and giving a summary of the provisions of the Act. The County Manager gave particulars of the more important Sections of the Act in relation to increases in reconstruction grants, the provision of State Grant of up to £50 for the provision and installation of a private water supply and sewerage facilities in a house, the removal of the limitation on market value in regard to loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and the fixing of a maximum amount for loans which might be granted, etc.

The Council noted the provisions of the Act.

Item No. 17—Supplementary Grants by Housing Authorities.

The County Manager submitted particulars of the circular dated 12th August, 1952, from the Department of Local Government, in regard to Section 8 to 12, inclusive, and Section 21 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, relating to the payment of supplementary grants by housing authorities.

The Council directed that copy of the circular be sent to each member of the Council, together with copy of the relevant Sections of the Act, and that the matter be included on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council's Housing Committee.

Item No. 18—Lease of Portion of Land at Ballywaltrim.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;
Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan:

Resolved—That the seal of the Council be affixed to the Lease in duplicate of plot of land at Ballywaltrim to Mrs. Kathleen Louise Simson.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 19—Health Services.

The County Manager stated that a White Paper had been issued by the Department of Health in regard to proposals for improved and extended Health Services.

The Council agreed that particulars of the proposed new and extended Health Services should be circulated to the members of the Council, and that the matter be included on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

Item No. 20—Serving of Internship in Approved Hospitals by Medical Graduates.

The County Manager stated that a letter had been received from the Department of Health in regard to the Medical Practitioners Act, 1951, which provides that in future medical graduates would be required to serve a period of internship in an approved hospital for a term to be prescribed by the Medical Registration Council before they would be entitled to be fully registered as a medical practitioner. Certain local authorities had been informed by the Medical Registration Council of the numbers of interns who might require to be accommodated in their hospitals, and the Minister was prepared to consider favourably proposals from such local authorities for the employment of such interns at normal rates for house surgeons and house physicians.

Hospitals in County Wicklow, however, were not affected by this proposal.

The Council noted the County Manager's statement on the matter.

Item No. 21—Remuneration of Nurses.

The County Secretary stated that in letter dated 1st August, 1952, Ref. A.56/52, from the Department of Health, the Minister had referred to recent discussions regarding the revision of the remuneration of various nursing grades in the local authorities' services, and had indicated that he approved of revised inclusive annual remuneration as set out in the letter, subject to the necessary funds being provided by the local authorities concerned. The County Secretary gave details of the amounts of the increases in remuneration proposed. The application of the revised scales would involve increased expenditure on the Assistance Charges Account of £857, and on the Health Services Account of £193.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne;

Resolved—That having considered letter dated 21st August, 1952, from the Department of Health, in regard to revision of remuneration of various nursing grades, we approve of the application of the revised remuneration and authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to permit of the payment of the revised scales as follows:—Assistance Charges Account—£857; Health Services Account—£193.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 22—Alterations and Extensions to Baltinglass District Hospital—Loan £27,900.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage this day now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Twenty-seven Thousand, Nine Hundred Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to use under the Public Assistance Act, 1939.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 23—Alterations to County Fever Hospital, Wicklow—Loan £5,380.

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

Resolved—That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage this day now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Five Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Public Assistance Act, 1939.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 24—Erection of Dispensary at Kilcoole.

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

Custom House,
Dublin.
15 Jul, 1952.
L.3270/52.
A Chara,

With reference to your letter dated 8th instant, and enclosures relative to the proposal to raise a loan to defray the Council's portion of the cost of providing a new dispensary at Kilcoole, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to suggest that as a sum of only £700 is involved, the required loan should be obtained from the Council's Treasurer, and should be repayable over a period of 15 years.

Mise, le meas,

N. De PAOR.

Proposed by Councillor William Lawless;
Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That having considered letter, dated 15th July, 1952, from the Department of Local Government, we hereby authorise the raising of a Loan of £700 from the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, repayable over a period of five years to defray the cost of construction of a new dispensary at Kilcoole.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 25—Dispensary at Knockenarrigan.

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

Public Health Offices,
Rathdrum,
Co. Wicklow.
21st July, 1952.
Staff Officer,
Health Section,
Rathdrum.

**Re: Proposal to Use the Vacant Cottage at Rustyduff,
Knockenarrigan, as a Dispensary Depot.**

A Chara,

Regarding the suggestion that this be converted into a Dispensary, the position is as follows:—The cottage is an old three-roomed one, the kitchen is approximately 12' x 10' and opening off it are two rooms, approximately 11' by 6½' each. There is no back door. I do not consider that it would be suitable for a Dispensary. The large room would, of necessity, have to be the waiting room and the other rooms are small for use as consulting rooms. The cottage is situate about half a mile from the existing Dispensary which is in the little village of Knockenarrigan. Further, some of the windows have been broken by stones while the cottage has been unoccupied, and probably the same thing would continue if it were used as a Depot. Further, there is the point that, if converted, the subsidy would presumably be lost. Also, I understand that there is now an application for the tenancy.

The present Dispensary, which is in bad repair, is, I understand, the property of the representative Church Body, and I would suggest that it might be acquired from them reasonably cheaply and reconstructed. It consists of a waiting room and surgery and is solidly built, but needs repair. The walls need re-plastering, and there are

some loose slates on the roof which is otherwise satisfactory. The surgery floor is bad and requires renewing. Light and ventilators are satisfactory, water should be put in and lavatories built. The Dispensary is a Depot and the attendance is small.

Mise, le meas,

Signed: D. F. McCARTHY,

Chief Medical Officer.

The County Secretary stated that the Select Vestry of Donoughmore Parish had indicated that they were willing to sell the dispensary to the Council, subject to certain conditions, and that their solicitor would forward particulars in due course. The Council noted the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer and decided to await the conditions for the purchase of the premises.

Item No. 26—Public Lighting: Redcross Village.

The County Secretary stated that a quotation had been received from the Electricity Supply Board for the provision of one 200-watt lamp at Redcross at a charge of £20. The lamp would be replaced twice yearly, and equipment cleaned once yearly at an annual inclusive charge of £1, and the supply of electricity would be metered and the appropriate charge would be 2.8d. per unit inclusive.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the quotation of the E.S.B. dated 11th July, 1952, in the sum of £20 for the provision of one public lamp at Redcross.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 27—Public Lighting: Kilpedder.

The County Secretary stated that a quotation had been received from the Electricity Supply Board for the provision of two 200-watt lamps at Kilpedder at an inclusive charge of £35. The lamps would be replaced twice yearly and the equipment cleaned once yearly at an inclusive charge of £2 15s., and the supply of electricity would be metered and the appropriate charge would be 2.8d. inclusive per unit.

The County Secretary pointed out that the quotation was issued subject to the Board's Conditions for the Supply of Public Lighting in Rural Areas, dated 24th May, 1950, and that these Conditions required that the Council be responsible for the switching on and off of the lamps by means of hand-switch, and the meters would also be read by the Council's employee. The Conditions would necessitate the employment of a caretaker for this purpose.

Members of the Council protested against the Conditions for the supply, and inquired why a time switch could not be provided. The Council decided to adjourn the matter, and to submit representations to the Minister for Industry and Commerce.

Item No. 28—Public Lighting at Monaline, Newtownmountkennedy.

The County Secretary stated that a quotation had been received from the Electricity Supply Board for the provision of one public light at Monaline, Newtownmountkennedy, at a total charge of £34 10s. The lamp would be replaced twice yearly, and the equipment cleaned once yearly at an annual charge of £1 10s., and the charge for the supply of electricity would be metered and would be at the rate of 2.8d. per unit.

The County Secretary pointed out that this quotation was also subject to the Board's Conditions for the supply of electricity in rural areas, and that it would require the appointment by the Council of a caretaker.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter pending a reply from the Minister in regard to the representations being made by the Council concerning the Board's Conditions of Supply.

Item No. 29.—Public Lighting: Dunlavin.

The County Secretary stated that a quotation had been obtained from the Electricity Supply Board for the provision of two lights at Dunlavin—one at the south end of the Courthouse, and one on a pole to be erected midway on road serving the 25 houses at Church Road. The cost of providing these lights would be £55 17s. 7d. The charges in respect of each lamp would be £5 3s. 7d. per lamp per annum.

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor A. Toomey;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the quotation of the E.S.B. dated 17th July, 1952, in the sum of £55 17s. 7d. for the provision of two public lamps at Dunlavin.

Item No. 30.—Public Lighting: Excess Expenditure.

The County Secretary stated that additional lighting approved by the Council since the Estimates for the current year had been adopted, involved increased charges of £244 2s.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of additional public lighting authorised during the current year: Sanitary Services Account—£244.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the sum of £244 mentioned did not include the items which had been considered by the Council at that meeting.

Item No. 34.—Water Main Extension: Kilpedder/Kilquade.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage this day now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £2,700, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1878 to 1948.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 35.—Water Main Extension: Bellevue, Delgany.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage this day now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of One Thousand, One Hundred and Sixty Pounds (£1,160) proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1878 to 1948.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 38.—Water Supply: Blessington.

The County Manager stated that a Scheme had been prepared for improvements to Blessington Water Supply. The Scheme provided for the taking in of two springs on lands owned by Mr. Byrne which would provide 6,000 gallons per day. The landowner was agreeable to give the supply from the two springs at a cost of £50, but would require permission to take up to 200 gallons per day from this supply should his own supply from a third spring fail.

The County Engineer considered that this proposal was reasonable. The cost of the Scheme was estimated at £300, plus £50 for compensation.

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor A. Toomey;

Resolved—That having considered report of County Engineer dated 11th August, 1952, we approve of the Scheme for improvements to Blessington Water Supply at an estimated cost of £350, and authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the work.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 39.—Roundwood Water Supply.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

Court House,
Wicklow.

9th August, 1952.

The County Secretary.

Re: Roundwood Water Supply.

A Chara,

I enclose herewith plans showing the proposed improvements to be carried out on the above Water Supply at an estimated cost of £1,400. A previous estimate submitted in 1951 set the amount at £650, which only included for the provision of an extra filter bed and storage tank. However, when a detailed examination of the existing system was made prior to the preparation of the plans, it was discovered that two large settling tanks would need to be provided, together with filter Bye-pass and Telescopic Draw-offs. These items make up the additional cost in the revised estimate.

The settling tanks are necessary due to the presence of fine suspended peaty solids in the water now being fed direct to the slow sand filter which has the effect of almost completely clogging up the bed. At present the rate of flow through the filter beds, which is normal after resanding, is reduced by over 50 per cent. in a few days, due to the formation of a fine peaty layer over the sand. This has the added effect of destroying the "vital layer" and rendering proper bacteriological purification impossible. To counteract this it is proposed to erect, at both intakes, Settling Tanks of such capacity that the larger peaty particles will be deposited periodically. These tanks may be cleaned out by means of scour valve provided.

The extra filter and storage tank are essential to cope with present-day demand which has arisen considerably since the original scheme was installed. The Bye-pass and Telescopic Draw-off are necessary to control rate of filtration.

There does not seem to be any difficulty at the moment about the amount of water available, but should this arise at any future date, a third stream convenient to the works could be taken in and utilised for the supply.

Though the proposed alterations are aimed at reaching a high standard of potable water, I would point out that it is very difficult to render colourless such peaty water as Roundwood depends on, and even with perfect sand filtering alone, a guarantee cannot be given that the water will be colourless. Much more expensive methods would have to be employed to eliminate the final traces of colouring matter.

Yours faithfully,

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

The Council approved of plans for the scheme proposed by the County Engineer being submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval.

Item No. 47.—Enniskerry Water Supply.

The County Manager stated that the matter of improving the Water Supply at Enniskerry had been under examination by the Council's Engineers. The provision of a water supply to Enniskerry from the proposed Regional Scheme had been under examination, but it appeared preferable to provide a separate scheme for Enniskerry. An additional supply of up to 17,000 gallons per day could be

obtained by taking in an additional stream, and the cost of this Scheme was estimated at £4,000. As an alternative, a supply might be obtained from the Glencullen River. The late Mr. E. M. Murphy, Consultant Engineer, had been engaged on a proposed Regional Scheme based on the Glencullen River, but this would involve the construction of a dam. The separate Scheme from Glencullen River to supply Ennis-kerry was estimated to cost about £8,000.

The Council noted the County Manager's report, and directed that a further investigation as to a supply from Glencullen River be made and a report submitted to the Council.

Allowances Under Social Welfare Act.

Members of the Council made inquiries regarding the adjustments of the amounts of Home Assistance allowed to persons who were in receipt of allowances under the Social Welfare Act.

The County Manager submitted particulars of certain cases and pointed out that in no case had any person's position been worsened. The County Manager agreed to circulate particulars of cases where the amount of Home Assistance had been amended, to each Public Assistance Committee before the next Quarterly Meeting.

Wages of Road Workers.

The Council agreed that the applications from the employees' unions for increases in wages of road workers be considered by the Council at the September meeting.

The Council adjourned the remaining items on the Agenda for consideration at meeting to be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, 25th August, 1952.

Wicklow Co. Council

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 25th August, 1952, at 2 p.m. for the purpose of considering the items remaining on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 18th August, 1952.

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, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, P. Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, L. O. Laighleis, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. O Broin, Joseph Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. Brennan.

Mr. K. J. Brangan, Deputy County Manager, attended.

The Deputy County Engineer, and Assistant Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, R. M. Fenlon and P. J. Foley were present.

BUSINESS:

31. Dumping Ground, Baltinglass—Offer of Site.
32. Dumping Ground at Rathnew—Proposed agreement in regard to acquisition.
33. Public Sanitary Convenience at Newtownmountkennedy—Report of Health Inspector.
34. Water Main Extension, Kilpedder/Kilquade—To authorise the affixing of Seal of the Council to Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works for Loan of £2,700.
35. Water Main Extension, Bellevue, Delgany—To authorise the affixing of Seal of the Council to Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works for Loan of £1,160.
336. Windgates Water Supply—Report of County Engineer in regard to proposed laying of 3" main.

37. Water Supply—Shillelagh—Report of County Engineer.
38. Water Supply, Blessington—Report of County Engineer.
39. Water Supply, Roundwood—Report of County Engineer.
40. Provision of Life-saving Equipment on Private Beaches—Report of Health Inspector.
41. Resolution from Waterford Co. Council urging the amendment of Regulations for the administration of Health Services Grant to allow of recoupment in full from the State of all expenditure on the treatment of tuberculosis.
42. Resolution from the National Agricultural and Industrial Development Association Inc., calling on the Government to direct the Central Bank to make available funds to local authorities for housing purposes.
43. Resolution from Galway Corporation requesting that the Minister hold an Inquiry into the existing rating system with a view to establishing a more just and equitable method of assessing rates.
44. Report received from the Corporation of Limerick in regard to Conference with the Chairman and officials of the E.S.B., in relation to electricity charges, and in regard to proposed Conference of public bodies.
45. Inquiries arising out of County Manager's Orders.
46. County Hospital, Rathnew—Proposed accommodation to be provided.

Item No. 19—Circular Letter from the Dept. of Health in regard to Health Services.

As directed by the Council at meeting held on 18th August, 1952, the Co. Secretary had circulated a statement giving a brief summary of the Government's proposals for new or extended Health Services as set out in White Paper issued in July, 1952, by the Department of Health. The Council noted the Government's proposals in regard to the new and extended Health Services.

Item No. 31—Dumping Ground at Baltinglass.

The County Secretary stated that considerable difficulty had been experienced in securing a site for use as a Dumping Ground in the neighbourhood of Baltinglass. A suitable site had now been recommended by the Health Inspector on the lands of Mr. Peter Jackson, Deerpark, Baltinglass. The site was a disused sandpit with an approach over field from the main road. Mr. Jackson was prepared to grant the Council a lease of this sandpit for a period of 10 years at an annual rent of £10, on condition that the Council would fence off the sandpit and entrance to it with cement stakes and diamond mesh wire. The Assistant County Engineer had interviewed Mr. Jackson in connection with the matter, and Mr. Jackson pointed out the portion of the pit which he proposed to let, and the fencing which would be required. The Assistant Co. Engineer stated that it would be necessary also to make a roadway in from the road to the dumping ground. He stated that the only objection he could see to the dumping ground was that the distance from the town by road was 1½ miles. He pointed out, however, that it must be borne in mind that it was difficult to obtain anything nearer, and, taking this into account, he recommended the acquisition of the dumping ground. The Assistant Co. Engineer recommended that the local Councillors also be asked for their opinion. The estimated cost of the fencing and roadway was as follows:—

560 lin. yds. wire fence on concrete posts, with 4.0 chain link, 3 strand plain wire or strand barbed wire	..	£210	0	0
90 yards roadway, 7 ft. wide	..	£60	0	0
Gate and piers	..	£12	0	0
		£282	0	0

Councillor G. Timmins pointed out the difficulty in obtaining any land for a dumping ground in the vicinity of Baltinglass, and urged that the Council approve of the leasing of this sandpit. In view of the amount of expenditure which would be required for the provision of fencing, gates, etc., members of the Council suggested that the lease should be for 20 years.

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we approve of the leasing by the Council of a sandpit for use as a dumping ground from Mr. Peter Jackson, Deerpark, Baltinglass, for a period of 20 years at an annual rent of £10, and authorise expenditure in the sum of £282 for the provision of fencing, gates, etc.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 32—Dumping Ground at Rathnew.

The Deputy Co. Manager stated that it was proposed to provide an entrance gate and piers at an estimated cost of £15 at the Dumping Ground at Rathnew. It was proposed also to allow Mr. Jameson the use of the plot of land at the entrance to the dumping ground for the storage of timber, provided that Mr. Jameson undertook to act as caretaker of the dumping ground and to pay an annual charge of £1 per year to the Council for the facility of storing his timber on the Council's property.

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Jacob;

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of an entrance gate and piers at an estimated cost of £15 for dumping ground at Rathnew, and of the arrangement to allow Mr. Jameson the use of a plot of ground at the entrance for the storage of timber, subject to his acting as caretaker of the dumping ground and paying an annual charge of £1 to the Council for the facility of storing timber on the Council's property.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 33.—Public Sanitary Convenience at Newtownmountkennedy.

The following report of the Health Inspector was submitted:—

COPY/
A. O'Connor, Esq.,
Staff Officer,
Health Section,
Rathdrum.

Wicklow.
26th July, 1952.

Re: Public Sanitary Convenience at Newtownmountkennedy.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 18th instant, in connection with the two sites for the above-mentioned convenience, I have interviewed the following residents and set out their views:—

Mrs. Haslam, Main Street: Favours site at Courthouse.

Joseph Synott, Main Street: Favours site alongside Dunne's Bar or site opposite Dunne's, owned by Mr. Shortt.

Mr. Gregory, Main Street: Favours either site.

Mr. Cullen, Main Street: Favours site opposite Dunne's Bar, owned by Mr. Shortt.

Mr. J. Dunne, Main Street: Favours site at Courthouse and have a strong objection to any site at his end of the village.

Gardai: Favours the site at Dunne's Bar, as the roadway is very narrow at the Courthouse.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: PETER P. DUFFY,

Health Inspector.

In view of the lack of agreement regarding a site for a public convenience at Newtownmountkennedy, the Council decided to defer

the matter. The Council asked that the Assistant County Engineer interview local residents with a view to reaching agreement on a site.

Item No. 36—Windgates Water Supply.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the County Engineer had reported that there was an overflow of water at Templecarrig-Windgates Tank, and he stated that if a 3" main were laid to Windgates there would be ample volume and pressure. The estimated cost of laying a 3" main from the Schoolhouse to the fountain at the top of Windgates hill was £982. The distance was approximately 1,000 yards. The Chairman stated that he had been informed by residents at Windgates that the water supply was now satisfactory, following the improvements recently carried out by the Council's Engineers.

The Council agreed that no action need be taken at present in regard to the proposal to lay a new 3" main.

Item No. 37—Water Supply at Shillelagh.

The following report of the Assistant County Engineer was submitted:—

28th July, 1952.

Re: Shillelagh Water Supply.

As a result of recent adverse results from water analyses of above water, I have inspected the system. The source is a stream rising a mile from the intake. Cattle from the adjoining lands have free access to the water, stirring up mud and causing pollution which is more marked in Summer when the flow is small.

The water in the stream had a very dirty appearance and caused continuous choking of the filter beds. The frequent removal of the silt from the filters does not allow the filters to build up a proper layer of filtering media.

The solution would appear to be a settlement tank prior to filtering. The capacity would be one day's supply or 8,000 gallons, and the cost £270.

Signed: C. J. BYRNE.

In report dated 6th August, 1952, the Co. Engineer recommended the construction of a settling tank at an estimated cost of £270. The Co. Engineer stated that in this Scheme, as in many others, the stream discharged directly into the filters. When there was an ample supply of water this was satisfactory as the intake formed a small reservoir which acted as a settling tank, but when the supply fell, the muddy water flowed on to the filters and the mud settled out and soon clogged the filters.

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

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That having considered report of Co. Engineer dated 6th August, 1952, we approve of the construction of a settling tank for Shillelagh Water Supply at an estimated cost of £270, and authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the work.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 40—Provision of Life-saving Equipment on Private Beaches.

The County Secretary submitted the following reports of the Health Inspector on his inspection of private beaches in connection with the provision of life-saving equipment. The Health Inspector had subsequently called on each owner and pointed out to them that they were under an obligation to provide warning notices at danger points and an adequate number of lifebelts for the protection of the bathers. He stated that Dr. Freeman, Ennereilly, Arklow, informed him that he did not charge any tolls for admission to his stretch of beach and that he did not think that he was obliged to provide notices or lifebelts. The Health Inspector stated the position as on 16th August, 1952.

Name of Owner	Beach	Remarks	Position on 16th August, 1952.
Miss Sarah Smith, Silver Strand, Wicklow	.. Silver Strand	Warning notices erected on Long Rock and on approach to Beach. There are no lifebelts provided. Miss Smith informed me that she provided lifebelts last year, but they were stolen inside a few days.	No Change
Messrs. Wolohan, Silver Strand, Wicklow	.. Silver Strand	There are neither lifebelts nor warning notices provided.	No Change
Alexander McDaniel, Ballinacarrig, Brittas Bay	.. McDaniel's Strand	There are only two lifebelts provided and no warning notices. I suggest two extra belts and warning notices be provided.	Adequate number of lifebelts provided but no warning notices.
Magherymore Estate, Wicklow	.. Magherymore Strand	No lifebelts or warning notices provided.	New owner has taken over premises recently and managers promised to have lifebelts provided without delay.
Rockfield Hotel, Brittas Bay	.. Rockfield Strand	Do.	Owner absent when Health Inspector called. Managers to acquaint Solicitor of need for lifebelts and warning notices; none provided.
Justice Maguire, Brittas Bay	.. Brittas Bay	Do.	Owner stated that if other owners provided lifebelts and warning notices, he was willing to do the same, but would not do so until next season.
Dr. Freeman, Enerelly	.. Enerelly Strand	Do.	
Mrs. Sharpe, Johnstown, Arklow Thomas Staunton Brittas	.. Enerelly Strand .. Brittas		Promised to have lifebelts provided without delay; none provided. Lifebelts not provided. Owner stated he has them on order.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That having considered report of Health Inspector in regard to the provision of life-saving equipment at private beaches, we agree that it be impressed on the owners of private beaches the grave necessity for the provision of an adequate number of lifebelts for the protection of bathers and the erection of warning notices at danger points.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 41—Resolution of Waterford Co. Council re Amendment of Regulations for the Administration of Health Services.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett, the Council adopted the following resolution received from Waterford County Council:—

“That as the expenditure of many local authorities on Health Services has now reached the point where only 50 per cent. of the excess thereof over standard year expenditure will be recouped from the Health Services Grant, and as Waterford County Council is rapidly approaching this position, we the members of Waterford Co. Council strongly recommend to the Minister for Health that he should review the position in regard to the recoupment to Local Authorities of their expenditure on Tuberculosis Services.

“We feel that, as Tuberculosis is a national scourge, and as increasingly heavy obligations are being undertaken by Local Authorities in co-operating with the Government's campaign to eradicate this disease, and as the present Mass-Radiography programme is bringing to light an increasing number of patients requiring treatment, the expenditure incurred by local authorities should be recouped in full from State or Hospitals' Trust Funds, and we accordingly urge on the Minister for Health that he should amend the existing regulations for the administration of the Health Services Grant so as to relieve Local Authorities of the heavy additional expense necessarily incurred in excess of standard year outlay in carrying out the present campaign against Tuberculosis, and we rely on the Minister giving this request his most favourable and sympathetic consideration.”

Item No. 42—Resolution from the National Agricultural and Industrial Development Association re Funds for Housing Purposes.

The Council noted the following resolution from the National Agricultural and Industrial Development Association, Inc.:—

“That the Association calls on the Government to direct the Central Bank to make available to local authorities and, in particular, to Dublin Corporation, funds required for Housing, and that this Resolution be circulated to all local authorities with a request to send an identical resolution to the Government.”

Item No. 43—Resolution from Galway Corporation re Method of Assessing Rates.

The Council noted the following resolution from Galway Corporation:—

“That the appropriate Minister be requested to hold an inquiry into the existing rating system with a view to establishing a more just and equitable method of assessing rates, and that copies of this resolution be circulated to each local authority and to the Municipal Authorities' Association.”

Item No. 44—Electricity Charges.

The Council considered letter dated 19th July, 1952, from the Corporation of Limerick transmitting copy of the Minute of the Conference with regard to electricity charges between the Chairman and officials of the Electricity Supply Board and the Mayor and members of Limerick City Council which was held on 20th June, 1952.

On the proposal of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, seconded by Councillor W. Hammond, the Council adopted the report submitted. **County Hospital at Rathnew.**

The Deputy County Manager stated that the Department of Health had now submitted their observations on the Schedule of Accommodation for the proposed new County Hospital at Rathnew, which had been prepared by the Council's Architect, Mr. Vincent Kelly.

Bed Accommodation: The Dept. stated that the provision of 6-bed wards might make for difficulties in planning, and, in addition, it would be desirable to increase the number of single-bed wards in the Surgical and Medical Units. Consequently, the Dept. suggested that for male surgical cases, one 8-bed ward; 1 4-bed ward; one 2-bed ward; and two single-bed wards be provided, and for female cases, one 8-bed ward; one 2-bed ward; and two single bed wards. For medical cases, the Dept. suggested that one 8-bed ward; one 2-bed ward, and two single-bed wards be provided for male cases, and similar accommodation for female cases. The Department's suggestions would involve increasing the total bed complement by four.

In regard to accommodation for children, the Chief Medical Officer had suggested that extra accommodation be provided in order to accommodate children who would be in hospital for a few days in connection with tonsils and adenoid cases. The Department had agreed that an extra children's ward of such size and shape that it could normally take four, and as a temporary measure six, children be provided. The accommodation previously suggested was two wards containing ten cots.

The Department approved of the number of beds for maternity cases, and the accommodation for infants.

Provision for Specialist Clinical Facilities: The Council had suggested that it would be preferable to provide specialist clinical facilities at the new County Hospital, rather than to provide a separate County Clinic, and the Department had agreed to this proposal and pointed out that this would involve the provision of the following additional rooms:—Dental Room, Ophthalmic Room, Consulting Room, Examination Room and Recovery Room. It was suggested also that the room designation in the Schedule as Medical Officer's Office might be increased in size, so that if found necessary it could be used as an extra Consulting Room, Nurses' Office, etc.

The Department had agreed that provision should be made for a Disinfectant, capable of disinfecting mattresses. It was the opinion of the Chief Medical Officer, however, that all mattresses should be of the "Dunlopillo" type which would eventually save their cost, and if this were agreed to it would be possible to omit the disinfectant.

Residence for Medical Officer: The following reference was made in the Department's letter in regard to a residence for the Medical Officer:—

"The necessity for a residence depends to a large extent on the method of medical staffing of the hospital, which is difficult to visualise at this stage. The County Manager appears to contemplate relying on the services of a Consulting Surgeon in Dublin City, but this would not be satisfactory, since many operations will be urgent and require the near presence of a surgeon, especially at night. There may not, however, be sufficient work at first, anyway, to justify the employment of a full-time surgeon or medical officer, and since a part-time appointee could not reasonably be expected to live at a distance from the concentration of population and where there would be little opportunity of private practice, the provision of a residence on the hospital grounds for him would not be necessary. If he lived in Bray, his part-time services would be sufficient and he would be near enough. If, on the other hand, a medical officer or surgeon is employed on a

whole-time basis, it is obvious that, since his full services would be devoted to the hospital, the nearer he lives to his work the better, and he should be required to live on the grounds of the hospital or immediately convenient to it. Accordingly, the building of a residence on the grounds could be deferred provided that—(1) it is clearly understood that it is dependent on the medical staffing of the hospital, when it comes to be fixed, being on a part-time basis, and (2) in the planning and lay-out of the hospital the position for the provision of a residence is kept in mind and its suitable location, etc., is indicated on the site plans submitted to the Dept. for examination."

