

of a Consultant and the late Mr. E. M. Murphy had prepared an outline scheme. This scheme which would have provided for servicing houses at Killarney Road as well as Boghall Road was considered by the Council to be unduly costly and the County Engineer had been asked to prepare a limited scheme to serve only the cottages at Boghall Road. The County Engineer had investigated the matter but had found considerable difficulty in preparing any scheme which could be carried out at a reasonable cost. The Deputy Co. Manager pointed out that the cottages at Boghall Road had been provided by the Council as rural cottages without services and that the site of each cottage measured from one third to half an acre. The area could not be regarded as being densely built up. Councillor P. Ledwidge urged the necessity of providing a sewerage scheme for these cottages and asked that the Co. Engineer submit a report and recommendation for the next meeting of the Council.

Water Supply for Cottages at Killincarrig and Kindlestown Lower—Item No. 17.

The Deputy County Manager stated that complaints had been received regarding lack of water pressure in the Kindlestown, Killincarrig District and that the increased number of houses provided in the area both by the Council and by private persons had caused interference with the consumption and flow of water in the existing mains and that consequently, the pressure had been affected, at certain points. The matter had been discussed by the County Engineer with representatives of Dublin Corporation and the County Engineer recommend that alterations be carried out to 4" mains at Killincarrig cottages at estimated cost of £75 and that cottages at Lr. Kindlestown be metered at estimated cost of £10.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of alterations to 4" water main serving cottages at Killincarrig at estimated cost of £75 and of the placing of meter on main supplying cottages at Kindlestown Lr. at estimated cost of £10 as recommended by County Engineer.

Passed unanimously.

Public Lighting, Avondale Park, Bray—Item No. 18.

The Deputy County Manager stated that a quotation had been received from the E.S.B. for the provision of public lighting at Avondale Park, Bray. The operation of 2 new lamps on existing poles Nos. 1 and 2 on the plan would necessitate the erection of switch wire extension costing £17 10s. The operation of 2 lamps at points 3 and 4 on the plan involved the erection of 3 net work poles, switch wire and neutral ground stays and flying stays at an additional cost of £78. The Council's Engineer had stated that in his opinion 2 lights on the existing poles would give adequate public lighting to the access road and that public lighting should also be installed at points marked 3 and 4 on the plan.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the quotation of the E.S.B. for the provision of 2 new lamps on existing poles at Avondale Park, Bray, at cost of £17 10s. and of the quotation of £78 for the provision of 2 new lamps at points 3 and 4 of the plan and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of these works.

Passed unanimously.

Abstract of Accounts for year ended 31st March, 1953—Item No. 19.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we hereby note the submission of the Abstract of Accounts of the Council for the year ended 31st March, 1953, and direct that they be submitted to the Dept. of Local Government for audit.

Passed unanimously.

National Monuments—Item No. 20.

The following report of the meeting of the National Monuments Advisory Committee was approved by the Council:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of the National Monuments Advisory Committee of Wicklow County Council was held at the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Wednesday, 5th August, at 5 p.m.

The following members attended: Councillors C. M. Byrne and H. J. Byrne; Mr. P. J. Noonan and District Justice Liam Price.

Mr. K. J. Brangan, Co. Secretary, attended. Mr. Harbison, of An Bord Failte also attended the meeting.

On the proposal of Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne, District Justice Price was appointed Chairman.

The following letter from An Bord Failte was submitted:—

The Secretary, 13, Merrion Square, Dublin.
National Monuments Advisory Committee.

Wicklow Co. Council, Wicklow.

1st July, 1953.

Dear Sir,

Your attention is drawn to the fact that under the Tourist Traffic Act, of 1952, certain responsibilities relating to National Monuments devolve on the Board. As they may be of interest to you, appropriate clauses from the Bill are set out hereunder:

Clause 5, Section 2, Sub-section (f) states:

It shall be lawful for the Board 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.

Section 4 of the same Clause states:

Nothing in this section shall derogate from the powers of the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland or a Local Authority under the National Monuments Act, 1930 (No. 2 of 1930), the provisions of which shall be binding on the Board in like manner.

The Board has powers for compulsory acquisition in relation to historic sites, etc., but Clause 7, Section 2, states:

The Board shall not exercise (such) powers in or over a National Monument, within the meaning of the National Monuments Act, 1930, which is or is in the course of being vested in, or placed under the guardianship of the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, or a Local Authority or made the subject to a preservation order under the Act.

Representatives of the Board would be glad to meet your Committee at some convenient time to discuss how we might co-operate in matters of mutual concern.

Yours faithfully,

Signed—F. LAWLOR.

Mr. Harbison of An Bord Failte explained how An Bord Failte could assist the Council or Local Committees in such matters as providing or improving means of access to places of scenic, historic, scienti-

fic or other interest to the public, by the provisions of notices and signposts and protecting or maintaining National Monuments. The Board would appreciate the co-operation of the Committee in bringing to the notice of the Board matters of this character. The Committee examined with Mr. Harbison a list of 21 National Monuments in Co. Wicklow which were vested in or placed under the guardianship of the Commissioners of Public Works. In reply to enquiry from members, Mr. Harbison stated that An Bord Failte proposed to provide bronze plaques giving information about the National Monument for affixing at the site.

Members of the Committee mentioned many National Monuments in the county which would be of great interest to visitors but were not sign-posted. As regards the town of Wicklow reference was made to the Black Castle, The Round Mount, The Franciscan Abbey and the doorway in the Protestant Church.

At the suggestion of the Chairman, it was decided that Mr. H. J. Byrne, as regards Bray, and Mr. P. J. Noonan, as regards Wicklow, would submit lists of places of historic interest in these towns with a view to having a signpost erected in each town directing visitors to such places and having plaques erected at the sites.

Mr. Noonan directed attention to the special position of Glendalough as a place of historic interest and as a tourist centre and stressed the need for the giving of special attention to this district. He suggested that it would be desirable that the area be declared a National Park.

It was decided to hold a meeting of the Committee at Glendalough at 4 p.m. on the 3rd September, 1953, at which meeting representatives of An Bord Failte would attend.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Harbison of An Bord Failte for attending the meeting and the meeting terminated.

Metric System and Decimal Coinage—Item No. 21.

The following report of the meeting of the Committee appointed by the Council had been circulated to the members:—

METRIC SYSTEM AND DECIMAL COINAGE.

A meeting of the Committee appointed by the Council to consider the Questionnaire forwarded through the County Council's General Council from the Metric System and Decimal Coinage Committee of the Department of Industry and Commerce was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 6th July, 1953, at 11 a.m.

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, Councillors P. Ledwidge and G. Timmins, attended.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer were present.

The replies recommended by the Committee to the questions submitted were as follows:—

A. METRIC SYSTEM WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:

1. Q. Has your Organisation had experience in the use of the metric system of weights and measures in—
 - (a) external trade;
 - (b) internal trade;
 - (c) personal or professional transactions.

Answer:

- (a) Yes, to a very limited extent, mostly relating to drugs and medical equipment.
- (b) Yes, in relation to motor taxation;
- (c) Yes, use of the decimal system in respect of surveys and calculation of loan charges. The metric system is used in analysts' reports and reports on water systems.

2. Q. If so, is it considered preferable to the imperial system of weights and measures or not? Please state your reasons with reference to (a), (b), and (c) above.

Answer:

Where metric system is used it is found to lead to simplicity and speed in calculation and is more accurate in precise measurements.

2. Q. If so, is it considered preferable to the imperial system of have you found any difficulty or disadvantage in transacting business with countries which use other systems?

Answer:

The Council has only very limited business with countries using the metric system but no difficulty has been found.

4. Q. Is it the opinion or experience of your Organisation that there are any disadvantages or inconveniences attendant on the use of the imperial system for purposes within the State?

Answer:

The metric system is much more convenient and leads to a saving in time in making calculations.

5. Does your Organisation consider that for the purposes of business, trade or other activities within the State it would be possible to substitute comparable metric units for the imperial units ordinarily in use at present without undue disruption or inconvenience?

Answer:

It is felt there would be some confusion and disruption of trade within the State in the early stages but that members of the public would adapt themselves to the new system very quickly.

6. Q. Are there any practical or technical difficulties which would result from the use of the metric system in your sphere?

Answer:

There are no undue practical or technical difficulties which could not be resolved within a comparatively short time.

7. Q. Would the introduction of the metric system involve high expenditure to the members of your Organisation in the replacement or adaption of existing plant, machinery, weights and measures?

Answer:

Cost involved would not be excessive.

8. Q. Could you indicate the items which would need to be replaced, or adapted, stating the normal life of each item; are you in a position to say what period would be required for its replacement and what cost would be involved?

Answer:

A limited number of scales, petrol pumps and mechanical calculators would have to be adapted or if this were not possible they would have to be replaced. The normal life of such machines would vary from 10 to 20 years. The cost of replacement would be comparatively high but would depend on the type of machine involved.

9. Q. Assuming your Organisation favours a change to the metric system what would be a reasonable period to effect the change? Would you say, 5, 10, or 20 years?

Answer:

5 Years.

10. Q. How long do you think it would take for the members of the public, with whom your Organisation deals, to become accustomed to the use of metric weights and measures?

Answer:

It is felt that members of the public would adopt themselves to the new system very rapidly and probably within one year.

11. Q. Does your Organisation consider that it would be practicable or desirable to substitute the metric system for the imperial system if other countries using the imperial system with which we conduct substantial trade do not propose to take similar action?

Answer:

Internal trade would not be effected and as far as external trade is concerned, this is conducted through a limited number of trading agencies who specialise in such work and could readily make any required adjustments between metric and imperial systems.

12. Q. If other countries using the imperial system with which we conduct substantial trade propose to adopt the metric system do you think this Country should do likewise?

Answer:

Yes.

13. Q. If you have any other observations of a general or particular nature in regard to the introduction of the metric system of weights and measures, please state them fully.

Answer:

In our opinion a recognised international system of weights and measures would be beneficial to trade generally.

B. DECIMAL SYSTEM OF COINAGE:

1. Q. Has your Organisation had experience of a decimal system of coinage in—

- (a) trade and commerce;
- (b) personal or professional transactions.

Answer:

- (a) No.
- (b) Limited experience in personal and professional transactions.

2. Q. If so, do you consider it less or more convenient than the present system in regard to the above (a), and (b)?

Answer:

A decimal system of coinage would be more convenient and in fact, even at present, the existing coinage system is converted into decimals for the purpose of costings, calculations of loan charges, etc.

3. Q. Does your Organisation consider that it would be practicable or desirable to introduce a decimal coinage system here? Please state precisely your reasons for or against?

Answer:

It would be desirable but might cause some difficulty in connection with tourist trade and with Northern Ireland.

4. Q. If you favour a change to the decimal system, do you think we should adopt a system based on a large unit, such as the pound, or some smaller unit, such as the penny, or a unit of intermediate size? Please give details of the scheme favoured.

Answer:

Related to £1 and 2s. coin which is £0.1

5. Q. Does your Organisation consider that it would be practicable or desirable to have decimal coinage circulating at the same time as the present coinage? If not, can you suggest any alternative method by which the transition could be effected?

Answer:

No.

6. Q. Under the scheme of decimal coinage (if any) contemplated by your Organisation, would it be possible to pay the precise equivalent of present rates or find an exact equivalent for widely used charges based on the penny, such as bus fares, newspaper prices, postage etc. If not, would the result generally be an increase or a reduction in these rates and charges?

Answer:

Yes.

7. Q. From the point of view of your Organisation, are the advantages, if any, of a decimal coinage sufficient to outweigh any inconvenience or dislocation which might be involved in its introduction?

Answer:

Yes.

8. Do you consider it would be practicable or desirable to adopt a decimal system of coinage without a similar step by other "non-decimal" countries with which we have close relations?

Answer:

Yes.

9. Q. If your Organisation has any other observations of a general or particular nature on the question of decimal coinage, please state them fully.

Answer:

None.

C. GENERAL:

1. Q. Does your Organisation consider that the desirability of a decimal coinage is dependent on the introduction of metric weight and measures? If so, to what extent?

Answer:

No.

2. Q. Would there be any advantage in introducing a metric system of weights and measures without a decimal coinage?

Answer:

Yes.

3. Q. Would there be any advantage in adopting a decimal system of coinage while maintaining the present weights and measures?

Answer:

Yes.

4. Q. If you favour the adoption of a decimal coinage and metric weights and measures, should they be introduced simultaneously? If not, which should precede the other?

Answer:

Metric System for Weights and Measures should be introduced prior to introduction of decimal coinage system.

5. Q. Do you consider there would be any advantage in the adoption of a metric system for particular trades, industries or professions without its general adoption throughout the country?

Answer:

Not in a position to express an opinion.

6. Q. Are you aware of any anomalies or disadvantages in the present imperial system which could be rectified without adopting the metric system? Please give details.

Answer:

Not aware of any.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of report of Committee appointed by the Council to consider desirability of establishing the metric system of weights and measures and a decimal system of coinage.
Passed unanimously.

Resolution from Conrad na Gaedhilge, re Placing of Name in Irish only at New Bus Station at Store Street—Item No. 22.

The Council noted the resolution received from Conrad na Gaedhilge.

Letter from Boycott Objectionable Foreign Publications re Importing of Foreign Publications—Item No. 23.

On the proposal of Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor A. Toomey, the Council adopted the recommendation received from Boycott Objectionable Foreign Publications in their letter of 18th July, 1953.

Letter from Boycott Objectionable Foreign Publications re Importing

The Council noted the receipt of minutes of meeting of Co. Councils' General Council held on 7th May, 1953.

Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders—Item No. 25.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked for an explanation for the delay in providing a sewerage scheme to a house at Rathnew. In reply to Councillor M. Brennan, the Deputy County Manager explained the limitation of the amounts of Supplementary Grants which might be made by the Council in respect of reconstruction of houses.

Councillor E. Bobbett asked that the County Engineer report for the next meeting as to what repairs were proposed to be carried out to the road from Castlemacadam to Carthy's corner. She also asked that minor repairs be carried out to the road at Ballymoney.

Councillor J. O'Neill, supported by Councillor Senator McCrea, referred to unemployment in the Killinure-Ballyconnell area and urged that work on the Tullowclay road be started. It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan;

Resolved—That work on Tullowclay Road be started.

Passed unanimously.

In reply to members of the Council who urged that road works on the main road between Wicklow and Bray be completed, the Co. Engineer stated that plant required for these works was at present engaged on the Silver Strand Road and that the other works would be continued as soon as the plant was available.

Closing of Roads at Bray:

Having considered application from Bray Amusements Committee for closing of roads at Bray for the circuit of Bray Cycle Race, it was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—Having considered application from Bray Amusements Committee we approve of application being made to the Minister for Local Government for an Order authorising the Council to close to public traffic the roads at Bray as set out hereunder on Sunday, 13th

Roads under the control of the County Council and contained in the following circuit:—

Strand Road from junction with Albert Avenue to junction with Putland Road; Putland Road; Vevay Road from corner of Putland Road to Town Hall; Killarney Road from Town Hall to junction with King Edward Road; Quinsboro Road and Main Street from Royal Hotel to north end of Bray Bridge.

Passed unanimously.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I hereby give notice that I or someone for me will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the wage of carters be increased from 21s. 6d. to 25s. per day."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council to deal with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 7th September, 1953, at 2 p.m.

The following members were present: Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman; Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, P. Brennan, James O'Neill, G. Timmins, Thomas O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, Peter Ledwidge, Edwd. Byrne, L. O Laoighleis, Liam O Cleirigh, 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 Co. Engineer and Assistant Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, R. M. Fenion and P. J. Foley were present.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Thomas O'Reilly as a member of the Council. Councillor O'Reilly expressed thanks for his co-option and for the kind wishes extended to his father.

The Chairman and members also welcomed Mr. M. Flannery, Co. Manager, on his recovery from his illness.

AGENDA.

1. Report of County Engineer on progress of Housing Scheme during the month of August, 1953.
2. Blessing Housing Scheme—(1) Replies received from applicants re Tenant Purchase Scheme, and (2) site for cottages.
3. Housing at Auhrim.
4. Enniskerry Housing Scheme: Letter from Department of Local Government re Water Supply Scheme.
5. Supplementary grants for installation of water supply and sewerage systems to houses—Circular from Dept. of Local Government.
6. Cottage Purchase Scheme.
7. Water Supply to cottages at Rathmoon, Baltinglass.
8. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., re provision of pump for cottages at Coolawinna and Ballinapark.
9. Town and Regional Planning Acts—Applications, etc.
10. (a) Applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts; (b) Report of Council's Solicitor re Loan to Hugh Behan, Rathnew.
11. Cottages repaired during the month of August, 1953.
12. Authorisation of repairs to cottages.
13. Acquisition of land required for Cliff Walk, Bray, to Greystones.
14. Acquisition of land at Glendalough for Car Park.

PROGRESS REPORT.

Kindlestown Scheme: Councillor Lawless urged that additional houses be provided at Kindlestown and stated he had received a number of enquiries from persons seeking houses. The Council decided to defer the matter to the next meeting of the Local Housing Committee.

1952 Scheme: The Council asked that the Department of Local Government be asked to expedite the giving of sanction to the Council's proceeding with the 1952 Housing Scheme.

BLESSINGTON HOUSING SCHEME:

The County Secretary stated that only four persons who had made enquiries in regard to the Tenant Purchase Scheme at Blessington had indicated that they wish to proceed with applications for houses under the scheme proposed. The County Engineer had inspected the area immediately around Blessington with a view to selecting a suitable

site for the construction of houses under the Labourers Acts, and had recommended as the most suitable site a site at the south-west end of the village of Blessington adjoining the existing Council housing scheme. The owner of the lands was Mr. Millar, Main St., Blessington, who required a price of £1,000 for the site containing 5.33 acres. It would be necessary to carry the sewer across the open space upon which the Assistant County Engineer's Office was sited to connect to the main sewerage, and also to have a 4" water main laid from the site to the town main. In a further report, the Co. Engineer agreed that the site proposed to be acquired off Main Street for houses under the Tenant Purchase Scheme would accommodate approximately 14 houses, provided that terraced houses were used and that the normal type houses were planned as two-storey houses. The re-design might increase slightly the area of land which would be required from Mr. O'Leary. The County Manager pointed out that since only four persons wish to proceed with applications for houses under a Tenant Purchase Scheme, it would seem desirable to utilise the site for the provision of normal houses also. From a recent examination of the housing needs in Blessington, it would appear that eight normal houses would be required.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That having considered replies received from applicants in respect of proposed Town Tenant Purchase Scheme at Blessington, and report of County Engineer, we approve of the preparation of a Scheme for the erection of eight normal houses (serviced houses) and four houses to be let under Tenant Purchase Scheme on sites acquired from Mr. Kelly and Mr. O'Leary at Blessington.

Passed unanimously.

HOUSING SCHEME AT AUGHIRM:

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had approved of the proposed layout for housing scheme at Aughrim on site acquired by the Council, the approval being conditional on the Council being satisfied that sewerage services would be available on completion of the houses. The County Engineer had reported that the new sewerage scheme for Aughrim would serve this site, but that pending the completion of the scheme he recommended that Elsan closets be provided. An examination of the housing needs in the area had been made and it appeared that there would be eight applicants for houses on the site and, in addition, one applicant under the 1952 Scheme would be accommodated on this site. Provision was also made in the layout plan for the utilisation of part of the site for a new dispensary.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That having considered letter dated 18th August, 1953, from the Department of Local Government, we approve of the preparation of a Scheme for the erection of nine houses on site at Aughrim.

Passed unanimously.

ENNISKERRY HOUSING SCHEME:

The Council noted letter of 20th August, 1953, Ref. L.27/6/5, from the Department of Local Government in which it was stated that consideration would be given to the provision of a contribution of 33½ per cent. of the Loan Charges on the approved capital cost of the

Water Supply Improvement Scheme, which amount would represent the maximum State assistance which could be made available. It was indicated in the letter that the Minister was of the opinion that no useful purpose would be served by the reception of a deputation to discuss these matters, and that the Department's views on both the proposals for water supply scheme, and for the Kilgarron housing scheme would be conveyed to the Council as soon as possible.

The Council asked that the Department be requested to convey a decision on these matters as soon as possible, in view of the urgency of proceeding with the housing scheme at Enniskerry.

SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SYSTEMS:

Having considered letter from the Department of Local Government, it was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of supplementary grants under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, in respect of the provision of water and sewerage services, under the same conditions as have been applied by the Council in respect of Reconstruction Grants.

Passed unanimously.

COTTAGE PURCHASE SCHEME:

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea moved the suspension of Standing Orders for the purpose of considering Notice of Motion handed in by him at the last meeting. The Council having agreed to the suspension of the Standing Orders, it was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

That the resolution passed by this Council on the 9th March, 1953, be rescinded, and that a Cottage Purchase Scheme be prepared in accordance with the 1950 Housing Amendment Act, and on the basis of a 50 per cent. of the existing rent.

The County Manager stated that the matter of the Cottage Purchase Scheme had been considered by the Council on a number of occasions, and that the Council had before them various bases for the calculation of annuities under the Scheme. The Scheme as submitted had been prepared in accordance with the Council's resolution of 9th March, 1953, and was based on 50 per cent. of the minimum of the Graded Rents Scale. The total number of cottages included in the Scheme was 1,517, of which 333 were let at 4s. per week, 141 at Graded Rents exceeding 4s. per week, and 1,043 at less than 4s. per week. Under the Scheme as submitted the minimum purchase annuity would be 2s. per week, i.e., 50 per cent. of 4s. per week the minimum of the Graded Rent Scale. If the Scheme were to be based on annuities of 50 per cent. of the existing rents, there would be a reduction in receipts to the Council of £2,152, equal to approximately 2d. in the £ in the rates. The County Manager referred to the increasing cost of repairs to cottages and indicated that the amount of £10,000 provided in the Estimates for the current year was likely to prove inadequate. He pointed out that when calculating rents in respect of cottages erected under previous schemes, the cost of repairs and maintenance, and the cost of collection of rent, had been taken at £2 per cottage. As a result of the increase in the cost of repairs, this figure

was insufficient and it would be necessary for the Council to review existing rents if the Council were to recover any part of the heavy expenditure incurred in recent years on repairs.

Following a discussion, the resolution proposed by Councillor Senator J. McCrea, was put to the meeting and declared passed, Councillor W. Hammond and Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbet dissenting.

The Council agreed that the sixty houses at Avondale Park; Glen-ealy; Belan Street, Baltinglass, and The Playground, Killincarrig, which were excluded from the resolution passed at the meeting held on 9th March, 1953, were also excluded from resolution passed at this meeting, and that a separate scheme would be prepared in respect of these houses. The Council also agreed that the existing rent, whether or not it were a Graded Rent, would be taken as the basis for the Cottage Purchase Scheme, and the annuity calculated at 50 per cent. of such existing rent.

WATER SUPPLY TO COTTAGES AT RATHMOON, BALTINGLASS:

The County Secretary stated that application had been received for a water supply to three cottages at Rathmoon, Baltinglass. The Council's Health Inspector had reported that the existing water supply was from a stream which was polluted. The supply of drinking water was procured from the Council's fountain at Belan St., Baltinglass, which was a distance of from $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from the cottages. The Health Inspector had recommended that the pipe line at Belan St., Baltinglass be extended to Rathmoon, or alternately that a pump be provided. The Council's Engineer estimated the cost of extending the pipeline for a distance of 720 yards at 10s. per yard, i.e., total cost of £360, and stated that in view of the cost it might be as well to get a diviner to examine the place for a pump.

The Council approved of the Engineer's recommendation that a diviner be engaged with a view to providing a pump if water was available convenient to the cottages.

PROVISION OF PUMP FOR COTTAGES AT COOLAWINNA AND BALLINPARK:

With reference to the Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Secretary stated that the Council had some while ago approved of the provision of pump to serve cottages at Coolawinna and Ballinapark, and this work had been included in the Priority List. A fourth well-boring plant was on order and when received would be available for use in the north-eastern area.

TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS:

The Council noted the Architect's report in regard to proposed erection of bungalow at Killarney Road, Bray, for Mr. W. A. Woolfe, in which it was indicated that a septic tank could not be sited on the plot at a distance of 80 ft. from any dwelling. The Council recommended that the matter be deferred to see if Mr. Woolfe could reach agreement with the owner of the adjoining dwelling for a site for the tank which would comply with the Council's bye-laws.

In connection with complaint received from Capt. J. C. Hutson, Gilspear, Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue, the Council noted that no liability attached to the Council in this matter, and that the Council had merely approved of the system of sewage disposal, which had been considered to be adequate for the number of residences involved, and that the use of a joint septic tank was a matter which rested between the owners of the residences on the site.

The Council noted the report of the Council's Architect and Engineer in regard to alterations in the plans for a proposed garage at Kilmacanogue and that a further report would be submitted when detailed plans had been received.

Demolition of Tinnahinch House: The Council considered report of Council's Architect and County Engineer dated 7th September, 1953, on his inspection of work carried out at Tinnahinch House, Enniskerry. The Council noted that the work carried out had grossly exceeded that for which permission had been given by the Council, and that in fact the main structure had been gutted, and the roof removed. The County Manager stated that under Section 8 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948, it was forbidden to demolish in whole or in part any habitable house, unless the permission of the housing authority had been obtained. No application had been made to the Council for permission to demolish Tinnahinch House.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy:

Resolved—That proceedings be instituted against Mr. Harris, owner of Tinnahinch House for demolishing Tinnahinch House contrary to Section 8 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948.

Passed unanimously.

APPLICATION FOR LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS:

The Council deferred the application of William Leggett, La Touche Villa, Greystones, for an increase in the Loan in respect of house to be erected at Kindlestown, from £1,200 to £1,400, pending verification of Mr. Leggett's continuous employment.

The Council reconsidered the application of Mr. Patk. A. Doyle and Mrs. Doyle, Ballinacarrig N.S., Rathdrum, for a Loan of £1,250 in respect of erection of house at La Touche Place, Greystones, and decided to defer the matter to the next meeting.

The Council indicated that there was no objection to the grant of Loan not exceeding 80 per cent. of the market value to Mr. F. G. Hoskins, 3 Glenburgh Terrace, Bray, in respect of the erection of a house at Dargle Road, Bray, subject to compliance with the conditions of the Council's Scheme.

The Council recommended that a Loan of £800 be made to Patk. Gregory, Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy, in respect of erection of house at Murray's Hill, Newtownmountkennedy.

The Council deferred consideration of application of David J. Hickey, Jonquil Cottage, Blacklion, for loan of £1,600 in respect of the erection of house at Delgany, pending receipt of plans of the house, certificate of market value, and particulars of income.

Loan to Hugh Behan, Rathnew: Having considered report of Council's Solicitor dated 28th August, 1953, in which he indicated that a decree for possession of the house at Milltown North, Rathnew, had been obtained on 2nd June, 1953, and that the property was now vested in fee simple in the Council, the Council recommended that applications be invited for the purchase of the house, subject to satisfactory arrangements for the repayment of the monies due to the Council on foot of the loan.

COTTAGE REPAIRS:

The Council noted list submitted by the Co. Engineer of cottages repaired during the month of August, 1953.

AUTHORISATION OF COTTAGE REPAIRS:

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

ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR CLIFF WALK, BRAY:

Having considered report of County Manager in regard to meeting of Chairman and County Manager with Mr. A. Fox, Windgates, it was proposed by Councillor W. Lawless, seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we approve of acquisition of strip of land containing 1936 sq. yards from Mr. A. Fox, Windgates, at price of £100; the land being required for the completion of the cliff walk from Bray to Greystones.

Passed unanimously.

ACQUISITION OF LAND AT GLENDALOUGH FOR CAR PARK:

Having considered letter of 29th August, 1953, from Mr. J. B. Wynne, C.E., Glendalough, it was

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

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:

Resolved—Having considered letter of 29th August, 1953, from Mr. J. B. Wynne, C.E., we confirm that the Council will purchase a plot of ground at Glendalough containing 24.1 sq. perches, required for the purpose of access to Car Park, for sum of £25, inclusive of all legal costs, and undertake that no part of the car park or its approaches shall be used for trading purposes.

Passed unanimously.

WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES AT LUGDUFF:

In reply to Councillor O'Neill, it was stated that a report in regard to the water supply for 5 cottages at Lugduff would be submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

WATER CONNECTION TO FORESTERS' HALL, DELGANY:

Councillor Lawless stated that the Committee of the Irish National Foresters at Deigany had been informed that the Council required that the Hall be connected to the water supply in order that sanitary facilities could be made available at their hall at Delgany. The Council required a contribution of £50 in respect of connections to this water supply, and he asked that since the hall was used for public purposes and for benevolent and philanthropic work, and since the members of the Committee derived no personal benefit from lettings, that no charge be made in respect of the connection. The Co. Manager explained that the Council had provided an extension of the water main along Belevue Road and had agreed that a charge of £50 be made to all persons taking a connection from this extension, which had been made primarily to provide a water supply for the Council's houses. Two persons had connected to the supply and had paid the necessary contribution. The Council recommended that the connection be given to the Foresters' Hall without the charge of £50.

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

"I wish to give Notice that I or some other Councillor for me will move at the next meeting of the Council that this Council adopt and put into operation Section 10 of the 1952 Housing Amendment Act.

William Lawless.

Malachy J. Brennan.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th September, 1953, at 11 a.m.

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

The County Manager attended.

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

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

AGENDA.

1. Minutes of Meetings held on 30th June, 6th July and 13th July, 1953.
2. Overdraft on General Account and Capital Payment.
3. University Scholarships, 1953.
4. Letter from the Coroner for East Wicklow re dangerous corner at Perrybank, Arklow, referred to by Coroner's Jury at Inquest held on 13th July, 1953.
5. Purchase of Lorries—Application of County Engineer for approval to the purchase of two additional lorries.
6. To authorise the fixing of the Seal of the Council to Mortgage from National Bank, Ltd., re Loan of £7,733 to defray expenditure on the purchase of quarry plant.
7. Woodenbridge-Aughrim-Shillelagh Railway Line—Report of Co. Engineer re meeting with Deputy Chief Engineer, C.I.E., in regard to the abandonment of railway line, and disposal of interests of C.I.E. in lands, etc.
8. Road at Avondale Park, Bray—Report of Assistant Co. Engineer.
9. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea re increase in wages of carters from 21s. 6d. to 25s. per day.
10. To affix Seal of the Council to Mortgage from National Bank, Ltd., re Loan of £800 for Sanitary Convenience at The Meeting of the Waters.
11. To affix Seal of the Council to Mortgage from National Bank, Ltd., re Loan of £480 for Sanitary Convenience at Baltinglass.
12. To adopt and make Water Rates in respect of the Towns of Aughrim, Blessington and Rathdrum.
13. Letter from Department of Health re acceptance of fees for treatment of certain patients in County and District Hospitals.
14. Fever Hospital, Wicklow—Letter from Department of Health re proposal to use the Wicklow Fever Hospital as a Tuberculosis Institution.
15. Report of meeting of National Monuments Advisory Committee held at Glendalough on 3rd Sept., 1953 (Copy attached).
16. Fire Station and Store at Bray—To receive tenders for the erection of Fire Station and Store at Bray.
17. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond:

Resolved—That we confirm and sign minutes of meetings held on 30th June, 6th and 13th July, 1953.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from Councillor W. Cleary thanking the members of the Council for their kind expression of sympathy on the death of his mother.

A letter had also been received from Mrs. Anna Fahy thanking the Council for their expression of sympathy on the death of her husband, Mr. F. Fahy, T.D.

The following letter, received from Miss M. Gilheany, who had held a University Scholarship from the Council, was noted by the Council:—

Blessington,
Co. Wicklow,
15th August, 1953.

Dear Mr. Brangan,

Through you I wish to thank the Wicklow County Council for granting me a Scholarship and for extending it for two years. I qualified this year, and I appreciate the help the Council gave me.

Yours sincerely,
Signed: MARY GILHEANY.

Item No. 2—Overdraft Accommodation.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government, and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum for the quarter ending 31st December, 1953, shall not exceed £120,000.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government, and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's Capital Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum for the quarter ending 31st December, 1953, shall not exceed £37,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—University Scholarship Scheme, 1953.

The County Secretary submitted the results received from University College, Dublin, of the examination for University Scholarships. Eight candidates had competed, of whom six had qualified.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we approve of the award of scholarships under the Council's Scheme of University Scholarships, 1953, as follows:—Patrick G. Cox, Dunlavin; Kieran Spellman, Marine House, Greystones; Leonard E. O'Malley, 1 Marie Villas, Convent Ave., Bray.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the Council in the previous year had agreed to defer for one year the University Scholarship awarded to Mr. Joseph Murphy, who had entered the Novitiate at the Holy Ghost College. Mr. Murphy had now completed his novitiate, and wished to commence his studies under the Scholarship in the present year. The Council noted that Mr. Murphy would commence at the University in the Session, 1953/54.

Item No. 4—Dangerous Corner at Ferrybank, Arklow.

The following letter received from the Coroner for East Wicklow, was submitted:—

The Countess of Wicklow Memorial Hospital,
Arklow,

The Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.

Co. Wicklow,
15th July, 1953.

Re: Denis Bullman, deceased.

Dear Sir,

At inquest held on 13th July, 1953, on above, the Jury added the following rider:—"That the attention of the responsible authority be drawn to the dangerous corner at Ferrybank, and other corners in the area, in the hope that they may be rendered more safe for travel. (Signed)—Charles Hodgins, Foreman."

Yours faithfully,
A. T. BYRNE,

Coroner for East Wicklow.

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

12th September, 1953.

Re: Dangerous Corner at Ferrybank, Arklow.

I refer to a rider added by the Coroner's Jury at the Inquest held on motor cyclist who was killed at this corner in July last, requesting the "responsible authority" to assist in rendering this and other corners in the area more safe for travel.

In this connection I wrote to the Assist. County Engineer for the area who, I understand, conveyed my observations to the Arklow U.D.C. It will be accepted that this particular corner, where the main road turns out of Ferrybank in a sharp bend towards Wicklow Town, is also complicated by the junction with the Johnstown-Brittias Bay road, is difficult to improve with a full degree of satisfaction. If concrete kerbing is continued from the Wicklow Road around the corner on which the present Direction and Warning Signs are situated, into the Johnstown-Brittias Bay Road, the bend would be, perhaps, more readily observed by drivers of vehicles approaching from the Arklow Town, and especially if it is treated with luminous white paint.

This road junction and bend are very dangerous and carry fast traffic, and it is now obvious that a recent suggestion to site a garage adjacent to this corner was ill-advised, and the County Council was wise in refusing the application.

The existing house terraces and adverse levels and grades preclude any major or final improvement except at a very high cost.

In this connection, indeed, the whole approach along Ferrybank and Bridge Street and through the town of Arklow along the Main Street is becoming more confusing every year. There certainly should be a recommendation from the Council that parking along those routes should be restricted to one side only during the Tourist Season, say, May to September.

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

The Council decided to recommend the Arklow Urban District Council that parking along Ferrybank, Bridge Street and the Main Street in Arklow should be restricted to one side only during the tourist season, say, May to September, and approved of the County Engineer's recommendation for the continuation of the concrete kerbing around the corner at Ferrybank, and its painting with luminous white paint.

Item No. 5—Purchase of Lorries.

The following application of the County Engineer, for approval to the replacement of two lorries, was submitted:—

14th August, 1953.

Re: Machinery—Lorries.

I wish to apply for approval to the purchase of two Chevrolet Trucks from Messrs. McCairns Motors, Ltd., Tara St., Dublin, similar to the trucks already approved and ordered from this firm.

These two additional trucks would be in exchange for lorries Nos. NI 4143 and NI 4145, which are now causing continuous expense on repairs, etc.

Messrs. McCairns are prepared to allow £400 each for the above two lorries against the purchase of 2 Chevrolet Trucks. I consider that this is a very fair offer and I recommend immediate acceptance.

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

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to the amount of machinery purchased by the Council in recent years, and stated that he opposed the purchase of these lorries. He asked that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Council in regard to the cost of machinery which was not in use.

The County Manager pointed out that the lorries proposed to be replaced had been purchased in April, 1946, and consequently had been in service for over seven years. The lorries had originally cost £700 each, and an allowance of £400 was being made in respect of them. The depreciation, therefore, was only about £43 per year.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan;

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer for the purchase of two replacement lorries from Messrs. McCairns Motors, Ltd., in the sum of £1,260 each, less allowance of £400 each in respect of two used Council lorries, and authorise the raising of Loan of £1,720 from the Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of five years, to defray the cost of the purchase of these lorries.

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

Employment of Lorry Drivers.

Councillor P. McCarthy referred to complaint made by lorry drivers, through their Union, in regard to certain conditions of their employment. The County Secretary explained the position, and stated that representatives of the Union had discussed this matter with officers of the Council. The Council recommended that further discussion be arranged with the Union representatives and that a Sub-Committee of the Council, composed of Councillors P. McCarthy, J. Everett, T.D., P. Kehoe and P. Ledwidge, together with the County Manager, County Engineer and County Secretary, meet the Union representatives.

Item No. 6—Loan of £3,733 for Purchase of Quarry Plant.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. N. Murdoch;

Resolved—That, pursuant to the letter of sanction of the Local Government Minister dated the 17th day of August, 1953, that the sum of £7,733 be borrowed from The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the purchase of Quarry Plant, be repaid within seven years with interest at the usual 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, that 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. 7—Woodenbridge-Aughrim-Shillelagh Railway Line.

The County Manager stated that the County Engineer had had preliminary discussions with the Deputy Chief Engineer of Coras Iompair Eireann in regard to the proposed abandonment of the railway line from Woodenbridge to Shillelagh. Under the provisions of the Transport Act, 1950, an agreement could be made between C.I.E. and the Council in regard to the maintenance by the Council of bridges over the railway line which would be taken over by the Council. The Council would be entitled to compensation in respect of the additional liability for maintenance imposed on the Council in respect of the maintenance of such bridges. There were eight bridges affected. A detailed examination of the condition of the bridges, and also of any buildings which C.I.E. propose to dispose of, would be made by the County Engineer, and a further report would be submitted to the Council later.

The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 8—Road at Avondale Park, Bray.

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

3rd September, 1953.

Re: Roads at Killarney Lane and Avondale Park.

In reply to previous correspondence re roads at Killarney Lane and Avondale Park, I have inspected these roads and would make the following report:—

The road leading from Main Road 23 to the entrance to Housing Scheme access road is County Road No. 21. This is a mud-bound macadam road and is rather difficult to maintain in good repair. The distance involved is 140 yards and the estimated cost to roll this section in tar grouted macadam is £170. There has been no special money allocated to such work in the current Road Works Scheme.

Regarding the Access Road to houses: This is a matter which will depend on the standard which the Council proposes to maintain on such housing roads. The present condition of the road is that it has been stoned and gravelled and at the moment is in good condition. However, it may be difficult to maintain this surface in future years. The most economical construction which could be applied to such roads would be to roll tar grout the surface. The estimated cost of doing this would be £296.

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

The Council referred the proposal for the repair of County Road for consideration in the coming year's Road Works Scheme. It was suggested by members of the Council that the entire road should be repaired and not only the portion leading to Avondale Park.

The Council agreed that the access road to the houses should be rolled and tar grouted at an estimated cost of £296, which cost should be included as part of the cost of the erection of the houses. The Council noted that the cost of the houses would be thereby increased by approximately £10 per house.

Item No. 9—Wages of Carters.

The County Secretary stated that the present wage of carters is 22s. 8d. per day, being 15s. per day as road worker's wage, plus a differential of 7s. 8d. per day.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Resolved—That we recommend that wages of carters employed by the Council be increased to 25s. per day.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Sanitary Convenience at The Meeting of the Waters.

Proposed by Councillor T. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor P. N. Murdoch:

Resolved—That, pursuant to the letter of sanction of the Local Minister dated the 1st day of June, 1953, the sum of £800 be borrowed from The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying the cost of a Public Sanitary Convenience at the Meeting of the Waters, said sum to be repaid within three 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 interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank, Limited.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Sanitary Convenience at Baltinglass.

Proposed by Councillor T. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor P. N. Murdoch:

Resolved—That, pursuant to the letter of sanction of the Local Minister dated 23rd day of Dec., 1952, the sum of £480 to be borrowed from The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying the cost of a Public Sanitary Convenience at Baltinglass, be repaid within ten years with interest at the usual 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 Mortgage over the rates, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank, Limited.

Passed unanimously.

The Council recommended that this work be carried out by Direct Labour.

Item No. 12—Water Rates.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan:

Resolved—That the Water Rate Book as submitted by the Secretary, be signed, and Water Rates in respect of the year ending 30th June, 1954, made for towns of Aughrim, Blessington and Rathdrum as follows:—

Aughrim—5s. 3d. in the Pound (Five shillings and threepence) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.

Blessington—5s. 7d. in the Pound (Five shillings and sevenpence) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.

Rathdrum—3s. 10d. in the Pound (Three shillings and tenpence) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Fees for Treatment of Patients in County and District Hospitals.

The County Manager stated that there had been correspondence with the Department of Health in regard to the charges to be made by the Council to patients, who were in a position to pay for their treatment, and that the sanction of the Minister had been requested to the Council's making a charge to such persons equivalent to the actual cost of maintenance, and treatment in the Council's institutions. The Department, however, are not agreeable at present to increasing the charge from the present rate of £2 2s. per week. The Department

had also pointed out that this charge of £2 2s. per week should cover medical attention, as well as maintenance of the patient, and that the patient should not be liable for any other fees over and above the fixed charge of £2 2s. per week. Notices in relation to the charges payable by paying patients were provided in the Council's institutions, and a leaflet had been prepared for issue to each patient.

The Council noted the position in the matter.

New County Hospital at Rathnew.

In reply to inquiries from members, the Co. Manager stated that in recent letter received from the Dept. of Health, it was indicated that the Minister had no objection to the preparation of preliminary diagrammatic schemes for the new Hospital, but that it was essential that definite decisions about a water supply scheme to be undertaken should be made without delay, if further progress in the planning of the hospital beyond the diagrammatic stage was to be justified.

The County Manager stated that the Council was still awaiting the decision of the Electricity Supply Board in regard to the proposed hydro-electric scheme based on Lough Dan, and it was understood that the Board would take a decision on the matter very shortly. Until the question of the hydro electric scheme was settled, the Council was not in a position to proceed with the Water Supply Scheme.

Item No. 14—Fever Hospital, Wicklow.

The County Manager stated that in recent years there had been very few cases of fever for treatment at the Fever Hospital at Wicklow. There had been a marked decline in the incidence of infectious disease generally and the last outbreak in Co. Wicklow occurred in 1944/45. The reduction in the incidence of fever appeared to be due to the diphtheria immunisation scheme, and the Co. Manager stressed the desirability of parents or guardians having children immunised. The County Medical Officer had suggested that the Fever Hospital at Wicklow be used as a tuberculosis institution, especially for the treatment of suspected cases of tuberculosis in children. The Department of Health had indicated their approval to the proposed use of the Fever Hospital in this manner. Arrangements had been made with Dublin Fever Hospitals for the treatment of any case of fever which might arise in the County.

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

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we approve of the use of the Wicklow Fever Hospital as a tuberculosis institution and of the alternative arrangements proposed for the treatment of patients suffering from fever.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—National Monuments Advisory Committee.

The following report of the meeting of the National Monuments Advisory Committee, which was held at Glendalough on 3rd Sept., 1953 had been circulated to the members:—

A meeting of the National Monuments Advisory Committee of Wicklow County Council was held in the Royal Hotel, Glendalough, on Thursday, 3rd September, 1953 at 4 p.m.

The following members attended:—District Justice Liam Price, Chairman; Councillor C. M. Byrne, D. M. O Dubhghaill and P. J. Noonan. Mr. M. Flannery, Co. Manager, attended. Mr. A. O'Connor, Staff Officer, acted as secretary to the meeting. Messrs. J. H. Harbison, A.M.I.C.E., and P. J. Hartnett, M.A., Archæologist, representing An Bord Fáilte, were also present.

The minutes of meeting held on 5th August, 1953, were read and approved.

The following Memorandum was submitted by Mr. P. J. Noonan regarding places of historic interest in Wicklow Town and district:—

1. **“THE MOUNT**—Inquiries have shown that several interests are involved. Mrs. Reeves, Seaview House, owns the field nearest The Mount, which is located on lease granted by the Urban District Council to the Church Rept. Body: while there is an avenue from the main road to houses occupied by Miss Moody and Mr. H. Copeland that connects with Mrs. Reeves' field, and which would make the most convenient approach. Mr. Reeves told me they would raise no objection if the other people were satisfied; neither would Miss Moody; Rev. Canon St. C. Jennings believes there would be none from his people, but he strongly advises that An Bord Fáilte take it up directly with the Church Representative Body in Dublin. The site is badly overgrown and needs considerable attention; it certainly would be well worth the having it cleaned up and the gate entrance at the little avenue would be most convenient for the plaque.
 2. **ABBEY GROUNDS:** V. Rev. M. Blake, P.P., has done a lot with the Abbey ruins, and he allows people to visit it, but he would not like to have it publicised that everyone could enter at any time on account of his own property there. He would like to have the plaque erected on or near the ruins. He asks also that inquiries into history should be made, and I think the Bórd should take this up with the proper people, say, the Franciscan Order.
 3. **BLACK CASTLE:** Here interests are also involved. Years ago the Urban District Council started a movement to acquire the area and convert it into a park; the Esmonde family were willing to hand over control of their portion. Harbour Commissioners are also concerned. Nothing has come of that proposition, but there will be a conference of certain local bodies held this month to go ahead with the project again, and if Bórd Fáilte can intimate that they would be interested and help it would be a great incentive. There would need to be a safe pathway made into the area of the ruins, which have now become almost extinct, and if not protected will disappear within another few years. One thing should be insisted on, that is, that the Council ceases to use the immediate vicinity as a dump.
 4. **PROTESTANT CHURCH:** Canon Jennings sees no objection to a plaque here, but asks that he be consulted as to its contents and position. He makes the further suggestion that all the plaques on these monuments should contain a sentence to ask visitors to respect the property.
 5. **OGHAM STONE:** This is nicely sited now, and only requires the plaque to set down its history. It might be permitted to make the Ogham outlines plainer to the eye and give their meaning. Also to give a direction to the Druids Altar and Castletimon Church nearby.
 6. **RATHNEW CHURCH:** This ruin and cemetery need cleaning up badly and to indicate the means of access. It has become very much decayed.
- The Committee agreed with Mr. Harbison's suggestion that Mr. Hartnett and he would attend at Wicklow, on a date to be arranged, and inspect the places listed in company with Mr. Noonan and Mr. P. J. O'Keeffe, B.E., and interview land owners and persons having control of approaches.

BLACK CASTLE: It was recommended that Wicklow Urban District Council be approached to use an alternative site for dumping—a field to the south, adjoining Seaview Road, being suggested as a more suitable place for this purpose.

OGHAM STONE (Dunganstown): It was pointed out that it would not be advisable to interfere with the markings on the stone, but it was agreed that a plaque explaining the inscription should be erected, and that direction signs indicating the Druids Altar (Dolman) and Castletimon Church would be desirable.

RATHNEW CHURCH AND BURIAL GROUND: The Co. Manager undertook that the Burial Ground, which is vested in the Council, would be cleaned and tidied.

District Justice Price and Mr. Noonan agreed to co-operate in arranging short historical notes for inscription on plaques to be erected at each place of interest.

HOUSES OF HISTORICAL INTEREST: Mr. Harbison agreed with a suggestion of the County Manager, that the erection of roadside signs indicating houses of historical interest—such as Avondale House—would be very desirable.

GLENDALOUGH: The Committee inspected the Old Burial Ground and ruins, and made the following recommendations:—

1. That a sign be erected on the Laragh-Glendalough Road, indicating the boundary of the old Monastic and University City.
2. That the main entrance to the Old Burial Ground (which is at present permanently closed) should be improved by the provision of concrete steps and handrail to replace the existing steep ramp of rough stones, and that this entrance should then be opened to the public.
3. That a means of access to the ruins of St. Mary's Church be acquired.
4. That direction signs be erected at the Bridge indicating the paths to the ruins of Reefert Church and the Church of St. Saviour.
5. That the existing paths in the Old Burial Ground be re-aligned and levelled.
6. That the local Burial Ground Committee be consulted with regard to the possibility of removing headstones in the interior of church ruins—particularly the Cathedral—with a view to securing unimpeded access.

Replying to District Justice Price, Mr. Harbison indicated that An Bórd Fáilte would reimburse the County Council any expenses incurred in protecting and maintaining sites and places of historic interest, and of acquiring or of improving the means of access thereto.

The Committee decided to hold their next meeting when Councillor H. J. Byrne submitted his list of places of historic interest in Bray and vicinity.

The Chairman thanked Messrs. Harbison and Hartnett for attending the meeting then terminated.

Moved by Councillor W. Hammond:

Seconded by Councillor F. N. Murdoch:

Resolved—That we approve of the report of the meeting of the National Monuments Advisory Committee held on 3rd Sept., 1953.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that the Council should express their appreciation of the work rendered by the members of the National Monuments Advisory Committee, and that a vote of thanks was due to them for the interest taken in the matter.

Item No. 16—Fire Station and Store at Bray.

In response to public advertisement, six tenders had been received for the erection of Fire Station and Store at Bray, as follows:—

J. Davitt and Co., Ltd., Dublin	£8,500 0 0
G. S. Downey and Sons, Ltd., Dublin	£2,680 0 0
W. R. Lendrum, Greystones	£4,127 0 0
P. J. Mullen, Bray	£3,825 0 0
Wm. O'Brien and Sons, Bray	£3,843 0 0
John Sisk and Son (Dublin), Ltd.	£3,850 0 0

The tenders were referred to the County Engineer for examination and report.

Water Main from Kilquade to Kilcoole.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor P. N. Murdoch;

Resolved—That we authorise the raising of a loan of £3,800 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 25 years, to defray the cost of the extension of the water main from Kilquade to Kilcoole.

Passed unanimously.

Closing of Roads at Bray.

The Chairman referred to the closing of roads at Bray on Sunday, 13th Sept., 1953, in connection with Cycle Race, and stated that serious congestion of traffic had occurred at the Dargle Road, Bray, on that date. He stated that in his opinion roads should not be closed for the race until a satisfactory route was available to the seafront.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Department of Local Government on the subject, directing attention to the fact that the seafront and Bray Head would be practically inaccessible while the roads were closed, and that traffic to Greystones would have to make a considerable detour.

The Council noted that the matter would be considered by Bray Urban District Council at their meeting on the 15th Sept., 1953.

Remuneration of Boilerman and Assistant Boilerman at St. Colman's Hospital.

Councillor P. McCarthy asked if it were proposed to revise the remuneration of these officers, and referred to increase in remuneration recently given in another county. The Co. Manager stated that the amount of temporary allowance to be paid to these officers would be revised, and it was expected that a circular on the matter would be issued shortly by the Department of Health.

Councillor P. McCarthy asked that the matter be included on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

Fire at Premises at Donard.

Councillor A. Toomey asked that a report be obtained from the Chief Fire Officer for submission to the next meeting in regard to fire which took place at premises at Donard.

Report on Works in Progress.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that the Co. Engineer submit a report to the next meeting of the Council in regard to the work in progress, particularly in relation to road works.

Greenhill Road.

The County Secretary stated that a memorial had been received from ratepayers and motor owners of Kilpoole and district directing attention to the condition of the Greenhill Road. The Co. Engineer had reported that half a mile of the road had been included in the current Road Works Scheme, and that the Wicklow Urban District Council would be tarring the portion of the road in the Urban District during the present year.

Roads at Roundwood.

In reply to Councillor M. Brennan, the County Engineer stated that he would submit a report to the next meeting of the Council in regard to the repair of roads at Roundwood which are under the control of Dublin Corporation.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, 5th October, 1953, at 2 p.m.

The following members were present:—

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

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

AGENDA:

1. Report of County Engineer on progress of Housing Scheme during the month of September, 1953.
2. Housing Schemes at Kilmagig, Avoca—Letter from Department of Local Government conveying approval to proceedings with the Scheme.
3. Housing Amendment Act, 1952—Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Lawless for the adoption of a Scheme under Section 10 for the making of supplementary grants.
4. Temporary dwellings — Order from the Department of Local Government directing the granting of licence for use of site at Ennis' Lane, Greystones.
5. Water Supply for cottages at Ballinacor East.
6. Water Supply for cottages at Rathballylong, Blessington.
7. Water Supply for cottages at Thomastown, Arklow.
8. Town and Regional Planning Acts—Arrangements re applications for reconstruction works.
9. Application for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
10. Glenealy Water Supply—To approve of draft Deed of Mortgage in respect of loan of £9,350.
11. Coolboy Water Supply—To receive tenders for Scheme.
12. Baltinglass Additional Water Supply — To receive tenders for Scheme.
13. Repairs carried out during the month of September, 1953.
14. Authorisation of repairs.

Item No. 1—Progress Report.

The Report of the Deputy Co. Engineer on the progress of the housing schemes during the month of September, 1953, was submitted.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we approve of the report of the Co. Engineer on the progress of housing scheme during month of September, 1953.

Passed unanimously.

In reply to enquiries from members the Deputy County Engineer stated he expected the 20 cottages at Kindlestown to be completed within a month or six weeks.

1952 Scheme: In reply to Councillor Senator McCrea, the County Manager stated that the Dept. of Local Government required that the sites for cottages under the 1952 Agreed Scheme should be valued and agreement reached with the owners regarding the price to be paid before approval could be given to the scheme.

Item No. 2—Housing Scheme at Kilmagig, Avoca.

The Council noted letter dated 25th September, 1953, from Dept. of Local Government conveying approval to commencing the housing scheme at Kilmagig, Avoca, and agreed that the scheme should proceed at once. The Deputy County Engineer stated that he expected to be able to commence work in about a fortnight.

Item No. 3—Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor W. Lawless and seconded by Councillor M. Brennan that the Council adopt and put into operation Section 10 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952. The County Secretary gave particulars of the amount of the grant which might be made by the Council under the provisions of Section 10, and the Council agreed that a draft Scheme for the making of Supplementary Grants under this section be prepared and circulated to the members of the Council for consideration at the meeting to be held on the 12th October, 1953.

Item No. 4—Temporary Dwellings.

The County Secretary stated that a letter dated 9th September, 1953, had been received from the Dept. of Local Government in regard to the appeal of Mr. John Gallagher, 2, Mount Pleasant, Ranelagh, Dublin, against the refusal of the Council to grant him a licence permitting the use of a site at Ennis Lane, Greystones, for temporary dwellings and stating that the Minister had made an Order directing the Council to grant the licence sought. The Council noted the decision of the Minister and recorded a strong protest against such decision. The Council appointed a deputation consisting of the Chairman and members of the Council for the Bray Electoral area to attend on the Minister to put forward the Council's views in regard to the control of temporary dwellings.

Item No. 5—Water Supply for Cottages at Ballinacor East.

Having considered reports of Health Inspector and Assistant Co. Engineer, it was

Proposed by Councillor Deputy Everett;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the sinking of a well and provision of pump for water supply at Ballinacor East as recommended by Assistant County Engineer in report of 7th September, 1953, the work to be included on priority list.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Water Supply for Cottages at Rathballylong, Blessington.

Proposed by Councillor T. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the sinking of a well and provision of a pump at Rathballylong, Blessington, as recommended by the Assistant Co. Engineer in report of 31st August, 1953, the work to be included on priority list.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Water Supply for Cottages at Thomastown, Arklow.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of the sinking of a well and provision of a pump to serve cottages at Thomastown, and Barnaclay, Arklow, as recommended by the Assistant Co. Engineer, in report of 7th Sept., 1953, the work to be included on priority list.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that this well would serve cottages at Barnaclay and Thomastown and would cater for about 54 persons. The Health Inspector had reported that this was in his opinion the most urgent case he had investigated.

Item No. 8—Town and Regional Planning Acts.

Councillor Senator McCrea referred to the requirement that applicants for grants for reconstruction of houses should obtain the approval of the Council under the Town and Regional Planning Acts and stated that this was leading to delay in dealing with grants in the Department. The County Manager stated that it was necessary that the approval of the Council be obtained under the Town and

Regional Planning Acts for any works of construction or reconstruction of houses. Applicants were required only to give a description of the works proposed to be done and particulars of the materials proposed to be used. There was no delay in dealing with such applications.

Item No. 9—Applications for Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The Council recommended that loans be granted as follows:—
Henry D. Pasley, £1,350; William Leggett, £1,200.

Item No. 10—Glenealy Water Supply.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of draft Mortgage submitted by Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland in respect of loan of £9,350 to defray cost of Glenealy Water Supply and direct that the seal of the Council be affixed to the Undertaking that the instalments in repayment of the loan now proposed as well as of any existing loan be punctually remitted at the dates at which they become due—1st May and 1st November.

Item No. 11—Coolboy Water Supply.

Passed unanimously.

The following tenders received in response to public advertisement were opened in the presence of the Council:—

Name and Address of Tenderer	Amount of Tender
William Clarke, Wicklow	£8,619 8 3
Edward Lee, Arklow	£9,523 7 6
Maurice Blake, Mt. Saville, Terenure, Dublin	£8,764 6 0
Messrs. Butler Bros., Leonard's Corner, Sth. Circular Road, Dublin	£9,134 12 6
Messrs. Michael Grant & Co., 151, Phibsboro' Road, Dublin	£9,655 15 8
Messrs. C. S. Downey & Sons, Ltd., Sandymount	£8,702 7 6
Messrs. T. McMahon & Co., 16, Talbot St., Dublin	£9,634 0 0
Messrs. J. Hodgins, Ltd., Richmond Avenue, Fairview, Dublin	£8,339 10 0

The Council noted that the tenders would be referred to the Co. Engineer for examination and report.

Item No. 12—Baltinglass Additional Water Supply.

The following tenders received in response to public advertisement were opened in the presence of the Council:—

Name and Address of Tenderer	Amount of Tender
William Clarke, Wicklow	£3,709 13 5
Messrs. D. and J. Carbery, Ltd., Carlow	£4,174 19 10
Maurice Blake, Mt. Saville, Terenure, Dublin	£4,773 6 10
Messrs. Butler Bros., Leonard's Corner, South Circular Road, Dublin	£4,257 15 4
Messrs. Michael Grant & Co., 151, Phibsboro' Road, Dublin	£4,863 12 7
Messrs. C. S. Downey & Sons, Ltd., Sandymount	£4,920 0 0
Messrs. Hodgins, Ltd., Richmond Avenue, Fairview, Dublin	£3,827 17 8

The Council noted that the Co. Engineer would examine the tenders and submit a report thereon.

Item No. 13—Repairs carried out during month of September, 1953.

The Council noted the report of the Co. Engineer on the repairs carried out during the month of September, 1953.

Item No. 14—Authorisation of Repairs to Cottages.

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

Having considered report of Assistant County Engineer, P. J. Foley, the Council approved of the provision of a porch for cottage occupied by Esther Cullen, Newtownsaunders. The Council noted that the porch would be an internal timber porch.

The Council noted the report of Assistant County Engineer, C. J. Byrne, that wire strainers on the fence of cottage at Croneyhorn had been broken by horses which were put in on the adjoining allotments. The Council noted that the Engineer was endeavouring to find a means of preventing a reoccurrence.

Provision of Water Supply at Upper Newcastle.