The Deputy County Manager stated that it was the opinion of the Chief Medical Officer that the provision of such a residence would not appear to be necessary, in view of the fact that the medical officer resided within two miles of the proposed new County Hospital. The non-provision of such residence would effect a considerable saving, but space could be left in the plan so that it might be provided at some future date if required. Regarding the question of a consulting surgeon, the Chief Medical Officer did not agree with the Department's suggestion that the officer should live in Bray. He considered that a junior surgeon on the staff of one of the Dublin Hospitals should be appointed, as it would be much easier for him during any absences to arrange with a colleague to attend in his place, so that there would be a complete 24-hour service. Furthermore, there was available a competent medical officer capable of giving pre-operative treatment, transfusions, etc., and he could not visualise any emergency which could not await the time required for the surgeon to travel from Dublin to Wicklow.

The Deputy Co. Manager stated that the Department's observations in regard to the Schedule of Accommodation would be submitted to the Council's Architect for examination, and the recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer would be brought to the notice of the Dept.

Councillor P. Ledwidge asked that every effort be made to expedite the completion of the plans for the hospital, in order that work could be commenced.

Enniskerry Library.

The County Secretary stated that the Hon. Secretary to the Enniskerry Parish Committee had suggested that the meeting of the members of the Bray Electoral Area with the members of the Parish Committee might be held during the week commencing 1st Sept., 1952.

The Council decided that the meeting be held at the Library, Enniskerry, on Wednesday, 3rd Sept., 1952, at 8 p.m.

Resurfacing of Avenue Leading to Nurses' Home at Mountjohn.

In report received from the Deputy Co. Engineer, he stated that he had been requested by the Secretary to the Royal National Hospital for Consumption for Ireland to resurface the avenue leading to the Nurses' Home at Mountjohn. The avenue had been examined and it was found that it required some levelling only and then resurfacing with a carpet of tar macadam. The distance was 350 lin. yds. 9ft. wide. He had informed the Secretary to the Hospital that if the Council plant was working near Mountjohn, the cost of carrying out the work would be £180, to which figure they were agreeable.

The Deputy Co. Engineer stated that at present the plant was working nearby and that it would be convenient to do the work now, and he wished to apply for permission to do so.

The Council agreed that the work be carried out at cost of £180 payable by the hospital authorities.

Examination for Clerical Officers.

The following report of the Examiner in regard to examination for Clerical Officers held on 1st, 2nd and 3rd July, 1952, was submitted:

Thirty-nine candidates entered for this examination, which was held at the Vocational School, Wicklow, on July 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1952.

Of these, 24 presented themselves for examination. Eighteen candidates were successful, while sixteen failed to pass in one or more of the obligatory subjects, according to the statutory regulations.

The marks of the eighteen successful candidates arranged in order of merit will be found on Schedule A herewith). The marks of the sixteen unsuccessful candidates will be found on Schedule B (herewith).

The results do not call for any special comment. Candidate No. 25 obtained 1st place, with a grand total of 1981 marks out of a possible 2600 (a percentage of 76.2), closely followed by Candidate No 13, with a total of 1910 marks. These two candidates were outstanding.

I wish to sincerely thank the Secretary of the Co. Council and his staff for their valuable help to me in conducting an examination for so many candidates in this small vocational school.

Signed: JOHN M. BREEN,

Examiner.

18/8/52.

Council noted the report submitted

CLERICAL OFFICERS: JULY, 1952.

Order of Merit	Exam. No.	Names	Irish Oral 50	Irish Written 50	English 400	Maths. Paper I: 300	Maths. Paper II: 300	History 400	Geography 400	Latin 400	French 400	Greek 400	TOTAL
1st	25	Brian A. MacAongusa, Blackrock, Dublin ..	50	276	177	255	300	345	279	299			1981
2nd	13	Hugh F. Fahy, 22, Rosemeen Pk., Dun Laoghaire ..	46	207	272	255	234	330	251		315		1910
3rd	15	Richard J. Fitzpatrick, Ashford ..	27	195	207	291	255	295	230	239			1799
4th	31	Michael V. O'Neill, Carrick-on-Suir ..	46	198	217	255	292	260	238	284			1790
5th	27	James J. O'Donnell, Fethard, Co. Tipperary ..	48	206	255	160	183	285		289	335		1784
6th	18	Elizabeth Kirwan, G.S. Station, Clonmel ..	44	176	211	280	274	330	200		186		1701
7th	35	Mary A. Sherwood, Maulintown, Wexford ..	29	186	249	164	220	305	205		278		1636
8th	7	Owen Comiskey, Whitehall, Dublin. ..	46	154	235	210	252	292	164	239			1622
9th	34	Ellen M. Ryan, St. Mary's College, Arklow ..	31	169	218	235	202	225	160		300		1606
10th	8	Brendan G. Conlon, 13 Sallypark, Waterford ..	50	237	267	242	113	320	249	167			1585
11th	26	Patk. G. Murray, St. Laurence's Park, Wicklow ..	28	187	197	290	111	278	238	236			1565
12th	37	Loughlin Sutton, Seview Rd., Wicklow ..	42	158	160	290	250	270	160	230			1560
13th	33	Andrew Phillips, 4 Urban Villas, Wicklow ..	35	169	178	180	232	300	211	170			1475
14th	1	Thos. K. Barry, Church Hill, Wicklow ..	22	198	160	155	85	243	295	284			1442
15th	4	Patk. P. Brennan, Castleiney, Templemore ..	45	220	195	202		249	280	(145)	183		1374
16th	12	John Doyle, Duffry Hill, Enniscorthy ..	43	157	225	227	213	225	(115)	204			1294
17th	38	Brigid Turner, St. Mary's College, Arklow ..	38	187	217	165	112	320	215	(146)			1254
18th	36	Robert E. Stubbings, N.C. Road, Dublin ..	41	170	160	145	235	(140)	185	(51)			936

Thirty-nine candidates entered for this examination, which was

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The Council noted the report submitted.

Provision of Pumps and Wells.

On the suggestion of Councillor P. Kehoe, the Council agreed that a progress report be submitted to the Housing Committee each month in relation to the work carried out by the well-boring plant. The Council also asked that the priority list of pumps and wells be submitted to the next meeting of the Council's Housing Committee.

At the request of Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., the Council agreed that the well-boring plant be transferred to Ballinaclesh when the work at present in progress at Sea Bank, Arklow, was completed.

Town and Regional Planning Acts.

Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., referred to the refusal of permission under the Town and Regional Planning Acts for the building of a store by Mr. Kidd, Moyne, Ballinglen. The Deputy Co. Manager stated that the documents submitted were inadequate to enable a decision to be reached on the matter. The Council asked that the Assist. County Engineer interview Mr. Kidd and submit a recommendation in regard to his application.

Road Expenditure.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea referred to the termination of the employment of several workers in the South Wicklow area. The Council asked that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Council in regard to road expenditure during the current year.

Reception of Deputation.

The Council agreed to receive a deputation at the next meeting in regard to the condition of roads at Ballycumber.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the County Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11 a.m. on Monday, 8th September, 1952.

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

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

Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager attended.

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assist. Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, R. Fenlon and P. J. Foley attended.

BUSINESS:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 14th July, 1952.
2. Overdrafts on General Account and Capital Account.
3. Deputation, re condition of roads at Ballycumber.
4. Report of County Engineer on Road Expenditure in current year.
5. Road widening at Kish Bridge, Arklow—Report of Assistant Co. Engineer on interview with landowner.
6. Local Authorities (Works) Act—Letter dated 26th August, 1952, from Department of Local Government.
7. Applications from Employees' Unions for increase in wages of road workers.
8. Report of Meeting of Housing Committee held on 1st Sept., 1952.
9. Letter from Wexford Co. Council re proposed joint deputation to Minister for Local Government in relating to housing costs.
10. Application from Cottage Tenants' Association, Newtownmount-kennedy for provision of concrete path, concrete seats and planting of trees.
11. Enniskerry Library—Report of meeting with members of Council for Bray Electoral area with representatives of Enniskerry Parish Committee.
12. University Scholarship Scheme, 1952—Results of Examination.
13. Report re effect of Termination of Food Subsidies on costs of maintenance of Council's Institutions.
14. Provision of dumping ground at Avoca.
15. Application for provision of water supply at Askintinny, Arklow.
16. Fire at Knockenree, Avoca—Further Report of Chief Fire Officer.
17. Abstract of Accounts of Council for year to 31st March, 1952.
18. Resolution from Wicklow Farmers' Party re amendment of Valuation Acts.
19. Resolutions from Carlow Co. Council re appointment of Rate Collectors.
20. Resolution from Carlow Co. Council re pensions for Auxiliary Postmen.
21. Resolution from Kerry Co. Council re amendment of Licensing Laws in relation to Public Houses.
22. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

The County Secretary stated that the Minutes of Meetings held in July and August had not yet been received from the Printers. The Council decided to adjourn consideration to the next meeting.

Item No. 2—Overdraft on General and Capital Accounts.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;
Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne:

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 Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum for the quarter ending 31st December, 1952, shall not exceed £95,000.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless:

Seconded by Councillor Senator 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, Ltd., Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's Capital Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum for the quarter ending 31st December, 1952, shall not exceed £75,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Roads at Ballycumber.

The following report of the Assistant County Engineer was submitted:—
4th Sept., 1952.

Re Roads at Kyle and Ballycumber.

Reference to your letter of 22nd ultimo, I have inspected the roads referred to. The road at Kyle is in good condition, but the Ballycumber lane is not. This is a very narrow lane, not more than nine feet wide between fences and with high ground on both sides. These factors made proper drainage impossible, so that the road surface, particularly on the steep hills, is continually being washed away. Streams cross the road in about eight places. Every effort is made to maintain the road in as good a condition as possible.

To put the road into a state where it would be possible to maintain it in a better condition would mean extensive road widening, drainage, etc., and would cost roughly seven or eight hundred pounds. This would not include for any surfacing of the road like water-bound macadam. A more detailed estimate can be submitted later if required.

Signed: C. J. BYRNE,

Assistant Co. Engineer.

As the deputation did not attend the meeting, the Council deferred the matter.

Item No. 4—Road Expenditure.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
6th Sept., 1952.

I set out hereunder the Expenditure on Roads in each Engineer's area up to 14th August, 1952, under the various headings:—

MAIN ROADS		AMOUNT ALLOCATED			BALANCE AVAILABLE 14/8/52.		
		Reconstruction and tarring	Grants	Repairs	Reconstruction and tarring	Grants	Balance
Area	Repairs						
North	9,400	18,900	10,800	3,882	11,809	6,145	
S/East	5,519	9,281	6,000	1,870	5,802	2,728	
South	2,567	7,833	5,238	106	3,882	5,119	
West	7,250	3,958	7,562	2,738	1,913	3,770	
	£24,736	£39,972	£29,600	£8,546	£22,306	£17,762	
Total Allowed	£94,308	Spent	£45,694	Balance	£48,614		

COUNTY ROADS		AMOUNT ALLOCATED			BALANCE AVAILABLE 14/8/52.		
		Reconstruction and tarring	Grants	Repairs	Reconstruction and tarring	Grants	Balance
Area	Repairs						
North	11,000	5,900	8,900	6,195	4,087	5,986	
S/East	10,408	5,392	8,000	4,604	3,427	4,671	
South	9,534	6,066	7,600	3,687	3,620	4,752	
West	9,603	5,707	8,050	5,100	2,242	5,889	
	£40,545	£23,065	£31,800	£19,586	£13,376	£21,298	
Total Allowed	£95,410	Spent	£41,150	Balance	£54,260		

The amount of work completed to date is as follows:—

Main Roads: Reconstructed or reshaped (including Wicklow Gap and Sallygap roads).....	10 miles
Surface dressed	25 miles
County Roads: Reconstructed	5½ miles
Surface dressed	18 miles

The total number of men employed on Road Work is 375. Details of work completed in each District are as follows:—

NORTHERN AREA: Main Roads.

Reconstruction:

Road No. 5—Kilmacanogue-Kilmurray: 1 mile. Sides levelled and corners eased.

Road No. 4—Bray Urban-Upper Dargle: .3 mile. Reshaped and resurfaced (in progress).

Road No. 433—Holywell: Fencing erected for easement of corner.

Road No. 80—Wicklow Gap Road: 1¼ miles reconstructed.

Surface Dressing:

Road No. 43—Mount John—Timmore: 1½ miles Road No. 110, McCoy's—Westbrook: ¾ mile.

Road No. 112—Ballyfree-Glenealy: 1 mile. Road No. 65, Coolawinna—Killougher, ¾ mile.

Road No. 44—Timore-Kilcoole—1 mile.

COUNTY ROADS:

Surface Dressing:

Road No. 96: Ballylusk-Quarry—½ mile.

Road No. 97: Tighe's Ave.-Brickworks—¾ mile. No. of men employed, 136.

SOUTH/EASTERN AREA: Main Roads.

Reconstruction:

Road No. 186: Kish-County Bounds—½ mile widening.

Road No. 176: Scratenagh-Ballymoyle—1 mile widening (in progress).

Surface Dressing:

Road No. 122—Rathdrum-Ballyhad—2.2 miles.

Road No. 162: Scratenagh-Jack White's—2.1 miles.

COUNTY ROADS:

Reconstruction:

Road No. 108: Castletimon-Ballinacarrig—1.5 miles resurfaced.

Road No. 106: Ballintekin-Minion's—0.5 miles resurfaced.

Road No. 163: Jack White's-Rahaval—1.0 miles resurfaced.

Road No. 156: Barndarrig Hall-Fleming's—0.4 miles resurfaced.

Road No. 127: Rathdrum-Ballyteigue—0.8 miles resurfaced.

Surface Dressing:

Road No. 95: Ashford-Glanmore—1.0 miles.

Road No. 126: Greenane-Kirikee—1.5 miles.

Road No. 148—Meetings-Clash—1.0 miles.

No. of men employed—112.

SOUTHERN AREA: Main Roads.

Reconstruction:

Road No. 243: Tinahely-Shillelagh—¼ mile widening.

Road No. 242: Knockloe—Construction of retaining wall.

Road No. 220: Shillelagh-Carnew—Easement of corner (in progress).

Road No. 225: Tombrean—Easement of corner (in progress).

Road No. 201: Annacurra—Widening of bridge.

Surface Dressing:

Road No. 208: Tinahely-Ballinagilkey—4¾ miles.

Road No. 243: Tinahely-Shillelagh—¼ mile.

COUNTY ROADS:

Reconstruction:

Road No. 134: Moyne Road—½ mile resurfaced.

Road No. 234: Balisland-Drummin—½ mile resurfaced.

Road No. 221: Balisland-Cronehorn—½ mile resurfaced.

Surface Dressing:

Road No. 222: Carnew to Wexford Bounds—2 miles.

Road No. 227: Coollattin Row—½ mile.

Road No. 214: Greenfort-Coolafancy—1 mile.

Road No. 205: Ballybeg-Ballinglen—1 mile.

Road No. 206: Killaveney—1 mile.

Road No. 238: Ardoyne—1 mile. No. of men employed—88.

WESTERN AREA: Main Roads.

Reconstruction:

Road No. 385: Lamb-Tinode—0.6 miles reconstructed.

Road No. 379: Sallygap—2.0 miles reconstructed.

Surface Dressing:

Road No. 376: Kilbride-Sallygap—2¼ miles.

Road No. 343: Ballinagee-Ballybeg—1½ miles.

Road No. 268: Co. Carlow-Balinglass-Lathalier—2¼ miles.

COUNTY ROADS:

Reconstruction:

Roads Nos. 354-355: Humphreystown-Valleymount—1.2 miles.

Surface Dressing:

Road No. 320: Donard-Newtown—½ mile.

Road No. 316: Plezica-Boherboy—1 mile.

Road No. 354: Carrigacurra-Logstown—¾ mile.

Road No. 338: Tober-Hollywood—1½ miles.

Road No. 374: Blessington-Woodend—¾ mile.

Road No. 307: Crosskeys-Dunlavin—1 mile.

Road No. 365: Ballyknockan-Ballinastocken—¾ mile.

No. of men employed—103.

The total number of men employed on Roads, Turf, L.A.W.A., is 453.

It should be realised, of course, that in addition to the works set out above, a considerable amount of work has been done on repairs to roads.

Signed: J. T. O'BYRNE,

Co. Engineer.

The Co. Manager stated that a further £3,000 had been expended on main roads, and a further £2,000 on county roads up to 31st August, 1952. Approximately 50 per cent. of the amount provided in the Estimates for main roads had been expended up to the end of the previous month, and 45 per cent. of the amount allowed for county roads.

Members of the Council inquired regarding the disemployment of men in the Southern District. It was decided that the Co. Engineer would meet the members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral area on Friday, 12th September, 1952, to consider the progress of the Road Works Scheme in that district.

Item No. 5—Road Widening at Kish Bridge Arklow.

The following report of the Assist. County Engineer was submitted:

Courthouse,

Arklow.

15th August, 1952.

Re Road Widening at Kish Bridge.

I arranged with Councillors McCarthy and Cleary to interview Mr. Hall with me last week. On the day arranged Councillor McCarthy came with me; Councillor Cleary was unable to attend.

Mr. Hall still insists on his price of £100 plus legal expenses of £10. However, he is now agreeable that we may strip the top soil of part of the field, use the ground so stripped as a dumping ground for surplus material, and afterwards level off the ground with the original top soil.

Councillor McCarthy and myself agreed to recommend acceptance of this, as it will save us a considerable sum in dumping and in the reduction in the length of retaining wall necessary.

Signed: J. P. CAFFEY,
Assist. County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That having considered report of Assistant Co. Engineer dated 15th August, 1952, we approve of payment of the sum of £100 plus legal expenses of £10 in respect of the acquisition of land required for road widening at Kish Bridge, as recommended by the Assistant County Engineer.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Local Authorities (Works) Act.

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

W.27/1/4. Dublin.
A Chara, 26th August, 1952.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to the works proposed under the Local Authorities (Works) Act in the current year and to advert to the order of preference for works set out in this Department's letter (Ref. W.202/1/4) of the 19th February, 1952. I am to enquire whether there are any other works, proper to Part III of the programme, which could be proposed. In this connection attention is directed to the desirability of utilising the powers conferred by the Act and the monies available for works thereunder for the purpose of carrying out bog development, particularly for the benefit of private production. The matter might be examined locally and if necessary a report on the matter should be furnished.

Having regard to the importance of the following works for the purpose of assisting turf haulage, they have been approved on the basis of the details furnished by the County Engineer:—

Scheme No.	Approved Estimate
A.110	£2,720
D.120	£3,610
D.121	£6,750

Having regard to the narrow widths of the roads and the difficulty of wide vehicles passing each other, it is considered that passing bays 50 feet long and of sufficient width to give an 18-foot carriageway should be provided at ¼-mile intervals. This work could hardly be carried out under the provisions of the Act and the cost, which should not be very great, might be met out of the Council's own funds.

It was the intention that the value of works proposed this year should approximate to the amount of the grant likely to be available and that only those works could be considered for approval. Works in excess of that amount have been proposed, while it is not clear that all possible works for bog development have been submitted. In the circumstances formal approval to any other works in Part II cannot be given. In order to enable the Department to deal with the matter, it is suggested that a reply be furnished to the point raised in the first paragraph and that a priority list of works for execution this year be furnished. This list could include any further bog development works available, schemes A.110, D.120 and D.121, if they are being

undertaken, and any further schemes to absorb the balance of the likely grant. Provision will, of course, have to be made for Part I schemes which have been approved in this Department's letter of 28th May last.

A number of the works so far submitted have been examined and those which would be approved, if included on the priority list, are set out in Schedule A annexed. Other works which have been considered, but in respect of which approval has to be withheld temporarily pending clarification of certain matters, are set out in Schedule B.

It is to be understood that a commitment to allocate a grant of a particular amount does not arise out of the issue of approval to any work. The conditions attaching to the grant and the consideration to be borne in mind in connection with the timing of execution and approved works are set out in this Department's letter of 28th May last.

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

Secretary, Wicklow Co. Council.

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The following report of the Co. Engineer was submitted:—
6th Sept., 1952.

**Re: Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949.
1952/53 Drainage Scheme.**

I have examined the Department's circular of 26th ult., Ref. W.27/1/9, and wish to make the following observations:—

Under Part III of Form W/7, which deals with Bog Development Works, there are no additional Schemes to be submitted. There was a number of schemes submitted at the beginning of the year under Part III, i.e., A.111, D.112, D.113, D.114 and D.115, but it is suggested by the Department in Schedule B of their Circular that these schemes appear to qualify for grants under the Bog Development Schemes as set out in Circular No. W.1/52 of 19th February, 1952, and request that they be submitted on Form T.2. This is being done.

The point raised in connection with the construction of passing bays on the Wicklow Gap and Sallygap roads would not involve the Council in a large expenditure. It is estimated that the cost of constructing one such passing places would be £20. The number required on these two roads would be approximately 12, and I recommend that this expenditure be charged to Maintenance.

Schemes have been submitted to the Department to the value of £36,676 15s. 3d., including £713 13s. 3d. under Part I, which are schemes commenced last year and have yet to be finished.

The total allocation for 1952/53 has not yet been stated by the Department, but it is expected to be approximately £24,000.

The Schemes approved by the Department (subject to conditions set out in their circular), and which include the Wicklow Gap and Sallygap Roads and those schemes set out in Schedule A, total £20,638 13s. 8d., including the £713 13s. 3d. of Part I.

The value of schemes in progress out of 1952/53 allocation is £14,793 13s. 3d.

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

In regard to the provision of passing bays on the Sallygap Road, Councillor M. Brennan referred to the extent of the traffic on this road, and suggested that it would be desirable to provide a car park, and that no parking be permitted on the section of the roadway overlooking Lough Tay.

The County Manager stated that the Co. Engineer would be asked to give an estimate of the cost of providing a car park at the quarry adjoining the roadway over Lough Tay, or at some other suitable place,

and that "No Parking" notices would be erected on the narrow stretch of roadway over Lough Tay. The Co. Manager also suggested that "Drive Slowly—Road Narrows" notices be erected at the approaches to the narrow sections of the road.

The Council approved of the provision of the passing places as recommended by the County Engineer.

The Council also agreed to the submission of Schemes A.111, D.112, D.114 and D.115 for approval for Grants as Bog Development Schemes.

It was agreed also that the County Engineer submit additional Schemes in respect of the southern district, including schemes for the drainage of bogs.

Item No. 7—Road Workers' Wages.

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

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

That we recommend that an increase of 12s. 6d. per week in wages of all road workers be granted, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure.

As an Amendment, it was

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

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

That we refer to the County Manager the matter of the revision of wages of road workers.

As a further Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

That we recommend that the wages of all road workers be increased by 5s. 6d. per week, and we hereby authorise the necessary expenditure.

Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., with the consent of Councillor C. M. Byrne and the Council, having withdrawn his Amendment, the Amendment in the name of Councillor W. Lawless was then put to the meeting. 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, P. Ledwidge, W. Lawless, M. Brennan, C. M. Byrne, H. J. Byrne—8.

AGAINST: Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, W. Hammond, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, Edwd. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Jacob and Miss E. F. Bobbett—10.

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

The motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy was then put and, a vote having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR: Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, E. Byrne, W. Lawless, Jas. Everett, T.D.; J. Jacob—8.

AGAINST: Councillors W. Hammond, T. Brennan, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, P. Ledwidge, M. Brennan, C. M. Byrne, Miss E. F. Bobbett and H. J. Byrne—10.

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

Item No. 8—Report of Meeting of Housing Committee held on 1st September, 1952.

The following report of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 1st September, 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, 1st September, 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, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, Peter Ledwidge, L. O Laoighleis, C. M. O Broin, Joseph Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett, M. J. Brennan.

Mr. K. J. Brangan, Deputy Co. Manager, attended.

The County Engineer, Chief Assist. Co. Engineer and Assistant Co. Engineers J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley, C. J. Byrne and R. Fenlon were present.

The Chairman and members of the Committee extended a welcome to Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, County Engineer, on his return to duty following his illness.

Progress Report: The Committee adopted the attached report of the County Engineer on the progress of the Housing Scheme during the month of August, 1952.

Supplementary Grants for the Erection and Reconstruction of Houses: Having considered Circular No. H.10/1952 of the 12th August, 1952, from the Department of Local Government, and Section 8 to 12 inclusive and Section 21 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, the Committee recommended that the Council make grants to farmers under Section 9 of the Act, provided the rateable valuation did not exceed £20.

Rents of Houses at Lugduff and Killincarrig: The Committee considered the following letter received from the Department of Local Government:—

27/15/4.
Co. Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
A Chara,

Dept. of Local Government,
Custom House,
Dublin.
14th August, 1952.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letters of the 9th and 16th ultimo, submitting rent proposals for the housing schemes at Lugduff and Killincarrig, and note that the Council propose to apply a system of graded renting to each scheme fixing the minimum rents at 7/6 and 9/3 per week, excluding rates.

In calculating the minimum rents it is observed that the Council propose to make an annual contribution of £2 12s. per house from the rates towards the cost of the schemes, representing approximately 6.7 per cent. of the annual outgoings in the case of the Lugduff scheme, and 5.5 per cent. for the Killincarrig Scheme. Taking into consideration the State subvention representing about 43 per cent. of the annual outgoings, the Minister is not satisfied that the proposed charge of £2 12s. per house on the rates is a reasonable contribution having regard to the cost of the houses, and suggests that the matter should be reconsidered by the Council.

I shall be glad to have your further observations in the matter.

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G. A. MEAGHER.

The Committee recommended that no change be made in the rent proposed for the houses at Killincarrig, but that a further contribution be made from rates to enable the houses at Lugduff, Tinahely, to be let on a graded rents scheme with a minimum rent of 4/- per week.

Progress Report re Provision of Pumps and Wells: The Committee considered report of the County Engineer dated 1st September, 1952, in which he stated that the number of wells sunk and completed to date was 28 with three in progress. The Co. Engineer stated there

were several wells which could not be completed as the rock through which the well had to be bored became so hard that no progress could be made with the Percussion Well Boring Plant. In one case, Park-bridge, the Rotary Plant was being used, but it was very slow. The Co. Engineer reported that he was in touch with firms who supplied welding steels to see if a steel suitable for hard rock could be obtained. The additional drills were on order and the Council was promised delivery of six within the coming month. The Co. Engineer submitted details of the wells completed and those in progress.

Priority List for Provision of Pumps and Wells: Having examined the priority list for the provision of pumps and wells, the Committee agreed that no alteration be made in the order of priority. The Committee recommended that the provision of a pump at Johnstown be included on the priority list.

The Committee agreed that a report be obtained from the Health Inspector in regard to the need for a water supply at Ballinalea, Ashford.

Temporary Dwellings: The Deputy Co. Manager stated that the Assistant Co. Engineer had reported that Mr. Michael Kirwan, who had a temporary structure at Goat's Pass, Kilmacanogue, had begun to build a concrete block wall around the same without having obtained the permission of the Council. The Committee agreed that a Prohibition Order be served on Mr. Kirwan.

Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts: Having considered report of Assistant County Engineer, in regard to the application of Mr. W. Kidd, Moyne, Ballinglen, for an extension to his premises, the Committee recommended that permission be granted for the work.

Applications for Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts: Having considered report of Assistant Co. Engineer, the Committee recommended that the application of Caoimhin Mac Eiteagain for a loan of £1,000 in respect of the erection of a house at Windgates, Bray, be refused.

Having considered letter dated 30th August, 1952, from the Council's Solicitor, in regard to a loan to Eithne and James Joyce of Killinure, Tullow, the Committee recommended that James Joyce be asked to sign a Guarantee for the repayment of the loan.

Having considered report of Assistant Co. Engineer, the Committee agreed that the amount of the loan approved to Mr. R. P. Tyrrell, in respect of the erection of a house at Rocky Road, Ballynerrin, Wicklow, could not be increased.

The Committee deferred the application of James J. Phillips, for a loan of £1,500 in respect of a house to be erected at Ballyman Road, Monastery Cross, Enniskerry.