Having considered report of County Engineer dated 19th Sept., 1953, in regard to the provision of a water supply for cottages situated on the road between Killadreenan and Newcastle, the Council recommended that enquiries be made as to whether a supply of water could be obtained on the lands of Captain Stokes, Newcastle, in lieu of sinking a well as recommended by the County Engineer.

Water Supply at Ballingate.

Having considered report of Assistant County Engineer dated 25th September, 1953, in regard to the provision of a water supply to serve four cottages at Ballingate containing 9 persons in all the Council approved of the sinking of a well and the provision of a pump to serve these cottages the work to be included on priority list.

Water Supply at Knockanode.

Having considered report of Assistant County Engineer J. P. Caffrey dated 2nd October, 1953, the Council approved of the sinking of a well and the provision of a pump to serve 5 cottages at Knockanode, the work to be included on priority list.

Water Supply for Cottages at Croneyhorn Upper.

The Chief Medical Officer had reported that 9 families depended for water supply on a roadside spout which carried water from a field, the property of the late Mr. Edwin Hammond. The source of the water was open to contamination by livestock. The house nearest to the water supply was 25 yards away and the house furthest was approximately 440 yards away. The Council's Engineer had made two suggestions as follows:—

(1) That 235 yards of 1" piping be laid and two tanks constructed which would bring the supply about 80 yards nearer the house than at present and would cost about £110 excluding compensation to the landowner;

(2) Laying 40 lin. yards of 1" piping and french drains and erecting the tank at cost of £40 excluding compensation, but leaving the point of delivery of the water on the roadside at the same point as at present.

It was understood that the representatives of the late Mr. Edwin Hammond would be prepared to grant the Council the necessary water rights for a sum of £20 compensation. The Council approved of the second suggestion of the Assistant County Engineer, i.e., the laying of 40 lin. yards of 1" piping and french drains and erecting of tank at cost of £40 together with £20 compensation.

Enniskerry Water Supply.

In reply to enquiry from Councillor Ledwidge the Co. Secretary stated that the views of the Department of Local Government in regard to the Enniscorthy Water Supply had not yet been received. It was decided that this matter would also be raised by the Deputation to the Minister in connection with the temporary dwellings.

Castleruddery Water Supply.

In reply to enquiry by Councillor Toomey, Assistant Co. Engineer Foley stated that the supply of water at Castleruddery was insufficient to operate a ram. The water supply could be piped to the roadside but

he understood that the persons concerned wished to have a water supply to their houses. Only 4 houses were involved. The Council recommended that the supply be brought by pipe to the roadside.

Carnew Sewerage System.

Councillor Senator McCrea, enquired if it was intended to change the septic tank at Carnew sewerage system from its present site to one outside the town. The Co. Manager stated that the Co. Engineer had been asked to report on this matter and that he would inspect it himself and that a report would also be obtained from the County Medical Officer.

Cottages at Roundwood.

Councillor M. Brennan, seconded by Councillor Lawless, proposed that hinged weatherboards be provided for new cottages at Roundwood. The Council agreed that weatherboards should be provided for these cottages.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor J. O'Neill and accepted by the Chairman:—

"That I, or someone for me, will move at the Council meeting on Monday next, that the necessary repairs to the Council's cottages in all areas be carried out. The number of tenants in various areas have applied to become the owners. The tenants contend that they are denied the necessary repairs that they require for vesting."

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th October, 1953, at 11 a.m.

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

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

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

BUSINESS:

1. Minutes of Meeting held on 10th and 17th August, 1953.
2. Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools — To amend Schemes of Scholarships to allow for the increase in value of Scholarships as determined at recent meeting.
3. Renewal of Cinematograph Licence for the Cinema at Carnew.
4. To declare the road at Kilcarra to be a public road in accordance with Section 2 of the Local Government Act, 1953.
5. Report of County Engineer on works in progress.
6. Roads in Roundwood area under the control of Dublin Corporation—Report of County Engineer.
7. To authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to Mortgage from the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for Loan of £3,305 for the purchase of lorries.
8. Conditions of employment of lorry drivers—Report of meeting of Committee appointed by the Council.
9. Report of County Engineer re machinery not at present in use.
10. Report on Turf Production for Season 1953.
11. Report of Chief Fire Officer re fire at Mill House, Donard.
12. To authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works re Loan of £9,350 for Glen-ealy Water Supply Scheme.
13. Sanitary Convenience at Aughrim — Report of Assistant County Engineer re suggested alternative site.
14. Sanitary Convenience at Roundwood — To authorise the raising of Loan to defray cost of work.
15. Old Burial Ground at Kilranelagh and Kiltegan — Report of Chief Medical Officer.
16. Sub-Dispensary at Knockenarrigan — Letter from Department of Health conveying approval to purchase of premises.
17. Sub-Dispensary at Ballyknocken — Proposed acquisition of premises.
18. To authorise the affixing of Seal of Council to Mortgage from National Bank, Ltd., re Loan of £710 for Kilcoole Dispensary.
19. Dunganstown Dispensary — Report of Assistant County Engineer re Water Supply.
20. Marine Hotel, Wicklow — To consider resumption of possession by Council.
21. Supplementary Grants under Section 10 of Housing Amendment Act, 1952 — To approve of Draft Scheme.
22. Cottage Repairs — Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. O'Neill.
23. Letter from Altire na hAiseirighe re foreign publications.
24. Letter from the General Committee of Women's Societies and Social Workers re establishment of a force of Women Police.
25. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.
Pending the arrival of the Chairman, Councillor C. W. Hudson, Vice-chairman, took the chair.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

The County Secretary stated that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 17th August, 1953, had been received on that day, and that the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th August, 1953, had not yet been received. The Council adjourned consideration of the Minutes to the next meeting.

Vacancy on County Committee of Agriculture.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillor T. O'Reilly to fill the vacancy on the Committee of Agriculture caused by the resignation of Councillor P. P. O'Reilly.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools.

The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary for the Council to pass resolutions amending the various Scholarship Schemes to give effect to the Council's proposal to increase the value of Scholarships for the year 1953/'54 and subsequent years.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Education, we hereby amend Clause 1 of the Council's Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1949, by the addition of the following sentence at the end of the Clause: "As from the commencement of the school year 1953/'54 a scholarship of the value of £55 per annum shall be increased to £70 per annum."

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Education, we hereby amend Clause 1 of the Council's Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1950, by the addition of the following sentence at the end of the Clause: "As from the commencement of the school year 1953/'54 a scholarship of the value of £25 per annum shall be increased to £70 per annum."

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Education, we hereby amend Clause 1 of the Council's Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1951, by the addition of the following sentence at the end of the Clause: "As from the commencement of the school year 1953/'54 a scholarship of the value of £55 per annum shall be increased to £70 per annum."

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Education, we hereby amend Clause 1 of the Council's Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1952, by the addition of the following sentence at the end of the clause: "As from the commencement of the school year 1953/'54 a scholarship of the value of £55 per annum shall be increased to £70 per annum."

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Education, we hereby amend Clause 1 of the Council's Scheme of Scholar-

ships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1953, by the alteration of £65 to £80 and £55 to £70 where the amounts of £65 and £55 occur in this Clause.

Passed unanimously.

Technical School, Wicklow.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the Council agreed that the Council negotiate with the Vocational Education Committee for the acquisition of the premises at The Mall, Wicklow, for use for public purposes.

Item No. 3—Renewal of Cinematograph Licence.

The County Secretary stated that the works recommended by the Chief Fire Officer at the Cinema, Carnew, were in progress and would shortly be completed. There would be no objection to the issue of the Cinematograph Licence, subject to the completion of such works.

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

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. McCrea:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the issue for a further year as from 20th April, 1953, of a licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, in respect of the Cinema at Carnew subject to the satisfactory completion of the works recommended by the Chief Fire Officer.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Declaration of road at Kilcarra to be a public road.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett:

Resolved—That the necessary public notice having been given in accordance with Section 2 of the Local Government Act, 1953, we hereby declare that the road from Kilcarra Lane (County Road No. 402) at Kilcarra East to the Gate Lodge on the Main Road N. 186 at Kilcarra West, being 598 perches in length and over which a public right of way exists and which is not a public road to be public road.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor P. McCarthy referred to another road at Kilcarra known as the Glen Road, and asked that the County Engineer submit a report in regard to this road.

Parkmore Lane, Carnew.

Senator J. McCrea inquired in regard to the taking over by the Council of Parkmore Lane near Carnew. The County Secretary stated that the Wexford Co. Council had been requested to arrange for the taking over of their section of the road, but this apparently had not been done as yet. It was decided to communicate again with Wexford County Council on the matter.

Raising of Materials for Road Works for 1954/55.

At the request of Councillor Senator J. McCrea, it was agreed to include on the Agenda for the next meeting, the question of the production of materials for Road Works for the year 1954/55.

Roads, etc., at Avoca.

Councillor P. McCarthy handed in memorial from ratepayers in Avoca in regard to roads and footpaths in the district.

The County Engineer was asked to submit report on the matters raised in the memorial.

Item No. 5—Report of County Engineer on works in progress.

The following report of the Deputy County Engineer on works in progress, was noted by the Council:—

10th October, 1953.

re: Road Works Scheme 1953/54—Works in Progress.

I set hereunder the Road Works Scheme at present in progress:—

Northern Area:

Completion of realignment of roadway at Holywell, Kilpedder; Completion of Main Road Surface Dressing; Silver Strand Road; Wicklow Gap Road (Local Authorities Works Act); Stone being prepared in three quarries.

South-Eastern Area:

Resurfacing Main Road Aughrim-Woodenbridge; Completion of Kish Bridge realignment; Stone being prepared in two quarries.

Southern Area:

Resurfacing Rathdangan-Aughrim Road; Ardoyne Foad; Hillbrook Bridge; Stone being prepared in five quarries.

Western Area:

Resurfacing road Barraderry North to Barraderry South; Resurfacing road Donard towards Eadestown; Resurfacing Wicklow Gap Road near Hollywood (L.A.W.A.); Stone being prepared in two quarries and 1 gravel pit.

Signed—R. L. Farrell, Deputy Co. Engineer.

Item No. 6—Roads in Roundwood Area under the control of Dublin Corporation.

The Council considered, in committee, the reports of the County Engineer, and Deputy County Engineer dated 29th September, 1953, and 5th October, 1953, and the opinion of the Council's Law Agent, dated 5th October, 1953.

Councillor M. Brennan agreed that there was no necessity for the provision of a footpath on the road passing the filter beds, but suggested that a report should be obtained from the County Engineer in regard to three other roads maintained by the Corporation.

Having heard the views of the County Manager on the subject the Council decided that he should discuss the matter with the City Manager with a view to having the issue settled on a satisfactory basis as possible. The matter would then be further considered at the next Estimates Meeting.

Item No. 7—Loan for the Purchase of Lorries.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan:

Resolved—That pursuant to the letter of sanction of the Local Government Minister dated the 2nd day of September, 1953, the sum of £3,305 be borrowed from the National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the purchase of lorries to be repaid within five years with interest at the usual 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, Limited.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Conditions of Employment of Lorry Drivers.

The County Secretary submitted the following report of the meeting of the Special Committee appointed by the Council:—

Conditions of Employment of Lorry Drivers.

As arranged at meeting of Council held on 14th September, 1953, a meeting of a special Committee appointed by the Council to meet representatives of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union in regard to condition of employment of lorry drivers, was held at the Council Offices, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Thursday, 1st October, 1953, at 11 a.m.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., P. Kehoe, P. Ledwidge, and P. McCarthy, together with the County Manager, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and County Secretary attended. No representative was present from the Union.

The Committee considered the complaints made by representatives of the Union at the previous discussion in regard to the starting and finishing time for work and having discussed the matter fully the Committee recommended that in the case of lorries driving empty from their depots to a job they should leave the depot at 7.45 a.m. and not

leave their place of work before finishing time for road workers, and that they be paid a half hour's overtime. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that he would convey the Committee's recommendations to the lorry drivers and ascertain whether this proposal would be agreeable to them.

The meeting then terminated.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that a meeting with the lorry drivers had not yet been held, and the Council accordingly decided to adjourn the matter to the next meeting.

Item No. 9—Machinery not at present in use.

The Council noted the following report of the Deputy Co. Engineer: 10th October, 1953.

re: Machinery—Item No. 9 on Agenda for meeting on Oct. 12, 1953.

With reference to Item No. 9 on the Agenda for meeting on 12th instant, I desire to state that it is not possible to keep all machinery working throughout the year since certain machines are for special types of work such as Tarmacadam Plant or Tar Spraying Machines, but it is correct to say that most of the plant purchased by the Co. Council is in use at some stage throughout the year.

There are certain items of plant purchased immediately after the war, being the only type available at that time but which have now been superseded by more modern and efficient plant. The machinery to which I refer are Tar Flappers and Ostrich Gritters; the former are occasionally used for surface dressing but mainly as standbys. The Ostrich Gritters are difficult to load and have been replaced by a more efficient and simpler type which is attached to the back of the lorries.

The only other items of plant which have not been in use this year are the Concrete Vibrator and two high level Concrete Mixers. This plant is for the construction of concrete roads.

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

Item No. 10—Turf Production in Season 1953.

The County Secretary stated that during the Season 1953, 1,860 tons of turf had been produced, 1,580 tons had been transferred from the bogs to storage dumps, and the balance of 280 tons was at present being removed from the bogs. The average cost of production per ton was £2 18s. and the estimated cost per ton delivered to storage dumps was £3 15s. 3d. Details were given of the quantity of turf produced on each bog, and of the cost per ton for production on each bog.

The Council noted the terms of the report in regard to turf production during the season 1953. Members of the Council raised the question of the payment of a bonus to workers and it was decided to defer this matter to the next meeting.

Item No. 11—Fire at Mill House, Donard.

The County Secretary submitted the following report of the Chief Fire Officer in regard to the Fire at Mill House, Donard:—
22nd September, 1953.

Report on Fire at Donard 7/9/53.

Re your letter of the 19th instant, I set out hereunder the details of the fire that occurred on the 7th inst., on the premises of Mr. Ed. Hanbridge, Donard.

The Dunlavin fire brigade were summoned at 5.20 p.m. and arrived at the scene of the fire at 5.45 p.m. The Baltinglass fire brigade were called out by the Dunlavin brigade at 7.40 p.m. and arrived at the fire at 8.15 p.m.

When the Dunlavin brigade arrived they found a four span hay shed and a rick of straw in flames, there was no possibility of saving either of these, both of which were situated in the centre of the farm

yard and out-offices were endangered, the latter were completely saved without any damage being caused. Water was obtained from a source approximately 300 yards distant from the scene of the fire, five lines of hose were laid down.

After 2½ hours the large Dunlavin engine ceased to work owing to a mechanical defect and after 3¼ hours the Dunlavin light trailer pump stopped pumping for a similar reason, the Baltinglass heavy trailer pump also was in trouble with a defect in the ignition system after working for 1½ hours. The Baltinglass pump has since been repaired and the other appliances are being repaired.

According to the report of the Dunlavin Station Officer at no time when the brigades were present at the fire was a chain of buckets employed as the only water available at the fire was that obtained direct from fire pumps, a chain of buckets may have been employed prior to the arrival of the brigades.

With reference to the mechanical defects it must be borne in mind that these appliances are at least 11 years old and were obtained secondhand at the time. Not only are they constructed of war-grade materials, but they had been employed prior to purchase in heavy pumping duties in Belfast dockyards. It must be realised that all these appliances are reaching a state where it will not be an economical proposition to carry out further repairs. I have already recommended that a re-conditioned engine be fitted to the light trailer pump in Dunlavin on loan from Blessington pending repairs to Dunlavin's own light trailer pump.

For your information I may point out that most of these trailer pumps are now obsolete and spares are no longer available for them; in the case of the Dunlavin light trailer pump no new parts are available and we are fitting secondhand parts obtained from London firms.

In view of these circumstances it will be appreciated that the reliability factor of these appliances cannot be good and further breakdowns must be expected especially in cases where pumping is necessary over long periods such as at the Donard Fire.

If the Council wish to maintain an efficient fire service, they should consider replacing these old units on a long term policy.

Signed—H. R. H. Sharpe, County Fire Officer.

The following letter had been received from the owner of the premises:

Mill House,
Donard, Co. Wicklow.

2nd October, 1953.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter re fire at my premises at Mill House, Donard, I am satisfied that the fire brigades did all in their power. The fire was a very big one as there was so much hay in the shed and the rick of oats was a few yards from the shed. There was no hope of saving these, but the fire would have spread to the other buildings were it not for the excellent work of the brigades. As my cowsheds were only a few yards from the hayshed they were in great danger.

I must thank both brigades for their excellent work.

Yours faithfully,

Edward Hanbridge.

The Council noted with satisfaction the terms of the report and of the letter from the owner of the premises.

The Chairman, Councillor H. J. Byrne, read letter received by him from the Deputy Mayor of Hendon in which appreciation was expressed of the services rendered by the fire brigade on the occasion of the fire at Laragh House.

Item No. 12—Loan of £9,350 for Glenealy Water Supply.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

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

Resolved—That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £9,350 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1948, and the Local Loans Fund Acts, 1945 to 1951.

Item No. 13—Sanitary Convenience at Aughrim.

Passed unanimously.

With reference to the proposal that an alternative site be acquired for the Sanitary Convenience at Aughrim, the Co. Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that he had interviewed Mr. M. J. Phelan, owner of the alternative site, but that Mr. Phelan could not see his way to give the Council a site on his lands and consequently the original site would have to be used.

The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 14—Sanitary Convenience at Roundwood.

The County Secretary stated that the estimated cost of providing a public sanitary convenience at Roundwood was £662. The site was the property of the County Council. The Council agreed that the erection of the public sanitary convenience at Roundwood be carried out by Direct labour.

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor P. N. Murdoch.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the raising of a loan of £662 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years with interest at the appropriate rate from the Local Loans Fund to defray the cost of the erection of public sanitary convenience at Roundwood.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Old Burial Grounds at Kilranclagh and Kiltegan.

Having considered report of the Acting Chief Medical Officer dated 18th September, 1953, and report of the Health Inspector dated 1st September, 1953, in regard to their inspections of Burial Grounds at Kilranclagh and Kiltegan, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. Kehoe;

Seconded by Councillor A. Toomey;

Resolved—That having considered report of the Acting Chief Medical Officer we approve of his recommendations for the closing of burial grounds at Kilranclagh and Old Kiltegan and direct that the County Engineer submit recommendation for a suitable site for new burial ground at Talbotstown.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16—Sub-Dispensary at Knockenarrigan.

The County Manager stated that following negotiations with the owners of the premises, the Council had offered the sum of £150 for purchase of the premises owned by the Irish Representative Church Body at Knockenarrigan, for use as a sub-dispensary, and that the approval of the Department of Health to the purchase of the premises at this figure had been obtained. The Vendors' Solicitors required that the Council should bear their costs in the matter, and he did not consider that the Council should be responsible for such costs. It was agreed that the Council was not prepared to accept responsibility for the Vendors' costs in the matter.

Item No. 17—Sub-Dispensary at Ballyknocken.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had rented premises at Ballyknocken for use as a sub-dispensary, for the annual sum of £18 to include all facilities including caretaking. The owner of the premises now required payment of the sum of £39 5s. for all services

and the use of the premises. The Co. Manager considered that the amount asked was reasonable. It appeared that the owner would be willing to dispose of the premises, and it was suggested that the Council might make a offer for the acquisition of the premises.

Having considered report of the Assistant County Engineer in regard to the value of the premises, it was

Proposed by Councillor T. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of an offer being made to the owner of the premises used as sub-dispensary at Ballyknocken, Blessington, for the acquisition of such premises in the sum of £200.

Item No. 18—Supplementary Loan—Kilcole Dispensary.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That pursuant to the letter of sanction of the Local Government Minister dated the 26th day of August, 1953, the sum of £710 be borrowed from the National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying further expenditure on the erection of a new Dispensary at Kilcole to be repaid over the unexpired residue of five years with the parent loan of £700 sanctioned by the Minister's letter of 3rd September, 1952, 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 the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank, Limited, Wicklow.

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

Item No. 19—Dunganstown Dispensary: Water Supply.

The Council noted the following report from the Deputy County Engineer, and agreed with his recommendations:—

9th October, 1953.

re: **Dunganstown Dispensary.**

Further to the Assistant Engineer's report it is proposed to wait a few weeks to see if the spring in the well recovers as it is the first time this well has gone dry.

Should there be no improvement after this period it is proposed to try and sink the well deeper with a well-boring plant.

The present well is a dug well about 30 feet deep and it would be cheaper to sink this deeper.

Should this not be successful it will be necessary to sink a new well.

Signed—R. L. FARRELL,

Deputy County Manager.

Item No. 20—Marine Hotel, Wicklow.

The Co. Secretary stated that ground rent amounting to £22 10s. up to the 30th September, 1953, was due in respect of the Marine Hotel, Wicklow, and that £97 2s. 6d. being rates for the years 1952/53, and 1953/54, was due to Wicklow Urban District Council in respect of this property. The Council's Law Agent had reported as follows:—

12th October, 1953.

re: **Marine Hotel, Wicklow.**

In reply to your query as to the position of the above we wish to state that we took the preliminary steps with a view to obtaining possession.

We are, however, held up pending a decision in a High Court action by the liquidator of Wicklow Textile Industries, Ltd., and the two Directors of the Company.

The Lease from the Council was to the two Directors, but the liquidator contends that it is the Company that own the premises and that the Directors only hold as Trustees of the Company.

Judgement was reserved in the High Court on the question and as soon as reserved Judgement has been delivered we will obtain the necessary Court Order.

Yours faithfully,
H. J. McCarroll & Co.

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

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

Item No. 21—Supplementary Grants under Section 10 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952.

The following draft scheme for the making of Supplementary Grants under Section 10 of the Housing Amendment Act, 1952, was circulated to the members of the Council:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Scheme for Supplementary Grants to persons other than farmers for erection of new houses under Sect. 10, Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952.

Grants will be made by the Council in accordance with the provisions of this Scheme to qualified applicants erecting or purchasing houses for their own occupation in respect of which a grant is made by the Minister for Local Government under Section 16 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948, or Section 6 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950.

1. Applicants must be resident in the County Health District of Wicklow and must have resided continuously therein for a period of 10 years immediately prior to the date of their application.

2. The amount of the grant payable by the Council will be as follows:—

- (a) If the family income does not exceed £208 per annum, 100 per cent. of the State Grant;
- (b) If the family income exceeds £208 per annum but does not exceed £312 per annum, 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ per cent. of the State Grant.
- (c) If the family income exceeds £312 per annum but does not exceed £365 per annum, 50 per cent. of the State Grant;
- (d) If the family income exceeds £365 per annum but does not exceed £416 per annum, 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. of the State Grant.

No supplementary grant will be paid where the family income exceeds £416 per annum.

3. A grant will be payable only in cases where the Council is satisfied that the circumstances of the applicant does not enable him to provide a house with the aid of the State Grant alone.

4. The Council may at their discretion refuse any application for a Grant or allow a reduced Grant.

5. A person receiving a grant under this Scheme in respect of a house shall reside therein, and shall not within five years from the date of completion, or purchase of the house, sell, or re-sell the house without the consent of the Council, which consent will not be given until the amount of the Grant paid to him by the Council shall be refunded to the Council.

6. No grant will be payable in respect of a house the erection of which was commenced before 1st June, 1953.

7. The payment of any grant will be subject to a certificate from the Council's Engineer that the house has been completed satisfactorily.

The Council will not make any grant to a person who has previously obtained a Supplementary Grant from the Council in respect of the erection of a new house.

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

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the scheme submitted to this meeting for the making of supplementary grants to persons other than farmers for the erection of new houses under Section 10 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 22—Cottage Repairs.

Councillor J. O'Neill referred to representations he had received from Newtown district, and from other areas in regard to the carrying out of repairs to cottages, particularly where tenants had applied to have cottages vested in them under the Cottage Purchase Scheme. He referred to an application made by tenants at Newtown for the provision of lavatory buckets, and also to the application for the connection of four cottages at Newtown to the sewerage system.

The Co. Manager stated that the matter of the lavatory buckets had been discussed by the Council on a previous occasion and it had been pointed out that these items were replaceables and were not normally provided by the Council. In regard to the connection of the four cottages to the sewerage system, the Co. Manager stated that plans were being prepared for this work, as the cost would have to be defrayed by way of loan.

Item No. 23—Letter from Ailtiri na hAiseiri.

The Council marked "read" the letter dated 17th Sept., 1953, received from Ailtiri na hAiseiri re foreign publications.

Item No. 24—Letter from General Committee of Women's Societies and Social Workers.

The Council decided to mark "read" the letter dated October 1, 1953, received from the Joint Committee of Women's Societies and Social Workers re establishment of a force of women police.

Item No. 25—Inquiries from County Manager's Officers.

In reply to inquiries from members, the Council received in committee the Co. Manager's report in regard to the suspension of Mr. Patrick A. Doyle, Rent Collector.

Rate Demands.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the Co. Manager stated the legal position in regard to Rate Demands for the present year. He indicated that the alteration in the basis of allocation of Agricultural Grant would result in a reduction of approximately £15,000 in the amount of the Grant to the Council.

Acquisition of land for Housing.

Councillor W. Lawless asked that the County Engineer investigate the possibility of acquiring lands at Kilcoole for housing purposes. The lands adjoin the Council's Housing Scheme at Kilcoole.

Sewerage Scheme at Boghall.

Councillor P. Ledwidge suggested that the Consultant Engineers, successors to Mr. E. M. Murphy, Consultant Engineer, should be asked to submit a report in regard to the Sewerage Scheme to serve cottages at Boghall.

The Co. Manager stated that he would look into the matter.

Eviction of Tenant O'Carroll from house at Blessington.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the Co. Manager explained the circumstances relating to the obtaining of a decree for possession of house at Blessington occupied by Mr. O'Carroll. He pointed out that the matter had been reported to and considered by the Co. Council at meeting on 6th July, 1953. The Co. Manager agreed that if the tenant replaced the fence within seven days, he would be allowed to remain in possession of the cottage.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 2nd November, 1953, at 2 p.m.

The following members were present:—

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

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

AGENDA.

1. Report of County Engineer on progress of Housing Scheme during month of October, 1953.
2. Report, re Cottage Rent Collection for half-year to 30th September, 1953.
3. Report of Valuer on sites to be acquired for 1952 Housing Scheme (Agreed Sites).
4. Temporary dwellings—Appeal of Mr. J. Gallagher, Greystones, to Minister for Local Government, re structure at Ennis Lane, Greystones.
5. Letter from Department of Local Government, re Temporary Dwellings—Reception of Deputation — Bye-Laws for Temporary Dwellings.
6. Provision of public lamp at Monaline.
7. Public Lighting at Kilpedder.
8. Public Light at New Houses at Ballinacoola, Glenealy.
9. Proposal to provide water supply for County Council Cottage at Tomacork.
10. Repairs—Roadways to cottages at Blessington, Parkmore and Dunlavin.
11. Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts—Mrs. Mai J. Brady.
12. Town and Regional Planning Acts—Mr. Roger Hill.
13. Repairs carried out during month of October, 1953.
14. Authorisation of repairs.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

On the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with the relatives of the late Dr. T. F. O'Higgins, T.D. The Council also passed resolutions of sympathy with Mr. Michael Turner, Overseer, on the death of his sister, and with Mr. Vincent King, on the death of his mother. The County Manager asked that he and the members of the staff be associated with the Council's expression of sympathy.

Item No. 1—Progress Report:

On the proposal of Councillor P. Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, the Council approved of the attached report of the County Engineer on the progress of the housing schemes during the month of October, 1953.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

HOUSING SECTION.

To: The Chairman and Members of the Wicklow Co. Council
Co. Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
31st October, 1953.

Housing Progress Report—Month of October, 1953.

Gentlemen,

During the month of October, satisfactory progress on all schemes was maintained.

The total number of cottages completed to date under the 1946 Scheme is 401 (including 47 by Contract).

The total number of cottages in progress to date under the 1946 Scheme is 6, all by Direct Labour.

Newtownmountkennedy Housing Scheme: Work commenced on a 16-House Scheme in June, 1953; progress is satisfactory.

Kindlestown Scheme: 20 houses are nearing completion and work on a further 10 commenced during August, 1953. The total number of men employed during October, 19 skilled and 28 unskilled.

The total expenditure to date under the Scheme is £384,481 1s. 2d., made up as follows:—

Wages—£153,430 15s. 0d.

Materials—£195,233 0s. 3d.

Payments to Contractors—£35,817 5s. 11d.

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

Northern Area:

Cottages completed to 30th September, 1953	..	184
Cottages completed during October, 1953	..	Nil

Total completed	..	184
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Completed under Separate Scheme: Killincarrig	..	10
In Progress: 1946 Scheme Site No. 76, Newtown, Kilmoney	..	1
Separate Scheme Kindlestown	..	30
Separate Scheme Newtownmountkennedy	..	16

South Eastern Area:

Cottages completed 30th September, 1953	..	80
Cottages completed during October, 1953	..	Nil

Total completed	..	80
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Cottages in progress	..	Nil
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Southern Area:

Cottages completed to 30th September, 1953	..	54
Cottages completed to 30th Sept., under separate scheme	..	3
Cottages completed during September, 1953	..	Nil

Total completed	..	57
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Cottages in progress	..	Nil
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Western Area:

Cottages completed to 30th September, 1953	..	83
Cottages completed during October, 1953	..	Nil

Total completed	..	83
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Cottages in progress by Direct Labour:

Site No.	Townland	No. of Cottages
593/594	Griffonstown	
	(transferred from Ballylea)	2
609, 610, 611	Grangecon Park	3

Total in progress	..	5
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It is expected that keys for these 5 cottages will be handed in during next week.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'Byrne, County Engineer.

In reply to Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Secretary stated that there were 9 skilled men and 10 unskilled men employed on Newtown Housing Scheme.