Arrears of Rent on Cottage at Coolnakilly: Having considered report of Rent Collector dated 7th August, 1952, the Committee agreed that a Notice to Quit be served on the tenant of the cottage at Coolnakilly, in view of his failure to honour his undertaking for the payment of arrears of rent.

Conditions for Provision of Public Lighting at Monaline, Newtownmountkennedy and Kilpedder: The Committee noted letter dated 26th August, 1952, from the E.S.B. in which it was stated that the Board hoped to receive during the next few months new Time Switches which would operate the public lamps without the necessity arising for regular setting and adjusting each week. It was understood that the only adjustment which these switches would require would be adjustment for Summer Time each year. Normally the switches would not require any attention, but should repairs become necessary at any time, these would be attended to by the Board's staff on receipt of the Council's undertaking to defray the charges arising in the matter. The E.S.B.

stated that if the Council required the Time Switches at present being used for public lighting to be installed in connection with the additional lighting at Monaline, Newtownmountkennedy and at Kilpedder, the Board would submit a quotation, but that it must be understood that these switches would have to be adjusted by the Council's staff delivery of the new type of Time Switch referred to by the E.S.B. each week. The Committee recommended that the Council await the

Repairs to Cottages Carried Out during the Month of August, 1952: The Committee noted the report of the County Engineer in regard to cottages repaired during the month of August, 1952.

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, including repairs to access roads at Kilcoole and Ballydonnerae.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that he wished to be recorded as dissenting from the expenditure on repairs to access roads at Kilcoole and Ballydoneora being defrayed from the amount provided for cottage repairs.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we approve of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 1st September, 1952.

Passed, Councillor J. Everett, T.D., dissenting.

Item No. 9—Deputation to Minister for Local Government in Relation to Housing Costs.

The following letter from Wexford County Council was submitted:
County Hall,
Wexford.

27th August, 1952.

A Chara,

Erection of Houses in Towns and Villages.

With reference to your letter of the 9th ultimo concerning the proposal of the Wicklow County Council, that the Wexford County Council might participate in a joint Deputation to the Minister for Local Government on the question of the cost of houses erected in towns and villages, I wish to inform you that the matter was considered by the Wexford Co. Council at its last meeting and it was unanimously agreed that the Council should participate in any Deputation arranged on by your Council.

Mise, le meas.

The Secretary,

Wicklow Co. Council,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following members to represent the Council on the joint Deputation with Wexford Co. Council to the Minister for Local Government in connection with housing costs: Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman; Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea and Councillor P. P. O'Reilly.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea asked that a definite reply be obtained from the Minister as soon as possible in regard to the reception of the deputation, in order that the Council could reach a final decision concerning the 1949 Housing Scheme.

Item No. 10—Letter from Baltinglass Development Association.

The following letter, received from Baltinglass Development Association, was submitted:—

Mr. Flannery,
Wicklow Co. Manager,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
Dear Sir,

Baltinglass,
Co. Wicklow.
3rd Sept., 1952.

As you are aware, the Baltinglass Development Association has been in communication with the County Secretary about a number of things in this town that are not being attended to, or about which there is great delay.

The Association is not in agreement with the statement that an additional lamp cannot be erected on "the Bridge." Then there is the question of sewerage, of water supply, and the question of the public convenience. The Association is not satisfied that this is being provided in the best possible position.

The meeting directed me to write you and ask if you could attend a meeting of the Association in Baltinglass on a date and at an hour convenient to you, where a candid discussion of all the matters concerning the Association and the County Council could take place. I will, of course, let you have a list of the matters in advance.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: B. M. SHERIDAN,

Hon. Secretary.

The County Manager stated that he did not feel that there was any number of matters which had not been attended to in relation to Baltinglass. The Council directed that a letter be sent to Baltinglass Development Association pointing out that the area was well served by the Councillors for the district, and that the matters referred to had already been considered by the Council.

Application from Cottage Tenants' Association, Newtownmountkennedy, for Provision of Concrete Path, Concrete Seats and Planting of Trees.

The Council decided that these matters should be raised through a member of the Council for the area, and directed that copy of the representations received from the Cottage Tenants' Association be sent to each member of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area.

Item No. 11—Enniskerry Library.

The County secretary stated that as arranged at the previous meeting of the Council, a meeting was held at Enniskerry Library on 4th September, 1952, between members of the Council and representatives of Enniskerry Parish Committee. The following persons attended: Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman; Councillors M. Brennan, C. M. Byrne and P. Ledwidge; Rev. Fr. Doyle, C.C., and Messrs. Corcoran, Troy and McNulty. A telegram had been received from the County Librarian indicating that owing to illness she was unable to attend. The members of the Council who attended the meeting agreed that no damage had been caused to the premises as a result of their use by the Enniskerry Parish Committee, and recommended that the existing agreement for the letting of the premises to the Parish Committee be continued. The Committee of the Council also recommended that the agreement under which one room in the Library was used as an additional classroom for the National School be continued. The following letter from Very Rev. Fr. Kennedy, P.P., addressed to the Chairman of the Council, was read:—

St. Mary's,
Enniskerry.

3/9/1952.

Dear Sir,

I understand it has been suggested that recent injuries to the Enniskerry Library building have been caused by members of the Young Men's Club, who make use of the building as a safe place of recreation during their leisure hours in the evening after their day's

work. To say the least of it, it is most unlikely that they would act so foolishly. I am quite satisfied that they are not guilty. The recent weather was quite sufficient to cause the damage. The wind was of hurricane force and speed. It lifted a sheet of well fastened galvanised iron off a shed close by, and flung it into a neighbour's garden. If I do not attend the meeting this morning, it is due to a chill I got during the recent changeable weather.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

J. J. KENNEDY, P.P.

The Council approved of the report submitted.

Item No. 12—University Scholarship Scheme, 1952.

The County Secretary submitted the results of the examination in respect of University Scholarship Scheme, 1952. Seven candidates had competed, of which number four had passed the examination.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we approve of the award of University Scholarships under the Council's Scheme for the year 1952, as follows:—

1. John P. Hayden, Novara, Blacklion, Greystones;
2. Cathal V. Cullen, Rathdangan, Kiltegan.
3. Joseph T. Murphy, 17, Blacklion, Greystones.

Passed unanimously.

Secondary Schools Scholarship Scheme.

Councillor P. Ledwidge pointed out that the candidates who obtained 6th and 7th places at the examination under the Council's Secondary Schools Scholarship Scheme had received the same number of marks, but that the candidate who obtained 6th place had received a scholarship and the other candidate had not. He asked that special consideration be given in this instance to the candidate who obtained seventh place.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we approve of the amendment of the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1952, to allow for the award of an additional scholarship under Category 1(a) of the Scheme to a candidate who obtained the same number of marks as that obtained by a candidate who has been awarded a scholarship.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Report re Effect of Termination of Food Subsidies on Costs of Maintenance of Council's Institutions.

The County Secretary stated that as previously reported to the Council, it was estimated that a sum of £2,090 would be required in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the additional cost of food supplies for the Council's Institutions consequent on the withdrawal of food subsidies as from 1st July, 1952. As the Council would be receiving tenders for food supplies to the institutions for the quarter ending 31st December, 1952, it was suggested that consideration of the matter be deferred for a further month until these quotations were available.

The Council agreed to defer consideration of the matter to the next meeting.

Item No. 14—Dumping Ground at Avoca.

The following draft conditions, in respect of the letting of a site for a dumping ground near Avoca, had been submitted by the Select Vestry of the Church of Ireland, in a letter dated 1st August, 1952:—

1. Erection and maintenance of an iron gate in the line of existing low wall along the roadway;

2. All rubbish to be tipped over the steep brow and none left on the level ground;
 3. Level ground to be cleared of hazel, etc., for turning vehicle and firing to be left at the Rectory;
 4. County Council to be responsible for any nuisance or claim from the owner of the level field below the wood;
 5. Acknowledgment rent of £10 per annum.
- It was stated, also, that a formal agreement embodying these conditions would have to be made with the Representative Church Body.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we approve of the proposed conditions in respect of the acquisition of a dumping ground at Avoca, as submitted by the Select Vestry of the Church of Ireland in letter dated 25th August, 1952.

Passed unanimously.

The Assistant County Engineer stated that the cost of providing a gate and piers would be approximately £15.

Item No. 15—Water Supply at Askintinny.

The following report of the Assist. Co. Engineer was submitted:—
Courthouse,

Arklow.

27th August, 1952.

Re: Well at Park and Askintinny.

I investigated the necessity of sinking a new well at Askintinny. There are seven houses in the district, including two labourers' cottages, served by a well near Clogga beach.

The people have to cross a couple of fields down a steep bank and then across a stream. The well sometimes is flooded by the stream. The well is about an average of 300 yards from the houses and getting water from it is difficult and laborious, and a more convenient well should be sunk. The cost would be about the average—£250.

Signed: J. P. CAFFREY,

Assistant Co. Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of a well at Askintinny, as recommended by the Assistant County Engineer in report dated 27th August, 1952, and direct that this work be included on the priority list.

Item No. 16—Fire at Knockenree, Avoca.

The Co. Secretary stated that a further report had been received from the Chief Fire Officer in regard to the fire at Knockenree, Avoca. In his report the Chief Fire Officer stated that a chain of buckets had been brought into operation and operated by Brigade personnel, as indicated in reports received from the various Station Officers concerned. The Chief Fire Officer arrived at the scene of the fire at 4 a.m. He also stated that the furniture had been removed from the dwellinghouse before the arrival of the first Brigade, and that in any case he would not have ordered the removal of such furniture, as there was little danger of the dwellinghouse being burned owing to the direction of the wind. The Chief Fire Officer drew attention to the difficulty of controlling a major rick fire, and explained that a modern fire pump required 500 gallons of water per minute. No water was available from local springs. The Chief Fire Officer stated that he was satisfied that all three Brigades carried out their work in the best possible manner, and did everything in their power to prevent the further spread of the fire. The following report of the Station Officer of the Arklow Fire Brigade was submitted:—

ARKLOW FIRE BRIGADE.

H. R. H. Sharpe, Esq.,
County Fire Officer,
Courthouse, Bray.
Dear Sir,

5 O'Connell Terrace,
Arklow.
23rd August, 1952.

I beg to report that on the 4th August, I received a 'phone call from the Garda Síochána at Avoca at 1.0 a.m. to the effect that Mr. H. Johnston's premises at Knockanree, Avoca, were on fire.

When the Fire Brigade arrived at 1.50 a.m., I found that a huge rick of hay was on fire. I inquired from the owner of the premises about the water supply. He informed me that there was a tank of water down the field about 150 yards away from the farmyard. I gave orders to the men to unship the trailer pump and take it down the field to this well. When we arrived at this place, I found it was a concrete tank, 7' x 4', with only 9" of water in the tank, not sufficient to cover the strainer on the suction hose. We had to give up all hopes of getting a supply from this tank to operate the pump.

I gave orders to the men to go up to the haggard and see what could be done. By this time the Rathdrum Brigade had arrived. Both Brigades made a chain of buckets from a supply tank in the yard, to cool down the adjoining buildings, but in a short time this tank was empty. At this stage the Wicklow Fire Brigade arrived on the scene.

We made arrangements to get the three Fire Engines down to a stream situated a half-mile from the farmyard, hoping that we might be able to relay the water from this stream, but after it had been dammed up, we found it inadequate to work the pumps. After this failed there was no other supply of water in the neighbourhood nearer than the Avoca River—two miles away.

All the members of the three Brigades went back to the scene of the fire to keep it from spreading to the adjoining buildings.

I desire to inform you that all the furniture and other household goods from the dwellinghouse were removed to the roadside before the Arklow Fire Brigade arrived.

Owing to the shortage of water in the neighbourhood, the Rathdrum and Wicklow Fire Brigades had to withdraw their services. The Arklow Fire Brigade carried out a stand-to duty to deal with any other outbreak of fire which might have occurred at the other farmyard on the opposite side of the road.

Yours faithfully,

M. REDMOND,
Station Officer.

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

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we accept the reports of the Chief Fire Officer dated 7th and 27th August, 1952, in regard to the fire at Knockenree, Avoca. A copy of the Arklow Station Officer's report to be sent to Mr. Johnson.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 17—Abstract of Accounts.

The County Secretary stated that the Abstracts of Accounts of the Council for the year to the 31st March, 1952, were available for the submission to the Department of Local Government for audit.

The Rate Collection for the year to the 31st March, 1952, was very satisfactory—99.21 per cent. of the Warrant having been collected. A sum of £1,511 15s. 2d., representing 78 per cent. of the Warrant, was carried forward to the year 1952/53.

The amounts provided in the estimates under certain headings had been exceeded: under Public Assistance Account, excess expenditure in an amount of £2,790 had been incurred in respect of repairs to the County Home; on Housing Services, excess expenditure amounted to £2,363, mainly occasioned by repairs to cottages; excess expenditure amounted to £568 on Sanitary Services Account in respect of expenditure on Burial Grounds.

The excess expenditure incurred on these Services was more than offset by increased receipts.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the Estimates for the year 1951/52 as follows:—Public Assistance—£2,790; Housing Services—£2,363; Sanitary Services—£568.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:

Resolved—That we approve of the submission of the Abstract of Accounts of the Council for the year to 31st March, 1952, to the Department of Local Government for audit.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 18—Resolution from Wicklow Farmers' Party re Amendment of Valuation Acts.

On the proposal of Councillor W. Hammond, seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, the Council adopted the following resolution received from the Wicklow Farmers' Party County Executive: "That this meeting of the County Executive, Wicklow Farmers' Party, requests our representatives in Dail Eireann and on the County Council to press for the amendment of the Valuation Acts, so as to ensure that valuations shall not be increased because of improvements by rate-payers to residences and other essential buildings."

Item No. 19—Resolution from Carlow County Council re Appointment of Rate Collectors.

The Council noted the following resolution received from Carlow County Council:—"That this Council would direct the attention of all County Councils to the terms of Paragraph 19 of Circular Letter E.L.7/52, under date June 23rd, 1952, dealing with the appointment of Rate Collectors, and, being of the opinion that the direction in this paragraph as to the functions of the County Manager in connection with such appointments is a direct interference with one of the very few reserved functions vested in the Council, hereby protest strongly against the terms of said paragraph, and call upon all County Councils to make similar protests and so endeavour to secure that the limited functions now held by the elected representatives of the people should not be further curtailed or interfered with. Carlow County Council have accordingly refused to implement it."

Item No. 20—Resolution from Carlow County Council re Pensions for Auxiliary Postmen.

The Council adopted the following resolution received from Carlow County Council:—"That this Council would in the strongest possible manner protest against the policy which denies Pension rights other than Old Age Pensions to the great number of State employees termed "Auxiliary Postmen," and we call upon the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to introduce legislation to provide Pensions for such employees and so relieve a great number of workers from being forced to continue in an employment at an age when they are obviously physically unable to discharge their duties."

Item No. 21—Resolution from Kerry County Council re Amendment of Licensing Laws.

The Council noted the following resolution received from Kerry County Council:—"That the Kerry County Council request the Minister for Justice to consider the Licensing Laws in relation to Public Houses with a view to granting them all a Seven-day Licence, giving all an equal opportunity to support themselves. As the present system was put into operation by the British Government, and those favoured by the British Representatives got Seven-day Licences, and the Irish applicants not recommended by the British Agents got only Six-day Licences, and that copies of this resolution be sent to all Co. Councils."

Motor Taxation.

The County Manager stated that a White Paper had been issued by the Department of Local Government in regard to the revision of rates of motor taxation.

The Council directed that a summary of the provisions of the White Paper be circulated to each member, and that it be included on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

Glendalough Burial Ground.

Councillor M. Brennan referred to the meeting held at Laragh in connection with the Glendalough Burial Ground, and which had been attended by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., and Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., and himself. He asked that the County Engineer submit a report as to whether the ditch and dykes forming the boundary of the last extension to the Burial Ground could be levelled to provide extra burial space. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., inquired whether the Council would have a right of appeal to the Courts against the Minister's decision following the Local Inquiry.

Nuisance at Churchlands, Tinahely.

Councillor J. O'Neill asked that a further report be obtained from the Assistant County Engineer, for the next meeting, in regard to the nuisance arising from the water lodging on the side of the road at Churchlands, Tinahely.

Notice of Motion.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I shall move at the next meeting of the Council that a concrete path, concrete seats and planting of trees be approved for Newtownmountkennedy, as requested in the letter from the Cottage Tenants' Association."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11 a.m. on Monday, 13th Oct., 1952.

The following members were present:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, 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, P. Ledwidge, Ed. Byrne, L. O Laoighleis, P. N. Murdoch, W. Cleary, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. O Broin, C. W. Hudson, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. J. Brennan.

Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, attended.

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assist. Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, R. M. Fenlon, and P. J. Foley were present.

In the absence of Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, during the earlier part of the meeting, Councillor C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman, presided.

BUSINESS:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 14th July, 18th and 25th August, and 8th September, 1952.
2. Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1952 — Letter from Department of Education re proposed amendment of scheme to allow for award of additional scholarships.
3. Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1953 — Letter from Department of Education approving of draft Scheme, subject to amendments.
4. University Scholarships Scheme, 1952.
(a) Application that Scholarship be tenable at Maynooth College;
(b) Application to defer acceptance of Scholarship for one year.
5. Applications for renewal of University Scholarships.
6. Report of meeting of Committee of Council for Shillelagh Area, held on 12th September, 1952.
7. Letter from An Bord Failte re protection and maintenance of historic buildings and provision of road signs.
8. Five-year County Road Improvement Plan — Report of County Engineer.
9. Purchase of Stone-crushing Plant — Letter from Department of Local Government.
10. White Paper from Department of Local Government re revision of motor taxation.
11. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., for provision of concrete path and seats at Newtownmounckennedy.
12. Further correspondence re application for increase in wages of road workers.
13. Membership of Trade Unions—Letter from Assistant County Engineer and Opinion of Law Agent.
14. Report of meeting of Housing Committee held on 6th Oct., 1952.
15. Proposed erection of houses at Carriglineen, Glenmalure — Letter from Department of Lands, Forestry Division.
16. To authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to Mortgage from the National Bank, Ltd., for Loan of £700 for new Dispensary at Kilcoole.
17. Letter from Department of Health re replacement of Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.
18. Increase in cost of maintenance of Council's Institutions consequent on withdrawal of Food Subsidies.
19. Complaint re drainage of house at Kilquade.
20. Knockenarrigan Dispensary—Reports re proposed acquisition of building.

21. Disposal of waste water at Churchlands, Tinahely — Report of County Engineer.
22. Blessington Water Supply—Supply to thirteen houses.
23. Laying of main from Kilquade to Kilcoole—Estimate of cost.
24. Application for provision of fountain at Church Road, Newtown.
25. Proposed provision of fountain at Kilmacanogue.
26. Coolboy Water Scheme—Application for extension of Scheme.
27. Lugduff Water Supply—Report of Council's Engineer.
28. Enniskerry Water Supply—Report of County Engineer.
29. Public Lighting—Monaline and O'Neil Park, Newtownmountkennedy—letter from Cottage Tenants Association.
30. Public Lighting—Annacurra—Quotation from E.S.B.
31. Public Lighting—Killincarrig—Quotation from E.S.B.
32. Public Lighting—Aughrim—Letter from E.S.B. re alteration.
33. Public Lighting—Avoca—Quotation from E.S.B.
34. Public Lighting—Ballyknocken—Proposed provision of lamps.
35. Public Lighting—Hollywood and Vallemount—Proposed provision of lamps.
36. Sending of patients to Extern Hospitals—Letter from Dispensary M.O.
37. Charge for treatment of patient—Letter from Dispensary M.O.
38. Recruitment of Clerk/Typists—Letter from Department of Local Government.
39. Health Grant—Letter from Department of Health re Council's resolution.
40. Pensions for Auxiliary Postman—Letter from Department of Posts and Telegraphs re Council's Resolution.
41. Resolution from Buncrana Urban District Council re increase in taxation of motor vehicles.
42. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes:

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;
 Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;
 Resolved—That we confirm and sign minutes of meetings held on 14th July, 18th and 25th August, 1952.
 Passed unanimously.

Resolutions of Sympathy:

On the proposal of Councillor P. Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor E. Byrne, the Council passed a resolution expressing sympathy with Mr. McNulty, Oonagh, Enniskerry, on the death of his wife.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor W. Hammond, the Council passed a resolution expressing sympathy with Dr. F. McEnroy on the death of his mother.

Fire at Ballina Park, Ashford:

The Council expressed appreciation of the following letter received from Group Captain C. H. Tighe:—

Ballina Park, Ashford.

7th October, 1952.

Dear Sir,

On Thursday afternoon last, whilst I was absent from the farm, one of my straw ricks caught fire.

I would like to express my great appreciation of the prompt and excellent work carried out by the Wicklow and Rathdrum Fire Brigades. Their work ensured that the fire did not spread and that the damage was confined to a minimum.

I am only sorry that by the time I got back it was all over and I was unable to thank them in person.

The Secretary,

Wicklow Co. Council,

Yours faithfully,

C. H. TIGHE.

Item No. 3—Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1952:

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

The Secretary,

Wicklow Co. Council,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

Marlborough St., Dublin.

19 Mean Fomhair 1952.

Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1952:

A Chara,

With reference to your communication of the 11th September, 1952, regarding the Council's proposal to award an additional scholarship under the above scheme, I am directed to inform you that the Minister would offer no objection to the amendment of the scheme to provide for an additional scholarship to be awarded to the candidate who obtained 7th place in order of merit. The wording of the amendment indicating its position in the scheme, should be forwarded to this Department together with particulars on the attached form of the additional award, for the approval of the Minister to the amendment and to the award of the scholarship.

In connection with the wording of the amendment, I am to say that the following paragraph placed at the end of Clause I would be a suitable amendment:—

"After the award of the twelve scholarships provided for at Categories 1(a) and 1(b) an additional scholarship will be awarded to the candidate highest in order of merit who has not already received a scholarship and the value of that scholarship shall be determined in accordance with the conditions for scholarships under Category 1(a) if the candidate is from a school in a rural area, and under Category 1(b) if the candidate is from a school in an urban area."

Mise, le meas,

D. O LAOGHAIRE.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—Having considered letter, dated 19th September, 1952, from the Department of Education, we hereby amend the Scholarship Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1952, by the insertion of the following paragraph at the end of Clause I of the Scheme:—

"After the award of 12 Scholarships provided for under Categories 1(a) and 1(b) an additional Scholarship will be awarded to the candidate highest in order of merit who has not already received a scholarship, and the value of that scholarship shall be determined in accordance with the conditions for Scholarships under Category 1(a) if the candidate is from a school in a rural area, and under Category 1(b) if the candidate is from a school in an urban area."

and we approve of the award of a Scholarship to John Patrick O'Dea.
 Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1953:

Letter dated 1st October, 1952, from the Department of Education conveying approval to the proposed Scheme, subject to certain amendments, was submitted to the Council.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That, having considered letter dated 1st October, 1952, from the Dept. of Education, we hereby determine to put into execution the Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools for the year 1953, as approved by the Minister, and embodying the amendments set out in the Department's letter.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—University Scholarship Scheme, 1952:

Having considered representations received on behalf of Cathal V. Cullen, Killamoate, Rathdangan, that the University Scholarship award-

ded to him be tenable at Maynooth College, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lewless;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That we hereby amend the University Scholarship Scheme, 1952, by the omission of the word "only" from the fourth line of paragraph 1 of the Scheme, and the insertion in its place of the words "or Maynooth College," and approve of the Scholarship awarded to Cathal Cullen, Killamoate, Rathdangan, being tenable at Maynooth College.

Passed unanimously.

Having considered letter dated 17th September, 1952, from the Master of Novices, Holy Ghost Novitiate, Kilshane, Co. Tipperary, in regard to the University Scholarship awarded to Mr. Joseph T. Murphy, 17 Blacklion, Greystones, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That having considered letter from the Master of Novices, Holy Ghost Novitiate, Kilshane, Tipperary, we approve of the deferring of the University Scholarship awarded to Mr. Joseph T. Murphy, 17, Blacklion, Greystones, for a period of one year.

Passed unanimously.

The Council noted the Co. Manager's suggestion that provision be made in the University Scholarship Scheme for the coming year, for Scholarships to be tenable at University College, Dublin, Maynooth College, and Trinity College, Dublin.

Item No. 5—Applications for Renewal of University Scholarships:

The following letter from University College, Dublin, was submitted:
The Secretary, Registry's Office,
Wicklow Co. Council, Earlsfort Tce., Dublin,
Courthouse, Wicklow, 10th October, 1952.

Dear Sir,

I wish to report on the results of the Autumn Examination in respect of the following students:—

Robinson, Brenda—Passed the B.Comm. Degree Examination with Second Class Honours. Renewal of Scholarship is recommended if this student should do Postgraduate work.

Magee, Elizabeth L.—Passed the B.A. (Honours) Degree Examination in the group French and Spanish.

Kavanagh, Michael J.—Passed the B.A. (Honours) Degree Examination, with First Class Honours in the Economics Group and Second Class Honours in the Subjects Roman Law and Jurisprudence. Passed the B.Comm. Degree Examination with First Class Hons. Renewal of Scholarship is recommended if this student intends to continue with Postgraduate work.

Mescal, Andrew A.—Passed the B.Agr.Sc. Degree Examination with Second Class Honours.

Yours truly,

J. J. HOGAN, Registrar.

The Council also considered application from Mr. Michael J. Kavanagh, 2 Dunbur Road, Wicklow, for an extension of his Scholarship for a further year to enable him to complete his training for Secondary School teaching, and an application from Miss Elizabeth L. Magee, Main St., Wicklow, for an extension of her Scholarship for a further year to enable her to obtain an M.A. Degree.

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

Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett:

Resolved—That having considered applications received from Mr. M. J. Kavanagh, and Miss E. L. Magee, we approve of the renewing of the University Scholarship in these cases for a further year.

Item No. 6—Report of Meeting of Committee of Council at Shillelagh:

The following report of the meeting of the Committee of the Council held at Shillelagh, on 12th September, 1952, was submitted:—

REPORT OF MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL AT SHILLELAGH ON 12th SEPTEMBER, 1952.

As arranged at the meeting of the Co. Council held on the 8th September, 1952, a meeting of the members of the Council for the Arklow Electrical area was held at Shillelagh on 12th September, 1952, to consider the programme of Road Works and Drainage Works to be carried out in the southern engineering district during the present year.

The following members attended: Councillors T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, W. Hammond, P. McCarthy, Senator J. J. McCrea and J. J. O'Neill. The County Engineer and Assistant Co. Engineer C. J. Byrne, together with the County Secretary, attended.

The members of the Committee examined, with the Co. Engineer, the details of the road works included in the Road Works Scheme for execution during the year 1952/53. The Committee noted the works already carried out and those still to be put in hands. In relation to schemes under Local Authorities (Works) Act, the Committee recommended that the Co. Engineer submit proposals for construction of bog roads at Knockananna Bog and for drainage of the bog to be carried out during the present year. The Committee also recommended that the Department be asked to convey approval to the carrying out of the balance of Scheme No. C3 for the drainage of a tributary of the Mine river in the upper reaches. The Committee also recommended that Scheme No. C5 be re-submitted for approval.

Having considered a Memorial received from Local residents in regard to condition of Ballycumber Lane and the report of the Assst. County Engineer in regard to this laneway, the Committee recommended that a scheme be submitted under the Local Authorities (Works) Act for drainage and improvement of the roadway.

The meeting then terminated.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond:

Resolved—That we approve of report of meeting of Committee of Council for Shillelagh area, held on 12th September, 1952.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Letter from An Bord Failte:

The following letter from An Bord Failte was submitted:—

M. Flannery, Esq., 13 Merrion Sq., Dublin.
Co. Manager, 19th Sept., 1952.
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by An Bord Failte to draw your attention to some of the provisions of the Tourist Traffic Act, 1952, which entrusts this Board with functions in the implementation of which it is hoped the Local Authorities in your area will co-operate with the Board. Inter-alia, it is lawful for the Board

(f) to protect and maintain and to aid in protecting and maintaining historic buildings, sites and shrines and places of scenic, historic, scientific or other interest to the public and to facilitate visitors thereto by the provision of notices and the provision and improvement of means of access.

(g) to supply local authorities with road signs for erection by such authorities.

The Board would welcome from members of the Councils in your area and from your officers, information which would enable it to assess the extent of the problem and to provide a solution to it.

I am, therefore, to request that this matter be brought to the notice of local authorities managed by you, and that suggestions relative to the matters set out above be sent to the Board.