Item No. 2—Cottage Rent Collection:

The County Secretary submitted return showing the state of the Cottage Rent Collection as on 30th September, 1953. The Council noted that the arrears at the commencement of the period amounted to £245 17s. 7d. and at the 30th September, 1953, amounted to £403 0s. 4½d. The increases had occurred in the districts of Francis O'Neill, Patk. Doyle and Andrew Doyle. The Co. Manager stated that Mr. O'Neill and Mr. Andrew Doyle had been warned in regard to the state of their collection and Mr. P. Doyle was suspended.

Item No. 3—Report of Valuer on Sites to be Acquired for 1952 Housing Scheme:

The County Secretary stated that Mr. H. J. Byrne, Valuer, in submitting valuations of 24 sites inspected by him for the 1952 Agreed Scheme had commented on the isolated position of some of the sites. Details of the 8 sites which were considered by the valuer to be isolated were given to the Council. Offers on the basis of the valuer's reports had been made to each landowner and to date 12 landowners had accepted the offers made and 4 landowners, i.e., Peter Nolan, Hempstown, Tinode, for Site No. 1001, John Kavanagh, Season Park, Newtown, for Site No. 1042, Harry C. Delahunt, Furzeditch, Wicklow, for Site No. 1049, and John O'Reilly, Blackmoor, Donard, for Site No. 1005, had refused the offers. The remaining landowners had not replied. The reports of Mr. P. J. O'Loughlin, Valuer, Carnew, on 21 sites inspected by him had been received that morning and offers would be made to the landowners in accordance with the valuations received. The County Secretary stated also that there were 195 cottages at present tenanted by single persons. The Council agreed to proceed with the scheme in those cases where the landowner had agreed to accept the price offered by the Council, for the site. The Council noted that a report in regard to the other sites would be submitted to the next meeting. Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea asked that a report be submitted to the next meeting in regard to applicants under the 1949 scheme who were unable to obtain sites with a view to preparing a Compulsory Purchase Order to deal with such cases. Councillor P. Ledwidge asked that a report be submitted in regard to the housing position in the rural district adjoining Bray.

Item No. 4—Temporary Dwellings—Appeal of Mr. J. Gallagher, Greystones:

The Council considered letter of 23rd October, 1953, from Dept. of Local Government in regard to the appeal of Mr. J. Gallagher, 2, Mount Pleasant Tce., Ranelagh, Dublin, against the refusal of the Council to grant him a licence permitting the use of land for temporary dwellings and indicating that the Minister was not prepared to uphold the decision of the Council requiring the removal of the hut for the reason that action in individual cases was considered inappropriate pending the making of Bye-Laws for the regulation of the use of temporary dwellings, throughout the sanitary district. It was suggested by the Department that the owner be permitted to continue to use the hut for a period of one year during which time it was presumed steps would be taken to deal with all temporary dwellings in the County. The Department indicated that in the circumstances it was considered no advantage would accrue from the attendance of a deputation to discuss the matter. The Council noted that the licence granted in accordance with the Minister's direction would be for a period of one year only.

Item No. 5—Bye-laws for Temporary Dwellings, etc.

The County Secretary stated that draft Bye-laws had been prepared and submitted to the Department for approval and that a reply had now been received conveying approval to such draft Bye-Laws subject to certain amendments. The draft Bye-Laws would be printed and submitted for formal approval by the Council at the next monthly meeting.

Having considered report of Acting Chief Medical Officer, dated 22nd September, 1953, in regard to the erection or retention of temporary dwellings in the districts adjoining the Meeting of the Waters, and Glendolough, it was

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

Resolved—That having considered report of Acting Chief Medical Officer, dated 22nd September, 1953, we approve of orders being made by the Council prohibiting the erection or retention of temporary dwellings in the following townlands: Knockanode, Meetings, Castlehoward, Brockagh, Derrybawn and Camaderry or Seven Churches.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Public Lighting—Monaline.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the quotation of the E.S.B. in the sum of £34 10s. for the erection of 200 Watt Lamp and Solar Dial Time Switch at Monaline.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Public Lighting—Kilpedder:

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the quotation of the E.S.B. for the provision of two public lights, together with Solar Dial Time Switch at Kilpedder, in the sum of £43 5s.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Public Light at Ballinacoola, Glenealy:

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

Resolved—That we approve of the quotation of the E.S.B. in the sum of £35 17s. 6d. for the provision of a public light to serve Council's housing scheme at Ballinacoola, Glenealy, including provision of Solar Dial Time Switch.

Passed unanimously.

Public Lighting at Newtownmountkennedy:

The Cc. Secretary stated that a quotation had been received from the E.S.B. for the installation of two additional public lights at Newtownmountkennedy, one to be erected on the Kilcoole Road and the other at the entrance to O'Neill Park. In each case the quotation was for the sum of £42 making a total of £84. A memorial had been received signed by 5 tenants of the cottages at Kilmacullagh, Newtownmountkennedy, stating that they had given no authority to anyone to apply to have public lighting outside their cottages as the light on the street lamp facing Kilcoole road threw the light down to all the houses. The tenants suggested that the money which would have been spent on the lighting could be used to better advantage by clearing the lane in front of their houses, and asked that the Clerk of Works visit them. The Council noted with approval the terms of the memorial from the tenants and agreed that the Engineer should submit a report in regard to the condition of the laneway serving the cottages.

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

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the quotation of the E.S.B. in the sum of £42 for the provision of one public light at entrance to O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy.

Passed unanimously.

Public Lighting at Greystones:

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

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the quotation of the E.S.B. for the erection of one public lamp on La Touche Estate, Greystones, in the sum of £8.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the quotation of the E.S.B. for the erection of one public lamp on existing Pole No. 311 at entrance to new road south of Kinlen Road, Greystones, in the sum of £10.

Passed unanimously.

Public Lighting, Killincarrig:

Proposed by Councillor Ed. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the quotation of the E.S.B. for the provision of one new public lamp at Emerson's Gate, Killincarrig, at cost of £37.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Water Supply for Cottages at Tomacock:

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond:

Resolved—That having considered report of Health Inspector dated 10th October, 1953, and report of Assistant County Engineer dated 25th September, 1953, we approve of his recommendation for provision of water supply to serve two Council cottages at Tomacock at total estimated cost of £60.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Roadways to Cottages at Blessington, Parkmore and Dunlavin.

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;
Seconded by Councillor P. Kehce:

Resolved—Having considered report of Assistant County Engineer dated 14th October, 1953, we approve of expenditure of £85 on repairs to roadway serving cottages at Blessington, cottages at Parkmore, Balinglass and scheme at Dunlavin.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—S.D.A. Acts:

Having considered report of County Secretary and letter from Council's Law Agent in regard to the failure to complete the house at Santry Hill, Blessington, in respect of which an instalment of a loan had been paid to Mrs. Mai. J. Brady, the Council agreed that steps be taken to recover the money due to the Council in respect of the advance and interest thereon.

The Council recommended that a loan of £1,400 be made to Mr. Alan Robinson, in respect of the erection of a house at Ballyman Road, Enniskerry, subject to compliance with requirements of the Council's scheme.

The Council considered in committee offers received in response to public advertisement for the premises at Milltown North, Rathnew, formerly owned by Hugh Behan. The Council agreed to transfer the loan to Mr. P. Gallagher provided income was satisfactory and that arrears on foot of loan were cleared.

Item No. 12—Town and Regional Planning Acts—Acquisition of Land at Cooldress, Kilcoole:

Having considered report of Assistant County Engineer in regard to proposal to acquire a small portion of land from Mr. Roger Hill, Cooldress, Kilcoole, and on which land there was a cow byre, the Council considered that the amount of compensation offered, i.e., £96 would not be adequate. The Council deferred the matter for a further discussion with the owner, by the Chairman and members of the Council.

Item No. 13:

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of October, 1953.

Item No. 14—Authorisation of Repairs:

The Council authorised the carrying out of repairs to cottages in accordance with list submitted by County Engineer. The County Sec. reported that the total expenditure on cottage repairs to 31st October, 1953, amounted to £9,052 11s. 2d. as against the estimate for the year of £10,000. There was a balance unexpended of only £947 8s. 10d.

Provision of Extra Room in Cottage:

Councillor Kehoe asked if it would be possible to provide an extra room for cottage occupied by tenant at Bawnogue, Mr. William Lee. He stated that Mr. Lee was prepared to pay an increased rent in respect of the provision of the extra room. It was decided to obtain report from the Council's Engineer on the matter.

Councillor Senator McCrea asked that a pig sty be provided for the cottage occupied by John McIlroy, Croneyhorn. The Co. Manager stated that the provision of pig sties would involve considerable expenditure by the Council. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed that the Council's Rent Collectors be asked to make enquiries from tenants as to the number who might wish to have pig-sties provided and the matter would then be further considered by the Council.

Councillor J. Everett referred to an estimate in the sum of £105 for providing sewerage to a cottage at Rathnew and asked that the estimate be re-examined.

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

Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

"I will move at next meeting of the Co. Council that the remaining portion of the Parkmore Road linking up with Co. Wexford be taken over and maintained by the County Council."

"I hereby give notice that with a view to providing work during the Winter and particularly the Christmas period, the Council allocate a sum of £30,000 to be spent in the various quarries to provide road material for 1954/55 Road Works Schemes."

"I hereby notice that I or someone for me will move at the next meeting of the Co. Council that the Engineer be instructed to prepare a report on the water supply and sewerage system in the Avoca Village."

Notice of Motion in name of Councillor A. Toomey:

"That I or someone on my behalf will raise at the ordinary meeting of this Council that a report be submitted regarding the water supply at Dunard."

(WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL).

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th November, 1953, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman; Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, P. Brennan, James O'Neill, G. Timmins, Thomas O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, Peter Ledwidge, Ed. Byrne, 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.

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

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant Co. Engineer and Assistant County Engineer C. J. Byrne were present.

BUSINESS:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of 10th August, 17th August, 7th September, and 14th September, 1953.
2. Renewal of Cinematograph Licences.
3. Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1954—To adopt Scheme.
4. Renewal of University Scholarships.
5. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea re taking over of road at Parkmore.
6. Reconstruction of Poulaphuca-Valleymount Road—To affix seal of the Council to Mortgage from the National Bank, Ltd.
7. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea re allocation of sum of £30,000 to be spent in various Quarries to provide materials for the 1954/55 Road Works Scheme, with a view to providing work during the Winter, and particularly during the Christmas period.
8. Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949—1953/54 Grant allocation.
9. Fire Station and Store at Bray—To authorise raising of Loan.
10. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea in regard to Water Supply and Sewerage System at Avoca, and report of County Engineer.
11. Cooliboy-Coolfancy Water Supply Scheme—To authorise raising of loan for amount required consequent on acceptance of tender.
12. Improvements to Baltinglass Water Supply—To authorise raising of Loan.
13. Glenealy Water Supply—To authorise fixing of charge or rate for connections.
14. Public Sanitary Convenience at Roundwood—To authorise raising of loan from the Council's Treasurer, instead of from the Commissioners of Public Works.
15. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor A. Toomey re Water Supply at Dunard.
16. Letter from the County Wicklow Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals re Drinking Trough at Enniskerry.
17. Gratuity to Staff Nurse, Baltinglass District Hospital.
18. Superannuation Allowance to former Caretaker of Baltinglass Vocational School.
19. Resolution from Wicklow Urban District Council in regard to pending transfer of Vocational School from present buildings to new buildings at Station Road, Wicklow.
20. Inquiries arising out of County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

The County Secretary stated that the Minutes of the 10th August, 1953, had not yet been received from the printers.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 17th August, 7th and 14th September, 1953.

Passed unanimously.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with the widow and relatives of the late Mr. J. P. Gleeson, Collector of Taxes, Wicklow. The County Manager asked that he and the members of the staff be associated with this expression of sympathy.

Fixing of Dates for Council Meetings in January, 1954.

The County Secretary stated that in order to allow sufficient time for the receipt and examination of applications under the Council's Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, the date of the Council's meeting in January, 1953, had been put back one week. It would be desirable that the same procedure be followed for the meeting in January, 1954. The Council agreed that the meeting of the Council for housing purposes be held on 11th January, 1954, and that the general Council meeting be held on 18th January, 1954.

Item No. 2—Renewal of Cinematograph Licences.

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Fire Officer had indicated that there was no objection to the renewal of Cinematograph Licences in respect of Ormonde Cinema, Greystones, the Ormonde Cinema, Rathdrum, and the Carlton Cinema, Baltinglass.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the affixing of the seal of the Council to the Cinema Licences in respect of the following Cinemas: Ormonde Cinema, Greystones, Ormonde Cinema, Rathdrum, and the Cinema, Baltinglass.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1954.

The County Secretary stated that in letter of 12th October, 1953, from the Department of Education, approval had been conveyed to the draft Scholarship Scheme for 1954, subject to certain conditions. The Department had indicated that a variation in the limits of income prescribed for eligibility under the Scheme did not mean that a variation in the Poor Law Valuation limits must automatically follow, and that the amounts of Poor Law Valuation specified in the 1953 Scheme should be prescribed again for 1954. It was stated that the Minister would not approve of a Poor Law Valuation limit in excess of £75 for a family of parents and one child, with an addition to that limit of £7 10s. in respect of each child other than the candidate. It was indicated also that the Minister for pleasure to note the increase in the value of residential scholarships. The remaining conditions prescribed related to alterations in the wording of the Scheme and Application Form.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne;

Resolved—That, having considered letter dated 12th October, 1953, from the Department of Education, we hereby determine to carry into effect the Scheme of Scholarships for Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1954, as approved by the Minister.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Renewal of University Scholarships.

The Council noted report of the 24th October, 1953, from the Registrar, University College, Dublin, recommending the renewal of Scholarships for Joseph A. Mulcahy, who had passed the Second (M. & E.) Engineering Examination, and stating that reports in relation

to Messrs. A. Mescal and Michael J. Kavanagh would be submitted after the December Examinations. It was also stated that Mr. Wm. R. Hayden had passed Part II of the Examination for B.E. (Civil) Degree with First Class Honours.

The Council also noted report from St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, recommending the renewal of Scholarship held by Mr. Charles Cullen.

Proposed by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbet;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the renewal of University Scholarships for a further year for the following students:—

Joseph A. Mulcahy; Charles Cullen.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Road at Parkmore.

With reference to Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, the County Secretary stated that the Council had agreed to take over as a public road the road leading to the Wexford boundary at Parkmore, but the Council could not proceed with the matter until the portion of the road in Co. Wexford had been taken over by Wexford County Council. The County Secretary stated that he had now been informed by Wexford County Council that the portion of the road in Co. Wexford had been taken over for maintenance as a public road, and the necessary public notice for the taking over of this road by Wicklow Co. Council could now be issued.

The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 6—Poulaphouca-Valleymount Road.

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor A. Toomey;

Resolved—That pursuant to the letter of sanction of the Local Government Minister dated the 6th day of October, 1953, the sum of £3,177 be borrowed from the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the reconstruction of the Poulaphouca-Valleymount Road, to be repaid within seven years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances, at present 4½ per cent., as in said letter of sanction provided, the said Loan and interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the rates, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Said Mortgage to The National Bank, Ltd.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Provision of Road Materials for 1954/55.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill;

That with a view to providing work during the Winter, particularly the Christmas period, we allocate a sum of £30,000 to be spent in the various quarries to provide Road materials for 1954/55 Road Works Scheme, and authorise the expenditure of £30,000 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates.

In reply to inquiries from members, the Co. Engineer stated that the sum of £4,000 had been spent in the year 1953/54 on the purchase of road materials outside of the county. He agreed that it was desirable to have a stock of road materials in hands at the 31st March in each year to ensure that there would be no delay in proceeding with the Road Works Programme for the following year.

The County Manager stated that he was not in favour of the proposal. If monies were to be spent within the current year on the preparation of road materials, such monies would have to be obtained by temporary overdraft, and would involve the payment of from £500 to £600 on overdraft interest. Even if all the materials produced

were allocated for use on main roads in the year 1954/55, an increased rate of 1s. 6d. in the £ would be required. The County Manager also pointed out that the expenditure of the sum of £30,000 on the preparation of materials would not necessarily make employment available in all parts of the county. The machinery required for the development of the quarries at Carnew and Donard had not yet been received, and the greater part of the Council's requirements of road materials was produced at Carrigmore Quarry.

As an amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. N. Murdoch;

Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbet;

That we authorise the expenditure of the sum of £10,000 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of providing materials for the Road Works Scheme for 1954/55.

Following a discussion, Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, with the agreement of Councillor J. O'Neill, amended his proposal by the insertion of the figure of £15,000 in place of £30,000, and Councillor P. N. Murdoch, with the consent of Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett, altered the figure in his Amendment to £12,000 instead of £10,000.

A vote having been called for on the Amendment in the name of Councillor P. N. Murdoch, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR—Councillors W. Hammond, P. N. Murdoch, C. M. Byrne, Miss E. F. Bobbett and H. J. Byrne—(5).

AGAINST—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, P. Brennan, J. O'Neill, Thos. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, P. Ledwidge, E. Byrne, L. O Laighleis, M. Brennan, J. Everett, T.D. and J. Jacob—(14).

The Amendment was declared defeated by fourteen votes against to five votes in favour. Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea's proposal in the amended figure of £15,000 was then put, and declared passed on the same voting of fourteen votes in favour to five against.

Item No. 8—Local Authorities Works Act, 1949—1953/54 Grant Allocation.

The County Secretary stated that in letter of 7th October, 1953, from the Department of Local Government, a grant of £14,000 had been allocated for works under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949, for the year 1953/54. The County Engineer had submitted the following recommendations in regard to the works to be carried out from the sum of £14,000.

28th October, 1953.

re: Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949.

In regard to your letter of 21st instant, it is proposed to omit Scheme C.57 as it can be carried out only during the Summer months, and also Scheme B.50.

It will be necessary to carry out a reduced amount of work on Scheme C.59 and C.60. The latter is a bridge, but it has been found advisable to realign the road, and it is intended to construct the bridge only this year and finish the work out of next year's allocation.

Expenditure is proposed as follows:—

Amount of Schemes not completed in 1952/53:			
C. 2	£242	0 0
C. 53	£283	0 0
Schemes Selected for 1953/54:			
A.112	Wicklow Gap-Glendalough Road	£5,180	0 0
B. 43	Cooladangan: New gullet	£150	0 0
B. 49	Arklow-Kish Bridge: Culvert	£760	0 0
C. 54	Slieveroe (Sandyford Bridge)	£1,550	0 0
C. 58	Kilcarney New Bridge	£800	0 0

C. 59	Coolfancy-Rosnastraw: Deepen River	£285	0 0
C. 60	Askanagap: New Bridge	£450	0 0
D.127	Wicklow Gap-Hollywood Road	£4,300	0 0
All the above Schemes are in progress except C.59 and C.60.			

Signed: J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer in letter of 28th October, 1953, in regard to Schemes to be carried out under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949, during the year 1953/54.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Fire Station and Store at Bray.

The County Secretary stated that the lowest tender received for the erection of Fire Station and Store at Bray was that of Messrs C. S. Downey and Sons, Ltd., in the sum of £2,680, plus an extra £250 for asphalt finishes to all roof surfaces. Messrs. Downey's tender had been accepted subject to the sanction of the Minister, but in letter of 5th November, 1953, from Messrs. C. S. Downey and Sons, Ltd., it was stated that an error had been discovered in their quantities for the steel reinforcement, which would increase their price by £480, and that in the circumstances they would have to withdraw their tender, unless the Council would be prepared to add this sum to their price. The County Secretary stated that it would appear to be necessary to re-advertise the contract.

The Council noted the position, and agreed that the work be re-advertised, subject to the sanction of the Minister.

Item No. 10—Water Supply at Avoca.

With reference to notice of motion handed in by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, the County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had submitted a recommendation for works costing £420 2s. for improvements to the water supply at Avoca. The work provided for was an extension of the intake in order to secure an improvement in the quality of water, in regard to which complaints had been received from consumers over some years. Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea stated that in his opinion it would be desirable to extend the water supply system at Avoca to enable a supply to be provided to hotels and other buildings between Avoca and the Meetings, and surrounding areas.

The County Manager pointed out that a scheme of this character would be regarded as a regional scheme, and would be likely to cost a substantial amount. If such a scheme were proposed, it would be desirable to engage a Consulting Engineer to prepare the Scheme. The works at present proposed by the County Engineer were necessary to improve the existing supply, and it would take a considerable period before the Scheme suggested by Senator J. J. McCrea could be provided.

The Council agreed that a report be obtained from the County Engineer, and the Chief Medical Officer in regard to the extension of the Avoca Water Supply, as suggested by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Resolved—That, having considered report of County Engineer, we hereby approve of the raising of a loan of £420 from the Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of 10 years with interest at the usual rate to defray the cost of improvements to the water supply at Avoca.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Coolboy-Coolfancy Water Supply Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that, following an examination by the County Engineer of the Bills of Quantities submitted by tenderers for the Coolboy/Coolfancy Water Supply Scheme, it had been found that the sum of £450 had been included in the Bill of Quantities submitted by Mr. W. J. Clarke, Wicklow, in respect of the erection of a pump house. It had been indicated in the Specification that a pump house would be erected by the County Council by Direct Labour, and consequently no provision for this work need be made by the tenderer. No other tenderer had made any provision for the erection of a pump house. Mr. Clarke had agreed that this item had been inserted in error, and that the amount of his tender should be reduced by £450. Consequently, Mr. Clarke's tender at £8,169 8s. 3d. was the lowest tender received and had been recommended by the Co. Engineer for acceptance.

The Council approved of the acceptance of the tender of Mr. W. J. Clarke, Wicklow, in the sum of £8,169 8s. 3d.

The County Secretary stated that the cost of the work was made up as follows:—

Contract	£8,169 8 3
Cost of Land	£166 0 0
Erection of Pump House	£390 0 0
Clerk of Works (proportion of salary and trav. exps.)	£485 0 0
Cost of Loan	£20 0 0

TOTAL: £9,230 8 3

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the raising of a loan of £9,230 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 25 years, with interest at 5½ per cent., to defray the cost of Coolboy-Coolfancy Water Supply Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12—Improvements to Baltinglass Water Supply.

The County Secretary stated that the lowest tender received in response to public advertisement, was that of Mr. W. J. Clarke, Wicklow, in the sum of £3,790 13s. 5d., and this tender had been recommended for acceptance.

The Council approved of the acceptance of this tender of Mr. Clarke, this being the lowest tender received.

The County Secretary stated that the cost of the work would be as follows:—

Contract	£3,790 13 5
Compensation to Land Owners	£170 0 0
Pumping Plant	£350 0 0
Switch Board	£15 0 0
Chlorination Plant	£250 0 0
Clerk of Works (proportion of salary and travelling expenses)	£215 0 0
Cost of Loan	£9 12 0

TOTAL: £4,800 5 5

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the raising of a Loan of £4,800 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years, with interest at 5½ per cent., to defray the cost of Baltinglass Water Supply Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Glenealy Water Supply.

The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary for the Council to decide the conditions upon which were to be granted connections to the new water supply at Glenealy. In a number of towns and villages, water rates had been levied at a fixed rate in the £ on the rateable valuation of the premises connected. Those were as follows: 1s. 9d. in the £, Carnew, Tinahely and Shillelagh; 3s. in the £, Baltinglass, Dunlavin, Kilcoole, Rathnew, Roundwood, Avoca and Stratford. In other areas, i.e., Aughrim, Blessington and Rathdrum, the water rate was calculated each year on the basis of the cost of maintenance of the Scheme in the preceding financial year, and a rate in the pound was levied on a valuation basis to recoup the Council the total maintenance costs including loan charges. The rates in the pound in the current financial year in respect of these towns were as follows: Aughrim, 5s. 3d.; Blessington, 5s. 7d.; Rathdrum, 3s. 10d.

It was estimated that the annual outlay on caretaking and maintenance of the Glenealy Water Supply would amount to approximately £100, made up as follows: Services of part-time caretaker, £30; maintenance costs, £70. Total—£100. Loan charges would amount to £675 8s. 7d., making a total annual outlay of £775 8s. 7d. The assessable valuation of premises capable of being connected to the supply at Glenealy was £224. The rate in the pound on this valuation required to meet maintenance costs, excluding loan charges, would be 8s. 11d. Included in the assessable valuation of £224 are 32 County Council cottages.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby recommend that a rate in the £ of 6s. be charged in respect of water supply to premises at Glenealy.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Public Convenience at Roundwood.

The County Secretary stated that in letter of 24th October, 1953, from the Department of Local Government, it had been indicated that the resources of the Local Loans Fund were being reserved for major works and that the loan of £662 for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the provision of a Public Convenience at Roundwood should be obtained from the Council's Treasurer, or some other source.

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That, having considered letter dated 24th October, 1953, from the Department of Local Government, we approve of the raising of a Loan of £662 from the Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of ten years, with interest at the usual rate, to defray the cost of erecting a public sanitary convenience at Roundwood.

Passed unanimously.

Roundwood Water Supply.

In reply to Councillor M. Brennan, the Co. Manager stated that the Council had experienced difficulty in obtaining the agreement of Mr. Doyle, Roundwood, for the acquisition of certain lands required for the improvement of the Water Supply. Mr. Doyle wished to have a free supply of water, and the Council was not prepared to agree to this condition. Councillor M. Brennan suggested that the Council should use compulsory powers for acquisition if agreement could not be reached in the matter.

Enniskerry Water Supply.

In reply to Councillor P. Ledwidge, the County Manager stated that the Department of Local Government had conveyed approval to the Consultant's proposals for the improvement of the Enniskerry Water Supply, subject to certain amendments, and that the Consulting Engineer was at present preparing final documents.

Item No. 15—Donard Water Supply.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, Councillor A. Twomey moved that report be submitted in regard to the water supply at Donard, and stated that a more plentiful supply was required.

The Council directed that a report on the matter be submitted to the next meeting.

Item No. 16—Drinking Trough at Enniskerry.

The following letter received from the County Wicklow Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, was submitted:—
Glencapple, Kilmacanogue.

Bray, Co. Wicklow,
Oct. 22nd, 1953.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your reply dated 21st July last to mine to the County Manager asking if the Council would accept the suggestion of Lord Powerscourt that the Council should assume responsibility for the keeping of fresh clean water in the Trough at Enniskerry. Our Committee have noted that the Council discussed the matter on May 11th, 1953, and their conclusion that their responsibility as sanitary authority extended only to the provision of water for human beings, and that the Council has no authority "to provide a drinking trough with separate water supply for animals solely."

Our Committee wish to point out—(1) That it is the hackney car drivers (horse cars) in Bray, etc., who have protested to our Society about there being no water there, and that they are "human beings," earning their living and having to see to the welfare of their horses. Surely the Council will take this into consideration.

(2) My Committee think the Manager and Council have misunderstood our previous request. He and they appear to think we want them "to provide a trough for animals." This is quite a mistake. We only asked them if they would keep the trough in working order, since Lord Powerscourt will not do so. This is quite another thing from "providing a trough."

Our Committee ask us to say that in some other counties the Co. Councils and Urban Councils do so look after animals' drinking troughs. Our Society has a trough at Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin. Dun Laoghaire Borough Council is most kind in looking after it; paint it when necessary and keep water running, etc. It looks very bad, we think, in the Summer for tourists to see in a beauty spot centre like Enniskerry, and a gateway to many of our county's most admired drives and scenery, a useless water trough, and such disregard for the animals of residents of the county. Our Committee much regret that their slender funds do not allow of their undertaking the upkeep themselves, and it therefore very earnestly asks the Council to reconsider its decision.

Yours faithfully,
IRENE A. BALL-ACTION (Miss)
C. R. DAWSON (Mrs.)

(Joint Hon. Secretaries).

The Council noted that no liability attached to the Council in respect of the provision and maintenance of a water supply for the drinking trough at Enniskerry. It was agreed that a report be obtained from the Council's Engineer in regard to the cost of restoring the supply.

Item No. 17—Gratuity to Staff Nurse, Baltinglass District Hospital.

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor T. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure of £400 16s. 8d. in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of marriage gratuity to Mrs. Allen, former Staff Nurse, Baltinglass District Hospital.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 18—Superannuation Allowance to Former Caretaker, Baltinglass Vocational School.

Proposed by Councillor P. Kehoe;

Seconded by Councillor A. Toomey;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of superannuation allowance of £61 4s. 1d. per annum, with effect as from 26th September, 1953, to Mr. Henry Gaskin, Chapel Hill, Baltinglass, former caretaker, Baltinglass Vocational School.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 19—Resolutions from Wicklow Urban District Council re Pending Transfer of Vocational School to New Buildings.

The following resolution, received from Wicklow Urban District Council, was submitted:—

"That in view of the pending transfer of the Vocational School from the present buildings at The Mall, Wicklow, to the new buildings at the Station Road, Wicklow, we request the Co. Council to examine as soon as possible the further use of the premises at The Mall, which are held on lease from the Urban Council, and we consider that they should be continued to be used for public purposes, such as a Public Library and Museum. Offices for the Committee of Agriculture and facilities for a Gymnasium."

The County Secretary stated that the site had been leased by the Urban District Council to the County Council on 4th October 1904, for a period of 75 years from 25th March, 1904, subject to a yearly rent of £5, and subject to the condition that the lessees expend the sum of £400 on the erection of a Technical School on the site. Under the provisions of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, the Vocational Education Committee succeeded the Council as lessees. The lease contained a covenant that in the event of the premises ceasing to be used as a Technical School, the lessors, the Wicklow Urban District Council, should have the option of purchasing the premises at a price to be approved by the Minister for Education. The Council's Solicitor had been consulted in the matter, and stated that the Vocational Education Committee, with the consent of the Wicklow Urban District Council and the Minister for Education, could assign the interest in the lease to the Council. Should the consents not be obtainable, then the Urban District Council would have the right to acquire the premises at a price to be agreed by the Minister for Education.