The Board trusts, with your assistance, that Sign Posting, difficulties may be overcome and that the Board will be enabled to carry out its task of protecting historic buildings and places of public interest

and of providing access to these national assets.

Yours faithfully,

M. K. O'Doherty, General Manager.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:

Resolved—That having considered letter dated 19th Sept., 1952, from An Bord Failte, we direct the Co. Engineer to prepare and submit to the Board a list of the places where sign posts indicating places of historic and other interest to the public should be provided, and that members of the Council submit their recommendations to the County Engineer in regard to signposts required in their respective areas.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Five Year County Road Improvement Plan:

The following report of the Co. Engineer was submitted:—

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,
COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES.**

List of County Roads proposed to be reconstructed within the next Five Years in accordance with Department's Circular RGU/201/52/53 of 18th February, 1952, with the priority indicated by numbers for each Area.

NORTHERN AREA.

1. Ashford-Nun's Cross-Ballycullen-Slean-Garryduff-Rathdrum. Roads 73, 92 to join Road 120 at Garryduff Crossroads—4 miles.
2. Roundwood to Rathdrum via Road 76 Moneystown; 91 Park, Garryduff Road 120, Rathdrum—6 miles.
3. Roundwood to Greystones via Ballinastoe, Altidore, Willow Grove via Road No. 36-39 to Willow Grove and thence via Main Road No. 26 to Greystones—4½ miles.
4. Laragh-Sallygap; Roads 57 and 58—9 miles.
5. Deerpark (Powerscourt)-Glencree Road No. 13—4 miles.
6. Laragh-Drummin-Oldbridge—Lough Dan, Road 59—3½ miles.

SOUTH-EAST AREA.

1. Rathdrum-Greenane via Road No. 127—1½ miles.
2. Aghrim-Greenane via Macreddin, Moneymet; Road Nos. 140 and 141—5 miles.
3. Aghrim to Aghavannagh (via Rednagh, Ballymanus, Ballyteigue) Road No. 137—6 miles.
4. Rathdrum to Barnadarrig (Kilbride) via Glasnarget, Kilcandra, Ballycapple, Ballinacor to Kilbride. Roads 152, 156—5 miles.
5. Woodenbridge-Annacurra via Ballintemple Village, Ballycoog, Clone, Killacloran to Coate's Bridge and Annacurra Bridge. Roads Nos. 197 and 198—5 miles.
6. Kish Bridge to Kilmurry via Arklow Rock. Roads 187 and 188—3 miles.
7. Redcross to Wicklow via Oghill, Barniskey, Snugboro, Templarainey and also branch to Ballinaheese. Roads 173 and 172—6½ miles.
8. Glenmalure (Drumfloff) to Aghavannagh, Road 123—4½ miles.
9. Thomastown to Woodenbridge via Road 191 and 195—3½ miles.
10. Ballymorris to Castlemacadam via Knocknamohill. Road No. 182—3½ miles.
11. Redcross to Scratenagh via Oghill, Chapel, Road 175—2½ miles.
12. Laragh (Derrybawn) to Glenmalure (Drumfloff). Road 83—4½ miles.
13. Glenealy via Drumdangan-Barnabawn to Derrybawn (near Laragh).—Roads 115, 90 and 86—7 years.

SOUTHERN AREA.

1. Rathangan to Aghrim and Aghavannagh—portion via Mullawn Crossroads to Aghavannagh Cross, and at Ballyteigue (Ballygoban). Road 130—3½ miles.
2. Ballisland (near Carnew) to Ardoyne, via Newry, Moylisha, Money, Tullowclay to Ardoyne. Roads Nos. 234, 235, and 238—8½ miles.
3. The Bullock Ford (Carlow Bounds) to Knockananna and Ballinglen via Moyne. Roads 134 and 135—3½ miles.

4. Knockananna to Rathangan Village via Knocknaskeagh, Knocknagilkey, Kilcarney, Killamoat to Rathangan. Roads Nos. 257, part 258 and 259—3½ miles.
5. Shillelagh to Park via Ballard Crossroads. Road 232—2½ miles.
6. Shillelagh to Hacketstown via Ballyrahan, Mullinacuffe, Knocktomcoyle; Roads 246 and 249 (Branch to Kilquigan Village)—5½ miles.
7. Knockballystine (Wicklow-Carlow Bounds) to Money (Wicklow-Carlow Bounds) via Ballyconnell, Oak's Cross, Killinure, Money Upper; Roads 252 and 239—3 miles.
8. Ballinglen-Askinagap, Ballymanus via Road 142—4½ miles.
9. Aghrim to Tinahely via Rednagh, Preban, Ballinglen. Road No. 143—4 miles.

Lists of the County Roads proposed to be reconstructed within the following five years, in the order of priority recommended by the Co. Engineer, were circulated to the members. The members of the Council, having indicated that they did not agree with the order of priority proposed by the Co. Engineer, the Council agreed on the proposal of Councillor P. N. Murdoch, seconded by Councillor W. Lawless, that meetings of members of the Council for each Electoral Area be held to consider the Five Year County Road Improvement Plan.

It was decided that meetings be held as follows:—

Bray Electoral Area: 20th Oct., 1952, at 7.30 p.m., at Town Hall, Bray.
Baltinglass Electoral Area: 23rd Oct., 1952, at 3 p.m., at Courthouse, Baltinglass.

Shillelagh Electoral Area: 16th Oct., 1952, at 8 p.m., at Courthouse, Shillelagh.

Wicklow Electoral Area: 20th Oct., 1952, at 3 p.m., at Courthouse, Wicklow.

Item No. 9—Purchase of Stone Crushing Plant:

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

Roads—Custom House, Dublin.

2nd October, 1952.

IR/20/33.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 18th July last regarding the purchase of new quarry plant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that no objection is seen to the purchase of the plant required for the development of the quarry at 'The Rock near Carnew (Doyle's Quarry) and Carrigmore Quarry (near Barnadarrig). As regards the Newtown Quarry (near Donard) I am to request that the Council's proposal to erect a central quarry there be re-examined in the light of the future comparative costs for this area of stone purchased from private producers and stone produced by the Council. In the meantime I am to request you to be good enough to submit a revised list showing the machinery required in respect of the Carnew and Carrigmore quarries.

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E. T. SHEEDY.

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

The following report from the County Engineer was submitted:—
County Secretary. 11th October, 1952.

re: Purchase of Stone Crushing Plant.

As requested I have examined the question of the comparative costs of stone in West Wicklow and the purchase of Quarry Plant for Donard (Newtown) Quarry, as referred to in the Department's letter of 2nd October, 1952. I have consulted with the Assistant Engineer for the Western Area, and it is agreed that:—

- (1) The existing available quarry plant, in so far as it is of small capacity, is inadequate to give material at an economic price;
- (2) The provision of proposed larger plant would reduce the cost of stone production, but would not be at a cost lower than that which could be had from private producers in whose quarries very large

plant deal with enormous quantities of material each year.

- (3) It would be desirable to provide the plant as proposed for the Newtown Quarry to produce a limited amount of material for the roads south of that Quarry in the districts round Baltinglass, Kiltegan, Rathangan, etc. Even though it is estimated that costs would be 25 per cent. higher than for stone produced by private firms, nevertheless it would be desirable to maintain the Council's staff as far as possible. Should this plant be set up in this quarry, it would be up to the workers themselves to ensure that there would be an output which would keep costs at the lowest possible level.

Consequently, I recommend that the Machinery and Plant as already set out in the list in my report to the Council on 13th June, 1952, and already approved, should be obtained immediately.

J. T. O'BYRNE, County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor A. Toomey;

Resolved—That we request the Department of Local Government to reconsider the proposal to purchase plant for quarry at Newtown, Donard, and to approve of the purchase of such plant.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Revision of Motor Taxation:

Having considered White Paper from the Department of Local Government in regard to the proposed revision of motor Taxation, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. N. Murdoch;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That this Council protests at the proposed increases in Motor Taxation as outlined in the White Paper issued by the Government, and in addition expresses its disapproval of the suggestions put forward by C.I.E. to restrict road haulage.

As an Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

That consideration of the White Paper re Motor Taxation and any proposals in relation to restriction of road haulage, be adjourned.

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

In Favour: Councillors P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, P. Ledwidge, W. Lawless, C. M. Byrne, and Miss E. F. Bobbett—(9).

Against: Councillors Senator J. McCrea, W. Hammond, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, Ed. Byrne, P. Murdoch, M. Brennan, Jas. Everett, T.D.; J. Jacob, and C. W. Hudson—(11).

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

The resolution 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 Senator J. McCrea, W. Hammond, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, E. Byrne, P. N. Murdoch, M. Brennan, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Jacob, C. W. Hudson and Miss E. F. Bobbett—(12).

Against: Councillors P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, P. Ledwidge, W. Lawless, C. M. Byrne—(8).

The resolution was passed by twelve votes in favour to eight votes against.

Item No. 11—Provision of Concrete Path and Seats at Newtownmount-Kennedy:

In accordance with notice of motion, it was

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

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the provision of a concrete footpath at Newtownmountkennedy as recommended by the Co. Engineer

in his report of 4th September, 1952, and approve also of the provision of six seats and ornamental trees at Newtownmountkennedy, and direct that provision be made in the Estimates for 1953/'54 for the cost of these works.

Item No. 12—Further correspondence re application for increase in wages of road workers:

The following letter from the Federation of Rural Workers, was submitted:—

Mr. K. J. Brangan,

20 Westland Row, Dublin.

Co. Secretary,

23rd Sept., 1952.

Wicklow Co. Council,

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Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I desire to refer to your letter of the 11th Sept., 1952, in which you state your Council has not yet reached a decision in regard to our application for an increase in the wages of road workers. This matter is regarded by our members as of very considerable urgency, and I am sure that your Council will agree that immediate steps are necessary to aid road workers to cope with the inflated cost of living.

The recent official announcement showed that the Cost of Living Index stands at 122 points. Your Council last increased wages of road workers in April, 1951, when the Index figure stood at 103. The very steep upward trend in living costs is indicated by the difference of 19 points between last year's figure and that recently announced.

Many road workers are finding it impossible to carry on on their present wages. In the light of these circumstances I desire to appeal to your Council to reconsider this whole question at its next monthly meeting. Any delay in dealing with the matter can only bring further hardship on the families of the workers concerned.

Our submission to you on the 26th April indicated that we believed that a wage adjustment of 25s. per week in favour of your employees was called for. Events which have occurred since we made our claim have justified it fully. Perhaps you will be so kind as to bring this letter before the next meeting of your Council?

Yours faithfully,

SEAN DUNNE, General Secretary.

The County Secretary having stated that it would be necessary to suspend Standing Orders if the matter was to be considered by the Council, it was

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

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of giving further consideration to the applications for increases in wages of road workers.

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

In Favour: Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, Thos. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, P. Kehoe, P. Ledwidge, Ed. Byrne, W. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Jacob and C. W. Hudson—(13).

AGAINST: Councillors W. Hammond, G. Timmins, A. Toomey, P. Murdoch, M. Brennan, C. M. Byrne, Miss E. F. Bobbett and H. J. Byrne—8.

As the necessary three-fourths majority had not been obtained, the Chairman declared the motion defeated.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., indicated that a requisition would be submitted for the holding of a special meeting by the Council on Monday, 20th October, 1952, to consider the question of increase in wages of road workers employed by the Council.

Item No. 13—Membership of Trade Unions.

The County Secretary stated that representations had been received from the Federation of Rural Workers in regard to workers who were

in constant employment with the Council, and who were not members of a recognised Trade Union.

The advice of the Council's Law Agent on the matter had been obtained, and he had replied as follows:—

Church Street,
Wicklow.
1st October, 1952.

Re: Membership of Trade Unions.

A Chara,

In reply to yours of the 30th ult., in the case of permanent employees, we are of opinion that the Council would not be in order in dismissing them because they are not members of a recognised Trade Union.

However, in future, in order to comply with the Council's resolution, men should not be employed unless they are a member of a recognised Trade Union.

In effect, of course, the resolution of the Council means that you cannot employ a farmer for a day with his horse unless he is a member.

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

Yours faithfully,

J. BRAZIL.

The Council noted the advice of the Law Agent on the matter.

Item No. 14—Report of Meeting of Housing Committee held on 6th October, 1952.

The following report of the meeting of the Housing Committee, held on 6th October, 1952, was submitted:—

A Meeting of the Housing Committee of the Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 6th October, 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, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, P. Ledwidge, E. Byrne, L. O. Laoighleis, P. N. Murdoch, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. O'Broin, Joseph Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. J. Brennan.

Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, attended.
The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assist. County Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley and R. M. Fenlon, and P. O'Brien, Architect, were present.

Progress Report: The Committee noted the attached report of the County Engineer on the progress of the housing scheme during the month of September, 1952. The County Engineer, in reply to enquiries, stated that the 30 houses at Killarney Road would be ready for occupation on the 15th October, 1952. The Committee decided that the allocation of the houses among the tenants appointed be decided by drawing lots at a meeting of the Local Housing Committee to be held at the Town Hall, Bray, on 8th October, 1952.

Proposed Provision of Two Houses on Site at Bawnogue, Balinglass: Having considered report of Rent Collector, the Committee noted that only two of the six persons whose names had been submitted were still in need of housing accommodation at Balinglass. The Councillors for the district stated that they were aware of other persons requiring housing accommodation and would submit further names.

Housing Scheme at Kindlestown: The Committee considered letter dated 8th September, 1952, from Department of Local Government in regard to the Kindlestown Housing Scheme in which it was pointed out that the loan of £100,000 sanctioned by the Department was for the erection of labourers' cottages and would not extend to the erection of Tenant Purchase houses nor to the erection of shops-cum-dwellings. If the Council intended to proceed with these proposals, full particulars in regard to the need for the houses and shops and proposals for the

financing of the scheme should be submitted. The Department also ask that the Council indicate the up-to-date needs of agricultural labourers in the Kindlestown area, and whether consideration had been given to the provision of sites to enable persons to erect houses and shops for their own occupation or for letting. The Co. Manager stated that it was proposed to carry out the scheme in five stages, as follows:—

- Stage 1—Erection of 20 labourers' cottages.
- Stage 2—Erection of 20 Tenant Purchase Type houses.
- Stage 3—Erection of 16 Labourers' Cottages.
- Stage 4—Erection of Shop-cum-dwellings.
- Stage 5—Erection of 32 Labourers' Cottages.

A decision in regard to the proposed erection of shops might be deferred. The Council had received one application for the leasing of a site for the erection of a house on the lands acquired by the Council at Kindlestown.

The Committee also considered report of County Engineer dated 22nd September, 1952, in which he recommended that a number of 2-storey houses be erected under the proposed Tenant Purchase Scheme at Kindlestown. The Committee deferred the matter for consideration by the Local Housing Committee for the Electoral Area for the meeting to be held on the 8th October, 1952.

The Committee also referred for examination by the Local Housing Committee for Bray Electoral Area the list received from the Cottage Tenants' Co-operative Society, Greystones, of unemployed labourers in the Greystones, Delgany and Kilcoole Districts.

Erection of 5-Roomed Houses at Carnew: The Committee noted from replies to inquiries that there appeared to be only five persons at present interested in the scheme for the erection of houses under a Tenant Purchase System at Carnew. The Committee recommended that the Council proceed with the erection of three blocks of semi-detached houses.

Provision of Single Cottages under the Labourers Acts: Having considered Circular No. H.12/52 of the 23rd September, 1952, from the Department of Local Government in regard to the allocation of tenancies to original applicants, it was decided to ask the Department of Local Government for a clarification of the terms of the letter.

Proposed Erection of Smaller Houses at Rathnew: The Committee recommended that a design for smaller type house, together with an estimate of cost for the erection of such houses, be prepared and submitted to the Committee.

Application for Provision of Extra Room to Cottage at Newtownmountkennedy: Having considered report of Chief Medical Officer, the Committee directed that an estimate of the cost of providing an extra room in this instance be obtained.

Provision by Council of Seats at Rathnew: Having considered correspondence in regard to objection made on behalf of Mr. W. H. Stephens, to the erection of a seat at Rathnew, the Committee recommended that the seat should be retained.

Public Convenience at Newtownmountkennedy: The Committee noted letter received from the Assistant Secretary, Cottage Tenants' Association, Newtownmountkennedy, in regard to the application for the provision of a public convenience.

Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts: Having considered report of County Engineer and Council's Architect in regard to proposed erection of garage at Wingfield, near Bray, the Committee, by a majority, recommended that permission be granted. The Co. Manager stated that in view of the reports of the Technical Officers, he would not be prepared to grant permission in this case, but it would be open to the applicants to appeal to the Minister and the

Council's views on the matter would be forwarded to the Minister.

The Committee noted that there was no objection in principle to the use of a site at Kilmacanogue for the erection of a shop.

Having considered report of Council's Architect and Co. Engineer, in regard to a layout submitted for the development of lands at Blacklion, the Committee agreed that the layout could not be approved.

The Committee noted that there was no objection in principle to the use of a site at Glencormick South for the erection of five bungalows.

Applications for Loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:

The Council noted Circular No. H.13/52 of the 3rd October, 1952, from the Department of Local Government in which it was stated that the Minister had been informed by the Minister for Finance that, as the rate of interest charged on advances from the Local Loans Fund must be related to the terms on which the Exchequer can borrow from the public to finance the Fund, he had issued a direction under the Local Loans Fund Act, 1935, declaring that the rate of interest on every issue therefrom made on or after 6th October, 1952, for the purpose of financing advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts shall be 5½% per annum. The Committee noted that it would be necessary for the Council to charge an interest rate of 5½% per annum in respect of all moneys advanced after the 6th October, 1952.

The Committee recommended that the application of Mr. Francis Newsome, 10, St. Patrick's Terrace, Rathnew, for the transfer to him of a loan of £750 which had been granted to Mr. Hugh Behan in respect of the erection of a house at Milltown North, Rathnew, be approved.

The Committee recommended that the following applications for loans be refused:—James J. Phillips, Larkfield, Eden Road, Greystones, in respect of house to be erected at Ballyman Road, Enniskerry; John Byrne, 63, O'Byrne Road, Bray, in respect of houses to be erected at Dargle Road, Bray; Anthony Johnson, Architect, 15, Witzwilliam Sq., Dublin, in respect of the erection of house at Barnamire, Enniskerry.

The Committee approved of the making of a loan of £700 to Joseph Dvle, Ballinastoe, Kilpedder, in respect of the erection of a house at Ballinastoe, subject to verification of income and approval of house under Town and Regional Planning Acts.

Repairs to Cottages: The Committee noted the list of repairs to cottages carried out during the month of September, 1952.

Application for Fencing of Plot at Tomcoyle, Ballinglen: The Committee noted that this application had previously been refused.

Authorisation of Repairs to Cottages: The Committee approved of repairs being carried out to cottages in accordance with the list submitted by the County Engineer, excluding the provision of a new porch to cottage at Knockfodda, Roundwood.

Appointment of Staff Officer: The Co. Manager stated that applications had been invited by public advertisement for the vacant position of Staff Officer. In accordance with the regulations prescribed by the Minister, applicants must have had five years' permanent service with a Local Authority as a Clerical Officer. Thirteen applications were received and applicants were examined by a Selection Board set up for the purpose. Eight candidates attended before the Selection Board, and the Board had recommended the appointment of Mr. Patk. Maguire, Clerical Officer employed by the Council. It was proposed to appoint Mr. Maguire to the post of Staff Officer. The Committee noted the County Manager's report on the matter.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the report of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 6th October, 1952.

Passed.

Arising out of the report of the meeting of the Housing Committee, the Council decided to reconsider the application of Mr. John Byrne, 63, O'Byrne's Road, Bray, for a Loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and recommended that a Loan of £1,500 be made to Mr. Byrne.

Item No. 15—Proposal to Erect Houses at Carriglineen, Glenmalure.

The County Secretary stated that in letter received from the Department of Lands, Forestry Division, it was stated that the Department would be glad to receive, as early as possible, a copy of the County Engineer's Development Plan for the eventual erection of 20 cottages at Carriglineen, Glenmalure, and an indication of the site required for the erection of the first four cottages. On the question of preference for forestry workers in the allocation of houses, it was stated that the Forestry Department was of the opinion that in practice this would not be necessary. It was stated that there were about 40 men employed in the Glenmalure Forest, and constant employment could be found for another 20 men if these were available in the locality. It was presumably the absence of houses within reasonable distance which accounted for the scarcity of labour. The Forestry Department stated that if the Council were to erect a total of twenty cottages, there seemed to be very little reason to doubt that tenants would be forthcoming, and that the majority of these would take up employment in forestry work.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Miss E. F. Bobbett;

Resolved—That we approve of six houses being erected by the Council on sites to be acquired from the Department of Lands.

Passed unanimously.

Erection of Houses on Agreed Sites—1949 Scheme.

In reply to inquiries from members of the Council, the County Manager stated that meetings of the local Housing Committee would be held during the current month, or early in the coming month, to re-examine proposals for the erection of cottages on agreed sites under the 1949 Scheme.

In regard to the need for houses at Baltinglass, Councillor Kehoe handed in a further list of persons seeking houses at Baltinglass.

Item No. 16—Loan for New Dispensary at Kilcoole.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan;

Resolved—That pursuant to letter of sanction from the Local Government Minister dated 3rd day of September, 1952, the sum of £700 be borrowed from The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on providing a new dispensary at Kilcoole to be repaid within five years, with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances, at present 5 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. 17—Replacement of Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Department of Health, dated 30th September, 1952, enclosing, for the information of the Council and for any observations they might wish to offer in so far as the replacement of Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was concerned, copy of communication sent to the Dublin Corporation and Dublin County Council on proposals for the unified administration of the Dublin Health Services. The enclosure was as follows:—

F.17/3.

30 Mean Fomhair, 1952.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Health to inform you that the Minister wishes to acquaint the Dublin County Council of measures which he has had under consideration whereby a unified authority would be established to administer the health services in Dublin City and County.

The initiation of measures for unification of the Dublin health services has arisen from the Minister's conviction that the existence of six separate authorities, charged with responsibility for administering the health services, including the maintenance of a number of hospitals, sanatoria and other institutions in the Dublin area, has hindered their uniform development. There are two Health Authorities for the area, Dublin Corporation for the City and Dublin County Council for the County. As health authorities, these bodies are responsible for the administration of the Infectious Diseases (including Tuberculosis) Service, the Maternity and Child Welfare and School Medical Services and the other services provided under the Health Act, 1947. There are three public assistance authorities who, in addition to their social welfare functions, administer the dispensary medical service, and certain institutions for public assistance patients. The Dublin Board of Assistance caters for the city and the adjoining districts and the Balrothery and Rathdown Boards of Assistance for the remainder of the county. The Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board is responsible for the mental health services for the whole area, and Co. Wicklow as well.

Some of the local authorities referred to operate in the city alone, some in the county alone, and others in both the city and county. Each has done good work in its own sphere, but, in view of the compact nature of the entire area, and the similarity of the needs of its residents, it is thought that better services for all should result from integration under one joint authority.

Institutional services for the city and county are practically completely centred in or near the city and the institutions can, it is considered, be used to best advantage by an authority representing both the city and the county. In so far as the extra-institutional health services are concerned, the Minister considers that any arguments in favour of more localised administration of such services as the school medical service and the dispensary service are outweighed by the advantages which would be achieved by having these and the hospital services co-ordinated under one unified authority. The proposed Unified Authority would have power, if it wished, to set up Committees and in this way representative local committees could deal with matters arising in relation to health services in sub-divisions of its functional area.

The advantages which should follow on the unification of the existing bodies responsible for health matters would include the uniform administration of the different services, greater flexibility in the provision of institutional and other treatment and in the employment of health personnel, a greater degree of uniformity in the development of the health services and more economical running of these services as a whole. The contemplated extension of the health services, announced in the White Paper published last July, makes the case for unification more compelling.

The Minister proposes that in Dublin City and County there should be one health authority, to consist of 16 members of the Corporation and 8 members of the County Council, to carry out the health functions of the Dublin Corporation, the Dublin County Council and the three Boards of Assistance, and the functions of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board. The new body would have the services of a whole-time officer to carry out the appropriate executive functions.

The three Boards of Assistance and the Mental Hospital Board as such would be superseded and their officers and servants transferred to the new authority, previous service counting for superannuation purposes. The Social Welfare portion of the Public Assistance services (mainly the Home Assistance Service) would, for the time being, be administered by the new body. For the administration of the affairs of the Grangegorman and Portrane Mental Hospitals, special representation for Wicklow County would be arranged.

The Minister has carefully considered the problems involved in the financing of the new authority. He proposes that:—

- (a) The cost of the services for which the authority will be responsible will be met by the Corporation and the County Council;
- (b) Their cost up to a figure not exceeding the cost in the year immediately preceding the establishment of the authority will be contributed by the Corporation and the County Council in the proportions in which they were met by those bodies in that year; and
- (c) Any cost over and above that limit (which additional cost may be occasioned by expansion of services) will be met by the Corporation and the County Council in the ratio of the valuations of the city and county.

An exception would be made in the case of the School Meals Service, the cost of which will continue to be charged on the areas benefiting, viz., the City, Dun Laoghaire Borough and Balbriggan Town. The contribution by Wicklow County of its proportion of the mental health service will be continued.

The Minister has considered other bases on which the expenses of the new authority might be met, but he feels that that now outlined is the most equitable. It would interfere to the minimum with the present allocation of costs as between the city and the county; it would make for the least degree of interference with the operation of the Health Services Grant, and, it appears to the Minister that the principle of asking the Corporation and the County Council to continue to pay for the services at rates measured by the degree of their development in each of their administrative areas at the time of the amalgamation, and to contribute in proportion to valuation towards any expansion of those services, is reasonable.

I am to request that the Council will favour the Minister with their observations on his proposals at an early convenient date.

A similar letter is being sent to the Dublin Corporation.

Mise, le meas.

Secretary,
Dublin Co. Council.

P. S. O'MUIREADHAIGH.

The County Manager stated that the Council had been concerned for some years at the cost of maintaining patients at Grangegorman Mental Hospital, and had investigated the possibility of providing a separate Mental Hospital for County Wicklow. It was indicated, however, by the Department of Health, that no grant would be available from the Hospital Trust Funds towards the cost of erection of a new Mental Hospital. The Council had also examined the proposal that patients from County Wicklow be sent for treatment to the Mental Hospitals in County Carlow or County Wexford. If County Wicklow patients were to be treated in these institutions, however, additional accommodation would have to be provided. The Council had also been informed by their representatives on Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board that the Board proposed to embark on additional capital works in the near future, and such works would involve loan charges, a share of which would have to be borne by the Council.

The County Manager pointed out that the letter from the Department of Health had not indicated the extent of the representation

which might be afforded to Co. Wicklow on the proposed new Health Authority.

The County Manager stated that the following letter had been received from the Department of Health on 11th October, 1952, too late to include on the Agenda:—
M.103/11.

Custom House,
Dublin.

A Chara, 10 Deireach Fomhair, 1952.

With reference to this Department's circular letter dated 29th July, in connection with the White Paper on Health Services, I am directed by the Minister for Health to state that, if desired, he is prepared to meet representatives of local authorities to discuss with them the proposals contained in the White Paper.

Since it would be impracticable for the Minister to meet representatives of each local authority separately, he proposes to meet the representatives of a small number of local authorities in each region at the same time. It is suggested that Dublin City and County and County Wicklow should form one region.

I am to request that you will be good enough to state whether Wicklow Co. Council is prepared to appoint representatives to meet the Minister and, if so, whether they could attend at 3.30 p.m. on the 24th instant at the Custom House, Dublin.

The Minister suggests that the County Council representatives should be limited to three members. It is presumed that the representatives would wish to have the County Manager and the County Medical Officer in attendance.

Mise, le meas,

J. DARBY.

Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

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

Resolved—That the existing representatives on Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board be appointed to represent the Council at the interview with the Minister for Health, on 24th October, 1952.

Passed.

The Council agreed that the County Manager and Co. Medical Officer would attend with representatives at the meeting with the Minister.

Item No. 18—Increase in Cost of Maintenance of Council's Institutions.

The County Secretary stated that the County Accountant had reported that the increase in the cost of maintenance of the Council's institutions, consequent on the withdrawal of Food Subsidies, for the period from 1st July, 1952, to 31st March, 1953, would amount to £1,419, 19s. 7d. Due to the removal of rationing of food stuffs, it was estimated that consumption would increase by £500 during the nine months to the 31st March, 1953. The total increase in expenditure would, therefore, amount to £1,619 19s. 7d.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That, having considered report of County Accountant, dated 10th October, 1952, we hereby authorise expenditure of £1,620 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates, to meet the additional cost of food supplies for Council's Institutions consequent on the withdrawal of food subsidies as from 1st July, 1952.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 19—Complaint re Drainage of House at Kilquade.