The Council noted the position in the matter, and directed that the County Engineer submit a report on the accommodation available, and on the state of repair of the premises.

Water Supply, Manor Kilbride.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., handed in letter he had received in regard to the water supply at Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride, and asked that a report on the matter be submitted to next meeting.

Appointed of Qualified Cooks in Council's Institutions.

In reply to Councillor J. Everett, T.D., who referred to the need for having qualified cooks in the Council's institutions, the Co. Manager stated that the question of making it a condition that the new cook to be appointed for Baltinglass Hospital should hold a certain certificate, had been considered, but it had been decided not to include this condition, as when applications for a cook had been invited on a previous occasion with such a condition included, no applications had been received. He agreed that it was essential that the person to be appointed should be highly qualified.

Bonus to Wardsmaids in County Institutions.

The County Manager stated that he would investigate the com-

plaint made by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., that payment of the approved bonus had not been made to all wardsmen.

Woodenbridge-Shillelagh Railway Line.

The County Manager stated that the County Engineer and himself had discussions with the Deputy Chief Engineer of Coras Iompair Eireann in regard to the proposed abandonment of the Woodenbridge-Shillelagh Railway line and the disposal of the property by C.I.E. No agreement had been reached in regard to liability for maintenance of bridges, and it appeared that the matter would have to be referred to arbitration. Coras Iompair Eireann were disposing of lands and buildings, and wished to know if the Council were interested in acquiring any such lands or buildings.

It was decided that the matter be discussed at meeting of local members of the Council, to be held at the Courthouse, Tinahely, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 23rd November, 1953, and that representatives of Coras Iompair Eireann be invited to attend.

Sub-Dispensary at Coolkenno.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea referred to the condition of the premises used as a sub-dispensary at Coolkenno. It was decided to obtain a report from the County Engineer in regard to the matter.

Paints Manufactured at Arklow.

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

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That the members of this Council strongly recommend the Department of Health, Board of Works, Irish Shipping Ltd., and other State Departments and Contractors to Local Authorities be urged to give favourable consideration to the use of paints manufactured at Arklow, in order to maintain continuous employment and help to increase the number of men employed in this new Irish industry.

Passed unanimously.

Telephone Kiosk at Blacklion, Greystones.

At the suggestion of Councillor P. Ledwidge, the Council agreed that representations be made to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs for the provision of a Telephone Kiosk at Blacklion, Greystones.

Sign-posting of Roads at Greystones and Delgany.

Councillor P. Ledwidge stated that the sign-posting of certain roads in the Greystones and Delgany districts was not satisfactory, and the County Engineer was asked to investigate the matter.

Public Convenience at Kilcoole.

In reply to Councillor W. Lawless, the Co. Manager stated that the Council's Solicitor had advised that the title to the proposed site for the sanitary convenience at Kilcoole was not satisfactory and could not be accepted by the Council. Councillor W. Lawless contended that it should be possible to obtain a satisfactory title. At the suggestion of the Chairman, it was decided to ask the Council's Solicitor if the owner of the site, or previous owner, had established a "squatter's" title whether such would be acceptable to the Council.

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

By Councillor P. McCarthy:

"That I or someone for me will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the rate of wages for all road workers be increased by 10s. per week."

By Councillor Senator J. McCrea:

"That I will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the sewerage system at Carnew be extended to permit linking up of a number of new buildings, schools, etc., built since the sewerage system was established."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 7th December, 1953, at 2 p.m.

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

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

AGENDA.

1. Report of County Engineer on progress of Housing Scheme during month of November, 1953.
2. 1952 Agreed Scheme: further report re acquisition of sites.
3. Completion of 1946 Scheme: to authorise raising of supplemental loan re houses at Avoca.
4. Cottage Purchase Scheme: to consider Cottage Purchase Scheme in respect of 1,528 cottages as circulated.
5. Temporary Dwellings—To approve of Bye-Laws in relation to temporary dwellings (copy enclosed herewith).
6. Temporary Dwellings—granting of licence to Richard Bradshaw, Prospect, Greystones.
7. Temporary Dwellings at Bellevue, Delgany.
8. Application under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
9. Application under Sections 7 and 8 Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948, for demolition or conversion of Glenealy Hotel.
10. Application for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
11. Public Light at Parkmore, Baltinglass.
12. Repairs to fences—allotments at Croneyhorn, Carnew.
13. Repairs carried out during month of November, 1953, and report on total cost of repairs in current financial year.
14. Authorisation of repairs.
15. Proposed Abandonment of Shillelagh-Woodenbridge Railway Line: reports of meetings with representatives of C.I.E.

Resolution of Protest.

A resolution protesting against the arrest and imprisonment of Mr. Liam Kelly was proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy and seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne, and passed unanimously.

Resolutions of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor Lawless, the Council passed a resolution of sympathy expressing the sympathy of the members with the relatives of the late Daniel Brady. On the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne, the members of the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with the relatives of the late Mrs. Mary Healy, Rate Collector.

Item No. 1—Progress Report.

The following report of the County Engineer on the progress of the housing schemes during the month of November, 1953, was submitted:—

HOUSING SECTION.

To: Co. Engineer's Office,
Chairman and Members of Courthouse, Wicklow.
Wicklow Co. Council. 4th December, 1953.

HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT—MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1953.

Gentlemen,

During the month of November, satisfactory progress on all schemes was maintained

A further five cottages have been completed under the 1946 Scheme, leaving the total completed to date under this scheme 406 (including 47 by Contract); there is one cottage under construction.

Under the **Kindlestown Scheme**, 20 houses have been completed in November and keys handed in at office, 10 cottages are now in progress. At **O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy**, 16 houses are in progress. Site work for 12 houses has commenced during the month at **Kilmagig, Avoca**.

The total number of men employed on housing during November, 1953, was:—

Kindlestown Site	Skilled: 7	Unskilled: 18
Newtownmountkennedy	Skilled: 11	Unskilled: 11
Kilmagig, Avoca Scheme	Skilled: —	Unskilled: 3
1946 Scheme	Skilled: —	Unskilled: —

The total expenditure to date under the Scheme is £372 218 7s. 11d., made up as follows:—

Wages	£148,090 15 0
Materials	£186,310 7 0
Payments to Contractors	£35,817 5 11

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

Northern Area: 1946 Scheme—

Cottages completed to 31st October, 1953	184
Cottages completed during November, 1953	Nil

Total completed: 184

Completed under Kindlestown Scheme	20
Completed under Killincarrig Scheme	10

Total completed: 30

In Progress:

1946 Scheme: Site No. 76, Kilcronee	1
Kindlestown Scheme	10
Newtownmountkennedy Scheme	16

Total in Progress: 27

South Eastern Area:

Cottages completed to 31st October, 1953	80
Cottages completed during November, 1953	Nil

Total completed: 80

In Progress: 1946 Scheme—Kilmagig, Avoca 12

Southern Area:

Cottages completed to 31st October, 1953	54
Cottages completed under separate scheme at Lugduff	3

In Progress: Nil

Western Area:

Cottages completed to 31st October, 1953	83
Cottages completed during November, 1953	—

Site No.	Townland	No. of Cottages
593/4	Griffonstown	2
609/11	Grangecon Park	3

Total completed: 88

In Progress: Nil

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

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of the report of the Co. Engineer on the progress of the Housing Scheme during the month of November, 1953.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—1952 Agreed Scheme.

The County Secretary submitted a list of sites in respect of which landowners had not accepted the offers made by the Council. In four cases no reply had been received and in a further four cases the landowner was not prepared to accept the price offered by the Council. In one case the application had been withdrawn. The Council noted that the report forms, maps, etc., had been forwarded to the Department in respect of the remaining sites (45) on which the Council had asked for approval to erect cottages.

Item No. 3—Completion of 1946 Scheme: Supplemental Loan.

The County Secretary stated that 406 houses had been completed, one house was in progress and a further 18 houses were to be built at Kilmagig, Avoca, making a total of 425 houses to be erected under the scheme in place of the original number of 447. The remaining sites had been abandoned. The houses to be erected at Kilmagig would be fully serviced houses and the estimated all-in cost per house was £1,385. The economic rent of the houses would be 23s. 5d., and the net amount to be met from rent and rates, having allowed for T.D.F. Grant and subsidy to Loan Charges, would be 15s. 7d. approximately. It was anticipated that there would be a loss on the scheme of about £400 per annum. To complete the erection of the houses a supplemental loan of £23,200 would be required.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor T. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the raising of supplemental loan of £23,200 from the Commissioners of Public Works to defray the cost of completing the houses to be erected under the 1946 Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Cottage Purchase Scheme.

The Cottage Purchase Scheme prepared in accordance with the directions of the Council was submitted for approval. A copy of the scheme had been furnished to each member. The scheme affected 1,528 cottages.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Cottage Purchase Scheme for 1,528 cottages as submitted to this meeting.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Temporary Dwellings: Bye-Laws.

A copy of the Bye-Laws in relation to temporary dwellings under Section 30 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948, regulating the use of temporary dwellings in the County Health District has been circulated to each member.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby make Bye-Laws in relation to Temporary Dwellings under Section 30 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948, regulating the use of temporary dwellings in the County Health District of Wicklow, and direct that the seal of the Council be affixed to the Bye-Law as submitted to this meeting.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Temporary Dwellings—Licence for Richard Bradshaw, Prospect, Greystones.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 9th November, 1953, from Department of Local Government enclosing an Order made by the Minister under Sub-Section 9 of Section 34 of Local Government (San-

itary Services) Act, 1948, directing the Council to grant a Licence to Mr. Richard Bradshaw, Prospect, Greystones, for the erection and/or retention of temporary dwellings on his lands. Mr. Bradshaw had appealed against the refusal of the Council to grant him a licence. The Council noted that a licence would now be issued to Mr. Bradshaw.

Item No. 7—Temporary Dwelling at Bellevue, Delgany.

The report of the Council's Architect, dated 20th October, 1953, in regard to his inspection of a Nissen hut at Bellevue, Delgany, which has been converted into a dwelling, was submitted to the Council. The property was now owned by Mr. V. Walker, Solicitor, 1, College St., Dublin, who had acquired it from Mr. Scott Hayward, by whom it had been erected. It appeared that the structure had been erected in 1947 or 1948 and had been first rated in 1950/51. The Council noted that the structure did not comply with the Council's Bye-Laws, that it was not possible to ascertain whether a damp-proof course had been provided, and that a septic tank serving the premises was sited at 44 feet from the structure and 73 ft. from a nearby Council cottage. The requirements of the Bye-Laws in this connection were that the septic tank be sited 80 ft. from any dwelling. The Council noted that it was proposed to institute proceedings against the owner for non-compliance with the Council's Building Bye-Laws.

Item No. 8—Town and Regional Planning Acts.

Having considered report of the County Engineer dated 7th Dec., 1953, in regard to an application for approval to the erection of a filling station at Dargle Road, Bray, the Council decided to defer the matter and appointed a sub-committee, comprised of Councillors C. M. Byrne, W. Lawless, P. Ledwidge and Senator McCrea, to meet the County Engineer on the site on Friday, 11th December, 1953, at 3 p.m., to re-examine the proposal.

Erection of Garage at Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue—Councillor Senator McCrea referred to a complaint he had received from Mr. Michl. O'Gorman, that he had been hindered in the erection of a garage at Kilmurray by lack of replies from the Council. The County Manager submitted full particulars in the matter and pointed out that Mr. O'Gorman had failed to submit details of alterations to the plans for the structure which had been approved by the Council. The Council agreed that Mr. O'Gorman be asked to attend at the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th December, 1953, at 2.45 p.m., to discuss the matter with members of the Council, Co. Manager and Co. Engineer.

Item No. 9—Application for Permission for Demolition or Conversion of Glenealy Hotel.

The Council considered an application from Mr. O. David Phillips, Ballyfree House, Glenealy, for permission to demolish Glenealy Hotel or to convert it for use for agricultural purposes. The Council's Architect reported that the premises were in reasonably habitable condition and that it was not desirable that they be used for agricultural purposes. He suggested that consideration might be given to the possibility of rendering the premises more suitable as a dwelling in line with modern requirements, possibly in the demolition of the wings flanking the central block of the structure. The Council decided to defer the matter for consideration by the local Housing Committee for the area.

Item No. 10—Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The Council approved of the making of a loan to Mr. Peter Burke, Coolgarrow, Woodenbridge, for the erection of a house. The amount of the loan approved was £500, less such amount as might be given by the Council by way of Supplementary Grant.

The Council approved of the making of a supplementary grant to Mr. Burke in accordance with the terms of the Council's Scheme.

The Council approved of the making of a loan of £1,350 to Mr. John J. McMahon, Burrishoole, Greystones, in respect of the erection of a house at La Touche Place, Greystones, subject to confirmation of income and ability to repay.

The Council approved of the making of a loan to Mr. Eric H. Archer, Ard-na-ree, Greystones, in respect of the erection of a house at La Touche Estate, Greystones, to an amount of 75 per cent. of the valuation of the house, and subject to satisfactory evidence as to income.

Item No. 11—Public Lighting at Parkmore, Baltinglass.

The County Secretary stated that representations had been made by members of the Council and by the Medical Officer of Health at Baltinglass that additional public lighting should be installed on the roads serving housing scheme at Parkmore. The E.S.B. had submitted a quotation for the provision of 4 public lamps, one on each of the accommodation roads, at a total inclusive cost of £201 10s. It was pointed out that the cost seemed to be excessive. The Council agreed that the E.S.B. be asked to reconsider their price for the provision of these public lamps. The Council approved of the erection of 3 poles at Rathdangan for petrol lighting. In reply to enquiries from members, the County Secretary explained the position in regard to lighting at Dunlavin. The tenants were not prepared to pay the charge of 9d. per week to cover the cost of wiring and extension of the supply.

Item No. 12—Repairs to Fences of Allotments at Croneyhorn, Carnew.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Thomas Willoughby, landowner, had complained of the condition of the fences between his land and the Council allotments at Croneyhorn, Carnew. It appeared that the land had been acquired from Mr. Willoughby several years ago and that the Council erected a fence to provide a right-of-way to Mr. Willoughby's lands. The Assistant County Engineer stated that the fences were in very bad repair, and estimated the cost of replacing them with concrete stakes and wire at £45 10s. There were 13 allotments which were let as follows: One at 12/- per annum; four at 14/- per annum; six at 13/- per annum; two at 17/3 each per annum.

It was suggested that the Council might carry out the work and by means of an increase of 50 per cent. in the existing rent, recoup the cost of £45 over a period of 10 years. If the rents were increased by 50 per cent., it would mean an increase of income to the Council of £4 10s. per annum.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the carrying out of repairs to the fences of allotments at Croneyhorn, Carnew.

Passed unanimously.

The Council was not agreeable to increasing the rents.

Item No. 13—Repairs Carried out During Month of November, 1953.

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of November, 1953.

Item No. 14—Authorisation of Repairs.

The Council authorised the carrying out of repairs in accordance with the list submitted by the County Engineer. The Council also approved of repairs being carried out to the access road to cottages at Kilmacullagh, Newtown, at an estimated cost of £11 10s. in accordance with the recommendation of Assistant County Engineer dated 4th December, 1953.

The Co. Secretary stated that the expenditure on Cottage Repairs to 30th November, 1953, was £10,746 1s. 10d. The estimate for the year had been £10,000.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure of £5,000 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of cottage repairs during the year to 31st March, 1954.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Everett referred to complaint received from tenant of cottage at The Stump, Rathdrum, in regard to a range in his cottage which he had been asked to return to the Council. It was decided that a report on the matter be submitted to the next meeting of the local Housing Committee.

Balinglass Hospital.—In reply to Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Manager explained the position in regard to the employment of a boilerman at Balinglass Hospital and the retirement of Mr. Fox.

Shillelagh-Woodenbridge Railway.

The County Secretary stated that a further meeting had been held with representatives of C.I.E. in connection with the proposed abandonment of the Shillelagh-Woodenbridge Railway Line. C.I.E. required a decision from the Council immediately in regard to the lands at Shillelagh, for which they had already received an offer for purchase. Having considered the report of the County Engineer in regard to these lands and buildings and the valuation placed thereon by the County Engineer, and in view of the fact that it was understood that an industry would be started in Shillelagh, the Council agreed that the property at Shillelagh would not be acquired by the Council.

(WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL).

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th December, 1953, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended: Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman; Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, P. Brennan, J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, Thomas 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, J. Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. J. Brennan.

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

BUSINESS.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 10th August, 1953, 5th and 12th October, 1953.
2. Overdraft Accommodation: Capital Account and General Account.
3. To fill vacancy on Naas No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee consequent on the resignation of Councillor P. P. O'Reilly.
4. To fill vacancies on Rathdrum Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee consequent on the resignation of Very Rev. Fr. Gleeson, P.P., and Rev. Fr. Doyle, C.C.
5. To adopt University Scholarship Scheme for the year 1954.
6. To consider arrangements for the appointment of Rate Collector of No. 6 District, consequent on the death of Mrs. M. Healy.
7. To declare the road at Parkmore, near Clonegal, to be a public road in pursuance of the Local Government Act, 1953.
8. Road Grants—Letter dated 4th December, 1953, from the Department of Local Government in regard to increase in grants for Road Works for the year 1953/54.
9. Road Workers' Wages—Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy for an increase of 10s. per week in wages of road workers.

10. To authorise the affixing of the seal of the Council to Mortgage from the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, in the sum of £1,720 for the purchase of two lorries.
11. Proposed abandonment of Woodenbridge-Shillelagh Branch Railway Line—Report of meeting with representatives of C.I.E.
12. Housing Scheme at Kilgarron, Enniskerry—Letter from landowner re acquisition of land and boundary wall.
13. Water Supply at Donard—Report of Council's Engineer in accordance with Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor A. Toomey.
14. Sanitary Convenience at Kilcoole—Report of Co. Engineer in regard to alternative site and letter from Council's Solicitor.
15. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea re extension of sewerage system at Carnew.
16. Carnew Water Supply—Application of Colonel Bunbury for water connection.
17. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Brennan for provision of a pump to serve cottages at Tombrean, Carnew.
18. Maternity Cash Grants—Letter dated 6th November, 1953, from the Department of Health, re bringing into operation on 1st Jan., 1954, of Section 23 of the Health Act, 1953, which provides for payment of maternity cash grants to women of the lower income group.
19. Provision of new dispensaries at Rathdrum and Auhgrim—Report of County Engineer on plans and estimated cost.
20. Contracts for provisions for institutions—To consider periods for such contracts.
21. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., re salaries and allowances of Home Assistance Officers.
22. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. O'Neill re remuneration of Rent Collectors following the purchase of cottages under Cottage Purchase Scheme.
23. Letter from Avoca Branch, Irish Labour Party, re representation of Avoca District on Local Authorities, and suggesting the alteration of County Electoral Areas.
24. Report of meeting of County Wicklow National Monuments Advisory Committee held on 30th November, 1953.
25. Letter dated 20th November, 1953, from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs in regard to application for public telephone at Blacklion, Greystones.
26. Minutes of Annual Meeting of County Councils' General Council held on 6th August, 1953.
27. Resolutions from the Corporation of Limerick and Carlow County Council in regard to purchase of timber from Russia.
28. Inquiries arising out of County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 10th August, 1953, and 5th October and 12th October, 1953.

Passed unanimously.

Acknowledgments of Resolutions of Sympathy.

The County Secretary stated that acknowledgments of the Council's resolutions of sympathy had been received from Mr. V. King, Deputy Michael O'Higgins and Mrs. C. Callanan.

On the proposal of Councillor W. Lawless, seconded by Councillor E. Byrne, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with the relatives of the late Mr. John Gregory, Kilcoole.

Deputation from the Federation of Rural Workers.

The Council agreed to receive a deputation from the Federation of Rural Workers in connection with the question of road workers' wages. The deputation consisted of Mr. George Pollock, President, Mr. Ross Connolly, and Mr. Murphy. The members of the deputation

addressed the Council in regard to the application made by the Federation for an increase in the wages of road workers, and gave particulars of the wages at present paid in other counties. The members of the deputation contended that the rates of wages paid in Co. Wicklow had not kept pace with those in adjoining counties.

The Chairman informed the deputation that the Council would give due consideration to their representations when considering the notice of motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy for an increase in the rate of road workers' wages later that day.

The members of the deputation thanked the Council for their reception.

Item No. 2—Overdraft Accommodation.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum for the quarter ending 31st March, 1954, shall not exceed £150,000.

Passed unanimously.

Capital Account.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's Capital Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum for the quarter ending 31st March, 1954, shall not exceed £32,500.

Passed unanimously.

On the proposal of Councillor P. N. Murdoch, seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, the Council passed a resolution directing the attention of the Department of Local Government to the necessity for more prompt recoupment of expenditure on works financed from Road Grants, in view of the substantial amounts being incurred by the Council on overdraft interest.

Item No. 3—Naas No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillor Thomas O'Reilly, Ballyknockan, as a member of the Naas No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. P. P. O'Reilly.

Passed unanimously.

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

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Very Rev. Father Lillis, P.P., Aughrim, and Rev. Father Begg, C.C., Rathdrum, as members of the Rathdrum Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of Very Rev. Fr. Gleeson, P.P., and Rev. Fr. Doyle, C.C.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—University Scholarship Scheme.

The County Secretary submitted a Scheme for University Scholarships for the year 1954, for the approval of the Council. The Scheme had been approved by University College, Dublin, and by Dublin University, and was in similar terms to that approved by the Council in the present year.

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;

Seconded by Councillor F. N. Murdoch;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the University Scholarship Scheme for the year 1954, as submitted to this meeting.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Arrangements for Appointment of Rate Collector, No. 6 Collection District.

The County Secretary stated that Mrs. Mary Healy, Rate Collector for No. 6 District, had died on the 26th November, 1953. It was necessary for the Council to make arrangements for the filling of the post. Inquiries had been received from a number of persons seeking appointment to the position. Applications had been received from Mr. Matthew Keenan, Rate Collector for No. 3 District, and from Mr. E. O'Byrne, Rent Collector, for appointment as Rate Collector for No. 6 District, on promotion.

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

That we hereby determine that the post of Rate Collector for No. 6 District be filled by promotion.

Proposed by Councillor F. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe;

That we hereby direct that applications be invited by public advertisement for the position of Rate Collector for No. 6 District.

A vote having been called for as to whether the vacancy would be filled by promotion, or following a public advertisement, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

FOR FILLING OF VACANCY BY PROMOTION: Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, W. Hammond, J. O'Neill, A. Toomey, E. Byrne, W. Lawless, P. Murdoch, M. Brennan, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Jacob, C. W. Hudson, Miss E. F. Bobbett and H. J. Byrne—(13).

FOR FILLING OF POST BY PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT: Councillors P. Brennan, W. Cleary, Thos. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, P. Ledwidge, and C. M. Byrne—(7).

The motion in the name of Councillor M. Brennan, for the filling of the post by promotion, was declared passed by thirteen votes in favour to seven votes against, and the Council agreed to make the appointment at the next meeting of the Council to be held in January, 1954.

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we approve of the discharge of the duties of Rate Collector in No. 6 District by Mr. Matthew Kennan, Collector for No. 3 District, pending the permanent filling of the post, or until 31st March, 1954, whichever period is the shorter.

Passed.

Item No. 7—Declaration of Road to be Public Road.

The County Secretary stated that the necessary public notice had been given in regard to the proposal of the Council to take over and maintain as a public road Parkmore Lane.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1953, we hereby determine to take over and maintain as a public road the road described as follows: Road in the townlands of Parkmore and Kennystown, near Carnew, from County Road No. 389 to Wexford Boundary, to connect with Wexford County Road No. 1034, and in length 302 perches.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Road Grants.

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

RGM/201/53/54.

Custom House,
Dublin,
4 Nollaig, 1953.

Increased Grants for Road Work.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to inform you that further Road Fund grants will be made to County Councils for 1953/54: Details of the extra grants will be notified later when the position in the several areas has been fully reviewed. The grants are intended primarily for the continuation and extension of the county road improvement programme, but a portion of the allocation may be devoted to the continuation of main road improvement works which would otherwise terminate before the end of the financial year, for want of money, or which are being conducted at a slow rate for a similar reason.

The County Engineer should be asked to report in regard to county road improvement works being undertaken as part of the county road improvement plan and terminated or likely to terminate for lack of money, indicating the amount necessary to enable the works to be continued to the end of the financial year. The report should also indicate the amount which would be expended on other county road improvement works (in accordance with the county road improvement plan) for the remainder of the financial year. Such works could include the preparation of county roads for rolling next year by the clearing of margins and the laying of material there, the preparation of materials for specific works, etc.

A report should also be submitted in regard to any works which could be carried out during the remainder of the financial year on the provision of footpaths urgently required in towns and for road safety purposes at the approaches to towns and villages and the amount of expenditure proposed thereon.

In the preparation of his report, the County Engineer should bear in mind the following considerations:—

(a) In order to produce a workable scheme the Department has to rely on the estimates prepared by the county engineers, who should, therefore, avoid exaggerated estimates and take full account of the limitations imposed by plant, the demands of other services, etc.

(b) The labour position should also be adverted to. Labour shortage may rule out an otherwise desirable scheme. On the other hand, the expansion in road works made possible by the extra grants should enable councils, while continuing to aim at an efficient and orderly scheme or road improvement, to give special consideration to those areas where unemployment may exist. References may be made to the local offices of the Department of Social Welfare for information on this aspect, if necessary.

To save time the County Engineer's report (which might be summarised in the attached form) should be forwarded to the Department direct as soon as it is available, and by 14th instant at the latest. Pending the receipt and examination of these reports there will be no objection to work of the nature referred to above being undertaken on county road schemes. Separate records should be kept of the expenditure to be financed out of the extra grants. Proposals for main road improvement work should be submitted for the Minister's prior sanction, with specific information in each case as to whether any realignment is involved.

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

Mise, le meas,

To: Each Co. Secretary.

R. O MURCHU.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

11th December, 1953.

Re: Increased Road Grants: Circular Letter from the Department. Ref. RGM/201/53/54—4/12/53.

In accordance with the request of the Minister, as set out in above letter, I have compiled a list of Road Works in each of the four Road districts of the County and details and a summary of same are submitted herewith for sending to the Department which requires the statement by the 14th instant at latest.

The list of proposed works has been prepared in accordance with the Circular primarily for the continuation and extension of the County Road Improvement Programme, and a portion is devoted to the Main Road Improvement works in addition.

The amount of work which can be carried out during the remainder of the year, i.e., up to 31st March, 1954, is limited by the amount of quarry and steamrolling equipment which we have in the County, and it is obvious if such a programme is to be put into operation immediately, certain items of plant must be procured forthwith. These items which I have decided upon after careful consideration are:—

- 2 Diesel 10-12 ton road rollers;
- 2 ½ cu. yd. capacity Chaseside Shovel Loaders;
- 1 Compressor—Rock Drill; 210-250 cu. ft. capacity;
- 1 Additional large size Crusher, 30" x 16", capacity output about 25 cubic yards per hour.
- 1 Set Vibrating Screens.
- 6 Elevator Conveyors complete.

It is quite likely that there will be increased grants from year to year and, therefore, this equipment is absolutely necessary. I understand that all other County Councils are at the moment placing orders for priority delivery and County Wicklow should not be behind-hand in this matter.

The position regarding the other quarry equipment, which is on order for Tomacork and Newtown Quarries, is that the plant has not yet come to hand, but in any event, the quarry in Tomacork is not quite prepared to set up the large crushing plant. Newtown Quarry, Donard, is being cleared and widened as far as possible and instructions have been issued to the Assistant Engineer to erect a front concrete retaining wall so as to set up the plant at the earliest possible moment. At the same time, these quarry set-ups will take time to get into full swing of working, and it would be a pity to lose the opportunity of applying for and accepting all the grants which may be available from Government sources.

The estimated cost of the available work in each area as set out in the summary amounts to £53,820. It is not at all definite whether these amounts of money will be forthcoming, but if it should be made available immediately, it can be expended within the time, provided that reasonably satisfactory weather is experienced and provided I am given full authority to go ahead and get the necessary plant. The estimated cost of the plant is £14,000, approximately.

In addition to the above, I understand that Wicklow Co. Council will receive substantial amounts to be expended in the Glendalough-Laragh-Sallygap area.

The question of the transport of materials must also be considered, as approximately £7,000 has already been spent within the financial year on the hire of lorries other than Co. Council vehicles.

I suggest that the County Council should consider purchasing four additional lorries, as it will be seen from the amount already spent on hired lorries, that these are required. The recent purchases were to replace existing lorries which were no longer economical to run.

I would like to point out also that the ownership of plant and machinery by the County Council gives more employment to our own people within the county.

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

The County Secretary read details of the Co. Engineer's proposals for additional works, estimated to cost in all £53,820.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That, having considered letter dated 4th December, 1953, Ref. RGM/201/53/54, from the Department of Local Government in connection with increased grants for road works and report of County Engineer dated 11th December, 1953, we approve of the list of proposed works as submitted by the County Engineer and of the submission of such proposals for the approval of the Dept. of Local Government.

Passed unanimously.
Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That, having considered report of County Engineer dated 11th December, 1953, in relation to programme of Road Works, we approve of his recommendations for the purchase of machinery as set out hereunder:

- 2 Diesel 12-10 Ton Road Rollers;
- 2 ½ cu. yd. capacity Chaseside Shovel Loaders;
- 1 Compressor—Rock Drill; 210-250 cu. ft. capacity;
- 1 additional large size Crusher, 30" x 16"; capacity output about 25 cu. yds. per hour;
- 1 Set Vibrating Screens;
- 6 Elevator Conveyors complete;
- 4 Lorries.

We hereby authorise the raising of a loan of £14,000 from the Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of 7 years, with interest at the usual rate to defray the cost of purchase of this machinery.

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

Local Authorities (Works) Act—Additional Grants.

The following letter from the Department of Local Government Roads,
Custom House, Dublin.