The County Secretary stated that a complaint had been received from Mr. Barlow-Graham in regard to the drainage at his house,

"Sleepy Hollow" at Kilquade. The following report of the Council's Engineer was submitted:—
10th Oct., 1952.

**Re: Complaint from Mr. Barlow-Graham, "Sleepy Hollow,"
Kilquade.**

The house referred to—"Sleepy Hollow"—is a house built by Bayan Giltsoff, and completed sometime in 1950. The main trouble seems to be that the drain pipes between the house and the septic tank have been laid at too low a grade, approximately 1 in 200, so that the sewer is not self-cleansing. I have looked up draft specifications submitted by Mr. Giltsoff during the course of his Estate development, and he does not seem to have submitted any specification as to the grading of sewer pipes. There is no pollution of stream.

The matter would seem to be a private question between Mr. Barlow-Graham and the builder, Mr. Giltsoff.

R. M. FENLON,

Assistant Co. Engineer.

The Council noted the report of the Assistant County Engineer on the matter.

Item No. 20—Knockenarrigan Dispensary.

The following letter from Mr. T. F. Millett, Solicitor, Baltinglass, was submitted:—

Baltinglass,
5th September, 1952.

Re: Knockenarrigan Dispensary.

Dear Sir,

Reference to your letter of the 31st July last, in this matter addressed to Reverend A. H. V. Frazer, and mine of the 1st instant, I am to state that the Trustees of this property would be prepared to enter into negotiations for the sale of the premises to the County Council. The Trustees consider that a fair market price for the property would be £200 (Two hundred Pounds)—the property is actually insured in this figure against fire. I hold here a map of the premises. If the County Council are considering purchasing same, it will be necessary to have erected by the Council a dividing wall approximately eight feet to separate the premises from the existing entrance to the school adjoining. Your Engineer, on inspection, can clarify this position. It will, of course, also be understood that the figure of £200 will be a nett figure and the County Council will be liable for all costs attaching to the transfer.

Yours faithfully,

THOMAS F. MILLETT.

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

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Engineer reported that a wall of 9ft. long and 4ft. 6in. high, to separate the premises from the existing entrance to the school adjoining would cost approximately £8. The Council's Engineer estimated that putting the building into a state of repair would cost £130 1s. 3d., and the present annual rent payable by the Council was £10.

The County Manager considered the price asked for the building excessive, in view of its condition.

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor A. Toomey:

Resolved—That, having considered letter dated 5th September, 1952, from Mr. T. F. Millett, Solr., on behalf of the Trustees of the premises used as a dispensary at Knockenarrigan, and reports of the Council's Engineer, we approve of an offer of £100 being made to the Trustees for the acquisition of the premises.

Item No. 21—Disposal of Waste Water at Churchlands, Tinahely.

The County Secretary stated that in report of 27th May, 1952, the County Engineer had proposed the laying of 9" pipe 370 lin. yards, at cost of £400, for the purpose of dealing with the waste water from the Council's cottages at Churchlands.

The County Engineer had stated in his report that if a sewerage scheme was subsequently provided, a septic tank could be added and that the landowner was agreeable to the laying of the pipe and required payment of £10 for compensation, and for the site of the septic tank. In further report of 11th September, 1952, the County Engineer stated that no reduction could be made in the amount of the estimate.

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy:

That, having considered further report of County Engineer for the disposal of waste water at Churchlands, Tinahely, we approve of laying of pipe line as recommended by the County Engineer in his report of 27th May, 1952, and authorise expenditure of the sum of £410 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates for the purpose of defraying the cost of the work.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, P. Ledwidge, Ed. Byrne, Wm. Lawless, M. Brennan, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, and Joseph Jacob—16.

AGAINST: Councillors P. Murdoch, Miss E. F. Bobbett and H. J. Byrne—3.

Councillor W. Hammond did not vote.

The motion was declared passed by sixteen votes in favour to three votes against.

Item No. 22—Blessington Water Supply: Supply to 13 Houses.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant Engineer had recommended the relaying of 200 lineal yards of water main from the Dispensary residence at Blessington to the Monument, at cost of £450. The County Engineer recommended that the work be carried out, if the main was in the condition as reported by the Assistant Engineer. The County Engineer also recommended that 25 stop cocks and covers be fitted in order that wastage might be checked. The cost of fitting the stop cocks and covers was estimated at £50. The Co. Engineer stated that if considered desirable it could be arranged to have the existing pipe cut and examined, but he considered that a pipe which had been laid for 84 years was past its useful life and weakness would not be disclosed by examination in spots.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe;

Resolved—Having considered report of the County Engineer dated 10th September, 1952, we approve of the relaying of 300 yards of water main from Dispensary residence at Blessington to the Monument, at an estimated cost of £450, and provision of 25 stop cocks at an estimated cost of £50, and authorise the raising of a loan for the purpose of defraying the cost of the work.

Passed.

Item No. 23—Laying of Main from Kilquade to Kilcoole.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer estimated the cost of laying the new 6" main from Kilquade to Kilcoole at £4,400. The plan, specification and bill of quantities would be submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval, when confirmation had been obtained from Dublin Corporation that a supply of water would be made available from their mains. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 24—Fountain at Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
11th August, 1952.

Re: Pump at Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy.

In reply to letter dated 16th July, 1952, received from the Staff Officer, Rathdrum, regarding the above, I wish to state that the existing pump is, as stated, 50 yards on the Newtown side of the houses.

To facilitate the tenants at the North end of Church Road, I would suggest that the pipe to the existing fountain be extended approximately 180 yards, and that an additional fountain be erected at this point.

Regarding the removal of the existing fountain, or the fountain at present outside premises of Mr. Dunne, I feel that there would be strong opposition from the people who already use these fountains.

The estimated cost of extension as suggested is £150.

Signed: J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

The following report of the Health Inspector was submitted:—
15th September, 1952.

Re: Fountain, Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy.

In reply to your letter in connection with the above-mentioned fountain, I carried out an inspection of the water supply to the 17 Council cottages there and find that they are served by one fountain, which is about 50 yards on the Newtown side of the cottages. There are approximately 200 people using this fountain. I am of opinion that a second fountain is most essential for these 17 cottages, and should be sited as stated in the County Engineer's report.

Signed: PETER P. DUFFY.

Health Inspector.

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we approve of the extension of the water pipe at Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy, and the erection of a second fountain at an estimated cost of £150, as recommended by the Chief Medical Officer—the work to be included in the priority list for the provision of Pumps and Wells.

Passed.

Item No. 25—Fountain at Kilmacanogue.

The following report of the Council's Engineer was submitted:—

Re: Installation of Water at Three Council Cottages at Kilmacanogue.

I have inspected the three cottages at Kilmacanogue—Sutton's, O'Toole's and Butler's, and find that Mr. Sutton already has water laid on to a tap at the back door of his house from a connection at the Corporation main.

The owners of the other cottages have a long distance to travel for water, and I would recommend that a fountain be installed on the waste patch of ground at the corner near the cottages. By erecting a fountain at this point, the cottage occupied by Mr. P. Hopkins would also be served.

The estimated cost of the erection of the fountain, including the connecting to Corporation main, and piping, would be approximately £90.

Signed: R. M. FENLON,

Assistant Co. Engineer.

The following report of the Health Inspector was submitted:—
2nd September, 1952.

I visited the three Council cottages at Kilmacanogue yesterday re erection of a pump.

I was informed by one of the tenants that the nearest public water supply was in Kilmacanogue village, a distance of about 1½ miles. The same tenant also informed me that the water main was adjacent to these houses, and, that being so, I would recommend that a pump be provided for these houses.

Signed: JOHN C. BUCKLEY,

Health Inspector.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor J. Jacob;

Resolved—That, having considered report of Assistant County Engineer, dated 18th August, 1952, and recommendation of Chief Medical Officer, we approve of the provision of a fountain to serve

three cottages at Kilmacanogue, the work to be included on the priority list for Pumps and Wells, and to be defrayed from Loan.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 26—Coolboy Water Supply: Application for Extension of Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that the Co. Engineer had reported that the cost of providing an extension from the proposed Coolboy Water Supply Scheme to Milland Road, Coolboy, was estimated at £1,170. The extension would serve four dwellings only—two Coolattin cottages, and two farm houses. It was the opinion of the County Manager that the cost of such extension for four dwellings would be altogether excessive.

The Council noted that the cost of extending the proposed Coolboy Water Supply Scheme to Milland Road would be excessive.

Water Rates for Aughrim, Blessington and Rathdrum.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

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

Resolved—That the Water Rate Book, as submitted by the Secretary be signed, and Water Rates in respect of the year ending 30th June, 1953, made for the towns of Aughrim, Blessington and Rathdrum, in accordance with those adopted on consideration of the Secretary's estimate, namely, in the following towns:—

AUGHRIM—5/2 in the Pound (Five Shillings and Two Pence) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.

BLESSINGTON—5/3 in the Pound (Five Shillings and Three Pence) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.

RATHDRUM—4/7 in the Pound (Four Shillings and Seven 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 Book and Warrants be sealed with the Seal of the County Council.

Passed unanimously.

Courthouse at Newtownmountkennedy.

Councillor P. Ledwidge asked that a report in regard to the Courthouse at Newtownmountkennedy be submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

Footpath at Templarainey.

Councillor W. Cleary asked that the County Engineer submit a report in regard to the condition of the footpath at Templarainey.

Inquiry into Proposed Closing of Railway Branch Line to Shillelagh.

The Council agreed that a member of the Council's Staff attend the Public Inquiry to be held on the 21st October, 1952, into the proposed closing of the Railway Branch Line to Shillelagh, to submit evidence of resolutions passed by the Council protesting against the closing of this line.

Special Meeting of the Council.

The following Requisition was handed in and accepted by the Chairman:—

We, the undersigned Councillors, request that a Special Meeting be held on Monday, 20th October, to consider the question of increases of wages for road workers employed by the Council.—Signed: James Everett, T.D.; James J. McCrea, Joseph Jacob, James O'Neill, P. McCarthy, Ed. Byrne, Peter P. O'Reilly.

The Council agreed that the meeting be held at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 20th October, 1952.

The Council adjourned consideration of the remaining items on the Agenda to a further meeting to be held on 20th October, 1952, following the termination of the Special Meeting called for that date.

Wicklow Co. Council

In accordance with Requisition submitted, a Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 20th October, 1952, to consider the question of the increase of wages for road workers employed by the Council.

The following members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, 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. Ledwidge, L. O. Laoighleis, W. Cleary, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. O Broin, C. W. Hudson, Miss E. F. Bobbett, Jos. Jacob, and M. J. Brennan.

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

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assist. County Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, R. M. Fenlon, and P. J. Foley were present.

The County Secretary read the Requisition for the meeting as follows:—

"We the undersigned Councillors request that a special meeting be held on Monday, 20th October, to consider the question of increases of wages for Road Workers employed by the Council.—Councillors Jas. Everett, Jas. J. McCrea, Jos. Jacob, Jas. O'Neill, P. McCarthy, Edward Byrne, Peter P. O'Reilly."

The Chairman stated that it would be necessary to suspend Standing Orders prior to proceeding with the meeting.

At the request of Councillor P. McCarthy, the County Secretary read the extract from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th Sept., 1952, in regard to the Council's consideration of the applications received from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, and the Federation of Rural Workers for increases in the wage of road workers employed by the Council.

Councillor P. McCarthy having contended that it was not necessary to suspend Standing Orders, the advice of the Council's Solicitor was obtained. Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, who attended the meeting, advised that it would be necessary for the Council to suspend Standing Orders if it was desired to consider the question of increases in road workers wages.

In reply to Councillor J. Everett, T.D., as to whether the Standing Orders had been approved by the Minister, the County Secretary read letter of 14th August, 1954, from the Ministry of Local Government, in which it was stated that the Council had power to make Standing Orders, and to vary or revoke same and that the approval of the Minister was not required.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill:

That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of considering the question of increased wages for road workers employed by the Council.

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

In Favour: Councillors Senator J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, A. Toomey, P. Ledwidge, Wm. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, J. Jacob, C. W. Hudson and H. J. Byrne—(15).

Against: Councillors W. Hammond and Miss E. F. Bobbett—(2).

The resolution for the suspension of the Standing Orders was declared passed by fifteen votes in favour to two votes against.

In reply to inquiries from members of the Council, the County Secretary submitted particulars of rates of wages paid to road workers in adjoining counties as at 1st April, 1952.

The Co. Manager informed the Council that the Cost of Living Index figure for May, 1952, was 115, and for August, 1952, it was 122.

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

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

That we hereby recommend that the wages of road workers be increased by 10s. per week.

As an Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

That we hereby recommend that the wages of road workers be increased by 8s. per week, with effect as from the first pay day in October, 1952.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., with the consent of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, and the Council, withdrew his proposal for an increase in wages of 10s. per week, and as an Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

That we hereby recommend that the wages of road workers be increased by 10s. 6d. per week with effect as from first pay day in October, 1952.

A vote having been called for on the proposition of Councillor P. McCarthy, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

In Favour: Councillors Senator J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, A. Toomey, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Jacob—(7).

Against: Councillors W. Hammond, T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, G. Timmins, P. Ledwidge, W. Lawless, M. Brennan, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, Miss E. F. Bobbett and H. J. Byrne—(11).

Councillor P. McCarthy's proposition was declared defeated by eleven votes against to seven votes in favour.

A vote having been called for on Councillor P. Ledwidge's proposition, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

In Favour: Councillors Senator J. McCrea, T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, P. Ledwidge, W. Lawless, M. Brennan, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, J. Jacob, C. W. Hudson and H. J. Byrne—(13).

Against: Councillors W. Hammond, G. Timmins, A. Toomey and Miss E. F. Bobbett—(4).

Councillor P. McCarthy did not vote.

Councillor P. Ledwidge's proposition was declared passed by 13 votes in favour to 4 votes against.

The Council then considered the provision of funds to meet the cost of the increase in wages.

The Co. Manager stated that the cost of applying an increase of 8s. per week in a full year would be approximately £11,600.

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

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:

That to meet the cost of increases in road workers wages, we authorise the necessary adjustments in the Road Works Scheme for the current year.

As an amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

That to meet the expenditure necessary to defray the cost of the increase in wages of road workers from October, 1952, we authorise an increase in the current year's estimates.

A vote having been called for on the Amendment in the name of Councillor W. Lawless, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

In Favour: Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, A. Toomey, P. Ledwidge, W. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D.; M. Brennan and J. Jacob—(10).

Against: Councillors W. Hammond, T. Brennan, W. Cleary, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, Miss E. F. Bobbett, and H. J. Byrne—(7).

Councillor P. McCarthy did not vote.

The Amendment was declared passed by ten votes in favour to seven against, and when put as a substantive motion was declared passed on the same voting.

The business of the Special Meeting then terminated.

Following the termination of the Special Meeting of the Council, a meeting was held for the purpose of considering the items remaining on the Agenda for the meeting held on 13th October, 1952.

27. Lugduff Water Supply—Report of Council's Engineer.

28. Enniskerry Water Supply—Report of County Engineer.

29. Public Lighting—Monahine and O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkenedy—letter from Cottage Tenants' Association.

30. Public Lighting—Annacurra—Quotation from E.S.B.

31. Public Lighting—Killincarrig—Quotation from E.S.B.

32. Public Lighting—Aughrim—Letter from E.S.B. re alteration.

33. Public Lighting—Avoca—Quotation from E.S.B.

34. Public Lighting—Ballyknocken—Proposed provision of lamps.

35. Public Lighting—Hollywood and Vallemount—Proposed provision of lamps.

36. Sending of patients to Extern Hospitals—Letter from Dispensary M.O.

37. Charge for Treatment of Patient—Letter from Dispensary M.O.

38. Recruitment of Clerk/Typists—Letter from Department of Local Government.

39. Health Grant—Letter from Dept. of Health on Council's resolution. Mitted:—

40. Pensions for Auxilliary Postman—Letter from Department of Posts and Telegraphs re Council's Resolution.

41. Resolution from Buncrana Urban District Council re increase in taxation of motor vehicles.

42. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

43. Accommodation for patients from County Wicklow at St. Colmille's Hospital, Loughlinstown.

Item No. 27—Lugduff Water Supply.

The following report of the Assistant County Engineer was submitted:—

Copy.

Court House, Tinahely.

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

Co. Wicklow.

County Secretary,

30th August, 1952.

Court House, Wicklow.

A Chara,

Reference to application from cottage tenants at Lugduff for water supply there are six tenants concerned, including three new cottages. The water supply they use is in a field belonging to Miss Pasley and is an overflow from her own supply. This overflow is dried up at present and Miss Pasley is allowing the tenants to get water from another well near her house but she is not prepared to do so indefinitely. Three of the tenants being new have no water rights at all, and the other three would appear to have rights only to the overflow. I recommend that a pump and well be supplied at a cost of about £220.

Mise, le meas,

Signed—C. J. Byrne,

Assistant Co. Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that in previous report of 20th June, 1951, the Assist. Co. Engineer had recommended that a new reservoir at a higher level be constructed at a cost of approximately £1,200, as the existing reservoir was not sufficiently high to provide water for the houses at the level of Lugduff. The report had been considered

by the Council at meeting held in July, 1951, and the Co. Engineer had been asked to carry out a more detailed examination of the proposal to improve this water supply.

The Council decided to defer the matter for the further report of the County Engineer in regard to the Tinahely Water Supply.

Item No. 28—Enniskerry Water Supply:

The following report of the Co. Engineer was submitted:—

30th September, 1952.

ENNISKERRY WATER SUPPLY.

I set out hereunder a comprehensive report giving details of the proposals and estimates for improvements in the water supply to the village of Enniskerry and surrounding districts. An O.S. Map, 6" Scale, showing the area and outline details of the scheme (including intake, pipeline, reservoir, service tank, etc.), is attached.

1. **General:** The existing scheme consists of a reservoir 95,000 gallon capacity at Ballybrew from which a 3" dia. C.I. Main feeds water to a 12,500 gallon capacity storage tank at Kilgarron Hill above the village 450 O.D. The water from the service tank is distributed to the village by means of 2" and 2½" mains with a 4" main feeding the Monastery district direct from the tank.

2. **Inflow to Reservoir:** The supply to the impounding reservoir is from a series of springs located above the 650 ft. contour which feed into the reservoir through two small springs. These springs were apparently supplied from an underground pervious stratum which outcrops along the 650 ft. contour. The total catchment feeding into the reservoir would be approx. 200 acres in area. The total quantity of water flowing into the reservoir at the middle of June, 1952, was 30,000 gallons per day. During the drought which lasted until the 1st August, the supply gradually fell to a total of 12,000 gals. per day and appeared to remain constant at that figure. These figures are verified by records of gaugings taken from July to September, 1945, which showed that on 20th July, 1945, the flow was 28,000 gals. per day, and on 9th August, 1945, the flow was 12,000 gals. per day, and continued at this level for the succeeding two months. In the year 1951, the minimum flow recorded was approx. 15,000 gals. per day from rough gaugings taken at times of minimum flow. I have not been able to locate any records of gaugings for the years 1946/7/8/9/50, but it appears that a flow of 12,000 gals. per day would be the minimum to be expected from the streams at present feeding into the reservoir.

3. **Impounding Reservoir:** The reservoir at Ballybrew is formed by a mass concrete dam across a small valley, at length about 120 ft. The approx. capacity being 95,000 gallons when the water is level with the spillway. The top water level is 531.47 O.D.

4. **Filtration:** The filter which is incorporated in the dam is of the upward flow type consisting of a concrete chamber approx. 3 ft. deep; the bottom of which is on a level with the reservoir floor. The water from the reservoir passes into this chamber and thence through an iron grid upon which rests the filtering sand about 12" in thickness. The area of these filters is about 8 square yards; the maximum depth of the water adjoining the dam to overflow cill is 7' 6". That these filters were intended to act as rough mechanical screens only is self-evident, as no bacteriological action of any consequence could take place. The raw water is supplied from pure springs coming from underground sources and full filtration was probably considered unnecessary. Tests on this water have given satisfactory results.

5. **Service Tank:** The service tank of 12,500 gallon capacity is situated at 450 O.D. beside the Main Road at the top of Kilgarron Hill. This tank does not appear to be water-tight and there is probably considerable leakage of water from it. I doubt if these leaks could be permanently sealed, as the concrete has deteriorated and in all probability is permeable and porous. It is not possible to test the

tank as the sluice valves are rusted up and it would be necessary to instal new ones before a test could be carried out.

6. **Main:** The rising main consists of a 3" dia. C.I. pipeline which, I understand from the Caretaker, is not in very good condition although there has been no evidence of leaks on any section. It will be noted that a 2" branch main serving the Tinnahinch Area is taken off the main above the storage tank.

7. **Distribution Mains:** Enniskerry is served by 1½" and 2" dia. C.I. Mains which are in a very poor condition, and have a small water carrying capacity. The Monastery Area is served by a new 4" dia. A.C. Main is in excellent condition. It will be noted that the intake rose from this Main in the storage tank is below the level of the Village main, so that when the water level in the tank is low, the Monastery District gets all the water. All valves and fittings on the old 2½" Mains are in a very bad condition.

8. **Consumption:** The population of Enniskerry Village and the Monastery District at present served by the above system is approx. 250; a further 80 would need to be provided for in view of the summer population; making a total of 330. The proposed Kilgarron Housing Scheme for 60 extra houses would bring the total to 630. I recommend that provision should be made for an estimated population of 1,000 at least in this Water Supply, which would be a minimum of 40,000 gals. per day. At the same time, the delivery main from the source to the existing old reservoir should be capable of delivering 1,000,000 gals. per day, as it is very likely that with the increased facilities with regard to water will result in extensive building operations in the district within the next few years.

9. **Proposals:** It is proposed to take the water from Glencullen River at a point approx. 700.00 contour and as I indicated above, to provide for 100,000 gals. per day. Originally, I had been investigating the taking in of an additional stream adjoining the old reservoir; the source of the stream being from springs similar in origin to those feeding the reservoir, but I am now satisfied that the water which would be available from this source would be altogether inadequate and would moreover be liable to contamination.

10. **Filtration:** The present system of rough sand filtration is insufficient to purify the water to be taken in and it will be necessary to construct slow sand filters in respect of the new proposals. The necessary head of water would not be available for high pressure mechanical filters.

11. **Present Proposals:** Generally, the proposals I now offer are to take the water from the Glencullen main river at a point approx. 900 linl. yards above the Glencullen Bridge in the County of Dublin. A weir and intake chamber would be erected at this point; the water to be conveyed in a 6-inch dia. asbestos main for a distance of 3,000 lin. yards to the existing reservoir and tank at Ballybrew which at present serves Enniskerry and District.

As I have indicated above, it is proposed to provide for 100,000 gals. per day of 24 hours. The minimum recorded flow in the Glencullen River over the past 3 years was 250,000 gallons per day and records are available in my office.

New slow sand filters would be erected at the old reservoir and purified water would be conveyed by 4-in. pipe to supply two new service tanks, one of these to be located at the new scheme of cottages to be erected at Kilgarron; the second tank to be sited near the existing old service tank (in a bad condition) on the top of hill leading down to Village of Enniskerry. The capacity of service tanks will be based on a consumption of 40,000 gals. per day, calculating for 1,000 population at 40 gals. per head per day. This area is 800 sq. ft. with an extra bed 400 sq. ft. to allow for maximum flow during cleaning operations: total area 1,200 sq. ft.

Capacity of service tank for 60 proposed new cottages at Kilgarron = 18,000 gallons (1½ days supply, 300 population at 40 gals. per head) to be served from filters above with 4-inch dia. pipe, and capacity of service tank on top of Kilgarron Hill for Enniskerry Village = 42,000 gals. (1½ days supply 700 population at 40 gals. per head). Distance of 4-inch branch mains to above tanks = 1,100 lin. yards.

General Estimate for Engineering works involved in above proposal:			
Construction of Weir and Intake Chamber ..	£150	0	0
Delivery Main asbestos 6" dia. 3,000 l. yds. at 40s. ..	£6,000	0	0
Slow Sand Filters	£1,200	0	0
Service and Distribution Mains 4" dia. asbestos			
1,500 lin. yards at 26s.	£1,950	0	0
Service Tank (2 No.)	£1,400	0	0
	£10,700	0	0

Note (1): If Main laid in Cast Iron instead of asbestos, above prices should be increased by £1,500.

Note (2): Included in the above scheme of £10,700 is the cost of service tank and portion of the Distribution Main which would be apportionally chargeable to the 60 cottage scheme at Kilgarron namely £600. The estimate of the Water Supply Scheme for the Village and District of Enniskerry is, therefore £10,100.

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

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

Resolved—That having considered report of County Engineer, dated 30th September, 1952, we approve of a separate water supply scheme being provided for Enniskerry and district; that plans and specification of the work be submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 29—Public Lighting—Monaline and O'Neill Park, Newtown.

The Council noted the following letter received from the Cottage Tenants Association, Newtownmountkennedy.

The Secretary, 1/10/52.
Wicklow Co. Council, Wicklow.
re: Public Lighting at Kilpedder, Monaline.

Public Light at O'Neill Park requires changing.
Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 23rd September, 1952, has been read by the Committee of above Association, and they are very disappointed over the excuse given for not erecting public lighting.

Public lighting has been erected in Newtown, and several other villages and towns throughout this county for a number of years. How are public lights switched on or off in all these places by time switches for a long time. Why cannot one of these time switches be used in Kilpedder and Monaline, and not wait for new time switch, which may not be available for a long time to come—perhaps years?

Our Committee are of the opinion that the Wicklow Co. Council have on many occasions deferred or delayed many urgent cases of repairs, lighting, sewerage, etc., required by tenants in this locality and cannot understand why this action should be taken by Co. Council without more sufficient reason.

Public light recently erected at O'Neill Park does not give light to all cottages requiring same, and requires to be changed about 50 yards.

Yours faithfully,

T. McCarthy, Assist. Secretary.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;
Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett:

That unless where Council is already committed, the provision of further public lighting be deferred until certain rural areas in the county seeking electricity are supplied.

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

In Favour: Councillors W. Hammond, Miss E. F. Bobbett and H. J. Byrne—(3).

Against: Councillors Senator J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, A. Toomey, P. Ledwidge, M. Brennan, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, J. Jacob—(13).

The motion was declared defeated by thirteen votes against to three votes in favour.

Item No. 30—Public Lighting—Annacurra.

The County Secretary stated that a quotation had been received from the Electricity Supply Board for the provision of three lamps at Annacurra at a cost of £36. If a time switch was required in place of a hand switch, the gross cost would be increased by £14 10s. The switch would have to be located in a house situate within the limits of the Board's network. The annual charge for the replacement of the three lamps twice yearly and the cleaning of all equipment once yearly was £2 8s., and the supply of electricity would be metered and changed for at the appropriate rate at present 2.8d. per unit.

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

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary:

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of three public lamps at Annacurra at cost of £36 as quoted by the E.S.B. in letter of 25th September, 1952, and of the provision of a time switch at additional cost of £14 10s. per annum, and authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's estimates for the purpose of refraying the cost of the provision of these lamps and time switch.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 31—Public Lighting—Kilincarrig.

The Council considered a quotation received from the Electricity Supply Board for the provision of one public lamp and noted that the erection of switch wire and the provision of a new pole would cost £43. The Council considered that this charge was excessive, and asked that the Electricity Supply Board be requested to reconsider the charge, and also that the matter be brought to the notice of the Department of Industry and Commerce.

Item No. 32—Public Lighting—Aughrim.

The Council considered letter dated 9th September, 1952, from the Electricity Supply Board in connection with the provision of an extra lamp and alterations to existing lamps. The Board stated that the cost of altering the position of the two existing lamps would be £24, and the cost of providing new lamp would be £38.

In reply to inquiries from members, the Assistant Co. Engineer stated that the original quotation given by the E.S.B. was for the provision of lights on the nearest existing poles to the points required by the Council. The E.S.B. had informed him that if the lamps were to be provided at the exact points indicated by the Council a higher quotation would have been submitted to cover the cost of additional poles and wiring.

The Council expressed dissatisfaction with the terms of the latter from the E.S.B., and directed that the matter be again taken up with the Board.

Item No. 33—Public Lighting—Avoca.

The County Secretary stated that in letter dated 18th August, 1952, the Electricity Supply Board had submitted two quotations for the provision of an additional public lamp at Avoca. If a new lamp were to

be supplied from the last existing public lamp and controlled by the existing hand switch. The cost of the work would be £54. If the lamp were to be supplied from the existing pole at Millmount, and controlled by the new switch, the cost would be £36.

The Assistant County Engineer, in letter dated 2nd October, 1952, recommended the acceptance of the tender for the new light at cost of £54. The Assistant Engineer stated that the quotation for the light from the pole at Millmount was cheaper, but additional trouble and extra annual expense would be incurred by having to appoint a second caretaker.

The Council indicated that they were not satisfied with the cost of £54 for the erection of one additional lamp and deferred the matter.

Item No. 34—Lighting of Ballyknocken.

The County Secretary stated that the Electricity Supply Board had informed the Council that Ballyknocken Village would be included in the proposed extension of the Rural Electrification Network, and as soon as a supply had been made available within the next few months, they would be glad if the Council would forward list of the locations in which any public lamps were required. The Assistant County Engineer recommended that four lights be provided, and submitted tracing indicating the positions of the lights.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor A. Toomey;

Resolved—That we recommend that quotations be obtained from the E.S.B. for the provision of four lights at Ballyknocken.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 35—Public Lighting—Hollywood and Vallemount.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had submitted tracings showing the proposed location of public lights: two at Hollywood and one at Vallemount, to be placed at the junction of the Post Office Wall and Star Inn, at which point is situate the bus stop.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor A. Twomey;

Resolved—That we recommend that a quotation be obtained from the E.S.B. for the provision of two lights at Hollywood and one at Vallemount at points recommended by the Assistant County Engineer.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 36—Sending of Patients to Extern Hospitals—Letter from Dispensary Medical Officer.

The following letter from Dr. H. P. Teevan, Dispensary Medical Officer, Wicklow, was submitted:—

Copy.

Secretary.

Wicklow Co. Council, Wicklow.

re: **Sending of Patients to Extern Hospitals.**

A Chara.

I have your letter of 10th instant and as I feel sure that the Council would not act in a manner so sympathetic to a private doctor and so critical of its own doctor without specific instances of alleged hardships inflicted on Poor Law patients, I would ask you to be good enough to let me have details of such. I cannot recollect any such cases and am quite sure that none such has been brought to my notice.

Your letter has very wide implications and is worthy of a very full reply, but in justice to myself and to the Council I would like the information I requested before replying.

Yours sincerely,

Signed—H. P. TEEVAN.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., who had raised the matter, stated that he had done so in order to stress the need for co-operation between

private doctors and Dispensary Medical Officers in regard to the sending of patients to Hospitals.

The Council noted the letter received from Dr. Teevan.

Item No. 37—Charge for Treatment of Patient—Letter from Dispensary Medical Officer.

The following letter from Dr. J. J. Pierse, Dispensary Medical Officer, Aughrim, was submitted:—

Copy.

Aughrim, Co. Wicklow.

15th September, 1952.

re: **Complaint—Richard Doyle.**

A Chara.

The above-named boy was treated by me for a head injury. He requested me to give him my account so that he could send it to the G.A.A. for payment of my fee. He asked me for the account on at least two occasions and also stated that the G.A.A. pay up to £4 Medical fees for members of teams who are injured while playing.

It has been the usual procedure for the G.A.A. to pay any fees for treatment of such injuries.

It appears from the account of this case which you submitted to the Public Press that Mr. Lawless in his report to you misrepresented the facts of the case and stated that I charged the patient himself.

Mr. Lawless as Secretary of the G.A.A. must have been aware of the true facts and I shall require an explanation from him.

Richard Doyle is a Mill worker, single, and earning £5 per week plus overtime. He lives with his parents. Under the circumstances I do not consider him entitled to free medical treatment in any case.

Mise, le meas,

JAMES J. PIERCE,

M.O. and M.O.H., Aughrim.

Secretary,

Board of Health,

Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow.

The Council noted Dr. Pierse's statement on the matter.

Item No. 38—Recruitment of Clerk/Typists.

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

E.L.27/71.

The Secretary,

Wicklow Co. Council,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 21st August, 1952, and to state that he has noted the views of the County Council that recruitment of Clerk/Typists for the local authorities in County Wicklow should be confined to persons residing within the county.

Mise, le meas,

E. MAGUIRE.

Item No. 39—Health Grant.

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

H.S.G.32.

A Chara,

29 Mean Fomhair, 1952.

I am directed by the Minister for Health to refer to your letter of 23rd instant forwarding copy of a resolution submitted by Waterford County Council and adopted by your Council in connection with the operation of the Health Services (Financial Provisions) Act, 1947, with particular reference to the recoupment to local authorities of their expenditure on tuberculosis services.

The Grants payable to health authorities in accordance with the provisions of the Act will, it is estimated, amount to £5,220,000 in the current financial year, while a sum of £5,179,000 will fall to be met from local funds. In the Standard Year (1947/'48) the amount of the State's contribution to the cost of the health service was £911,000, and the amount met from local funds was £4,743,000. By the operation of the Act, therefore, the State has assumed liability for an additional burden of £4,310,000 in respect of the health services, an increase of almost four hundred per cent., while the corresponding increase to local authorities is approximately £436,000 or slightly more than nine per cent.

With regard to tuberculosis, the estimated cost of the service in the current financial year is £2,448,000 compared with £703,000 in the Standard Year. It will be observed that whereas the cost of the tuberculosis service alone has increased by £1,745,000, the additional burden on local funds in respect of all services has been limited to £436,000, despite the increased costs of service and commodities generally in 1948/49 and subsequent years.

In the circumstances, the Minister would not be prepared to consider any amendment of the Act which would have the effect of increasing the proportion of the costs to be borne by the State.

Mise, le meas,

P. P. HARGADON.

Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.

Item No. 40—Pensions for Auxiliary Postmen.

The Council noted the following reply from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs:—
A.11413/52.

30 Mean Fomhair, 1952.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to refer to a resolution passed by the Carlow County Council at a meeting held on the 18th August, 1952, and adopted by your Council on the 8th September, 1952, requesting the introduction of legislation to provide pensions for Auxiliary Postmen and to state that the question of initiating pensions for part-time officers raises a major issue affecting the Civil Service in general and is a matter primarily for consideration by the Government as a whole. The Minister is therefore precluded from introducing into the Dail legislation of this nature.

Mise, le meas

J. BYRNE,
a.s. Runai.

Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.

Item No. 41—Motor Taration.

The Council marked "read" the following resolution received from Buncrana Urban District Council:—

"That this Council strongly protests against the proposed increase in the annual taxation of motor vehicles and we call on the Government to allow the present system of taxation to remain. The proposed change will force a high percentage of vehicles off the road and cripple the turf production in this area. Copy of this resolution to be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government and to all Local Authorities in the country."

Item No. 42—Inquiries Arising out of County Manager's Orders.

With reference to letter addressed by Dr. J. M. Clearkin, Dispensary Medical Officer to the County Manager, a copy of which had also been sent to each member of the Council, in relation to the committal of a person to Grangegorman Mental Hospital, the Co. Manager explained

the circumstances of the case to the Council, and indicated why he considered that the Dispensary Medical Officer should have verified that the person was resident in his Dispensary District, or had been found in that district before committing him to Grangegorman.

Item No. 43—Accommodation for Patients from Co. Wicklow in St. Colmcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown.

The following letter from Rathdown Board of Assistance was submitted:—

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

Rathdown Board of Assistance,
Secretary's Office,
5, Parnell Square,
Dublin.

27th Sept., 1952.

St. Colmcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Assistant City and County Manager to refer to previous correspondence in regard to the possibility of the Rathdown Board of Assistance making available beds at St. Colmcill's Hospital, Loughlinstown, for patients from the North-Eastern area of the Wicklow Public Assistance District. I am to inform you that the Board is now in a position to make available six beds for medical cases on the understanding that the following procedure for the admission of the patients is observed:—

- (1) Patients must be recommended in the first instance by a Dispensary Medical Officer of the Wicklow County Council.
- (2) Prior application must be made to the Matron or Medical Superintendent at St. Colmcill's Hospital, Loughlinstown.
- (3) Assurance must be given to either of the above officials that the patient is not a chronic patient.

Application for admission will be considered by the Matron after consultation with the Medical Superintendent, and every effort will be made to facilitate your Council with regard to the admission of these patients. The Board, however, cannot guarantee at any time that beds will be made available. As yet the Surgical and Maternity units have not been opened, and it is not possible to offer any facilities for this type of case. As soon as these units will have been opened, a further communication will be sent to you.

The Assistant County Manager desires me to inform you that the charge to your Council will be based on the average daily cost for the Institution. As you are aware, the average daily cost does not become known until some time after the end of the financial year. The charge will be based on the average daily cost for the previous year, until such time as the Abstract of Accounts will have been completed, when an adjusted account will be sent to you. 14/4d. was the average daily cost for the year ended 31st March, 1952. The Assistant County Manager will be glad to know if your Council are prepared to agree to the proposals as set out herein.

Mise, le meas,

Signed: J. D. WILLIAMS,
Acting Secretary.

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

Resolved—That, having considered letter dated 27th Sept., 1952, from Rathdown Board of Assistance, we approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister, of arrangements proposed for the making available of six beds at St. Colmcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown, for patients from the north-eastern area of the Wicklow Public Assistance District, and note that as soon as surgical and maternity units are available, proposals will be submitted for providing beds in these units.

The Council suggested that the County Manager and the Chairman interview the Manager for Loughlinstown Hospital with a view to arranging for additional beds to be made available for patients from County Wicklow.

Renewal of University Scholarship.

The Council considered application received from Mr. Andrew Mescal, Rathdrum, for the further extension of the University Scholarship awarded to him, to enable him to do post-graduate course with a view to obtaining an M.Agr.Sc. Degree. Mr. Mescal had obtained the B.Agr.Sc. Degree in the present year.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

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

Resolved—That the University Scholarship granted to Andrew A. Mescal be extended for a further period of one year in order to enable him to pursue a Course leading to the degree of Master of Agricultural Science, subject to a recommendation being received from the University authorities for such an extension of Scholarship.

Passed unanimously.

Removal of Corner at Kish Bridge, Arklow.

The following letter from the Assistant County Engineer was submitted:—

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

Courthouse,

Arklow.

17th October, 1952.

Courthouse, Wicklow.

Re: Corner at Kish Bridge, Arklow.

Dear Sir,

Since my last report on my negotiations with Mr. Hall for the purpose of acquiring portion of his land at the Kish, Arklow, to remove the dangerous corner there, we have had to alter the layout of the curves to conform to the Local Government Department's requirements. This necessitates taking an additional 19 perches of land (making a total of 2roods, 19 perches), removing two additional trees and increasing the frontage to be taken off Mr. Hall's land.

I have had an interview with Mr. Hall and later with Mr. Hall and his solicitor, Mr. Godfrey, Gorey. Mr. Hall still objects to this interference with his land, as it will seriously depreciate the value of his property.

However, I understand if we increase our offer to £150 plus £10 for legal expenses, making a total increase of £50, Mr. Hall will allow the work to proceed.

I agree that Mr. Hall's amenities are being interfered with and, as he is giving us dumping ground for waste material, I recommended to the Roads Committee, which was held last night, that this be accepted and the Committee approved.

If the Council approves of this agreement, I understand from Mr. Godfrey that when Mr. Brazil informs him that this is so, and Mr. Godfrey accepts on behalf of Mr. Hall, we may proceed with the work pending signing of the necessary documents.

Yours faithfully,

J. P. CAFFREY,

Assistant Co. Engineer.

* The Council approved of the payment of £150 plus £10 for legal expenses to the owner of the land, Mr. Hall, in respect of the acquisition of lands required for the removal of a dangerous corner at Kish, Arklow.

Sale of Turf at Blessington.

The County Secretary stated that the Dublin Board of Assistance had indicated that they were prepared to purchase about 140 tons of turf stacked at Blessington at a price of 50/- per ton loaded. The County Engineer had recommended that this offer be accepted, as

the Council would be unable to use up this turf during the coming Winter, and in his opinion it would deteriorate during that period.

The Council approved of the proposed sale of 140 tons of hand-won turf from the Council's stocks at Blessington to the Dublin Board of Assistance at price of 50/- per ton loaded.

Acknowledgment of Resolution of Sympathy.

The Council noted letter from Dr. F. McEnroy, acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution of sympathy on the death of his mother, and asking that the gratitude of his brother and himself be conveyed to the Council for their kind expression of sympathy.

Revised Health Services.

At the request of the members of the Council, the Co. Manager gave particulars of the possible effect on the rates of the application of the proposals for the extension of the health services. It was proposed that hospital services would be available for persons in the middle income group, and that the medical care would be provided for mothers and infants, regardless of income. A maternity cash grant would also be payable, and additional staff would be required to operate the proposed extended services. The Council also had under consideration the carrying out of improvements to St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, and improvements to dispensaries. Fifty per cent, of the cost of the application of the proposals would be borne by the Council.

The County Manager estimated the increased cost which would have to be borne by the rates as follows:—

Improvements to St. Colman's Hospital, provision of new dispensaries and repairs to existing dispensaries—3d. in the £.

Medical care for mothers and infants, based on about 1,000 births per year—3d. in the £.

Maternity Cash Grant of £4 per case—1d. in the £.

Hospital treatment for middle income group—6d. in the £.

Additional staff, i.e., Dispensary Medical Officers, Dentists, etc.—7d. in the £.

Extra medicines and nutrients—4d. in the £.

The total cost of applying the proposed extended Health Services would, therefore, represent about 2s. in the £ in the rates. The Co. Manager pointed out that this estimate did not include the cost of the Council's Hospital programme, i.e., the provision of a new County Hospital at Rathnew; extensions and alterations to the District Hospital, Baltinglass, and extensions and alterations to the County Fever Hospital, Wicklow. The cost of these works was estimated at about 5d. in the £.

The Council noted the County Manager's statement on the matter.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

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

The following members attended:—

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

Also present—Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager; County Secretary; Mr. R. L. Farrell, Deputy County Engineer; Assistant Engineers C. J. Byrne, P. J. Caffrey, P. O'Keeffe, and Architect Mr. P. O'Brien.

AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign minutes of Meetings held on 8th September, 1952, and 13th October, 1952.
2. Five Year County Road Improvement Plan—Recommendations of Meetings of Local Committees.
3. Letter from Kildare County Council in regard to declaring of road from Kilmalum to Burbage as a public road.
4. Memorial from Ratepayers in regard to the condition of county road from Killacoran Cross to Co. Wexford bounds at Curraghawn.
5. Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949-1952/53 Works: Letter dated 15th October, 1952, from the Department of Local Government indicating the amount of grant available in the current year.
6. University Scholarships Scheme, 1953.
7. Application from Co. Wicklow Branch of the National Council of the Blind of Ireland, for an increase in the contribution made by the County Council.
8. Report of meeting of Housing Committee held on 3rd Nov., 1952.
9. Discussion of representatives of the Council with the Minister for Health in regard to proposed revised and extended Health Services.
10. Erection of new Dispensaries—Circular No. H.72/52 of 25th Oct., 1952, from the Department of Health.
11. St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum—Recommendation of County Engineer for the provision of a static water supply tank in grounds of hospital for fire-fighting purposes.
12. Carnew Water Supply—Recommendation of County Engineer for the laying of special 4" diameter fire main, for fire-fighting purposes at Carnew.
13. Provision of public convenience at Baltinglass—To authorise loan to defray the cost.
14. Improvements to Baltinglass Water Supply.
15. Dumping Ground at Baltinglass.
16. Water supply for cottages at Sea Road, South Johnstown, Arklow.
17. Public Lighting—Shillelagh.
18. Courthouse at Newtownmountkennedy—Report of Co. Engineer.
19. Resolution from Arklow Urban District Council in regard to increase in rate of interest for loans under Small Dwellings (Acq.) Acts.
20. Resolution from Kildare Brigade Old I.R.A. Association in regard to giving of preference to Old I.R.A. in filling of positions under public bodies.
21. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Resolution of Sympathy:

Councillor P. Kehoe referred to the sudden death of Mr. Michael Tutty, Hollywood, a step-brother of Councillor A. Toomey.

Proposed by Councillor P. Kehoe;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we, the members of Wicklow County Council, having heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. Michael Tutty, Hollywood, hereby extend to Councillor Andrew Toomey and his other rela-

tives the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed unanimously.

Deputation re Roads at Arklow Rock:

On the proposal of Councillor P. McCarthy, the Council agreed to receive Mr. Kavanagh, member of a deputation, in connection with the condition of roads at Arklow Rock. Mr. Kavanagh stated that the road in respect of which representations had been made to the Council was in a bad condition, and pointed out that as a coastal road it carried an amount of tourist traffic during the summer.

The Chairman informed Mr. Kavanagh that the condition of the road had been considered by the Committee of the Council for the district, and that it was proposed to carry out repairs to the road from rates, during the coming year.

Item No. 1—Minutes:

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 8th September, 1952.

Passed unanimously.

Fire at Knockenree:

Arising out of the Minutes, Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett stated a second fire had occurred at Knockenree, Avoca, very recently, and that Mr. Johnston, the owner of the premises, wished to express his deep appreciation of the work of the fire brigade on this occasion.

Item No. 2—Five Year County Road Improvement Plan:

A list of the roads approved by the members of the Council for the various electoral areas, for inclusion in the County Road Improvement Plan, had been circulated to the members of the Council. The County Secretary stated that as regards the southern area, the Co. Engineer proposed to include also the following roads, in addition to the roads selected by the Council:—

1. Knockananna to Rathdangan Village via Knocknaskeagh, Knockanguilky, Kilcarney, Killamoate to Rathdangan, Roads Nos. 257, Part 258 and 259—3½ miles.
2. Aughrim to Tinahely, via Rednagh, Preban, Ballinglen, Roads No. 143—4 miles.

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

Seconded by Councillor J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we approve of the Five-year County Road Improvement Plan as submitted to this meeting.

Passed unanimously.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,

FIVE YEAR COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

Each Member of Wicklow Co. Council.

As arranged at the Meeting of the Council held on 13th October, 1952, Meetings of Members of the Council for the four electoral areas were held to consider the roads to be included in the five-year County Road Improvement Plan. Hereunder is given a summary of the roads decided upon by the members in respect of each of the Assistant Engineers' Districts:—

NORTH/EASTERN DISTRICT—Assistant Engineer, R. M. Fenlon.

1. Roundwood to Rathdrum via Road No. 76, Moneystown, Road No. 91 to Park, Road No. 120 to Garryduff and Rathdrum—6 miles.
2. Roundwood to Willow Grove via Ballinastoe and Altidre—Roads Nos. 36 and 39—4½ miles.
3. Windgates Cross Roads, via Templecarrig to Glen of the Downs, Road No. 23—3 miles.
4. Laragh to Sallygap, Roads Nos. 57 and 58—9 miles.
5. Laragh-Drummin-Oldbridge-Lough Dann. Road No. 59—3½ miles. Kilmolin-Ballybrew-Giencullen—1½ miles.

SOUTH/EASTERN DISTRICT—Assistant Engineer, J. P. Caffrey.

1. Rathdrum-Greenane Road via Road No. 127—1½ miles.
2. Aughrim to Aughavannagh (via Rednagh, Ballymanus, Ballyteigue, Road No. 137—6 miles.
3. Rathdrum to Barndarrig (Kilbride via Glasnarget, Kilcandra, Ballycapple, Ballinacor to Kilbride) Roads 152 to 156—5 miles.
4. Thomastown to Woodenbridge via Road No. 191 and 195—3½ miles.
5. Ashford-Nun's Cross-Ballyculien-Slean-Garryduff-Rathdrum. Roads 93 and 92 to join Road 120 at Garryduff Cross Roads—4 miles.
6. Aughrim-Greenane via Macreddin, Moneymeen. Roads Nos. 140 and 141—5 miles.
7. Woodenbridge-Annacurra via Ballintemple Village, Ballycooge, Clone, Killacloran to Coates' Bridge and Annacurra Bridge. Roads Nos. 197 and 198—9 miles.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT—Assistant Engineer, C. J. Byrne.

1. Rathdangan to Aughrim via Mullen Crossroads, Aughavannagh—2 miles.
2. Ballisland to Ardoyne via Newry, Moylisha, Money, Tullowclay. Roads 234, 235, and 238—3 miles.
3. Shillelagh to Hacketstown via Ballyrahan, Mullinacuffe, Knockatomcoyle. Roads Nos. 246 and 249 (Branch to Kilquiggan Village)—2 miles.
4. Knockananna-Ballinglen via Moyne. Roads Nos. 257, part 258 and 259—2 miles.

WESTERN DISTRICT—Assistant Engineer, P. J. Foley.

1. Donard to Rathdangan and County Carlow Rounds via Snugboro, Knockenarrigan, Rustyduff, Rathdangan, Killamoat, High Park, Borkhill to County Bounds. Roads 330, 324, 264, 261, 256, 255—11 miles.
2. Whitestown to Knockeen via Knockenarrigan—3½ miles.
3. Kilbride to Lacken. Roads Nos. 372 and 374—4 miles.
4. Stratford to Grangecon. Roads Nos. 302, 300 and 303—3 miles.
5. Donard to Kiltegan via Whitestown, Kyie, Woodfield. Roads 299, 275, 291 and 273—5½ miles.
6. Baltinglass to Dunlavin via Tuckmill Crossroads, Rathbran, Ballyliffin, Crosskeys. Roads Nos. 300 and 310—5½ miles.
7. Poulaphouca to Vallemount and Logstown. Roads 361, 358 and 354—3 miles.
8. Tinahely via Knockananna-Mullan Cross Roads, Ballinabarney, Knockenarrigan to Donard, Part Road No. 362 to join Route No. 1 above—3½ miles.
9. Donard to Rathattin (near Hollywood). Road No. 333—5 miles.
10. Dunlavin to Kildare County Bounds, Road No. 309—1½ miles.

7th November, 1952.

Road from Woodenbridge to Aughrim:

Councillor W. Hammond supported by Councillor T. Brennan, urged the need for improving the road from Woodenbridge to Aughrim in order that the road might be made suitable for a 'bus service'. The County Manager pointed out that the need for improving this road arose consequent on the closing of the Branch Railway Line from Woodenbridge to Shillelagh via Aughrim. The cost of widening the road to make it suitable for 'bus traffic would be very high. The Council had carried out works under the Local Authorities (Works) Act to protect the road, and had also carried out road improvement works. In the present year a sum of £2,000 was being expended on this road.

The County Manager pointed out that no special aid had been received from Coras Iompair Eireann towards the cost of works carried out on the road and indicated that the Council should receive a special grant if the road was to be made suitable for 'bus traffic.

The Council directed the County Engineer to submit an estimate of the cost of improving the road, for the next meeting of the Council.

Item No. 3—Road from Kilmalum to Burbage:

The following letter from Kildare Co. Council was submitted:—
 Secretary, Courthouse, Naas.
 Wicklow Co. Council, 6th October, 1952.
 Courthouse, Wicklow.

A Chara,

I am directed by the County Manager to enclose herewith tracing showing branch road from Kilmalum-Burbage marked in red (off Road P.I. 225) and wish to inform you Kildare Co. Council at their meeting held on the 9th ultimo considered declaring same a public road. As, however, this could not be done unless the road, which it is proposed to declare a public road, connected two public roads, and as it was noted that the road situate on one side of the road marked in red was situate in the County of Wicklow and was not a public road, the Council decided to ask your Council if they would declare their end a public road, so that Kildare Co. Council could consider afterwards declaring a public road that one shown red on attached tracing.

Mise, le meas,

J. J. MULLANEY, Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Engineer had reported that portion of the road in Co. Wicklow was 13 ft. wide; the width of the carriageway was 8 ft.; and the distance situate in County Wicklow was 440 lineal yards. The Co. Engineer stated that there would appear to be no objection to the road being declared a public road, but that the surfact was badly pot-holed. The Co. Secretary stated that he had consulted the Law Agent on the matter, and it would appear that it would be necessary for both Kildare Co. Council and Wicklow Co. Council to make a joint declaration if it was decided to have the road declared a public road.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe;

Resolved—That we approve of the declaration of the branch road from Kilmalum to Burbage as shown on tracing submitted by Kildare County Council as a public road.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Road from Killacloran Cross to County Wexford Bounds at Curraghawn:

The following memorial was submitted:—

We, the undersigned ratepayers, desire to draw the attention of the Co. Council, and Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, Co. Engineer, to the almost impassable condition of County Road leading from Killacloran Cross to County Wexford Bounds at Curraghawn. It's the main entrance from North Wexford to South East Wicklow, and also to two churches and schools. In some places the centre of the road is six inches below the grass margin, and we earnestly solicit the immediate attention of the County Council.

Signed—Joseph Kavanagh, ex-M.C.C.; May Byrne, Kilpipe; Thomas Muihall, Kilpipe; Albert E. Woods, Tallyho; Stephen Mordaunt, John Kinsella, Tubberpatrick; John Kennedy, Luke Kennedy, James Farrington, Tubberpatrick; John Byrne, Tubberlona; Murtagh McDonald, Curraghawn; John O'Neill.

The Co. Secretary stated that the Assistant Co. Engineer had reported that he had inspected the road, and that its condition was no better or no worse than the majority of County Roads in the area. Parts of the road were, undoubtedly, lower than the adjoining land, but this was not unusual. In his experience the road was not a very important one, and the amount of traffic could be appreciated from the tendency of grass to grow on the centre of the road. The road includes part of roads numbers 202 and 203, and part of the road was in the

area of Assistant Co. Engineer J. P. Caffrey. The Assistant County Engineer was having ordinary maintenance work carried out.

The Deputy County Engineer stated that if the Council so desired, the reconstruction of part of the road would be included in next year's Road Works Scheme. The Council agreed that provision be made in the Estimates to be considered for the year 1953/'54, for the reconstruction of part of the road.

Item No. 5—Local Authorities (Works) Act—1952/'53 Works:

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

Dept. of Local Government,
 Custom House, Dublin.

15th October, 1952.

W.27/1/4.

Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949,
 1952/'53 Works.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to the first paragraph of this Department's letter of the 28th May last and to state that he has now determined the full grant to be allocated to Wicklow County Council for the execution of approved works under the above Act in the present financial year. The grant so allocated is £27,500, which includes the interim allocation notified to the Council on the 28th May last.

The Minister wishes it to be clearly understood that the amount of grant now notified is final and that no further monies will be available for expenditure for this purpose in the present financial year. Accordingly, no requests for extra grants can be entertained. It is therefore a matter for local authorities to plan their programme on the basis of the grant notified, bearing in mind the need for avoiding sharp fluctuations in employment and for deferring until winter and early spring as much work as can economically and efficiently be done then.

The conditions, etc., set out in Department's letter of the 28th May last apply to the grant. The allocation referred to in paragraph 6 of that letter is additional to the grant now notified.

Mise, le meas,

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

The Council noted that the total amount of grant for the year 1952-'53 would be £27,500. The Co. Secretary informed the Council that Schemes estimated to cost over £38,000, had been submitted to the Department for approval. The estimated cost of Schemes sanctioned to date was £23,925 13s. 3d.

A letter received from Mr. John Grandy, Fairwood, Tinahely, in regard to the drainage of river from Coolboy to Greenhall was submitted to the Council. Councillor W. Hammond stated that part of this river had been cleaned, but that one part in the middle still required attention.

The Council referred the matter to the Co. Engineer for attention.
Silver Strand Road.

In reply to Councillor C. W. Hudson, the Co. Secretary stated that no grant had yet been allocated by the Department towards the cost of completion of the Silver Strand Road. The Council asked that special representations be made to the Department for an early decision in regard to the completion of this road, and the allocation of the necessary grant to meet the cost of the work.

Provision of Employment:

Councillor Senator J. McCrea asked if arrangements could be made to start works to relieve unemployment during the period before Christmas. He suggested that the Council might arrange to have stone produced in the Quarries for the coming year's Road Works Scheme. The Co. Manager pointed out that no special provision had been made in the

Estimates for works for the relief of unemployment. The Deputy County Engineer gave particulars of road works, and Schemes under the Local Authorities (Works) Act which could be put into operation during the coming month.

The Council asked that the Manager press for sanction to other Schemes which had been submitted to the Department.

Item No. 6—University Scholarship Scheme, 1953:

The Co. Secretary stated that a memorandum had been circulated to each member of the Council in regard to matters in the University Scholarship Scheme, which might be considered by the Council.