RW/202/1/5. 9 Nollafg, 1953.

Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949—1953/54 Programme. A Chara.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that a further grant will be available for the execution of works under the Local Authorities (Works) Act in the current financial year. The conditions attaching to the further grant will be similar to those applicable to the grant notified on 7th October.

I am to request that a list of the works, to the extent of about £5,000, which it is desired to execute with the aid of the further grant may be furnished. In preparing this list the availability of labour should be adverted to and regard should be had to the necessity for completing works within the financial year. For this reason the list should not be too extensive and, concurrently with its submission, an assurance should be given that if approved, all the works can be completed before 31st March, 1954.

Particulars of the works should be furnished, on Form R.W.7, a specimen of which will be found attached to this Department's circular letter (Ref. RW-202/1/5) of the 31st March, 1953. While the list should be submitted to the Council in due course, a copy thereof might be furnished in advance for the information of the Department, without delay.

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

Mise, le meas,

The Secretary,
County Council. E. T. SHEEHY.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
14th December, 1953.

Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949.

With reference to the Department's letter, RW/202/1/5, of 9th December, 1953, regarding a further grant of £5,000 from this fund, I recommend that £4,680 be allocated to the completion of Wicklow Gap Road (Logstown to Hollywood Section). The balance of £320 would be required for the small bridges in the Knockananna area which are in progress under previous allocation.

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

The Council approved of the County Engineer's proposals for works to be executed with the aid of the further grant.

Item No. 10—Loan for the Purchase of Lorries.

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe:

Resolved—That, pursuant to the Letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister, dated the 20th day of October, 1953, the sum of £1,720 be borrowed from The National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the purchase of two lorries 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 4½ per cent. per annum, as in said letter of sanction provided, the said loan and interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the rates, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank, Limited.

Passed unanimously.

At this stage Councillor H. J. Byrne vacated the Chair, and, in the absence of the Vice-Chairman, it was proposed by Councillor E. Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. N. Murdoch, and resolved that Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea take the Chair.

Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.

The County Secretary stated that in accordance with the decision of the Council at the meeting held on the 7th instant, members of the Council for the northern area had met Mr. O'Gorman in connection with garage being erected by him at Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue. The members of the Committee were satisfied that the contention that he had been delayed in the building of the garage while awaiting replies from the Council was unfounded. The Committee noted that Mr. O'Gorman was not proceeding with the erection of the garage in accordance with the plans submitted, and, though requested to do so, had not submitted details of any proposed alterations in the original plans. Mr. O'Gorman had now arranged for his Architect to submit revised plans for approval.

Erection of Filling Station at Dargle Road, Bray.

The County Secretary stated that in accordance with the decision of the Council at meeting held on 7th instant, Councillor Ledwidge and Councillor Senator McCrea had met the Co. Engineer on the site of the proposed Filling Station at Dargle Road, to examine the proposal. The Committee agreed that permission might be granted for the proposal, provided that the high boundary wall at the Dargle and Bray Laundry, which obstructed the view, was lowered. The Committee realised that the position was a dangerous one for a Filling Station.

The Council noted the report of the Committee and agreed that approval be given for the use of the site for the erection of a Filling Station, provided that the boundary wall on the northern side of the plot was reduced to a height of 4 ft. The Council agreed also that the owner of the site be responsible for the maintenance of the revetment.

Item No. 9—Road Workers' Wages.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor F. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill;

That the rate of wages for all road workers be increased by 10/- per week as from 14th December, 1953, and that we authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's estimate to defray the cost of such increase in wages.

As an Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

That we refer to the County Manager the matter of a proposed increase in wages of Road Workers.

As a further Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan;

That we hereby recommend that the rates of wages of road workers be increased by 7/6 per week, with effect as from 14th December, 1953.

Councillor P. Brennan, with the consent of Councillor C. M. Byrne and the Council, withdrew his Amendment, and a vote having been called for on the Amendment in the name of Councillor P. Ledwidge, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR: Councillor P. Brennan, W. Cleary, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, P. Ledwidge and C. M. Byrne—(7).

AGAINST: Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, W. Hammond, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, T. O'Reilly, Ed. Byrne, W. Lawless, P. Murdoch, M. Brennan, J. Everett, J. Jacob, and Miss E. F. Bobbett—(12).

The Amendment was declared defeated by twelve votes against to seven 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: Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, P. Brennan, W. Cleary, J. O'Neill, T. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, P. Ledwidge, Ed. Byrne, W. Lawless, M. Brennan, J. Everett, T.D., and J. Jacob—(15).

AGAINST: Councillors W. Hammond, P. Murdoch, C. M. Byrne and Miss E. F. Bobbett—(4).

The motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy was accordingly declared passed by 15 votes in favour to four against.

Item No. 11—Woodenbridge/Shillelagh Railway Line.

The Council considered, in committee, report of the meeting of representatives of Coras Iompair Eireann with officials of the Council, held at the Town Hall, Bray, on 5th December, 1953. The Council noted the terms of the County Engineer's report of the 4th December, 1953, in regard to property of Coras Iompair Eireann which might be acquired by the Council. It was noted also that Coras Iompair Eireann preferred to negotiate with the Council on the basis of the Council's taking responsibility for the maintenance of bridges at present maintained by Coras Iompair Eireann, and that the County Engineer was preparing a detailed report in regard to the condition of these bridges.

The matter was accordingly adjourned pending completion of the special report by the County Engineer in regard to the bridges.

Item No. 12—Housing Scheme at Kilgarron, Enniskerry.

The Council considered, in committee, letter of 4th December, 1953, from the Solicitors to Lord Powerscourt in connection with the site at Kilgarron required by the Council for housing, and in which it was indicated that Lord Powerscourt would now require a price of £120 per acre in lieu of £100 per acre, and that Lord Powerscourt would not accept a wall as a boundary to the site less than 8 ft. high, with wire fencing on top.

The Council noted the report of the local Housing Committee on the matter. It was decided to indicate to the Department of Local Government that the Council was agreeable to a price of £100 per acre, and to the erection of 8ft. wall as required by Lord Powerscourt.

Item No. 13—Water Supply at Donard.

The following report of the Assistant County Engineer was submitted:—
11th December, 1953.

Re: Donard Water Supply.

The above supply consists of a Storage Tank, 3,000 gallons capacity, and cast iron supply main to the village, with a working head of approximately 50 feet.

The supply has been ample and sufficient as a domestic supply even in the driest season. The quality of the water has been reasonably good.

As the quantity is more than ample for the domestic needs at present, and there does not appear to be any reason to anticipate a larger water demand, the necessity to make additional water available does not arise.

Signed: F. J. FOLEY,
Assistant County Engineer.

The Council noted the report of the Assistant Co. Engineer, and asked that report be obtained from the County Medical Officer in regard to the water supply at Donard.

Councillor A. Toomey also asked that a report be submitted in regard to the water supply at Hollywood.

Item No. 14—Sanitary Convenience at Kilcoole.

The County Secretary stated that the advice of the Council's Solicitor had been obtained in relation to the title to the site for sanitary convenience at Kilcoole, and that the Solicitor had stated that a squatters' title was satisfactory for the person who had acquired it, but that it would be very undesirable for the Council, or any other person, to purchase such site unless the previous owner got a declaration from the Court that he had a squatter's title. Accordingly, the Council's Solicitor could not advise the Council to acquire the site unless a title was deduced to same.

The County Engineer had submitted a report on the alternative site, owned by Mr. Patrick Byrne, Kilcoole. It appeared, however, that Mr. Byrne had purchased the site originally proposed for a Sanitary Convenience and would prefer if that site were acquired from him. Mr. Byrne stated that he was trying to get the difficulty in regard to the title cleared up.

Councillor W. Lawless stated that the alternative site suggested would be altogether unsuitable, as it was not in the village.

The Council agreed to proceed with the acquisition of the original site, provided that the owner could obtain a title satisfactory to the Council's Solicitor.

Item No. 15—Proposed Extension of Sewerage System at Carnew.

The following report of the Chief Medical Officer was submitted:—
M. O'Connor, Rathdrum,
Staff Officer, Rathdrum. 1st December, 1953.

Re: Carnew Sewerage Works.

A Chara,

I have examined the outfall works at Carnew in connection with the proposal to change the position of the tanks and filter beds. I find that there are six dwelling houses situated at such a level that they cannot be served by the public sewer, and also there is a New Chapel and Technical School. Of these buildings, the New Chapel and Dr. Doyle's house have not been completed, but both could be served by septic tanks. Of the five other houses, four are served by septic tanks and one has no sanitary arrangements, but is only occupied by a single person. With the exception of the Technical School, which is served by an efficient septic tank, and the New Chapel, there are only 19 persons living in this area who would be catered for by providing a new sewer along this road. A sewer already provided at Coollattin Row is only used by one or two houses. The present position of the outfall works does not give rise to a Public Health problem, but at the same time it is an unfortunate site in that any development of the village seems to be in that area which cannot be served by the sewers.

Until further building is considered along this road, I do not consider changing the position of the outfall works necessary.

I enclose a copy of the Health Inspector's report.

Mise, le meas.

J. A. DUNLEVY,

A/Chief Medical Officer.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Engineer estimated that the cost of moving the purification plant would be £3,100. It would involve the laying of 1,000 lineal yards of 15" sewer, and the building of septic tanks, providing filters, etc.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea proposed that a new Sewerage Outfall Works be provided.

It was decided that the matter might be reviewed if there was further building in the district.

Kilcoole Water Supply.

The County Manager explained the difficulties experienced in connection with way leaves for the extension of the water main from Kilquade to Kilcoole.

Councillor W. Lawless suggested that Mr. Young should be entitled to a similar rate of compensation as that paid to the other landowner.

Meetings of Public Assistance Committees.
It was decided that the meeting of the local Assistance Committee for Wicklow Area be held on Friday, 18th instant, instead of on Thursday, as previously arranged.

The meeting of the local Assistance Committee for the Shillelagh Area was arranged for Tuesday, 22nd December, 1953.

The Council adjourned the remaining items on the Agenda to a meeting to be held on Monday, 21st December, 1953, at 2 p.m.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 21st December, 1953, at 11 a.m.

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

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

BUSINESS:

16. Carnew Water Supply—Application of Col. Bunbury for water connection.
17. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Brennan for provision of a pump to serve cottages at Tembren, Carnew.
18. Maternity Cash Grants—Letter dated 6th November, 1953, from the Department of Health, re bringing into operation on 1st January, 1954, of Section 23 of the Health Act, 1953, which provides for payment of maternity cash grants to women of the lower income group.
19. Provision of new dispensaries at Rathdrum and Aughrim—Report of County Engineer on plans and estimated cost.
20. Contracts for provisions for institutions—To consider periods for such contracts.
21. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., re salaries and allowances of Home Assistance Officers.
22. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. O'Neill re remuneration of Rent Collectors following the purchase of cottages under Cottage Purchase Scheme.
23. Letter from Avoca Branch, Irish Labour Party, re representation of Avoca District on local authorities, and suggesting the alteration of County Electoral Areas.
24. Report of Meeting of County Wicklow National Monuments Advisory Committee held on 30th November, 1953.
25. Letter dated 20th November, 1953, from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs, in regard to application for public telephone at Blacklion, Greystones.
26. Minutes of Annual Meeting of County Councils' General Council held on 6th August, 1953.
27. Resolutions from the Corporation of Limerick and Carlow County Council in regard to purchase of timber from Russia.
28. Inquiries arising out of County Manager's Orders.
 1. Letter dated 11th Dec., 1953, from Department of Local Government in regard to reduction in rate of interest on issues from Local Loans Fund as from 1st January, 1954.
 2. Report of County Manager in relation to road workers' wages.

Garage at Kilmurray.

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

11 Quinsboro' Road, Bray.

14th December, 1953.

Dear Sir,

We are instructed by Mr. Patrick O'Connor, the proprietor of Kilmacanogue Garage, Kilmacanogue, Co. Wicklow.

Mr. O'Connor has shown us the "Wicklow People" of Saturday, December 12th, in which at a meeting of the Wicklow Co. Council a number of statements were made about a "Kilmacanogue Garage," both by yourself and several other persons. We understand from our client that the garage referred to was not in Kilmacanogue at all, but was at the Glen of the Downs, near Smith's publichouse.

Unfortunately, however, the heading "Kilmacanogue Garage" to the newspaper notice, and the whole tone and words of the report thereon, created the impression that it is our client's garage which is referred to, and Mr. O'Connor fears that this will have an adverse effect upon his personal proprietary, partly as the reported statement by you was to the effect that the garage owner made radical alterations in previously approved plans for alterations to his premises.

Our client has asked us to apply to you to make every effort in your power to correct the erroneous impression created by the newspaper report. Perhaps you would be good enough to do so at the very earliest opportunity as this matter is undoubtedly a serious one for our client.

The Co. Manager,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Yours faithfully,

JAMES J. MAGEE & Co.

The Council agreed that the reference at the previous meeting of the Council to a garage at Kilmacanogue referred to the garage of Mr. M. O'Gorman known as the Glen Garage, and more properly described as being sited at Kilmurray. The Council noted that the matter had been made clear in a recent issue of "The Wicklow People."

Item No. 16—Carnew Water Supply.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Col. Bunbury for a connection from the Carnew Water Supply to his farmyard for the watering of live stock. The Assistant County Engineer had reported that in his opinion the supply was only barely adequate for the domestic needs of Carnew in a dry period, and he feared that if connections were given for the supply of water for livestock, the Council would receive other such applications.

Following a discussion on the matter, the Council agreed that a connection be given to Col. G. T. Bunbury, but that it be pointed out that the Council might have to curtail the supply if there should be a shortage of water for domestic purposes at any time.

Item No. 17—Provision of Pump at Tombrean.

In accordance with notice of motion, Councillor P. Brennan proposed that a report be obtained from the Council's Engineer in regard to the proposal to provide a pump to serve cottages at Tombrean, Carnew.

It was decided that a report be obtained from the Council's Engineer, and submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

Item No. 18—Maternity Cash Grants.

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

An Roinn Slainte,
(Dept. of Health),
Teach an Chustaim,
(Custom House),
Baile Atha Cliath,
(Dublin).
6 Samhain, 1953.

Circular F.63/53.

Maternity Cash Grants—Section 23, Health Act, 1953.

A Chara,

1. The Minister for Health has asked me to inform you that he proposes to bring into operation on 1st January, 1954, Section 23 of the Health Act, 1953, which provides for the payment of maternity cash grants to women in the lower income group.

2. The Section provides for the payment by the appropriate health authority of a cash grant at the rate of £4 in respect of each confinement to women who are entitled to the services to be made available under Section 14 of the Act, viz., "persons who are unable to provide by their own industry or other lawful means the medical, surgical, ophthalmic, dental or aural treatment, or medicines, or

medical, surgical or dental appliances necessary for themselves or their dependants." The payment in each case should be made by the health authority in whose functional area the woman normally resides or, in the case of a woman with no permanent place of abode, by the health authority in whose area the confinement takes place. The definition of "confinement" in section 23 (2) of the Act should be noted. In accordance with section (23) 1 (b), a grant will not be payable where the woman will be maintained in a county home or similar institution after the confinement. A draft of regulations which the Minister intends to make, prescribing the conditions for the payment of these grants, is attached.

3. Payments by health authorities under Section 23 of the Act will rank for recoupment from the Health Services Grant.

4. If it is desired to make any comments on these proposals, they should be sent to the Department by 8th December next at the latest.

5. Copies of the Order bringing Section 23 of the Act into operation and of the regulations as finally executed will be sent to you in due course.

6. A copy of the Health Act, 1953, is enclosed herewith.

Mise, le meas,

P. O. CINNEIDE.

To/
Each Health Authority.

Copy to the Chief Medical Officer.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we note Circular F.63/53 of 6th November, 1953, from the Department of Health in regard to the bringing into operation on the 1st January, 1954, of Section 23 of the Health Act, 1953, providing for the payment of Maternity Cash Grants to women in the lower income group and authorise expenditure of £250 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of such grants.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 18—Dispensaries at Rathdrum and Aughtim.

Copies of the plans for the proposed new dispensaries at Rathdrum and Aughtim, prepared by the County Engineer, were submitted. The County Secretary stated that the cost of erection of each dispensary was estimated at £1,500. A Grant of £600 was available from the State, and the balance of the cost would have to be met by borrowing. The County Engineer recommended that tenders be invited for the erection of the dispensaries.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we approve of the invitation of tenders for the erection of Dispensaries at Rathdrum and Aughtim.

Passed unanimously.

The Council directed that an estimate of the cost of furniture and equipment for the dispensaries should also be submitted.

In relation to the dispensary to be provided at Baltinglass, the County Manager stated that it had been necessary to prepare a special plan for this dispensary in view of the difficult shape of the site on which it was proposed to erect it. The plans were being submitted for the approval of the Department.

Councillor P. Kehoe stated that if the site at Belan Street, Baltinglass, was not accepted as satisfactory, a site might be obtained opposite the National School, owned by Mr. Mulhall.

Item No. 20—Contracts for Provisions for County Institutions.

The County Secretary stated that at present contracts for the supply of provisions to the Council's Institutions were based on a three-months' period. The current period would expire on 31st Dec.,

1953. Representations had been received from suppliers that the period of three months was too short, and the views of the Council as to the extension of the period to six months was requested.

The Council approved of the extension of the period for contracts for the supply of provisions to six months instead of three months—to operate as from 1st April, 1954.

The Council also recommended that a period of twelve months apply in regard to contracts for milk supplies.

Item No. 21—Salaries and Allowances to Assistance Officers.

In accordance with notice of motion, Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that the salaries of Assistance Officers, and the Superintendent Assistance Officer, be revised, and stated that he understood that allowances paid in County Wicklow are less than those paid in other counties. He also asked that Assistance Officers be allowed travelling expenses on the same scale as that applied to other officers.

The County Manager explained that it was difficult to compare the rates of remuneration for Assistance Officers between one county and another, as the amount of remuneration depended on whether they were whole-time or part-time, and whether they discharged other duties as well as that of Assistance Officer. In the case of Co. Wicklow, only one Assistance Officer was whole-time. The Co. Manager pointed out that, consequent on the coming into operation of parts of the Health Act, 1953, during the coming year, certain additional duties would be imposed on Assistance Officers, and he suggested that the revision of their salaries might be deferred until the extent of these additional duties could be determined.

The Council noted that the remuneration of Assistance Officers would be reconsidered as suggested by the Co. Manager.

In regard to travelling expenses, the Co. Manager agreed that the present limit of £50 per annum for travelling expenses might be reviewed, as rates of travelling expenses for other officers had been revised during the past year. He stated that he would examine this matter.

Item No. 22—Remuneration of Rent Collectors.

In accordance with notice of motion, Councillor J. O'Neill asked that the remuneration of Rent Collectors be revised consequent on the coming into operation of the new Cottage Purchase Scheme.

The County Manager stated that the remuneration of Rent Collectors had not yet been affected as a result of the operation of the Purchase Scheme, but that the position would be kept under review.

Item No. 23—Representation of Avoca District on Local Authorities, etc.

The following letter from the Avoca Branch, Irish Labour Party, was submitted:—

Dear Mr. Brangan.

At a largely-attended meeting of the Avoca branch of the Irish Labour Party, held on Sunday, the 25th October, 1953, it was decided to call the attention of the Wicklow County Council to the long-standing grievance of the district in the matter of representation on Public Bodies. Since the abolition of the old R.D.C., when as many as five local men and ladies sat on the Board, and the subsequent re-arrangement of the County Electoral Area, it has been told that this District—which is indisputably the centre of the County Tourist District, and potentially most important from a mineral development point of view—has been in effect practically disfranchised in its public representation. Indeed were it not for the fact that the Board of Health and later County Council were composed of men of the highest integrity and honesty of purpose, the absence of local representatives would be felt more acutely.

The difficulty arises mainly from the fact that the present arrangements result in roughly three triangular divisions leaving their apex practically at the same point—the village of Avoca. It is therefore perfectly obvious that no local man, however strong, could hope to succeed in going forward as a candidate. Due to the fact that the base of each triangle contains the vast predominance of votes, namely, Arklow Rural District No. 1, Carnew and its neighbouring population, Tinahely, Shillelagh, etc., No. 11, and Wicklow and District No. 3. The number of votes becoming more and more restricted as the three districts approach Avoca.

Further, the distance from Avoca to Arklow is six miles; distance to Carnew approximately 20 miles, and distance to Wicklow 14 miles, and it is natural to assume that a local man would have little interest for votes of such a wide area.

Incidentally, it is difficult to see how the sitting representatives can be expected to give the close personal attention to matters which, though minor, may be important to the district in question. In fact, the Councillors concerned are often at a loss to know where one area ends and another commences, and vice versa.

We therefore respectfully suggest, subject, of course, to whatever modifications are thought necessary, that a separate area be created having a radius of two or three miles of Avoca Parish Church, approximately, and including the following townlands: Kilmagig Upper and Lower, Mineview; Slieveanode; Ballyarthur; Kilqueeny; Ballymoneen; Castlemacadar; Garnagowlan; Ballinacurea; Knocknamohill; Temple-lusk; Raheenavine; Knockanode; Bahana King; Bahana Whaley; Ballinaclash; Carrig; Kingston; Castlehoward; Conary Upper and Lr.; Kilmacoo; Tigrony; Knockanree Upper and Lr.; Tinahinch; Ballygahan; Ballymurtagh; Parknasshaw.

Above arrangements suggest a useful basis for the improvement of the position, and will not in any way, we believe, interfere with the present status quo.

Thanking you,

I am respectfully yours,

Signed: A. O'ROURKE.

Branch Secretary.

The Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.

The County Secretary stated that the following Electoral Divisions were in the Wicklow Electoral Area:—Castlehoward, Conary Upper, Conary Lower, Kilmacoo and Tigrony. The remaining Electoral Divisions were in the Arklow Electoral Area. There were 206 voters in the Wicklow Area, and 711 in the Arklow Electoral Area, making a total of 917.

Following a discussion on the matter, the Council agreed that it would not be possible to form an additional Electoral Area for the Avoca District. It was agreed that certain Polling Places might be revised before the next Local Elections to provide greater facilities for persons voting.

Item No. 24—National Monuments Advisory Committee.

The following report of the meeting of the Co. Wicklow National Monuments Advisory Committee, held at Bray on 30th Nov., 1953, had been circulated to the members:—

**COUNTY WICKLOW NATIONAL MONUMENTS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

A Meeting of the County Wicklow National Monuments Advisory Committee was held at the Town Hall, Bray, on Monday, 30th Nov., 1953, at 4 p.m.

The following members were present: District Justice Price, Chairman; Councillors C. M. Byrne and H. J. Byrne and Mr. P. J. Noonan. The County Manager and County Secretary attended. Messrs. J. H. Harbison, A.M.I.C.E., and P. J. Hartnett, M.A., representing An Bórd Fáilte, were also present.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee passed a resolution expressing regret at hearing of the illness of D. M. O Dubhghaill, Uas., and expressing the hopes of the members for his speedy recovery.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 3rd September, 1953, at Glendalough, were read, confirmed and signed, the name "Castletimon" having been inserted in place of the name "Dunganstown" in the reference to the Ogham Stone on Page 2 of the Minutes.

Glendalough.—The reference in the Minutes to the improvement of the main entrance to the old Burial Ground by the provision of concrete steps and handrail to replace the existing steep ramp of rough stones, was queried, and it was agreed that the Council's Engineer be asked whether stone could be used instead of concrete, and whether this would involve an increase in cost. It was agreed that a meeting be arranged between officers of the Council and the local Burial Ground Committee in regard to the possibility of removing headstones in the interior of the Church ruins, particularly the Cathedral, with a view to securing unimpeded access.

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The Round Mount.—The Committee noted that Wicklow Urban District Council at their next meeting would consider the proposal to acquire a small portion of land at The Round Mount from Mr. Reeves for the purpose of providing public access. The Chairman pointed out that the provision of steps on The Round Mount and the digging over of the top of the Mount for the sowing of grass might cause damage to The Mount. It was agreed that the top of The Mount be cleared by cutting weeds and brambles and by the use of weed-killer in order to avoid digging. It was agreed also that the question of the need for steps would be deferred until it was seen whether there was a necessity for such steps. The Committee noted that an estimate of the cost of providing the fencing, etc., was being prepared by the Council's Engineer.

Abbey Grounds.—The Committee noted the views of Very Rev. M. Blake, P.P., in regard to access to The Abbey Grounds and agreed with his proposals. The Committee recommended that the notice in relation to the Abbey be fixed inside the Building on the Wall.

Black Castle.—The Committee agreed that a plaque be erected on an angle iron on the site. The Committee noted that there was public access to the site and decided to await the proposals of the Wicklow Development Association for the development of the area.

Archway at Protestant Church.—The Committee approved of the proposal for the erection of a plaque in the porch of the Church.

Ogham Stone.—The Committee noted that public access was available in this case.

Rathnew Church.—It was decided to ask the Council's Engineer to submit a further report in regard to the cemetery and to give an estimate of the cost of cleaning the site and repairing the fence. The Committee also asked that it be verified if the cemetery was vested in the Council.

Form of Notices to be Erected.—The Chairman stated he had had discussions with representatives of An Bórd Fáilte in regard to the form of notice to be used and submitted a sample in respect of the Round Mount at Wicklow. Mr. Hartnett stated that the material to be used for the plaques would be laminated plastic and that the lettering would be white on black. It will be necessary for the notice to

be in a solid frame. Three sizes would be available, i.e. 20" x 16"; 20" x 15"; 15" x 10". A discussion followed in regard to the lay-out of the notices and the extent of the inscriptions. The form of notice proposed by the representatives of An Bórd Fáilte was designed so as to give an equal spacing for the Irish and English version of the inscription. The members of the Committee were unanimous in favouring the lay-out prepared by District Justice Price, and the representatives of An Bórd Fáilte stated that they would submit the Committee's recommendations in this matter to the Board. The Committee noted that clo romhanach would be used for the Irish script. Mr. Hartnett urged that the inscriptions be limited in length and recommended that they should not exceed 50 words. It was decided that District Justice Price and Mr. Noonan would re-examine the notice proposed for the Round Mount, with a view to ascertaining if the wording could be reduced. District Justice Price stated that he could obtain Irish translations of the notices from the Folklore Commission and it was agreed that this be done and translations then forwarded to An Bórd Fáilte.

ANCIENT MONUMENTS NEAR BRAY.

Councillor H. J. Byrne submitted the following report in regard to ancient monuments in or near Bray:—

Raithin a Chluig.—A very old church on the north-eastern slopes of Bray Head. It is very neglected and overgrown with briars and weeds. It is easily accessible. This church is said to be as old as St. Patrick's time.

Castle at Oldcourt.—There are the ruins of an old castle at Oldcourt, near the township of Bray. It is situated on the grounds of Oldcourt House, now occupied by a Mr. Addison.

Kilcrouney.—There are the remains of an old church at Kilcrouney, near Bray. There is very little in the way of worked stone in the ruins which consist of masonry walls. It is in bad shape and overgrown with briars and weeds.

Fassaroe.—There is an ancient stone cross with holy water font. It is very accessible, being at the side of the road.

Rathmichael.—There are the ruins of what appears to have been a monastery at Rathmichael, near Bray. It is situated in the old cemetery (running from the village of Old Connaught and Rathmichael) up to the old cemetery and monastery, above referred to. There is also an old cross by the side of this old paved road. The road itself is very tery and is overgrown with briars and weeds. It is easily accessible. There is the remains of a paved road which runs from the top road overgrown and almost impassable.

It was agreed that the Committee would have no function in relation to Rathmichael, which was in Co. Dublin. The Chairman said he would draft notices for the other monuments.

The Chairman referred also to the ancient monument at Killegar and the Castles at Kindlestown and Killincarrig. Councillor H. J. Byrne undertook to examine these in company with Mr. Hartnett.

The meeting then terminated.

The County Secretary stated that the Co. Engineer had suggested that the old granite quoins available at the Gaol Yard be used to provide stone steps for the Old Burial Ground at Glendalough. The County Engineer stated that the cost would be very little extra over the cost of concrete steps, and was estimated at £30.

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the report of the meeting of the County Wicklow National Monuments Advisory Committee held on 30th November, 1953.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 25—Provision of Telephone Kiosk at Blacklion.

The following letter received from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs was submitted:—

Hamnam Buildings,
Dublin.
20 Samhain, 1953.

M.1891/53.
A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 11th November, re the provision of a public telephone at Blacklion, Greystones, public telephones can be provided only where it is likely that the revenue obtained from calls would be sufficient to cover the cost of their provision and maintenance. This condition would be unlikely to be fulfilled at present in the case of a kiosk at Blacklion.

It is regretted in the circumstances that it is not possible to comply with your request.

The position will, however, be subject to periodic review in the light of building development in the area.

Mise, le meas,
M. MacDOMHNAILL.

Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.

The Council asked that further representations be made to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs in regard to the matter, and that attention be directed to the number of new buildings being erected in the district, and that it be pointed out that the provision of a telephone kiosk would prove a great convenience to the public in the area.

Item No. 26—Meetings of County Councils' General Council.

Minutes of meeting of the County Councils' General Council held on 6th August, 1953, were submitted.

Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett referred to the motion moved by her and seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrear, on behalf of Wicklow County Council in regard to the rate of interest on local loans, and directed attention to the statement on the subject made by Deputy McGilligan in Dáil Eireann subsequently.

Item No. 27—Resolutions from Corporation of Limerick and Carlow County Council re Importation of Russian Timber.

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

From Corporation of Limerick—"That we, the members of the Limerick City Council, call on all local authorities not to purchase Russian Timber or allow it to be used on houses being built for them after 1st January, 1954."

From Carlow County Council—"That Carlow Co. Council hereby condemns the Government for allowing the purchase of timber from Communist Russia, and that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to all Public Bodies."

The Council decided to mark the resolutions "Read."