The Co. Secretary stated that the following letter had been received from the Registrar, Trinity College, Dublin:—

A Chara,

November 1, 1952.

I have noted with regret that the terms of your awards prevent the successful scholars from enjoying their Scholarships at the University of Dublin. I should be glad to know whether this exclusion is the result of a decision by your Council or has arisen merely by inadvertence?

I should like to point out that a large proportion of the County and County Borough Councils in this country have framed their Scholarships in such a way as to permit attendance at the University of Dublin, and I should hope that your Council also will be able to extend benefits of the Scholarship Scheme in this way in future years.

Mise, le meas.

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,
Secretary,

G. F. MITCHELL,
Registrar.

Wicklow Co. Council,
Court House, Wicklow.

The Council decided to refer the Scheme for University Scholarships for the year 1953, for consideration by the Scholarship Committee.

Award of Scholarship for Post Graduate Course:

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that a Scholarship Holder of the Council, who was doing a Post Graduate Course, had received from University College, Dublin, a Scholarship to be held in a College in the United States of America. He wished to know if the amount of the Scholarship awarded by the Council could be paid in respect of this student pursuing his Course in the U.S.A. with the assistance of the Scholarship from University College, Dublin.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Law Agent for his advice on the subject.

Item No. 7—Grant by Council to County Wicklow Branch of the National Council for the Blind of Ireland:

The County Secretary stated that in letters dated 11th October, 1952, and 7th November, 1952, from the Co. Wicklow Branch of the National Council for the Blind of Ireland, it was stated that Miss B. Byrne, who had been employed by the Branch as a Home Teacher, had now qualified as a fully certified Home Teacher. The Executive Committee of the Branch had decided to increase the salary of the Home Teacher from £2 10s. per week to £4 10s. per week, with effect as from 12th July, 1952, and asked that the Council might increase their grant by an amount sufficient to meet the extra cost arising from this payment to the Home Teacher. The existing amount paid by the Council was £130 per annum, which covered the Home Teacher's salary at the previous rate of £2 10s. per week.

The County Secretary stated that the extra amount required in respect of the current financial year would be £75, and in respect of a full year £104.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That having considered application from the County Wicklow Branch for the National Council for the Blind of Ireland, we

hereby authorise an increase in the grant by the Council to the Branch of £75 in respect of the year 1952-'53 and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the increased grant.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Report of Meeting of Housing Committee:

The following report of the Meeting of the Council's Housing Committee had been circulated to the members:—

A meeting of the Housing Committee of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 3rd November, 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.; J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, P. Ledwidge, L. O. Laoighleis, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. O Broin, Miss E. F. Bobbett, Joseph Jacob, M. J. Brennan and G. Timmins.

Also present: County Manager, County Secretary, Chief Assistant County Engineer, Architect and Assistant Co. Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Coffrey and P. O'Keefe.

Progress Report: The attached report of the County Engineer on the progress of the Housing Scheme during the month of October, 1952, was submitted and approved by the Committee.

House Plans for Village Schemes: The Committee considered letter dated 20th October, 1952, from Department of Local Government in regard to a revised house plan of a floor area of 647 sq. ft. which it was indicated would be accepted for Village Schemes. The Committee also considered the report of the Council's Architect dated 30th Oct., 1952, and plans prepared by the Council's Architect for a single storey house to a floor area of 647 sq. ft. and in accordance with the standards suggested by the Department in their letter. The Council's Architect estimated that the cost of erecting 16 houses to this plan at O'Neill Park would be £20,320, i.e., a cost of £1,270 per house. The Committee noted that the adoption of the revised plan would effect a reduction in the rent to be charged of 2/9 per week, but that the rent inclusive of rates which would have to be charged would be approximately 16/- per week. The Committee recommended that an advertisement be inserted in the local paper inviting applicants for houses in the Newtownmountkennedy district to attend a meeting at Newtownmountkennedy to consider the plans for the proposed housing scheme and the rent proposed to be charged.

1949 Housing Scheme—Agreed Sites: The Committee recommended that applicants for the erection of houses on agreed sites under the 1949 Scheme be invited to attend meetings of the Local Housing Committees on the following dates:—Shillelagh, Aughrim, Avoca and Arklow—Monday, 17th Nov., 1952; Blessington, Balinglass, Dunlavin and Donard—Friday, 14th Nov., 1952; Wicklow, Newtownmountkennedy, Rathdrum—Tuesday, 18th Nov., 1952; Greystones—7.30 p.m., Wednesday, 19th November, 1952.

The Committee recommended that lists of the applicants for agreed sites in each area be circulated to the members of the Committees.

Housing Scheme at Kindlestown: The Committee referred to the Local Housing Committee for the Bray Electoral area consideration of six applications received for sites for the erection of houses at Kindlestown.

Erection of Houses at Carnew—Tenant Purchase Scheme: The Co. Secretary stated that the estimated cost of erecting five-roomed houses at Carnew to be let under a Tenant Purchase Scheme, was £1,550 each, including the cost of development. If the Council had to borrow from the Local Loans Fund at the rate of 5½% for 35 years to finance the erection of these houses, the Loan Charges would be approximately

£1 10s. 9d. per week. It would be necessary to charge 34/- to 35/- per week to recover the amount of Loan Charges and rates. The Committee recommended that an enquiry be addressed to the Department of Local Government as to the rate of interest at which the Council would have to borrow for the purpose of this scheme.

Derelict Sites: The Committee considered Circular No. P.L. 1/52, of the 30th Sept., 1952, from the Department of Local Government in relation to derelict sites and noted that a survey would be made by the Council's Engineers of all derelict sites in the County Health District.

Car Park at Newtownmountkennedy: The Committee noted letters received from the Cottage Tenants' Association, Newtownmountkennedy, protesting against the provision of a Car Park at Newtownmountkennedy. The Committee approved in principle of the leasing of a site for use as Car Park for the public without restriction.

Public Convenience at Newtownmountkennedy: Having considered reports of Assistant Co. Engineer dated 8th October, 1952, and 3rd November, 1952, the Committee recommended that no further action be taken at present in regard to the provision of a public convenience at Newtownmountkennedy.

Temporary Dwellings: The Committee recommended that a licence be granted to Mrs. Aileen Byrne, Brittas House, Brittas Bay, for the use of portion of her lands for the parking of a caravan subject to compliance with the requirements of the Health Inspector. The Committee noted that only the part of the field farthest from the road would be regarded as suitable.

The Committee recommended that a licence be granted to Richd. Sharpe, Johnstown, Ballymoyle, Arklow, for the use of lands at Ennereilly Bridge for caravans, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Health Inspector.

Loans under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts: Having considered further report on the matter, the Committee decided not to change the recommendation for the making of a loan to Joseph Doyle, Ballinastoe, Kilpedder.

Having considered further application of Mr. James J. Phillips, the Committee decided not to alter their previous recommendation in the matter.

Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts: Having considered application from Messrs. H. O'Neill and Sons, Contractors, 40, Adelaide Road, Dublin, for approval to the erection of a Frame Saw and Sheds at Logstown, and reports of the Council's Architect and Co. Engineer, the Committee recommended that permission for this work be granted provided that the applicant gave the undertaking recommended by the County Engineer.

Cottage Repairs during the Month of October, 1952: The Committee noted the list of cottages repaired during the month of October, 1952.

Application for Provision of Extra Room to Cottage at Newtownmountkennedy: As tenant of cottage had indicated that he was not prepared to make any payment in respect of the erection of an additional room, the Committee recommended that no further action be taken.

Application for Extension to Cottage at Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue: In connection with the application of tenant of cottage at Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue for the provision of an extra room, the Committee recommended that the applicant be informed of the costs which would arise and the weekly charge which would be payable by him and enquiry be made as to whether he would be prepared to provide the extra room himself.

Application for Provision of Ranges in Cottages: The Committee approved of ranges being provided for cottages occupied by William

Byrne at Ballycapple, Kilbride, Wicklow, and L. Finn, Coolmore, Ballymoyle, Arklow, provided that tenants were agreeable to pay for the range at 2/6 per week.

Authorisation of Repairs to Cottages: The Committee approved of repairs being carried out to cottages in accordance with the list prepared by the County Engineer, and including the work of cleaning and deepening a stream to provide water for three tenants at Ballingate.

Application for Council House: The Committee considered application from a National Teacher for a Council house on her retirement in the following year, and directed that enquiry be made as to whether the applicant had any dependants.

Compensation for Plot Acquired for Cottage: The Committee approved, on the recommendation of the Assistant Co. Engineer, in letter dated 22nd October, 1952, of the purchase of plot at Barniskey West as site for cottage.

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

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we approve of the report of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 3rd November, 1952.

Passed unanimously.

Vesting Order: Cottage at Ballyhad, Rathdrum.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That the seal of the Council be affixed to the Vesting Order in pursuance of the Labourers Act, 1936, in the following case: Rental No. 382/8—Denis Cahill, Ballyhad, Rathdrum.

Passed.

The Council asked that the opinion of the Council's Law Agent be obtained as to whether the rent of the cottage could be increased where an application for the purchase of the cottage had been made.

Erection of Houses at Rathnew.

The Council asked the County Engineer to submit a special report in regard to a Scheme for the erection of additional houses at Rathnew.

Item No. 9—Revised and Extended Health Services.

The County Manager stated that the representatives appointed by the Council, together with the Chief Medical Officer, and the County Manager, had been received by the Minister, together with representatives from Dublin Corporation and Dublin County Council. The Minister discussed with the representatives the proposed new and improved Health Services. The cost of providing the services had also been discussed, but the Department had indicated that they were not in a position to give an estimate of such cost. The Wicklow representatives gave their views as to the cost of the new Services, and representatives from the three local authorities asked that further recoupment be given by the Department towards the cost of these services. The Co. Manager stated that it had been indicated that the Department of Social Welfare would not in future pay any part of the cost of hospital treatment of insured persons, and that this cost would be defrayed from Health Services Grant. As regards Maternity Services, the Minister considered that it should be possible to obtain sufficient hospital accommodation for maternity cases. Some adjustments were proposed in relation to Dispensary Districts, but it was indicated that there would be no large number of extra appointments of Dispensary Medical Officers. The County Manager stated that the Department had not yet prepared an estimate as to the number of persons in each of the three classes referred to in the Government's proposals. The Co. Manager estimated that about 25% in Co. Wicklow would be in the higher income group. In regard to his estimate that the cost of operating the proposed revised Health Services would require a rate

of 2s. in the £ extra, the Co. Manager pointed out that the effect of the extension of the Services would not be felt for some years.

The Council asked that a summary of the County Manager's statement on the matter be circulated to the members.

Item No. 10—Erection of New Dispensaries.

The Council noted letter from the Department of Health dated 20th October, 1952, Ref. H.72/52, in which it was indicated that instalments of the grant of £600 in respect of new dispensaries would be paid as the work of construction proceeded. The instalment would be payable when actual expenditure, by the local authority, on the dispensary had reached £600 or more. The Council noted that in making applications for loans towards the cost of new dispensaries, which were eligible for a grant, local authorities should, where the premises are estimated to cost £1,200 or over, limit their application to an amount representing the total cost, less £600, and where the total cost was estimated at less than £1,000, to 50% of the total cost.

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Item No. 11—St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum—Provision of Static Water Supply.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

A. O'Connor, Esq.,
Staff Officer,
Rathdrum.

Court House,
Wicklow.
27th October, 1952.

Re: Fire Fighting—St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the County Fire Officer's report, in which he suggests that a static water supply tank of 20,000 gallons should be constructed in the Hospital Grounds, as the existing mains would not give a sufficient supply for a large fire. I estimate the cost of construction of such a tank to be approximately £250.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

The report of the Chief Fire Officer was as follows:—

Court House,
Bray,
Co. Wicklow.
16th July, 1952.

County Engineer.

Re: Water Supply to St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.

A Chara,

On the 15th instant I carried out a series of tests on the fire hydrants at the above hospital, at 9 p.m., with all normal valves open. The average flow at the hydrants was 50/60 G.P.M. This could be increased slightly by closing the main supply to the town. These hydrants are, I understand, supplied by 3" mains, approximately 30 years old, the reservoir to town main being 4" diam. I am not satisfied with such a poor supply in case of a major fire outbreak, and suggest that the provision of a static supply of, say, 20,000 gallons, might be a solution. The tank could be provided at ground level and sited so as to be used by a large fire appliance. I should be glad to hear your comments on the matter.

Mise, le meas.

Signed: H. R. H. SHARPE,

County Fire Officer.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Resolved—That, having considered report of Co. Engineer, dated 27th October, 1952, and report of Chief Fire Officer of 16th July, 1952, we approve of the provision of a static water supply tank of 20,000 gallons, to be constructed in the grounds of St. Colman's Hospital, for

fire-fighting purposes, and authorise expenditure in the sum of £250 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's estimates to meet the cost of this work.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12—Carnew Water Supply—Water for Fire Fighting.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

Court House,
Wicklow.

The Co. Manager.

21st October, 1952.

Re: Fire Service—Carnew Water Supply.

Dear Sir,

The County Fire Officer has submitted a report in which he states that the amount of water available in Carnew is inadequate for fire-fighting purposes. According to tests carried out by him the average flow is 40 gallons per minute and this is verified by the Assistant Engineer.

On the south side of Carnew there is a good stream about 2,000 feet from the Main Street, but 120 feet below it. This distance and head would be too much for canvas hose, and the fractional loss would be very high, as it is estimated that the pressure to be overcome by the pump and hose would be approximately 150 lbs. per square inch.

Further, the water in this stream is contaminated and could not be pumped into the existing main, and I therefore recommend the proposal put forward by the County Fire Officer—this is, to lay a special 4" diam. firemain in A.C. pipes from this stream to the Main Street, a distance of 2,000 feet; with hydrants at both ends. When the water supply to Carnew is improved, this main could be utilised for domestic purposes by connecting into the existing mains.

I estimate the cost of laying this fire main to be £1,400.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Co. Engineer to examine the possibility of providing a special storage tank.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

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

Resolved—That, having considered report of Co. Engineer dated 21st October, 1952, we approve of special measures being taken to provide an adequate water supply for fire-fighting purposes in Carnew. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Public Convenience at Baltinglass.

The County Secretary stated that the sanction of the Minister had been received to the plans and specification for the proposed Sanitary Convenience at Baltinglass. The cost was estimated at £480. The Department had indicated that monies could not be made available from the Local Loans Fund to meet the cost of a scheme of this nature, and that the Council should borrow the necessary monies from the Council's Treasurer.

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins.

Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the raising of a loan of £480 from Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of 10 (ten) years with interest at ½% under Irish Bank's Rate, to defray the cost of the provision of a public convenience at Baltinglass.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Improvements to Baltinglass Water Supply.

The Council noted that gaugings had been taken at Bawnogue from 8th July, 1952, to 30th September, 1952, and had been submitted to the Department of Local Government, and that the Co. Engineer had been asked to submit his observations in regard to the following

points raised by the Department:—(1) elimination of slow sand filters; (2) provision of chlorination plant; (3) locating of pump house on east side of river Slaney, and (4) acquisition and fencing of sites of main springs.

Item No. 15—Dumping Ground at Baltinglass.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Law Agent was preparing the necessary agreement in connection with the Dumping Ground at Baltinglass, and that the Sanitary Sub-Officer had been instructed to ensure that no further dumping took place at the entrance to the site of the Dumping Ground.

The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 16—Water Supply at Cottages at Sea Road, South Johnstown, Arklow.

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Medical Officer had reported in regard to the application for the provision of a new well to serve seven cottages at South Johnstown, and had stated that the present supply was a well in the cliff-side which was most inaccessible. The pump which had been installed for the purpose of pumping water from the well to a small outside tank, had been broken for some time, and the arrangement had never proved satisfactory. The Council's Engineer stated that it would not be sufficient to repair the pump alone, as he was sure that the old pipe line was also in a bad condition, and that he considered the only suitable permanent solution was to sink a new well on the roadside.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That, having considered report of Assistant Co. Engineer and Chief Medical Officer, we approve of the sinking of well to provide a water supply for cottages at Sea Road, Johnstown, Arklow.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 17—Public Lighting: Shillelagh.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant Co. Engineer had recommended that three extra lights be provided on the road leading to the new Catholic Church at the Old Union premises. The Electricity Supply Board had been asked to submit a quotation for supplying these lights, and they had quoted a price of £45 12s. to cover the erection of the switch wire extension, and provision of three lamps.

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

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the quotation of the Electricity Supply Board in the sum of £45 12s. in respect of the erection of three new public lamps at Shillelagh and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's estimates to defray the cost of these lights.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 18—Courthouse at Newtownmountkennedy.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer, in letter dated 8th November, 1952, had reported that the Courthouse at Newtownmountkennedy was of approximately 700 sq. ft. floor area, that the walls and roofs were in poor condition, and the floor very damp. He stated that generally speaking the building was in a bad state of repair. From the point of view of road alignment, the Co. Engineer stated that the building caused a definite and dangerous obstruction to traffic, being located at the junction of a side road and the main road, and that it was very desirable that it be demolished. The Co. Engineer stated that the cost of providing a new Courthouse would be approximately £1,500. The cost of demolishing the old Courthouse would be £300. The County Engineer stated that the owner of the premises had indicated that he would require compensation based on

the cost of erecting a new store elsewhere, and the cost of the erection of such a new store was estimated at £400.

The Council decided to defer the matter for further consideration at the estimates meeting.

Item No. 19—Increase in rate of interest for Loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The following resolution received from Arklow Urban District Council was submitted:—

“That this Council requests the Minister for Local Government to reconsider the decision to increase the interest charge for loans under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts by 2% as from 6th October, 1952, and to subsidise this type of housing from State Funds to permit loans being made at the former Interest Rate of 3½%. The Council also considers that it would be imposing an undue and unforeseen burden on persons to whom instalments of loans already had been issued to have to pay the increased rate of interest on the balance of loans to be received by them. It is furthermore, the opinion of the Council that the building of houses with the aid of loans under the Small Dwellings Acts, enabled persons to provide their own homes from their own resources and thereby frequently helped to relieve the local authorities of the necessity of providing subsidised houses for them. Copy of this resolution to be sent to the Municipal Authorities Association and to all local authorities.”

The adoption of the resolution was proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy and seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea.

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

Custom House,

Dublin.

H.15/52.

A Chara,

6th November, 1952.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to the Circular letter of the 21st October requesting a certificate in connection with advances under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts granted or promised at the old rate of interest, and to state that replies to the Circular received from some housing authorities have not indicated the nature of the binding commitments for the erection or purchasing of houses entered into before 6th October, 1952, by the prospective borrowers. The certificates of commitments in respect of which mortgages were not completed before 6th October should classify the different types of commitments that have been entered into and set out the amount involved under each classification. The certificate should also indicate the nature of the undertaking by the housing authority in each case. Where replies to the Circular already furnished do not contain the foregoing particulars, a supplementary certificate should also be forwarded.

The Minister recognises that the collection of this information may in some cases involve rather lengthy investigation and he has, therefore, decided, with the concurrence of the Minister for Finance, to admit as a charge against loans from the Local Loans Fund at the old rate of interest the amount of such loans comprised of proposed advances to individual borrowers in respect of which mortgage deeds had been completed before the 6th October, whether such advances remain to be made either in whole or in part. Pending the making of the necessary arrangements in connection with issues from the Local Loans Fund overdraft accommodation on capital account will be approved to the extent that may be necessary to meet the requirements of these borrowers.

Mise, le meas,

J. GARVIN.

To/ Manager for each housing authority.

As an Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. N. Murdoch;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

That we consider that loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts should be advanced at former rate of interest, viz.: 3½%, in instances in which applications were received and approved prior to 6th October, 1952.

Councillor P. McCarthy having withdrawn his original proposal, and Councillor P. N. Murdoch having withdrawn his amendment with the consent of the Council, it was

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

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy:

That we request the Minister for Finance to make available from the Local Loans Fund monies for housing, including loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, at the rates of interest which obtained prior to 6th October, 1952. We consider it essential that there should be no increase in interest rates for loans required for housing purposes, as otherwise the housing programme will be seriously impeded.

As the Amendment, it was proposed by Councillor W. Lawless, seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:—

That we consider that loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts should be advanced at former rate of interest, viz.: 3½%, only in those instances in which applications were received and approved prior to 6th October, 1952.

A vote having been called for on Councillor W. Lawless' Amendment, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR: Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, T. Brennan, T.D., Ed. Byrne, W. Lawless, P. Murdoch, J. Everett, T.D., C. M. Byrne, J. Jacob and H. J. Byrne—(15).

AGAINST: Councillors W. Hammond, M. Brennan and Miss E. F. Bobbett—(3).

The Amendment was declared carried by fifteen votes in favour to three votes against.

The Amendment then replaced Councillor Everett's proposal as a substantive motion.

As an Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy:

That this Council requests the Minister for Local Government to reconsider the decision to increase the interest charge for loans under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts by 2% as from 6th October, 1952, and to subsidise this type of housing from State Funds to permit loans being made at the former interest rate of 3½%. The Council also considers that it would be imposing an undue and unforeseen burden on persons to whom instalments of loans already had been issued to have to pay the increased rate of interest on the balance of loans to be received by them. It is, furthermore, the opinion of the Council that the building of houses with the aid of loans under the Small Dwellings Acts enabled persons to provide their own homes from their own resources and thereby frequently helped to relieve the local authorities of the necessity of providing subsidised houses for them.

A vote having been called for on Councillor McCarthy's Amendment, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR: Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, W. Hammond, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Ed. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., J. Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett—(10).

AGAINST: Councillors T. Brennan, T.D., P. Ledwidge, W. Lawless, P. Murdoch, M. Brennan, C. M. Byrne, H. J. Byrne—(7).

The Amendment was declared carried by ten votes in favour to seven votes against. On putting it as a substantive motion, the motion was declared passed on the same voting.

Item No. 20—Resolution from Kildare Old I.R.A. re Giving of Preference in Filling of Positions under Public Bodies.

The following letter and resolution were submitted:—

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

Kilcullen,
Co. Kildare.
25th Oct., 1952.

I am directed by the Kildare Brigade Association to place before you the following resolution, of which I enclose copy. I will be thankful if you will have the matter brought to the attention of the members of the Council at your next meeting.

Mise, le meas,

Secretary, Kildare Brigade.

Old I.R.A. Association.

Copy of Resolution: "That we the members of the Co. Kildare Association of Old I.R.A., desire to call the attention of the Wicklow County Council to the fact that no preference is given to the Old I.R.A. in filling any position under a public body whilst preference is given to members of other organisations."

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:

Resolved—That the same preference be given to members of the Old I.R.A. as regards concessions in relation to age limits as at present granted to members of the Defence Forces."

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 22—County Manager's Orders. Weighbridge at Arklow.

Councillor P. McCarthy objected to the Order made by the Manager on 10th October, 1952, in regard to the erection of a weighbridge by Messrs. J. T. Keogh and Co., Ltd., Wexford Road, Arklow, on the public footpath at the entrance to his premises at Wexford Road, Arklow.

Following a discussion on the matter, the Council decided to await the further views of Arklow Urban District Council at their meeting on 14th November, 1952.

Serving Notices by Rate Collector on Ratepayer.

The Chairman, supported by Councillor W. Hammond, stated that he took strong exception to the action of a Rate Collector in serving a six days' notice and Notice of Intention to Distrain on a ratepayer. **Resignation of Mr. T. Byrne, and Suspension of Mr. J. Doyle, Rent Collector.**

The Council, in committee, received detailed reports from the Co. Manager in regard to matters relating to the resignation of Mr. T. Byrne, and the calculation of his superannuation allowance, and in relation to the suspension of Mr. Joseph Doyle, Rent Collector, Rathnew. The Council noted the Manager's reports in regard to these matters.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 15th December, 1952, at 11 a.m.

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. Kehoe, P. Ledwidge, Ed. Byrne, L. O Laoighleis, P. N. Murdoch, W. Cleary, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. O Broin, C. W. Hudson, J. Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. J. Brennan.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant Engineers J. P. Caffrey, R. M. Fenlon and P. J. Foley.

BUSINESS:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 13th October, 1952, and 10th November, 1952.
2. Overdraft Accommodation on General Account.
3. University Scholarship Scheme, 1953—Report of Scholarship Committee.
4. Application for renewal of University Scholarship.
5. Road Workers' Wages—Letter dated 19th Nov., 1952, from the Department of Local Government.
6. Preparation of materials for road works for year 1953/54—To authorise excess expenditure.
7. Provision of Quarry Plant—Report of County Engineer, dated 5th December, 1952.
8. Road from Woodenbridge to Aughrim—Report of Co. Engineer.
9. Roadway at Five-Mile-Point—Press cutting received by the Council, and report of County Engineer.
10. Provision of Weighbridge at Arklow—Letter dated 22nd November, 1952 from Arklow Urban District Council.
11. Provision of garden at Newtownmountkennedy—Letter from Irish Countrywomen's Association, Newtownmountkennedy Guild.
12. Report of meeting of Housing Committee held on 1st December, 1952.
13. New County Hospital at Rathnew—Letter from Department of Health re Grant towards cost of work.
14. Former Workhouse lands at Shillelagh—Leasing of portion of lands to Very Rev. J. Kelly, P.P.
15. Knockenarrigan Dispensary—Further correspondence re proposed purchase.
16. Lease of Avoca Dispensary.
17. Water Safety—Report from Irish Red Cross, Wicklow Area Committee for year 1952. Copy circulated.
18. Swimming Pools—Letter dated 11th Nov., 1952, from the Department of Local Government re State Assistance for Swimming Pools.
19. Public Lighting, Ballyknocken Village—Quotation from E.S.B.
20. Public Lighting, Vallemount—Quotation from E.S.B.
21. Public Lighting, Hollywood—Quotation from E.S.B.
22. Public Lighting, Delgany—Quotation from E.S.B.
23. Public Lighting, Newtownmountkennedy—Quotation from E.S.B.
23. Public Lighting, Aughrim—Letter from E.S.B. re quotation for altering position of lamp.
25. Public Lighting, Killincarrig—Reports from E.S.B., and Department of Industry and Commerce re estimate from E.S.B. for the installation of additional public light.
26. Water Supply, Lugduff—Report of Assistant County Engineer.
27. Annamoe Water Supply—Report of County Engineer.
28. Coolboy Water Supply—Letter from Department of Local Government.

29. Valuation for Rating—Memorandum from Co. Councils' General Council.
30. Resolution from Kerry Co. Council re Restrictive Trade Practices Bill.
31. Resolution from Kerry Co. Council re report of Commission on Greyhound Industry.
32. Minutes of Annual Meeting of Co. Councils' General Council.
33. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 13th October, 1952, and 20th October, 1952.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary read letter received from Councillor A. Toomey asking that his sincere thanks be conveyed to the members of the Council for their kind vote of sympathy on his recent bereavement.

Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett stated that the road from Castle-macadam to Carty's Corner should have been included in the Five Year Plan for County Roads. The County Engineer stated that the reconstruction of this portion of the road could be done out of ordinary maintenance.

Charge for Treatment of Patient.

Councillor W. Lawless referred to Item No. 37 in the Minutes of the meeting held on 20th October, 1952, in relation to letter from Dr. J. J. Pierse, Dispensary Medical Officer, and stated that in raising the matter in the first instance, he had given the facts as conveyed to him by Richard Doyle. He stated that it was not the usual procedure for the G.A.A. to pay any fees for treatment of injuries.

Reception of Deputation.

The County Secretary stated that the Wicklow and District Tourist Development Association (Race Sub-Committee) wished to know if the Council would meet a deputation at the next meeting of the Housing Committee, for the purpose of discussing the question of the Races to be held in May and July, 1953.

The Council agreed to receive a deputation, provided that details of the matters to be discussed were submitted in advance.

Item No. 2—Overdraft Accommodation.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor J. Jacob:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd, Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Co. Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the quarter ending 31st March, 1953, shall not exceed £125,000.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that in calculating the overdraft requirements for the quarter to the 31st December, 1952, credit had been taken for the receipt of grants for roads, Housing Subsidy and Health Grant during the early part of the month of December, but these grants had not been received. The overdraft had exceeded the maximum authorised by the Council, and the approval of the Council was requested to overdraft for the quarter not exceeding £130,000.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor J. Jacob:

Resolved—That, having considered report of County Secretary, we hereby authorise the making of applications 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 31st December, 1952, shall not exceed £130,000.

Passed unanimously.