Item No. 28—Interest Rate on Local Loans.

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

Department of Local Government,
Custom House,
Dublin.
11th December, 1953.

Circular H.10/53.
A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to inform you that the Minister for Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by the Local Loans Fund Act, 1935, has given a direction

under Section 12 of the Act fixing at 4½ per cent, per annum the rate of interest payable in respect of issues from the Local Loans Fund made on or after 1st January, 1954.

Mise, le meas,
J. GARVIN.

To/
Manager for each Housing Authority.

The Council noted that the rate of interest on issues from the Local Loans Fund would be reduced by ½ per cent, as from 1st Jan., 1954.

The County Secretary stated that as regards loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, the reduction in the rate of interest would represent a reduction of 7s. 10½d. in the annual repayments per £100 borrowed by applicants from the Council. With regard to monies borrowed by the Council for the erection of houses, the reduction in the rate of interest would be equivalent to a reduction of approximately 7d. per week in the net amount to be borne from rent and rates.

Road Workers' Wages.

The County Manager stated that since the last meeting of the Council, he had considered carefully the resolution passed by the Council recommending an increase of 10s. per week in the rate of wages for road workers. As County Manager, it was his responsibility, and when submitting an Order on the matter for the sanction of the Minister, it would be necessary for him to indicate the grounds on which the increase in wages was based. Normally the matters to be taken into consideration when determining a revision of remuneration were either a change in the cost-of-living index, or a general revision of remuneration of all employees. The cost-of-living index figure showed an increase of only two points since November, 1952, when the last increase had been given, and normally an alteration in the rates of wages would only be justified after the cost-of-living index figure had increased by more than five points. The Co. Manager stated that the highest amount which he could submit for sanction would be 4s. 6d. per week increase. In arriving at this figure, he had taken into account that the rate of wages paid by Kildare Co. Council exceeded the rate of wages paid by Wicklow Co. Council by 2s. 6d. per week, and that in April, 1949, when revisions had been made in the rates of wages in Kildare and Wicklow, the Wicklow rate had exceeded the Kildare rate by 2s. per week. Consequently, he proposed to submit for the sanction of the Minister an Order increasing the rate of wages of road workers in Wicklow by 4s. 6d. per week, from £4 10s. to £4 14s. 6d. per week. The Co. Manager estimated that the cost in the present year would be about £2,000, or in a full year about £2,000, or in a full year about £6,000.

Councillor P. McCarthy stated that he appreciated the County Manager's position in the matter, but that he could not accept the official cost-of-living index figure as a satisfactory basis. He agreed that the County Manager would have to take into account the rates of wages paid by other County Councils.

Inquiries Arising out of County Manager's Orders.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor J. Everett, T.D., re employment of tractor driver, the following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

Re: Newtown Quarry.

As a result of an inspection which I made of this quarry in November, 1953, I considered that it was desirable to cease delivery of stone from the quarry face to the small granulator, and to concentrate on cleaning down the quarry and raising into stock all the loose boulders and rock which had already been blasted. There was indeed, in my opinion, insufficient stone available to keep the granulator working economically. I therefore arranged that the crushing would cease, and I told the owner of the tractor that it was being stopped. The

larger crusher has now again been started, but we are using one of our own tractors to drive the machine.

Signed: J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that a copy of the report be sent to him.

Glendalough Burial Ground.

In reply to Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Engineer stated that the work on the extension of the Burial Ground at Glendalough would be put in hand about the end of January, 1954.

Silver Strand Road.

In reply to Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Engineer stated that the work on the Silver Strand Road should be completed about the end of March, 1954. A report on the progress of the work would be submitted for the next meeting, together with report in regard to the complaint by Mr. Woulahan.

Technical School.

In reply to Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the Co. Secretary stated that the report of the County Engineer in regard to the accommodation available at the Technical School premises at The Mall, and their state of repair, had not yet been received.

Kilcoole Water Supply.

Councillor W. Lawless again referred to the condition of the river from which the tenants of certain cottages at Kilcoole obtained water. The County Engineer stated that he would arrange to call on the Kilquade Sand Co., with a view to ensuring that their filters were put into proper order without delay.

Provision of Pump at Knocklow.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea stated that a pump was urgently required at Knocklow.

The Council agreed that this pump be given priority.

Dangerous Corner at Killaveney.

Councillor J. O'Neill asked that a danger sign be provided at the corner at Killaveney.

Donard Water Supply.

Councillor A. Toomey asked that a copy of the Co. Engineer's report in regard to Donard Water Supply be furnished to him.

Provision of Lift at Courthouse, Wicklow.

Councillor P. McCarthy asked that the Co. Engineer submit an estimate of the cost of providing a Lift to serve the Courthouse at Wicklow.

The following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor M. Brennan, and accepted by the Chairman:—"With your permission, I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next meeting of the Co. Council that the road known as "The New Line," at Baltinajma, Roundwood, be taken over and maintained by the Council."

The Chairman expressed his best wishes to the members of the Council for Christmas and the New Year, to which the members of the Council suitably replied.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th January, 1954, at 2 p.m.

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

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

The Chairman read a letter received from Councillor C. M. Byrne regretting that owing to a recent minor operation he would be unable to attend the meeting of the Council, and conveying his best wishes and regards to the Chairman and the members. The Secretary was instructed to convey to Councillor C. M. Byrne the best wishes of the members of the Council for his speedy recovery.

AGENDA.

1. Report of County Engineer on progress of Housing Schemes.
2. 1952 Agreed Scheme: letter from Department of Local Government conveying approval to acquisition of certain sites.
3. Housing Scheme at Kindlestown: Recommendation of local Housing Committee for naming scheme.
4. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
5. Application for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
6. To authorise raising of further loan for purpose of making advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
7. Report on applications for provision of pig-stys to cottages.
8. Repairs carried out during month of December, 1953.
9. Authorisation of repairs.

Item No. 1—Report of Co. Engineer on Progress of Housing Schemes.

The report of the County Engineer on the progress of the housing schemes during the month of December, 1953, had been circulated to the members.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of the Housing Schemes during the month of December, 1953.

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

Range in Cottage at Rathdrum.—Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to a discussion at the previous meeting in regard to a range in a cottage at Rathdrum, which it was stated had been stolen, and asked that the Council hear the tenant of the cottage. The tenant was interviewed by the members and stated that the range was in his possession for four years, and that he had obtained it from a Mr. O'Connor, tenant of a cottage at Newcastle. The Council noted that there was no suggestion that the tenant of the cottage at Rathdrum had stolen the range. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that the tenant be allowed to instal the range. The County Manager pointed out that since a range had not been provided in this cottage originally, the tenant should contribute towards the cost of the range. The Council decided to defer the matter for further investigation and for an inspection of the range by the Council's Engineer.

Item No. 2—1952 Agreed Scheme.

The County Secretary gave details of letter of 16th December, 1953, from Department of Local Government in regard to the acquisition of sites for the erection of cottages, together with particulars of the reports of the Council's Architect, in regard to points raised in the Department's letter. The Department's letter of the 7th January, 1954, in regard to sites at Dunganstown West and Three Mile Water was also submitted. The Council directed that a list of the sites approved to date be prepared and circulated to the members of the Council.

Item No. 3—Housing Scheme at Kindlestown.

The Council noted and approved of the recommendation of the Local Housing Committee that the Council's Housing Scheme at Kindlestown be named "Grattan Park."

Item No. 4—Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.

Garage at Holybrooke, Bray.—The Council considered the application of Mr. R. J. O'Driscoll, Architect, on behalf of his client, Mr. P. Farrell, for approval to amended plans for the erection of garage at Holybrooke, Bray, together with the report of Mr. Nicholas O'Dwyer, B.E., A.M.I.C.E., dated 23rd June, 1953. The Council noted that the plans had been amended by the closing of one entrance to the garage from the main road from Wicklow to Dublin via Kilcrouney. The Council recommended that permission for the work be refused.

Conversion of Garage at Larne Road, Kindlestown, into shop.—The Council recommended that permission be granted for this work, provided that the area in front of the shop and house was surfaced and made available for cars pulling in or parking at the shop, and provided that the applicant complied with the requirements of the Chief Medical Officer in regard to the Food Hygiene Regulations.

Item No. 5—Application for Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The Council approved of loans being made to applicants as follows: Mr. John McKenzie, Blacklion—80 per cent. of market value as certified by Council's Engineer; Robert J. Mooney, Greystones—£1,000; George V. Stokes, Greystones—£1,350.

Item No. 6—Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The County Secretary stated that the loan of £40,000 borrowed for the purpose of making advances to borrowers under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts had been exhausted, and that it would be necessary to authorise the borrowing of a further sum of £40,000.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of the sum of £40,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 35 years, with interest at the rate of 4½ per cent., for the purpose of making advances to borrowers under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Application for Provision of Pig-stys to Cottages.

The County Secretary stated that enquiries had been made from tenants of cottages through the Rent Collectors, in regard to the provision of pig-stys and a total of 372 applications had been received. Of this number, 268 were in built-up areas. Of the plots attached to the cottages, 292 were tilled and 80 were untilled. The cost of providing a pig-sty was estimated at £40 and, consequently, to provide pig-stys for all 372 cottages would cost £14,880. If the work were to be financed by way of loan from the Council's Treasurer, it was calculated that it would be necessary to charge a sum of 2s. 3d. per week for a period of 10 years to repay the cost of providing a pig-sty. The Council decided to defer the matter for further consideration. Councillor Lawless enquired whether the Council, instead of erecting the pig-sty, might make a grant available to the tenant to provide the pig-sty himself.

Item No. 8—Repairs Carried Out during the Month of December, 1953.

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of December, 1953, as circulated to the members.

Item No. 9—Authorisation of Repairs.

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

Tenders for Lorries.

Tenders for new lorries received in response to public advertisement, were opened in the presence of the Council. Nine tenders were received as follows:—

Name and Address of Tenderer.	Type of Lorry.	Price.
Summerfield, Ltd., Dublin	Chrysler	£1,295 0 0
R. W. Archer & Co., Dublin	Ford	£1,233 15 0
McCairns, Ltd., Dublin	Chevrolet	£950 0 0
	Bedford	£1,112 0 0
	Bedford	£1,133 0 0
Autocars, Ltd., Dublin	Ford	£962 0 0
	(Chassis only).	
Hennessy & Sons, Castledermot	Austin	£1,145 0 0
Walden Motor Co., Dublin	Ford	£1,025 5 0
	Ford Diesel	£1,361 0 0
T. Thompson & Sons, Dublin	Seddon Diesel	£1,900 0 0
Coleborn & Hopkins, Wicklow	Ford	£1,015 0 0
	Commer	£1,100 0 0
	International	£1,338 0
	Commer, 7 ton	£1,400 0 0
	Diesel Lorries:	
	Commer	£1,400 0 0
	Ford	£1,350 0 0
Cross & Sons, Cork	Commer	£1,255 0 0
	Commer Diesel	£1,560 0 0

A Meeting of Wicklow Co. Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 18th January, 1954, at 11 a.m.

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

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

BUSINESS:

- To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 2nd and 9th November, 1953.
- To consider applications to compete under Council's Scholarship Scheme for Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1954.
- Applications for increase in amount of scholarships awarded.
- Report from University College, Dublin, on results of examinations.
- Letter from Co. Council's General Council, re motion submitted by Co. Council in relation to Road Improvement Grants.
- Resolution from Killalesh Local Council re condition of road from Carlow Boundary to Fortgranite Cross.
- Acquisition of land for easement of corner at Croneyhorn.
- Road improvements near Tinnahinch; report on discussion with landowner.
- Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. Brennan for taking over of road known as "The New Line" at Baltinanima, Roundwood.
- Appointment of Rate Collector for No. 6 Collection District.
- To receive tenders for erection of Fire Station and Store at Bray.
- Report of Co. Engineer on buildings of Technical School at the Mall, Wicklow.
- Public Lighting at Avoca.
- To authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to Mortgage from the National Bank, Ltd., for loan of £662 for sanitary convenience at Roundwood.
- Castleruddery Water Supply; report of Assistant Co. Engineer.
- Water Supply at Donard; report of Acting Chief Medical Officer.
- Hollywood Water Supply; report of Acting Chief Medical Officer.
- Ballintemple Water Supply; report of Health Inspector and Engineer.

19. Letter from Department of Health dated 10th December, 1953, re use of turf in Council's institutions.
20. Letter from Department of Health dated 16th December, 1953, re commencement of portions of Health Act, 1953.
21. Resolution from Arklow U.D.C. re imprisonment of Mr. Liam Kelly, M.P.
22. Resolution from Kerry Co. Council re regaining of lost National Territory.
23. Resolution from Kilkenny Co. Council, re transfer of part of Main Road Improvement Grant to County Roads.
24. Letter from Old I.R.A. Men's Association, Cork, re display of copy of the Proclamation of Irish Republic in Council Offices.
25. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

On the proposal of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, seconded by Councillor W. Hammond, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with the relatives of the late Mr. Justice O'Byrne.

On the proposal of Councillor P. McCarthy, seconded by Councillor W. Cleary, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with Mr. R. O'Carroll and his family on the death of his mother.

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 the 2nd and 9th November, 1953.

Passed unanimously

Item No. 2—Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1954.

The Council considered, in committee, the applications received for permission to compete under the Council's Secondary and Vocational Schools Scholarship Scheme, 1954.

Proposed by Councillor P. N. Murdoch;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the applications received to compete under the Council's Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1954, with the exception of the following thirteen applications, which are rejected, and two applications which are deferred:—

Applications rejected—Thos. Byrne, Main St., Wicklow; Thomas Craine, 4 St. Michael's Tce., Arklow; Geo. R. Gill, Grove House, Redford, Greystones; John J. Kane, 21 Avondale Park, Bray; Anna M. Keane, 9 St. Brigid's Tce., Arklow; Nora C. Kennedy, 6 Beresford Tce., Arklow; Joan Leggett, 12 Fatima Tce., Bray; Patk. F. Merrigan, Killa-hurler, Arklow; Eileen McGarry, 23 O'Byrne Rd., Bray; Frederica Monaghan, 1 Bray Head Tce., Bray; Thos. M. Robinson, 25 Palermo, Bray; Clare Rogers, Beechwood, Cuala Grove, Bray; Patk. A. Woods, 5 Seapoint Villas, Bray.

Applications deferred—Patk. Murphy, 13 Rockview, Arklow; Declan Wixted, 3 South Quay, Arklow.

Passed unanimously.

The following applications were accepted:—

Patk. Halpin, Whiterock, Roundwood; John J. Kelly, Rathdrum; Christopher Magee Main St., Wicklow; Ed. McElheron, 2 South Quay, Arklow; Jas. McIntyre, 11 Ferrybank, Arklow; Ml. J. Moore, The Roundwood, Grangecon; Lce. G. O'Duffy, 3 O'Connell Tce., Arklow; Wm. J. Olohan, The Mall, Wicklow; David F. Rossney, Lynton, Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue; Mary Byrne, Tinahask Upper, Arklow; Ann Cahill, Ballyhad, Rathdrum; Mary J. Doyle, 71 Rory O'Connor Place, Arklow; Margt. Greene, 84 Rory O'Connor Place, Arklow; Mary Healy, Clara Vale, Rathdrum; Dymphna Hughes, 47 Ferrybank, Arklow; Elizabeth M. O'Brien, St. Mary's, Kilmacanogue; Eileen F. O'Donoghue, Kevin St., Tinahely; Mary Scallan, 24 Upper Main St., Arklow; Mary Jane Whelan, Carranameel, Aghrim; Ed. J. Archer, 8 Martello Tce., Bray; Patk. J.

Cullen, 39 St. Peter's Rd., Bray; Patk. Frawley, 21 Lr. Kendertown, Delgany; Bela M. A. Kos, Richmond Hse., Greystones; Patk. J. McLoughlin, 1 Seapoint Tce., Bray; Patk. K. Nelson, Moyville, Blacklion, Greystones; Christopher O'Neill, 10 Fairgreen, Greenpark Rd., Bray; Ed. P. Pluunkett, 32 Dargan St., Bray; James K. Quinn, 12 Lr. Kendles-town, Delgany; Francis S. Ward, 8 Arch Villas, Greystones; James F. Whiston, 99 Blacklion, Greystones; Anne Byrne, St. Anne's, 1 Davitt Rd., Bray; Philomena Crinnion, 26 Boghall Rd., Bray; Josephine Doyle, 52 Wolfe Tone Square North, Bray; Dorothy Farrell, 17 Wolfe Tone Square North, Bray; Kathleen Hammond, 6 St. Kevin's Tce., Bray; Anne B. Kelly, 3 Cillmantain Park, Bray; Helen Loughney, 5 Church Tce., Bray; Anne M. Lyons, 6 Auburn Villas, Bray; Maura McGarry, Eastwood, Duncairn Tce., Bray; Eileen McNulty, Seaview, Rathdown Rd., Greystones; Jean M. Moran, 97 Blacklion, Greystones; Mary E. Morrissey, Redford, Greystones; Sheila M. Mulcahy, Eden Cottage, Eden Road, Greystones; Cora Mullaly, 47 Palermo, Bray; Mary O'Dea, 30 Vevay Rd., Bray; Florence M. O'Sullivan, "Hillsdene," Vevay Road, Bray.

Item No. 3—Applications for increase in amount of Secondary Schools Scholarships.

The following letters from Mr. Edward Sheehy, Stylebawn, Enniskerry, and Mr. J. Halpin, Whiterock, Roundwood, applying for increase in the amount of Scholarships awarded to their children, were submitted: Stylebawn, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow.

Dear Mr. Brangan,

5th January, 1954.

You wrote to me some time ago with regard to my daughter's (Jeanne Iseult Sheehy) scholarship, stating that under the regulations she was not entitled to more than £25 per annum as she had not, prior to her sitting for her examination, attended school in a rural area. I beg to suggest that, in view of the facts outlined below, the Council should be prepared to amend such ruling.

My daughter began her schooling at Scoil Mhuire, Marlborough St., Dublin, where the teaching was wholly through Irish. At that time she was able to stay with her grandmother during the week, coming home only during week-ends. When her grandmother died, rather than change her medium of education she travelled daily from Enniskerry to Dublin, there being no school in the neighbourhood, nor in County Wicklow, where she could have continued her education through Irish. For the same reasons she was sent to the Irish School at the Dominican College, Eccles St. She entered as a boarder, because we considered the secondary curriculum too onerous to allow her to travel daily; and also because, unaware of your limiting regulations, we assumed that the scholarship would go a good way towards defraying her expenses.

If the Wicklow Co. Council insists on adhering rigidly to the existing ruling in the matter, I think it is not unfair to suggest that my daughter is being penalised for having begun and continuing her education through Irish, since such education is not obtainable within reasonable distance of Enniskerry and since, on a scholarship of £25 per annum we cannot afford the expense of keeping her at Eccles St. as a boarder.

Trusting that you will be kind enough to bring the above considerations to the attention of your Council,

I am, Yours faithfully,

Signed—Edward Sheehy.

K. J. Brangan, Esq., Secretary,

Wicklow Co. Council,

The Courthouse, Wicklow.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

My son, Vincent Halpin, was awarded an Urban Scholarship under the Council's Scheme of Scholarships in 1953. He has to cycle over 20 miles every day to attend school in Wicklow. This is likely to prove too much of a strain on his health. I would be grateful if the Council

Whiterock, Roundwood,

2nd January, 1954.

would sanction an increase in the Scholarship to enable me to have him conveyed to and from school by bus or car.

Hoping the Council can give my request a favourable consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Signed—John Halpin.

Members of the Council took exception to the suggestion in Mr. Sheehy's letter that his daughter was being penalised for having begun and continued her education through Irish, and asked that he withdraw such suggestion.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett;

Resolved—That, subject to the sanction of the Minister, we approve of an increase in the value of the Scholarships awarded to Vincent Halpin and Jeanne Iseult Sheehy by £25 per annum, to meet the cost of travelling to school.

Passed unanimously.

... **Item No. 4—University Scholarship Scheme.**

The County Secretary submitted report from the Registrar, University College, Dublin, indicating that Mr. Michael J. Kavanagh had obtained the M.A. Degree in Economics with First Class Honours, and that Mr. Andrew A. Mescal had postponed his Thesis for a year.

The Council noted the report, and directed that the congratulations of the Council be conveyed to Mr. Kavanagh on his success.

Item No. 5—Road Improvement Grants.

The Council noted the following letter received from the County Councils' General Council:—

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

1 and 2 Cavendish Row,
Dublin,
17 Nollaig, 1953.

A Chara,

At the meeting of the General Council of County Councils held in Dublin on Thursday the 10th instant, the following motion from your Council was, after considerable discussion and failure to find an acceptable amendment, withdrawn:—

"That we do not approve of the type of works being carried out under the Main Road Improvement Grants, and that in future the monies allocated out of these Grants be diverted to other more useful works including County roads."

Mise, le meas,

Enri Mac Daibheid, Runáil.

Item No. 6—Resolution from Killalesh Local Council re condition of Road from Carlow Boundary to Fortgranite Cross.

The following resolution from Killalesh Local Council re condition of road from Carlow Boundary to Fortgranite Cross, was submitted:—
Killalesh, Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow.

Gentlemen,
19th December, 1953.

We the Chairman and members of the Killalesh Local Council do hereby submit to your Council the following resolution passed at our meeting held on Friday, 18th December. The resolution being that part of the road at Killalesh be repaired by widening and rolling, the said road being one which carried a very large amount of heavy motor traffic and which leads to Churches, Schools and shops. The condition of the road is appalling and falls far short of what is expected by the ratepayers and people of the district.

We therefore request and demand that immediate attention be given to this resolution.

Signed—John Murphy, Chairman; John Tutty, Vice-Chairman;
Michael Clynoch, Secretary.

The Council's Engineer had reported as follows:—
K. J. Brangan, Esq., Blessington,
County Secretary, Co. Wicklow,
Courthouse, Wicklow. 15th January, 1954.

re: Killalesh Road.

This road is in fairly good condition as far as county roads would

go. It is one and a half miles in length and varies from about nine feet to twelve feet in width. To reconstruct this road with 4" coat of stone grouted, and carried at a width of twelve feet throughout including side filling, would amount to £4,500.

If it is intended to do this work under a Grant it will have to be made sixteen feet wide in which case the cost will be greater, and will amount to £6,500.

I suggest that an alternative, as the road is in good condition, that if it were widened to make it twelve feet wide all through and given a coat of tar macadam it would make quite a good job of it, and this could be carried out for a sum of £2,200.

Signed—P. J. Foley.

The Council decided that the question of repairs and improvements to this road be considered at the Estimates Meeting.

Item No. 7—Acquisition of land for easement of Corner at Croneyhorn.

The Co. Secretary stated that the Co. Engineer had recommended the acquisition of approximately 1½ acres of land from Mr. Jas. Doyle, Croneyhorn, Carnew, for the easement of a corner at Croneyhorn, and the amount payable was £90.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of the acquisition of 1.19 acres of land from Mr. James Doyle, Croneyhorn, Carnew, for easement of corner at Croneyhorn, for the sum of £90.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Road Improvements near Tinnahinch.

The County Secretary stated that discussions had taken place with Mr. W. T. Poole, who had recently purchased Tinnahinch House, Enniskerry, and his Architect, in regard to the acquisition of lands required for road improvements at Tinnahinch. Mr. Poole had indicated that he was agreeable to dispose of the land required by the Council, subject to the erection of a fence and planting of shrubs, and the provision of two wing walls and piers at the entrance to Tinnahinch House. Mr. Poole had sought a sum of £500 for the land, but subsequently had indicated that he was agreeable to accept the sum of £350.

The Co. Engineer in report of 7th December, 1953, referred to discussions with the landowner, who had asked that a 6 ft. high wall be provided instead of a wire and post fencing on the northern section of the entrance gate, since the wire fencing would not protect his farmyard against flooding by surface water from the road. Mr. Poole had also asked for the erection of a 3 ft. wall on the south side of the entrance gate, but the Co. Engineer did not agree that this was necessary. The Co. Engineer reported that the cost of providing walls instead of wire fencing would be £490. The Co. Engineer estimated that the cost of providing 6 ft. wall in lieu of wire and concrete posts on the northern side of the entrance gate, and providing concrete posts and wire fencing on the south side of the gate, would be £330. The County Engineer recommended that a wall be provided on the northern side.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor P. N. Murdoch;

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer for the acquisition of lands required for road improvements at Tinnahinch, as recommended in his report of the 7th December, 1953, at a total cost of £680 (land £350, fencing £330), subject to the approval of the Minister to the Scheme of road widening.

Passed unanimously.

LARAGH-SALLYGAP ROAD.

The Co. Manager, referring to the proposed road improvements at Tinnahinch, stated that it was intended to improve this road so as to provide an alternative route for traffic from Dublin towards Wicklow. At present the greater part of the traffic into Wicklow during the summer passed along the Dublin-Bray road, and it was hoped, by the improvement of the road via The Scalp and Enniskerry, and the im-

provement of the road through Rathfarnham to Sallygap and Laragh, to dilute the traffic by making other roads available. The Council had for some while been seeking State assistance for the improvement of the Sallygap-Laragh Road, and the Dept. of Local Government had now indicated that a Grant of £20,000 was available for expenditure in the present year on improvements to this road. That grant had been notified to the Council only in the previous week. The Co. Engineer had pointed out that sufficient plant was not available to enable this work to be carried out, and the monies expended before the 31st March, 1954, and consequently it would be necessary to have the greater part of the work carried out by contract. It was proposed to commence work at Laragh.

The County Manager referred to the Council's previous applications for special grants for the improvement of the Military Road via Sallygap, Laragh, Glenmalure and Aughavannagh. The Council hoped to obtain further grants in the coming years to complete this road.

The Co. Manager stated that the Dept. of Local Government required that the roadway be 16 ft. wide. The Co. Engineer considered that it would be preferable to have the carriageway only 12 ft. to 14 ft. wide at first, and passing-bays provided. This would enable a greater distance of the road to be restored from the monies available.

The Council agreed with the recommendation of the Co. Engineer that the carriageway be constructed to a width of from 12 ft. to 14 ft.

The Council agreed to tenders being invited for the carrying out of the greater part of the work by contract.

BRAY / GREYSTONES CLIFF WALK.

The Co. Manager referred to correspondence with An Bord Failte in regard to the Bray/Greystones Cliff Walk, and submitted letter received from An Bord Failte.

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

An Bord Failte,
13 Merrion Square, Dublin.
15th January, 1954.

Dear Sir,

CLIFF WALK FROM BRAY TO GREYSTONES.

I am to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of 11th January, 1954, with regard to the projected reconstruction of the Cliff Walk from Bray to Greystones.

The points raised in your letter have been discussed with the Board's Solicitor who has intimated that he will pursue negotiations with the parties concerned with a view to completing at an early date the preliminary settlements already made.

It is noted that in the opinion of your legal advisers, your Council may accept from landowners concerned a dedication to public use of their property, or alternatively a right of way through it, and that this can be done by a simple type of agreement whereby your Council would become mere custodians or guardians of the path and not full owners of the land involved. This procedure is acceptable to the Board and it is also agreed that the construction work be carried out by the Wicklow Co. Council as agents for An Bord Failte.

The Board's Solicitor, however, in the course of our discussion, intimated that he would be unable to advise the Board to give the indemnity referred to in your letter. It is felt that in this particular case the Board is making available to the County Council considerable financial assistance towards the provision of a worthwhile amenity in the county, and in the circumstances our Solicitor feels that the Board should not be called upon to accept any further liability.

I am to ask that you will be good enough to furnish the comments of your Council for the information of the Board, at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

M. A. Purcell, Secretary.

The Co. Manager explained that even if the Board could not agree to indemnify the Council against any claim which might be made by

users of the cliff walk from Bray to Greystones, it was very unlikely that such claim would arise. If at any time any sections of the walk were found dangerous, it could be closed to the public pending the carrying out of the necessary works.

The Council agreed that the work should be carried out by the Co. Engineer as agent for An Bord Failte, and agreed with the suggestion that the landowners be asked to dedicate the necessary land to public use.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That having considered correspondence with An Bord Failte and advice of the Council's Solicitor, we approve of the reconstruction of the Cliff Walk from Bray to Greystones being carried out by the Co. Council as Agents for An Bord Failte.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Road at Baltinanima, Roundwood.

The following report of the Assistant Co. Engineer was submitted in connection with the taking over by the Council of road at Baltinanima, Roundwood:—

15th January, 1954.

Further to the Council's proposal to take over road near Roundwood, I inspected the road and find that it connects main road 78 and County road 60. It is approximately 900 lineal yards long, average width of carriageway is 7' 1/2", average width between fences is 20' 0" and minimum width between fences is 14' 0". As such the road qualifies to be taken over by the Council.

At present the fences are overgrown along a section of the road and need to be cut—the carriageway is too narrow to allow two vehicles to pass, and the surface needs repairs.

The estimate for repairs needed, is as follows:—

Cut back bushes of fencing where overgrown	£18 0 0
Strengthen and widen existing road from 7' 6" to 12' 0"	£385 0 0
Surface entire width and length of road in tar grouting	£790 0 0
	£1,193 0 0

The road is used rather extensively by tourists travelling from Glendalough to Lough Dan.

Yours faithfully,

R. M. Fenlon,

Assist. County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the taking over by the Council as a public road, the road known as "The New Line" at Baltinanima, Roundwood, and direct that the necessary public notice be given of our intention to take over such road.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Appointment of Rate Collector No. 6 District.

The Co. Secretary stated that at the previous meeting, the Council had decided to fill the vacant post of Rent Collector No. 6 District, by promotion of an existing officer. The Co. Secretary gave details of the following four applications which had been received.

No. 1—Matthew J. Keenan, Roundwood, Rate Collector for No. 3 District;

No. 2—Edward R. O'Byrne, Cloneen, Aghrim, Rent Collector;

No. 3—Francis O'Neill, Randlestown, Stratford-on-Slaney, Rent Collector;

No. 4—Richard V. Fitzpatrick, Inchinappa, Ashford, Clerical Officer.