The Council asked that the Department of Local Government be informed that the Council considered that Road Grants and Health Grants should be paid earlier, so as to avoid the incurring of overdraft interest.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor J. Jacob:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the County Council's Capital Account, as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the quarter ending 31st March, 1953, shall not exceed £50,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—University Scholarship Scheme, 1953.

The following report of the meeting of the Scholarship Committee was submitted:—

A meeting of the Scholarship Committee of the Co. Council to consider the University Scholarship Scheme for the year 1953 was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 1st December, 1952, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present: Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman; Councillors P. Ledwidge, P. N. Murdoch, P. P. O'Reilly and J. Everett, T.D. Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, and the County Secretary attended.

The Committee recommended that a University Scholarship Scheme be operated by the Council in respect of the year 1953, and that the Scheme be similar in terms to that operated in the year 1952, but subject to the following amendments:—

- (1) That Scholarships awarded by the Council be tenable at any University in Ireland;
- (2) That each Scholarship be tenable for three years, subject to extension at the discretion of the Council where, in the opinion of the Council, circumstances warrant an extension and such extension is recommended by the Authorities of the University at which the student is attending;
- (3) Income Limits—The income limits in the case of children whose parents or guardians occupy agricultural land shall be as follows: £100 rateable valuation in the case of families of three children or less; £110 in the case of families of four children; £120 in the case of families of five children; £130 in the case of families of six children or more;
- (4) That provision be made in the scheme that applicants would be required to submit any further details in regard to their income as might be considered necessary by the Council.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee at their meeting held on 1st December, 1952, and approve of the draft University Scholarship Scheme for the year 1953, as submitted to this meeting.

Passed unanimously.

The Scheme as approved by the Council was as follows:—

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1953.

Wicklow County Council offer for competition three (3) Scholarships value One Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds (£125) each annually tenable for three years at any University in Ireland. The Scholarship will be tenable for three years, subject to an extension at the discretion of the Council where, in the opinion of the Council, circumstances warrant an extension, and such extension is recommended by the University at which the student is attending.

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

The Scholarship in the Faculty of Agriculture will be awarded on a special examination conducted by University College. The maximum age of candidates for this examination is 21 years on the 15th Jan., 1953.

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

2. Candidates, who shall not be more than nineteen (19) years of age, nor less than sixteen (16) years of age on the 15th January, 1953 (except as provided in paragraph 1) must be children of parents or guardians, who have resided continuously in the County Wicklow for the three years ending the 1st January, 1953.

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

(a) Occupy agricultural land the annual Poor Law Valuation of which does not exceed:—

- (i) £100 in the case of families of 3 children or less;
- (ii) £110 in the case of families of 4 children;
- (iii) £120 in the case of families of 5 children;
- (iv) £130 in the case of families of 6 children or more.

(b) Derive an annual income from all sources not exceeding:—

- (i) £500 in the case of families of 3 children or less;
- (ii) £525 in the case of families of 4 children;
- (iii) £550 in the case of families of 5 children;
- (iv) £575 in the case of families of 6 children;
- (v) The annual income limit shall be extended by an amount of £25 in respect of each additional child over six children.

Children referred to in this clause must be under 19 years of age. Parents or guardians of the candidates shall submit such information in regard to income as may be required by the Council.

4. These University Scholarships will be awarded by Wicklow Co. Council on the recommendation of the Academic Council of University College, Dublin, on the results obtained by candidates for such Scholarships at the Leaving Certificate Examination to be held in 1953, subject to the following conditions (except as provided in paragraph 1):—

- (1) Candidates must obtain Honours at the Leaving Certificate Examination;
- (2) Candidates must obtain the Matriculation Certificate of the University in which it is intended to pursue courses;
- (3) Candidates must present five subjects for the examination, one of which must be Irish. Any five subjects which are recognised Matriculation subjects may be taken into account for the award of Scholarships. Of these, at least four must be honours subjects, and honours must be obtained in at least three, with at least a Pass in the remaining two. The maximum mark for honours subjects will be 150 for honours mathematics; 150 for honours Irish; 100 for each other honours subject. For the fifth subject, if a pass subject, the maximum mark will be 50.
- (4) Subject to the provisions of clause 1, the three Scholarships will be awarded to the candidates obtaining the highest total marks. Where no qualified candidate is available for the marks. Where no qualified candidate is available for the award of the Scholarship reserved for the Faculty of General Agriculture, the Scholarship will be awarded to the qualifying candidate obtaining next highest marks at the Examination. The Scholarship will be tenable in any faculty of the University.
5. The following are the recognised subjects:—

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

*Candidates desiring to present, at the Matriculation Examination, a modern language not mentioned in the Matriculation Syllabus, must make application before November 1st in the year immediately preceding that in which they intend to present themselves for examination. †No student may present in both Applied Mathematics and Physics. ‡Students selecting General Science may not present themselves for examination in any of the following separate subjects: Chemistry, Physics or Botany.

6. The Co. Council will pay over 50 per cent. of the Scholarship in November of each year to the Bursar of the University, and the remaining 50 per cent. in the following February to be disbursed by him. The Bursar will deduct from the Scholarship fees due to the University, and will pay the balance to the holder of the scholarship in three instalments, one in each term.

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

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

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

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

11. The application from intending candidates, accompanied by Birth Certificate, will be received up to 19th April, 1953, by the Secretary of the Co. Council, from whom a Form of Declaration can be obtained which is to be verified by a parent or guardian of the applicant, and a Form of Certificate to be filled up by a Clergyman or Peace Commissioner. Candidates must state the course of studies they intend to pursue and indicate whether they wish to compete for the Scholarship reserved for the Faculty of General Agriculture. These documents, when properly completed, should be submitted to the Co. Secretary, Courthouse, Wicklow, and if the application is approved, the applicant will, in due course, be notified to that effect.

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

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

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

Co. Council Offices,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

K. J. BRANGAN,
County Secretary.

Item No. 4—Renewal of University Scholarships.

Having considered letter dated 30th November, 1952, from Mr. Denis Marah, who had been awarded a University Scholarship in 1949, but had completed only one year of the course, for the renewal of his scholarship, and the advice of the Council's Solicitor in letter dated 15th December, 1952, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor P. N. Murdoch;

Resolved that, having considered application of Mr. Denis Marah, and advice of the Council's Solicitor, we hereby approve of the renewal of the University Scholarship for Denis Marah for the year 1952/53, and we authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of this Scholarship.

Passed unanimously.

Having considered letter dated 28th November, 1952, from the Registrar, University College, Dublin, indicating that Mr. Michael Kavanagh had been recommended by the Academic Council for a Post Graduate Scholarship valued at £165, and letter from the Council's Solicitor stating that in his opinion the award of this Scholarship would not deprive Mr. Kavanagh of the award of the Co. Council Scholarship, it was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor J. Jacob;

Resolved—That, having considered application of Mr. Michael Kavanagh, recommendation of the Registrar, University College, Dublin, and advice of the Council's Solicitor, we hereby approve of the payment of the amount of the University Scholarship to Mr. Michael Kavanagh in respect of the year 1952/53.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Road Workers' Wages.

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

Dept. of Local Government,

Custom House,

Dublin.

19th Nov., 1952.

E.L.27/65.

The Secretary,

Wicklow Co. Council,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

A Chara,

With reference to your letters of the 23rd and 27th October, 1952, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to convey sanction to the payment of a rate of 90s. per week to the road workers employed by the Wicklow County Council as from the 10th October, 1952. In regard to the wages of lorry drivers, roller drivers and machinery attendants, your attention is directed to the terms of Paragraph 11 of this Department's Circular Letter E.L.76/50, of the 3rd December, 1950.

Mise, le meas,

E. MAGUIRE.

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we request the Minister for Local Government to reconsider his decision in regard to the wages of Road Workers and to sanction an increase of 8s. per week, as recommended by the Council.

Passed, Councillors G. Timmins, P. N. Murdoch, W. Hammond and Miss Bobbett dissenting.

In reply to inquiries from members of the Council, the County Secretary stated that inquiries were being made in regard to rates of wages paid to lorry drivers in the county.

Item No. 6—Preparation of Materials for Road Works.

In accordance with recommendation of the Housing Committee, it was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we approve of the expenditure of the amount of £5,000 for the purpose of preparing materials for Road Works for the year 1953/54, and authorise the expenditure of this amount in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates.

Passed, Councillors P. N. Murdoch and W. Hammond dissenting.

Item No. 7—Provision of Quarry Plant.

The following letter of the County Engineer was submitted:—

Machinery—Quarry Plant.

I would like to point out that the delay in the purchase of the plant for Carrigmore Quarry is now becoming serious.

As explained before, it is necessary for the Council to vacate Tonlagge Quarry owing to the fact that the rock is getting so hard that it is causing excessive wear on the plant and maintenance costs are now uneconomical.

Preparations are being made to set up the new plant in Carrigmore, but to do this will take four to five months and unless the plant is obtained in the near future, there will not be sufficient time to set it up and we will find ourselves with no large quarry to commence on next year's Road Works Scheme. As a result of this it will be necessary to purchase stone outside the county.

I am aware that the hold-up is in the Department of Local Government, with whom I have been in communication on several occasions in an endeavour to expedite their decision, but without any result.

The Department were agreeable to the purchase of the plant for Carrigmore Quarry and Doyle's Quarry, The Rock, Carnew, but were not satisfied that it would be economical to set up a large quarry in West Wicklow owing to the proximity of large private quarries, and it is their decision on this point that is causing the delay. Pending this decision, I would suggest that approval be given to the purchase of the plant for Carrigmore and Doyle's Quarries.

The details of the cost of the plant and setting up same in those quarries are set out in my letter of 13th June last, amounting to £13,468 16s. Early approval to the purchase of this plant is essential, as considerable delay in delivery is anticipated after the orders being placed.

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

Proposed by Councillor P. N. Murdoch;
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond:

Resolved—That, having considered report of Co. Engineer dated 5th December, 1952, and letter of 2nd October, 1952, from the Department of Local Government, we hereby authorise the raising of a loan of £13,468 16s. from the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, repayable over a period of 7 years, with interest at $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. under Irish Bank's rate, with minimum of 4 per cent. for the purpose of purchasing quarry plant for the development of quarries at the Rock, Carnew, and Carrigmore Quarry, near Barndarrig.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Road from Woodenbridge to Aughrim.

The following report of the Assistant County Engineer was submitted:—

12th Dec., 1952.

I enclose herewith estimate for reconstruction of Road No. 185, Aughrim to Woodenbridge, to make safe and fit for fast, heavy traffic.

The total is £19,947, of which we propose to spend £4,632 out of Council's funds next year, leaving a balance of £15,314. Of this sum, £1,300 is for widening Coates' Bridge, £5,230 is for retaining walls, £504 for rock excavation, leaving a balance of £8,280 for road work.

Widening Coates' Bridge	£1,300
Retaining Walls	£5,230
Rock Excavation	£504
Road Work	£8,280

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Signed: J. P. CAFFREY,
Assistant Co. Engineer.

The Council agreed that representations should be made in the Department of Local Government for 100 per cent. Grant to defray the cost of the work. The Council directed that plans and detailed specification be submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

Item No. 9—Roadway at Five-Mile Point.

As the Press cutting referred to had been submitted anonymously, the Council decided that no consideration should be given to the matter.

Item No. 10—Weighbridge at Arklow.

The following letter from Arklow Urban District Council was submitted:—

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

22nd Nov., 1952.

Public Weighbridge.

Dear Sir,

I have been directed by my Council to inform you of the decision regarding the Public Weighbridge taken by the Arklow Urban District Council at a meeting of this Council on the 11th July, 1952, and which decision was as follows: "That Council would raise no objection if the site, plans, etc., meet with the requirements of the Town Surveyor and County Engineer."

I append hereunder formal resolution of my Council passed at a special meeting on the 21st November, 1952.

Yours faithfully,

TADG O'MAHONY,
Town Clerk.

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Seconded by Councillor Lawlor:

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The following report from the Assist. Co. Engineer was submitted:
25th November, 1952.

Re: Weighbridge, Arklow.

As the weighbridge being erected by Mr. J. T. Keogh at Wexford Road, Arklow, has no superstructure, there is no objection to the carrying out of this work under Town and Regional Planning Acts. The weighbridge has been sited so as to leave a 5ft. 6in. footpath on the outer side next the road, and this would appear to be the most suitable arrangement, both as regards the use of the footpath and the use of the weighbridge.

There is no objection to the carrying out of this work.

Signed: J. P. CAFFREY.

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;
Seconded by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.:

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As an Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. McCrea:

That the Chairman and three other members of the Council inspect the site of the proposed weighbridge at Arklow and submit a report to the next meeting of the Council.

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2. Where a Mortgage Deed had been completed;
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Applications for Loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts: The Committee recommended that a loan of £600 be made to Mr. E. Sheehy, Tinnahich, Enniskerry, in respect of the erection of a house at Ballyorney, Enniskerry, subject to verification of income.

The Committee deferred for further information the application of Mr. Edward Granger, Church Road, Greystones, for a loan of £1,200 in respect of the erection of a house at Blacklion, Greystones.

The Committee also deferred consideration of the application of Patrick Coffey, Monastery, Enniskerry, for a supplementary loan of £300 in respect of the erection of a house at Monastery, Enniskerry, pending receipt of a report from the Council's Engineer in regard to the house.

Letter from Messrs. P. J. Morris and Sons, Builders, re Loans under S.D.A. Acts in respect of Houses to be Erected at Greystones: Having considered letter dated 22nd November, 1952, from Messrs. P. J. Morris and Sons, the Committee recommended that the firm be informed that the Council would not give an indication of the amount of a loan which might be advanced except in a particular instance and on the application of the person seeking the loan.

Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts: The Committee noted the reasons for refusal of permission by the Council for extensions to a house at Killincarrig and the requirements which had been indicated to the applicant.

Having considered application for approval in principle to the erection of houses at Kilmacanogue, the Committee deferred consideration of the matter pending the receipt of further information in regard to the exact siting of the houses.

Repairs to Cottages carried out during Month of November, 1952: The Committee noted the list submitted by the County Engineer of repairs carried out to cottages during the month of Nov., 1952.

Authorisation of Repairs to Cottages: The County Secretary informed the Committee that the total expenditure on repairs to cottages in respect of the current financial year to the end of November, 1952, amounted to £6,776 13s. 9d. The amount provided in the current year's Estimates was £5,500. The Committee noted that a supplementary Estimate would be required in respect of repairs to cottages.

The Committee authorised the carrying out of repairs to cottages in accordance with the list submitted by the County Engineer, subject to a contribution by the tenant of 2/6 per week in respect of the provision of a range in any case. In the case of Cottage No. 464/8, at Ashtown, the Committee recommended that the materials be issued to the tenant who had agreed to carry out the repairs.

Application for Provision of Water Supply to Cottages at Kilpedder:

The Committee considered letter from the Cottage Tenants' Association, Newtownmountkennedy, indicating that the tenants of 13 cottages at Kilpedder would not be in a position to contribute at the rate of 1/3 per week towards the cost of providing water supply to the cottages, but were willing to pay 9d. per week and would be agreeable to provide voluntary labour in the carrying out of the scheme. The Committee noted that the proposal to provide voluntary labour would not be practicable in work of this type, and that the cost would be £600, which would involve a contribution of 1/3 per week from the tenants.

Public Convenience at Newtownmountkennedy: The Committee considered letter dated 24th November, 1952, from Cottage Tenants' Association, Newtownmountkennedy, enclosing list of persons who were agreeable to the utilisation of a site at Newtownmountkennedy for a public convenience. The Committee referred the letter to the County Engineer for a report as to the suitability of the suggested site.

Twelve New Cottages at Glenealy—Rents to be Applied: Having considered report of cost of erection of 12 new cottages at Glenealy, the Committee approved of the application to these cottages of a Graded Rents scale, similar to that already approved in respect of the houses at Killarney Lane and at the Playground, Killincarrig.

Provision of Accommodation for Co. Wicklow Patients at St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown: The Committee noted a letter from the Rathdown Board of Assistance in regard to the allocation of beds at St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown, for patients from the north-eastern area of the Wicklow Public Assistance District, and indicating that the Assistant Manager would arrange to meet the Wicklow County Manager and the Chairman as soon as more progress would have been made with the equipping of the hospital.

Derelict Site at Rathdrum: The Committee noted the report of the Assistant County Engineer that £78 14s. 1d. had been spent on taking down the ruins of a building on derelict site at Rathdrum and removing some material. The estimated cost for the complete removal of the building and the clearance of the site was £200. The Committee noted that the Assistant County Engineer had been asked to state if the site would be suitable on which to erect a new Dispensary, and agreed that there would be no objection to the site if found suitable by the Council's Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan;

Resolved—That we approve of report of meeting of the Housing Committee held on 1st December, 1952.

Passed unanimously.

The Council recommended that the housing needs in the Blessington district be ascertained before the next meeting of the Housing Committee.

In regard to the house owned by Mrs. Darley Miller at Bray, the Council, having heard the views expressed by the Chairman, agreed that the house might be occupied by the Doyle family, in view of the special circumstances.

Cottages at Stratford.

In reply to inquiries from members, Assistant Co. Engineer Foley stated that in regard to two cottages erected on derelict sites at Stratford, the sites were not sufficiently large to enable a septic tank to be installed. He suggested a method to overcome the difficulty. The Council asked that the County Engineer submit details of the proposal, and an estimate of cost to the next meeting of the Housing Committee.

Item No. 13—New County Hospital at Rathnew.

The following letter from the Department of Health was submitted:—
H.33/1/1B. Custom House,
Dublin.

A Chara. 14 Samhain, 1952.

The Minister for Health has asked me to refer to the Department's letter of 21st July, 1952, conveying observations on the detailed schedule of accommodation for the proposed County Hospital at Rathnew, and to request you to indicate the present position regarding the planning of this work. I am also to request that your local authority's proposals for the engagement of consulting engineers (mechanical and civil) and quantity surveyor should now be submitted to the Department.

With regard to the financing of this project, the Minister has asked me to say that he will be prepared to authorise a grant from the Hospitals' Trust Fund of two-thirds of the approved cost of the work.

Mise, le meas,

S. O MATHUNA.

Secretary.

Wicklow Co. Council.

The Council noted the amount of the grant which would be made available.

Item No. 14—Former Workhouse Lands at Shillelagh—Leasing of Portion of Lands.

The County Secretary stated that in letter dated 6th September, 1952, from the Department of Health, it was indicated that the Minister for Health had received an application for a lease to the Very Rev. J. Kelly, P.P., of portion of the premises of the former workhouse at Shillelagh. It was understood that the portion of the buildings which was still standing had been reconstructed and adapted for use as a Church, and the proposed lease would relate to this building and a surrounding plot of ground. The plot formed portion of an area of 6 acres, 1 rood, 36 pers., demised by the Fitzwilliam Estate to the Poor Law Commissioners at a rent of £8 per annum and for a term of 999 years under a lease dated 24th September, 1840. It is stated in the letter that the Minister was prepared to grant a lease of the premises under the State Lands (Workhouses) Act, 1930, at a nominal rent, and enquiry was made as to whether the Council had any objection to this course. It was proposed by

Councillor Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of lease being granted by the Minister of Health to Very Rev. J. Kelly, P.P., Tomacork, Carnew, of portion of premises of former Workhouse, Shillelagh, containing 4.38 acres, as shown on map received from the Department of Health, with letter of 6th September, 1952.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Knockenarrigan Dispensary.

Having considered letter received from Mr. T. F. Millett, Solicitor, for the owners of Knockenarrigan Dispensary, indicating that the owners could not agree to the sale of the premises to the Council at the figure of £100 and would not offer them for less than £200, the Council recommended that an offer of £150 be made for the premises, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Health.

Item No. 16—Lease of Avoca Dispensary.

The Lease of the Avoca Dispensary had expired and the Council had made an offer to the owner, the Earl of Wicklow, for a renewal of the lease at rent of £4 per annum. The Solicitors for the Earl of Wicklow had stated that the premises would not be let for less than £12 per annum, the tenant being responsible for repairs and rates. In a subsequent letter from the Solicitors for the owner, it was stated that their clients had decided not to re-let the premises and intended seeking possession. The Council's Solicitor had advised that in his opinion the landlord would not be successful in ejecting the Council from the premises, but that the Court would fix the rent having regard to present day letting values. The Council recommended that an offer of £12 per annum rent be made, subject to the condition that the Council would not be liable for repairs and could terminate the letting whenever it thought fit.

Item No. 17—Water Safety.

The Council noted the report received from the Irish Red Cross Society, Wicklow Area Committee, in regard to Water Safety Activities in County Wicklow in 1952.

Item No. 18—Swimming Pools.

The Council noted letter dated 11th November, 1952, Ref. L.5/52, from Department of Local Government indicating that as from 1st April, 1953, State assistance would be made available towards the cost of approved swimming pool projects in the form of contributions towards any Loan Charges incurred in respect of such proposals.

Item No. 19—Public Lighting, Ballyknocken Village.

Proposed by Councillor P. Keogh;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the quotation of the Electricity Supply Board in the sum of £125 for the provision of four public lights at Ballyknocken, and authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the Estimates for the current year, to defray the cost of such public lighting.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 20—Valleymount Village: Provision of Public Lighting.

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

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the quotation of the Electricity Supply Board in the sum of £11 10s. for the provision of one public light at Valleymount, and authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates for the purpose of defraying the cost of such public lighting.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 21—Hollywood Village: Provision of Public Lighting.

Proposed by Councillor P. Keogh;

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

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the quotation of the Electricity Supply Board in the sum of £35 for the provision of two public lights at Hollywood, and authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates for the purpose of defraying the cost of such public lighting.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 22—Delgany: Provision of Public Lighting.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of one public light opposite the new Hall in Delgany, and note from the Electricity Supply Board's letter of the 14th November, 1952, that no charge will be made for the supply and erection of the lantern. We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the electricity in respect of this lamp.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 23—Newtownmountkennedy: Provision of Public Lighting.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

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

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the provision of one public light at Newtownmountkennedy, and note from the Electricity Supply Board's letter of the 14th November, 1952, that no charge will be made for the supply and erection of the lantern. We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's estimates to defray the cost of the electricity in respect of this light.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 24—Aughrim: Provision of Public Lighting.

Having noted letter of 10th November, 1952, addressed to the Electricity Supply Board in regard to their quotation amounting in

all to £62 for the altering of the positions of two lamps at Aughrim, and the provision of one new lamp, and reply received from the E.S.B. dated 2nd December, 1952, it was

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

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Resolved—That we approve with reluctance, and in order to facilitate the public, of the acceptance of the quotation of the E.S.B. in the sum of £24 for altering the position of two lamps at Aughrim, and in the sum of £38 for the provision of a new lamp at Rednagh Road, Aughrim, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the works.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 25—Public Lighting, Killincarrig.

Having considered letter dated 28th November, 1952, from Department of Industry and Commerce, and letter dated 10th November, 1952, from Electricity Supply Board in reply to the Council's representations that the quotation of £33 for the erection of a switch-wire extension at Killincarrig, was excessive, it was decided on the proposal of Councillor Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor Lawless, to accept the quotation of the E.S.B.

Item No. 26—Water Supply, Lugduff.

The following report of the Assistant Co. Engineer was submitted:

Courthouse,

Tinahely,

15th November, 1952.

The Co. Engineer:

Re: Water Supply for Lugduff.

Dear Sir,

Reference to your letter of 11th inst. and enclosure from Mr. O'Connor. The cottages referred to in my report of 20/6/1951 are not the same as those referred to in my report of 30/8/52 recommending a pump. The two groups of cottages are nearly a mile apart.

The existing tank and filters at Tinahely are not of sound construction and, due to numerous small cracks, may be regarded with suspicion from the point of view of contamination. The filters are also inadequate in size. For that reason, I suggest that new filters and tank be constructed at a cost of about £1,000. By constructing at a higher level at an extra cost of about £200, it would be possible to serve a larger area of Tinahely at adequate pressure, including providing a fountain for cottages at what we will call Lugduff North (referred to in my report of 20/6/51). The cost of extending the main to this fountain would be about £200.

The cottages referred to in my report of 30/8/52, at what we will call Pasley's Hill, could be provided with a fountain also when the new tank was built at the higher level, but the cost of extending the main to this fountain would be about £750 against £220 for the pump and well, and for this reason I recommended the pump. The extension would not benefit any other houses apart from the cottages, although it would provide a water main which could be used subsequently if houses were built on this road.

However, it is so far from the town (almost a mile), that this is not very likely.

Yours faithfully,

C. J. BYRNE.

It was proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of a pump to serve cottages at Pasley's Hill, Tinahely.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 27—Annamoe Water Supply.

The Council decided to defer consideration of the proposal to sink a well at Annamoe and to await the outcome of the E.S.B. Scheme based on Lough Dam.

Item No. 28—Coolboy Water Supply.

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

L.27/6/4.

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

Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil,
Teach an Chustaim,
Baile Atha Cliath.
25th Nov., 1952.

With reference to your letter of the 5th inst. and enclosures relative to the Coolboy-Coolfancy water supply scheme, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that, in view of the low yield of 15 gallons per minute recorded at the source on the 2nd ultimo, the County Engineer should consider whether the works, as designed, will be adequate to supply the demand during a recurrence of similar dry weather. It would appear that consideration should be given to increasing the storage capacity of the intake chamber or reducing the pumping rate to ensure that the pumps will not run dry during the pumping period. It is suggested that a sump capacity of not less than 6,000 gallons might be considered in conjunction with a reduced pumping rate.

I am also to inquire whether gaugings of the source for the period prior to the 2nd ultimo are available.

Mise, le meas.

N. DE PAOR.

The County Engineer stated that it had been found that an additional source could be utilised and that the storage capacity could be increased without any substantial additional cost.

Item No. 29—Valuation for Rating.

The following letter from the County Councils' General Council was submitted:—

A Chara,

22 Deiread Foghmair, 1952.

Enclosed you will find a Memorandum on Valuation for Rating prepared by me for use of my Emergency Committee for its meeting on Friday, 17th inst., to discuss (among other matters) a motion from Kerry County Council: "That we protest against the present system of increasing valuations."

My Committee has directed me to furnish you with a copy of the Memorandum, to bring before the next meeting of your Council.

Mise, le meas.

ENRI MacDAIBHEAD.

Copies of the Memorandum referred to in the letter had been circulated to the members of the Council. The Council noted the terms of the Memorandum, and decided that the General Council of County Councils and their Secretary be complimented on the exhaustive and informative manner in which the Memorandum had been prepared.

Item No. 30—Restrictive Trade Practices Bill.

The Council adopted the following resolution from Kerry County Council: "That we congratulate the Government on the introduction of the Restrictive Trade Practices Bill which we trust will shortly come into law. That this resolution be circulated to other public bodies."

Item No. 31—Report of Commission on the Greyhound Industry.

The Council adopted the following resolution received from Kerry County Council: "That the Government be asked to implement the Report of the Commission on the Greyhound Industry as quickly as

possible, and that we thank the Commission for an excellent report. That this Resolution be sent to each public body."

Item No. 32—Minutes of County Councils' General Council.

The Council noted Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the County Councils' General Council held on 7th August, 1952.

Closing of Burgage Bridge.

The County Secretary stated that application had been received from the Electricity Supply Board for the closing of Burgage Bridge near Blessington for period from 1st January, 1953, to 31st May, 1953, for the purpose of carrying out repairs to the bridge. The County Engineer had indicated the alternative routes which would be available and had pointed out that additional traffic would be diverted to Road No. 361, which was not in a state to carry such heavy traffic, and he suggested that the Electricity Supply Board be asked to provide a contribution towards the cost of repairs which would be rendered necessary as a result of the diversion of the additional traffic over the road.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That, having considered letter of 1st December, 1952, from the Electricity Supply Board, and report of Assistant County Engineer, dated 10th December, 1952, we approve of application being made to the Minister for Local Government for the closing of road over Burgage Bridge for the period from 1st January, 1953, to 31st May, 1953, and ask that the Electricity Supply Board provide a contribution to meet the cost of repairs which will be rendered necessary to Road No. 361 by the diversion of additional traffic over this road.

Passed unanimously.

Road Workers.

Councillor P. McCarthy asked if road workers might be permitted to work a full day on Saturday, 20th December, 1952, in lieu of half-day on Saturday, 27th December, 1952. The County Engineer stated that he had no objection to the proposal. The County Manager indicated that this arrangement would be made.

Congratulations to Dr. D'Alton.

On the proposal of Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett, the Council expressed their congratulations to Dr. D'Alton, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, on his elevation to the Sacred College of Cardinals.