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

For Mr. Matthew Keenan: Councillors P. McCarthy, P. Brennan, W. Cleary, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, P. Ledwidge, P. N. Murdoch, Edward Byrne, M. Brennan, W. Lawless, C. W. Hudson, J. Jacob and H. J. Byrne—(13).

For Mr. Edward R. O'Byrne: Councillors Senator J. McCrea, W. Hammond, J. Everett, T.D., and Miss E. F. Bobbett—(5).

For Mr. Francis O'Neill: Councillor A. Toomey.

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless.

Resolved—That we hereby decide that it is expedient that the vacant office of Rate Collector for No. 6 District be filled by the appointment of Mr. Matthew Keenan, holding the office of Rate Collector No. 3 District, in the service of the Council and hereby appoint Mr. Matthew Keenan as Rate Collector for No. 6 District subject to the sanction of the Minister.

Passed.

Item No. 11—Tenders for Erection of Fire Station and Store at Bray.

Twelve tenders received in response to public advertisement for the erection of Fire Station and Store at Bray, were opened in the presence of the members of the Council.

The tenders received were as follows:—

Name and address of tenderer.	Amount of Tender.
Thomas J. Nally, Newtown Park Ave., Stillorgan	£3,045 10 0
Kelly & Co., 4 Adelaide Tce., Dun laoghaire	£3,298 15 0
John Sisk & Sons, Ltd., Pembroke Row, Dublin	£3,950 0 0
Patrick J. Mullen, Harbour Building Works, Bray	£3,675 0 0
Wm. O'Brien & Sons, Llaraber, Bray	£3,469 17 6
A. J. Jennings & Co., 3 Albert Road, Glenageary	£4,066 0 8
C. L. Downey & Sons, Sandymount, Dublin	£3,533 17 0
Michael Lyons, 23/25, Dublin Road, Bray	£3,347 0 0
W. R. Lendrum, Lenphil House, Delgany	£4,127 0 0
T. J. Cummins, 69/70, Patrick St., Dunlaoghaire	£3,315 18 2
James Murphy, 10, Casino Road, Marino, Dublin	£2,752 8 7
Eric Finucane, Bray	£3,154 0 0

The Council referred the tenders for examination by the Council's Solicitor, and recommendation by the County Engineer.

Item No. 12—Technical School, Wicklow.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

18th January, 1954.

re: Old Technical School, Wicklow.

The above premises contains the following accommodation at ground floor or street level:—

Ground Floor:

1. Classroom—19' 6" x 14' 4" approximately—off entrance hall and corridor.
2. Classroom—19' 0" x 14' 9" approximately—off entrance hall. This classroom is connected by folding doors with another classroom formerly used as a Domestic Science room.
3. Domestic Science Room—21' 0" x 19' 0".
4. Office—19' 6" x 14' 9". This room has an external entrance and internal connection with room 2 above.
5. 2 small toilets with W.C.s at basement level with external access only.

Basement:

6. Machinery Workshop—approximately 33' 0" x 24' 0". This room is of very irregular shape.
7. Classroom—36' 0" x 14' 0".
8. Entrance passageway 20' 7" approximately.
9. Male Toilet—10' 0" x 10' 0" with two W.C.s and urinals.

At basement level the premises has concrete floor and walls with open joisted ceilings approximately 10 feet. The natural lighting of the basement rooms is poor having regard to the size and shape of the rooms. The standard of finishes of the basement is not high.

At ground floor level the external walling is of framed construction approximately 6" total thickness, sheeted externally with vertical laid corrugated iron and internally with V and J sheeting. Floors are timber joisted and boarded. The ceilings are sheeted similarly to the walls. Roof framing is of timber trusses with corrugated iron roofing.

In considering the possible uses to which this premises might now be put regard must be had for the following:—

1. The building could only be considered as a temporary type building.
2. The natural lighting and general interior finishes are not good.
3. The framed type of construction with internal timber sheeting would preclude the use of the premises as a building in with the general public light gather in any number.

Among the used to which the premises might be put, the following might be considered:—

1. Museum Gallery and Exhibition Hall: The premises is inadequately lit for any of these purposes, having regard to modern standards—but is worthy of consideration.
2. Town Club for Boys, etc.: The character of the internal finishes and construction would preclude its use for this purpose, except in the basement. Should the basement be approved for a boys' Club, there would need to be certain alterations carried out which would involve expenditure and details can be submitted if desired.
3. Library (Local Branch): While the general lighting might be adequate for this purpose the overall size of the structure would be too large for this purpose unless the premises were considered as the central library of the county. Also the temporary character of the construction of the premises would not be suitable for a library.
4. Offices: I would consider that the premises would be more suited to a proposal of this nature that is to house some part of the county services (administrative)—Agricultural offices and assembly hall for small public committees.

Signed—J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter in order that the views of the Committee of Agriculture, and the Vocational Education Committee could be obtained.

Item No. 13—Public Lighting, Avoca.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Rev. G. T. Baynham, The Rectory, Avoca, for the installation of a light on the E.S.B. pole nearest the side entrance to Castlemacadam Church Yard. It was stated that the light would prove a great benefit to worshippers during the winter months, as well as lighting up a dangerous stretch of the roadway. The Council's Engineer recommended that the light be installed and suggested that an ordinary switch to control the light be set in the Vestry. The E.S.B. had quoted a sum of £12 for the provision of the light together with an additional charge of £14 10s. if a time switch were to be supplied in lieu of proposed hand-switch. The Council approved of the acceptance of the quotation of the E.S.B. in the sum of £12 for the erection of the lamp and asked that an enquiry be made if the switch could be installed in the Vestry of the Church and if the Rector would be responsible for the operation of the switch.

Item No. 14—Sanitary Convenience at Roundwood.

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor P. N. Murdoch;

Resolved—That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister dated the 19th day of November, 1953, the sum of £662 be borrowed from the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the provision of a sanitary convenience at Roundwood Village, to be repaid within ten years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances at present 4½ per cent. per annum, as in said letter of sanction provided, the said loan and interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank, Ltd.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Castleruddery Water Supply.

The County Secretary stated that in April, 1950, the Council had approved of the provision of a water supply at Castleruddery. The works which were estimated to cost £400 included the construction of a tank, provision of ram and of 150 yards of piping. At the meeting of the Council held in October last, the Assist. County Engineer indicated that tests had proved that there was insufficient water to operate a ram of reasonable size and that consequently, he recommended piping the water to the roadside at an approximate cost of £60. If the E.S.B. extended the rural electrification to the area an electric pump could be put on the supply.

Proposed by Councillor P. Kehoe;

Seconded by Councillor A. Toomey;

Resolved—That having considered report of the Assistant County Engineer we approve of his recommendation for the piping of water to the roadside at Castleruddery at approximate cost of £60; the work to be financed from loan for provision of pumps and wells.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16—Water Supply at Donard.

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

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,

County Secretary.

4th January, 1954.

re: **Water Supply at Donard.**

A Chara.

The source of this supply is a spring situated in a low-lying field. The spring is protected and the surrounding area wired off so that there does not appear to be any danger of pollution. A bacteriological analysis of a sample taken on the 18th November, 1953, showed a satisfactory result. I am satisfied that this is a safe water supply.

Mise, le meas,

J. A. DUNLEVY,

Acting Chief Medical Officer.

Councillor Toomey asked that an enquiry be addressed to the Acting Chief Medical Officer as to the point at which the sample was taken.

Item No. 17—Hollywood Water Supply.

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

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,

County Secretary.

4th January, 1954.

re: **Hollywood Water Supply.**

A Chara.

This supply is obtained from two springs situated on a hillside. The water passes through a sedimentation tank before entering the service tank. The present demands are small but I understand that there is a proposal to build a new school and consequently, there will be an increased draw off from a supply which is very unreliable during the summer period. Mr. Foley's suggestion to bring in further sources of supply should meet the requirements. The most recent analysis (13th Nov., 1953), gave a good result.

Mise, le meas,

Signed—J. A. DUNLEVY,

Acting C.M.O.

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

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,

County Secretary.

13th January, 1954.

re: **Hollywood Water Supply.**

A Chara.

I already have submitted a full report on Hollywood water supply, and an estimate was prepared for a Scheme to improve it. This was not approved of as the number of people served would be out of proportion to the cost of the Scheme.

The suggestion was then made that two springs would be examined to see the quantity of water which could be obtained from them and which, if used, might cut out the necessity for Filtration, and thereby reduce the cost of the Scheme. These springs have been examined and have given a minimum output of 10,000 gallons per day which is far more than would be required.

The present position in Hollywood is that the supply has been barely sufficient during the dry Summers but there was not at any time a shortage. With the proposed School Improvement it is probable that there will be a much greater demand on the supply.

I should mention that four of the houses in Hollywood have their own private piped supplies, and consequently, the demand in the village is not so great.

Mise, le meas,

P. J. FOLEY.

The Council directed that a revised water supply scheme be prepared for Hollywood as recommended by the Assistant Co. Engineer in his report of the 13th January, 1954.

Item No. 18—Ballintemple Water Supply.

The County Secretary stated that representations had been received from 7 persons residing in Ballintemple, Avoca, for the provision of a pump. It was stated that people in these 7 households had to carry water a long distance from a well which was subject to pollution. The Health Inspector was of the opinion that it was not necessary for the Council to provide a water supply for the area. The Council's Engineer had reported that the well appeared to be a very good one with a plentiful supply of water but was liable to pollution and that the lane approaching the well was some distance from the road and was badly kept and muddy. He stated that the applicants asked that a modern well at a more convenient place be provided and stated that the cost of the well should be under £200 and that the Council might consider granting it when other more urgent wells were provided. The Council recommended that arrangements be made to protect the well from pollution.

Item No. 19—Use of Turf in Council's Institutions.

The following circular from the Dept. of Health was submitted:—

Circular A.68/53.

Custom House, Dublin.

A Chara,

10 Nollaig, 1953.

I am directed by the Minister for Health to bring to the notice of local authorities that it is the policy of the Government to ensure to the utmost practicable extent that turf will be used in preference to any other fuel in all local authority institutions.

The Minister directs me to draw the attention of local authorities to Circular P.14/50 dated the 1st April, 1950, and to say that he is concerned to learn that in some areas in which satisfactory supplies of turf are available, non-native fuel is still being used in local authority institutions. I am accordingly to request that health, public assistance and mental hospital authorities should take all necessary steps to ensure that turf will be used in preference to any other fuel in local authority institutions unless there are compelling reasons why non-native fuel should be used in these institutions.

Mise, le meas,

P. CINNEIDE.

The Council noted that turf was used almost exclusively in all the Council's institutions with the exception of a small quantity of steam coal purchased for emergency use in the heating boiler of St. Colman's Hospital, and a small quantity of anthracite fuel used for cookers in the hospitals.

Item No. 20—Health Act, 1953.

The County Secretary stated that under the Health Act, 1953 (Date of Commencement Order, 1953), parts of the Health Act, 1953, were being brought into operation on the 1st January, 1954. The County Manager stated that it was intended to bring the Health Act into operation by stages. Maternity Cash Grants were being paid as from 1st January, 1954. It was understood that the provision of specialist

and institutional services for the Middle Income Group and the extension of the Mother and Child Service would be put into operation on the 1st April, 1954, or shortly thereafter. The Co. Manager pointed out that it would appear that an additional Assistant County Medical Officer would be required when the Scheme was put into operation.

The Co. Manager also pointed out that the ticket system would be abandoned and a Register would be kept.

The Council noted the position in the matter.

Councillor P. McCarthy referred to complaints he had received in regard to the delay in supplying spectacles. The Co. Manager stated that the matter would be investigated.

Councillor P. McCarthy also pointed out that the temporary Dispensary Medical Officer for Aughrim was not residing within the Dispensary District, and that patients had difficulty in getting in touch with her. The Co. Manager stated that the officer had been notified that it would be essential for her to reside within the District, and the matter would be taken up with her.

Item No. 21—Imprisonment of Mr. Liam Kelly, M.P.

The Council noted that the Council had already passed a resolution in similar terms to that submitted by Arklow Urban District Council in regard to the imprisonment of Mr. Liam Kelly, M.P.

Item No. 22—Resolution from Kerry County Council re Regaining the Lost National Territory.

The Council adopted the resolution received from Kerry County Council recommending the Government to take positive action to regain the lost national territory.

Item No. 23—Road Grants.

The Council adopted the resolution received from Kilkenny County Council requesting the Minister for Local Government to transfer two-thirds of the Special Main Road Improvement Grant to County Roads for at least one year.

Item No. 24—Proclamation of Irish Republic.

Having considered letter from the Old I.R.A. Men's Association, Cork, the Council agreed that a copy of the Proclamation of the Irish Republic should be displayed in the Council's Offices, but were of the opinion that a facsimile copy would be more suitable than the copy of the Proclamation submitted.

Item No. 25—County Manager's Orders.

Dangerous Building at Donard: In reply to Councillor A. Toomey, the Co. Manager pointed out that the house at Donard, formerly owned by Mrs. Wynne, was in a very dangerous condition, and would have to be demolished.

Road at Whitestown: In reply to Councillor A. Toomey, the County Secretary stated that a further letter would be addressed to the Dept. of Local Government in regard to the loan for the improvement of the road at Whitestown.

Dismissal of Carter: The Assistant County Engineer was asked to submit a report in regard to the dismissal of a carter at Barndarrig.

Housing Scheme at Kilgarron and Enniskerry Water Supply: In reply to Councillor P. Ledwidge, the Co. Manager stated that it was expected that the contract documents for the Water Supply Scheme at Enniskerry would be available within a few weeks. The Co. Manager discussed with the Council, in committee, the position in regard to the land required for the Housing Scheme at Kilgarron.

The Council agreed with the Co. Manager's proposal to arrange an interview with the Agent for the Powerscourt Estate with a view to reaching agreement in regard to the provisions of 5 ft. wall instead of 8 ft. wall as required by Lord Powerscourt.

Housing Sites: Councillor P. Ledwidge stated that houses might be provided on a portion of land at the Housing Scheme at Ballywaltrim, and also on plot of ground at Glencormac owned by the Council.

Dangerous Pond at Tinahely: The Assistant Co. Engineer was asked to submit a report in regard to the dangerous pond at Tinahely referred to by Councillor J. O'Neill.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing Matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 1st February, 1954, at 2 p.m.

The following members were present: Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman; Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, P. Brennan, James O'Neill, G. Timmins, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, P. Ledwidge, L. O'Loighleis, J. Everett, T.D.; C. W. Hudson, Joseph Jacob and Miss E. F. Bobbett.

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

AGENDA.

1. Report of County Engineer on progress of Housing Schemes during month of January, 1954.
2. 1952 Housing Scheme—report, re sites approved, as circulated to members.
3. To authorise Supplementary Loan re houses at Killincarrig and Lugduff.
4. Letter from Irish Countrywomen's Association, Blessington Guild, re use of some undeveloped sites at Blessington for flower gardens.
5. New lettings of labourers' cottages.
6. Provision of pumps and wells—to authorise raising of additional loan.
7. Water Supply at Tombrean, Carnew.
8. Application for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
9. Application under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
10. Repairs carried out during month of January, 1954.
11. Authorisation of repairs.

Item No. 1—Progress Report.

On the proposal of Councillor W. Hammond, seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, the Council approved of the attached report of the County Engineer on the progress of the housing schemes during the month of January, 1954.

HOUSING SECTION.

To: County Engineer's Office,
The Chairman and Members Courthouse, Wicklow.
of Wicklow County Council. 30th January, 1954.
Housing Progress Report—Month of January, 1954.

Gentlemen.

During the month of January, satisfactory progress was maintained on all schemes.

The total completed to date under the 1946 Scheme is 406 (including 47 by Contract).

Under the Kindlestown Scheme 20 houses have been completed; 10 cottages are now in progress.

At O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy, 16 houses are in progress. Site development for 12 houses is in progress at Kilmagig, Avoca.

The total number of men employed on Housing during Jan., 1954, was:

Kindlestown Site—Skilled, 11; Unskilled 16.

Newtownmountkennedy Site—Skilled, 14; Unskilled, 13.

Kilmagig, Avoca Site—Skilled, 1; Unskilled, 3.

Totals—Skilled, 26; Unskilled, 32.

The total expenditure to date under the scheme, £373,411 1s. 11d., made up as follows:—

Wages—£148,188 6s. 0d.

Materials—£188,424 7s. 0d.

Payments to Contractors—£36,798 8s. 11d.

The following are details of Schemes in the various Districts:—
1946 SCHEME.

Northern Area:

Cottages completed to 31st December, 1953—184.
Cottages completed during January, 1954—Nil.
Total Completed—184.
Completed under Kindlestown Scheme—20.
Completed under Killincarrig Scheme—10.
Total Completed—30.
In Progress: Kindlestown Scheme—10.
Newtown Scheme—16.
Total in Progress—26.

South-Eastern Area:

Cottages completed to 31st December, 1953—80.
Cottages completed during January, 1954—Nil.
Total completed—80.

In Progress: 1946 Scheme, Kilmagig, Avoca—12.

Southern Area:

Cottages completed to 31st December, 1953—54.
Cottages completed under separate Scheme at Lugduff—3.
In Progress—Nil.

Western Area:

Cottages completed to 31st December, 1953—88.
Cottages completed during January, 1954—Nil.
Total completed—88.
In Progress—Nil.

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

Item No. 2—1952 Housing Scheme.

The Council considered the report which had been circulated to the members in regard to the sites approved for the 1952 Housing Scheme. In regard to Site No. 1041 it was decided that further enquiries be made in regard to a water supply. For site No. 1051, it was agreed that an alternative site be sought on the land owned by the applicant. In regard to Site No. 1054, it was stated that there was a pump being erected fairly near the site and also that a water supply would be available from Mr. Pringle's yard.

Item No. 3—Housing Scheme at Lugduff and Killincarrig.

The County Secretary submitted report of the County Engineer giving particulars of the total cost of erection of 13 houses of which 10 were erected at Killincarrig and 3 at Lugduff. The total cost of £15,519 5s. 7d. and a supplementary loan of £2,400 was required. The County Engineer had indicated that there was heavy under building in regard to the houses at Killincarrig due to the nature of the sites. The County Manager stated that the cost per house could be taken as £900 for the 3 cottages at Lugduff and £1,280 for the houses at Killincarrig.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we authorise the borrowing of a sum of £2,400 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 50 years with interest at 2½ per cent. to defray the cost of completing the construction of 3 houses at Lugduff, Tinahely, and 10 houses at Killincarrig.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4.

The following letter from the Irish Countrywomen's Association, Blessington Guild, was submitted:

Dear Sir,

12th January, 1954.

re: Sites at Blessington.

An Bord Failte is offering a perpetual shield for competition among the residents of country towns and villages who develop waste sites by turning them into flower gardens at their own expense.

The members of the Blessington Guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Association are anxious to compete for the trophy and would be glad if you would consider letting them have the use of some of the undeveloped sites in the town, which are your property.

Representatives of the Irish Countrywomen's Association are available at any time to discuss the matter with your officials.

Yours faithfully,

R. BYRNE (Mrs. (Hon. Sec.))

Secretary,

Wicklow Co. Council.

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

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

Blessington,
26th January, 1954.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 14th instant, I wish to state that there appears to be no objection to the proposal of the Irish Countrywomen's Association to plant flowers. I understand on the site where the Office is situated, and also on the space in front of the Court House at Blessington. It would be a great improvement to the Village.

Yours faithfully,

Signed—P. J. FOLEY.

The Council approved of making the sites as recommended by the Assistant Co. Engineer available to the Irish Countrywomen's Association and directed that the Irish Countrywomen's Association be informed that the Council appreciated their efforts to improve the appearance of towns and villages in this manner.

Item No. 5—New Lettings of Labourers' Cottages.

Councillor Senator McCrea referred to the increases in rents which took place on transfer of tenancies to another member of the family and suggested that in such cases no alteration should be made in the rent. He handed in the following Notice of Motion which was accepted by the Chairman, for consideration at the next meeting of the Council:

"That I or someone for me will move at the next meeting of the County Council that we rescind and amend the resolution relating to differential rents on change of tenancy."

Item No. 6—Provision of Pumps and Wells.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
Courthouse, Wicklow.

January, 1954.

re: Pumps and Wells Scheme.

For your information, I set out hereunder details of progress of above scheme to date:—

Completed:

North East Area—5
South East Area—16
Southern Area—9
Western Area—17
Total—47.

Also completed under this Scheme:

Carnew (Kilcavan) Water Supply Extension.

In progress:

South Eastern Area—1 (Upper Ballinglen).

Western Area—1 (Bawnogue)

Temporarily Abandoned: 2 (Knockfin and Brockagh).

The total expenditure to date on provision of pumps and wells is £10,913 8s. 7d., made up as follows:—

Expenditure:

Wages and Materials	..	£6,113	12	6
Hire of Plant	..	£4,698	10	7
Cost of Mortgage	..	£19	16	0
Fees—Divining Water	..	£71	8	0
Printing and Advertising	..	£6	4	4
Miscellaneous	..	£3	17	2
Total	..	£10,913	8	7

Receipts:

Total Loan authorised—£9,850.				
Receipt from Wexford Co. Council				
(half cost Shirsheen pump)—£87 5s.		£9,937	5	0
Expenditure in excess	..	£976	3	7
Against this over expenditure may be set off the following items:—				
Refund of Machinery Account in respect of Boring				
Bits and Hoist (purchase ex Capital A/c)	..	£341	18	1
Net Expenditure in Excess	..	£634	5	6

Details of cost of various pumps and wells completed are attached herewith.

Whilst it is to be noted that the cost in almost each case varies, it should be understood that in some cases drilling may be through extremely hard rock, or possibly in other cases through marl; sometimes sufficient supplied of water can be obtained after very little drilling, whilst in other cases drilling may have to be abandoned temporarily in order that special equipment may be obtained. A case in point is Parkbridge (South Area).

The average cost of the 47 pumps and wells completed is £230, approximately; this figure I consider most reasonable.

As there are at present approximately 55 pumps and wells listed for construction, and at each meeting further pumps and wells are being recommended, I now recommend that a further loan of £20,000 be raised to provide for a further 75 to 80 new pumps and wells. This number should adequately meet the Council's requirements over the next three years.

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

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of the sum of £20,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years for the purpose of providing wells, pumps and minor water supplies.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Water Supply at Tombrean, Carnew.

Having considered report of Acting Chief Medical Officer dated 11th January, 1954, and report of Assistant County Engineer of 18th January, 1954, the Council agreed that a pump and well be provided at Tombrean, Carnew, and directed that this be included on the Priority List.

Item No. 8—Applications for Loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The Council approved of the making of a loan to Jeremiah McCarthy in respect of the erection of a house at La Touche Place, Greystones, the amount of the loan to be equivalent to 80 per cent. of the market value as ascertained by the Council's Engineer and subject to verification of income.

Item No. 9—Town and Regional Planning Acts.

Having considered letter of 13th January, 1954, from Messrs. David Allen and Sons, Ltd., in regard to their proposal to erect an advertisement panel on Messrs. Dowling's premises at Rathnew, the Council recommended that permission for this work be refused.

Item No. 10—Repairs carried out during Month of January, 1954.

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of January, 1954, as submitted by the County Engineer.

Item No. 11—Authorisation of Repairs.

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

Water Supply for Cottages:

Councillor Miss Bobbett suggested that a tank to collect water be provided in all new cottages. The County Manager stated the matter would be examined.

Erection of Houses at Rathnew:

Councillor Everett, T.D., raised the question of providing small houses at Rathnew on sites in the village. It was agreed that a report on the matter be submitted to the next meeting.

Supply of Spectacles:

In reply to Councillor McCarthy the County Manager stated that difficulties had been experienced in recent years in regard to delays by the contractor in the supply of spectacles. A case mentioned by Councillor McCarthy would be investigated.

Kilcool Water Supply:

Councillor Lawless drew attention to the pollution of the river at Kilcool by the Kilquade Sand Company and the Council agreed that proceedings should be instituted against the Company.

Resolution of Sympathy:

The Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with District Justice Price on the death of his wife.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 8th February, 1954, at 11 a.m.

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

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

AGENDA.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 7th and 14th December, 1953.
2. Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools — to consider further applications deferred and other correspondence.
3. Road at Ballanagh, Woodenbridge — application for taking over road as public road.

4. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor W. Hammond for taking over of road at Tomafinogue.
5. Letter from Federation of Rural Workers re provision of increase in wages for road workers.
6. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss E. Bobbett, re collection of rates from Council Offices.
7. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Senator McCrea re rescinding and amending of resolution relating to differential rents on change of tenancy.
8. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Jacob for provision of public convenience at Rathnew.
Carnew sewerage outfall — report of Assistant County Engineer.
10. Public Lighting Manor Kilbride.
11. Public Lighting Willow Grove.
12. Letter from Department of Agriculture re sheep worrying by dogs.
13. Letter from Department of Posts and Telegraphs re application for provision of public telephone kiosk at Blacklion, Greystones.
14. Letter from Irish Foadside Trees Association re planting of trees alongside roads.
15. Resolution from Arklow Urban District Council re rate of interest on loans for housing schemes.
16. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with Councillor Thos. O'Reilly on the death of his mother. The members of the Council expressed their best wishes for the speedy recovery of Mr. Peter P. O'Reilly, father of Councillor T. O'Reilly, who was seriously ill.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne;
Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 7th and 14th December, 1953.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools.

The Council, in Committee, gave further consideration to the applications of Declan Dixted and Patrick Murphy for permission to compete under the Council's scheme. The Council was not satisfied that the income of the parents in these cases fell within the limits prescribed by the scheme, and, consequently, the applications must be rejected. The Council considered also representations from Mr. Patrick Robinson in respect of his son, Thoms M. Robinson and from Mr. A. J. Brennan, N.T., in respect of the application of Patrick Merrigan. The Council noted that in both these cases means of parents exceeded the limit specified in the scheme and that the applications had to be refused.

Item No. 3—Road at Ballanagh, Woodenbridge.

The County Secretary stated that application had been made by Major E. Bayly, Ballyarthur, Woodenbridge, for the taking over by the Council as a public road of portion of the road at Ballyarthur leading to his premises. The Assistant County Engineer had reported that the road was in bad condition and that it was a distance of about half a mile to Major Bayly's entrance, but that he asked that the Council take over the repair only the first 500 yards of it which serves four other farms. The road was over 11 feet wide but did not connect two public roads. It was decided to suggest to Major Bayly that he and the other persons using the road apply to the Special Employments Schemes Office for a grant for the repair of the road.

Item No. 4—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor W. Hammond re Road at Tomnifinchogue.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, Councillor Hammond proposed that a small piece of the road at Tomnifinchogue running from Fairwood Cross to Coolboy Cross be taken over and maintained by the Council. The Council's Engineer had reported that the road referred to was about 1,100 yards long and complied with the requirements for a public road. It was in an extremely bad condition and would take about £240 to put it into reasonable repair. The road served nine families.

The Council decided to defer the matter to ascertain if a grant could be obtained from the Special Employments Scheme Office for the repair of the road.

Item No. 5—Letter from Federation of Rural Workers re Increase in Wages of Road Workers.

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

The Secretary, 6, Gardener Place, Dublin.
Wicklow County Council, 26th January, 1954.

Dear Sir,

Our National Executive had under consideration the decision to increase wages of the Co. Council Road Workers by 4s. 6d. per week though the members of the Co. Council had passed a resolution that the wages be increased by 10s. per week and were prepared to vote the money required to meet the increase.

After consultation with our County Committee it was decided that, seeing that an increase of only 4s. 6d. is to be paid, to apply to the Councillors that at the Roads Estimates Meeting for this year, they make provision for a further increase in the Road Workers' wages at least to the amount required to pay the balance of the 10s. they already passed. Having expressed themselves as in favour of increasing the wages by 10s. per week it is only fair and logical that the Councillors should make the money available to pay same in full.

Please place this application before the County Council as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Signed—George Pcollock, President.

The County Secretary stated that provision had been made in the Estimates as circulated to the Council to meet the increase of 4s. 6d. per week in the rate of wages recently recommended by the Council although sanction had not yet been received to the payment of the increased rate of wages. To allow for an increase of 10s. per week it would be necessary to provide a further £4,134. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 6—Collection of Rates.

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was proposed by Councillor Miss E. Bobbett, seconded by Councillor W. Hammond:

Resolved—That in order to reduce the burden of rates on ratepayers the collection of rates by rate collectors be discontinued and ratepayers shall pay direct into the Council's Offices or to the Council's Treasurer and be allowed the 2½ per cent. bonus that rate collectors enjoy for early payment.

The County Manager stated that it would be possible to replace the existing system of rate collection by a system of collection from the offices but the practice in almost all areas was to have rates collected by Rate Collectors. He would be prepared to try the system as an experiment but could not guarantee that the results would be satisfactory. In reply to enquiry from the Chairman, as to whether the system might be tried in collection District No. 3 which was vacant,

the Co. Manager pointed out that the area in this case was too small to make the adoption of the system of collection from the Council Offices satisfactory. Particulars of the cost of the rate collection in the years 1938/39 and the current year were submitted. Of the amount included in the Estimates for the year 1954/55 amounting to £11,344 for rate collection expenses, a sum of £8,994 related to payments to collectors and the balance of £2,350 covered the cost of preparation of the rate books. A vote having been called for on the motion, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

In Favour — Councillors W. Hammond, P. Murdoch, Miss E. F. Bobbett and H. J. Byrne—(4).

Against—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. Brennan, P. McCarthy, Jas. O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, P. Ledwidge, E. Byrne, W. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Jacob, C. W. Hudson—(13).

The Motion was declared defeated by 13 votes against to 4 votes in favour.

The County Secretary informed the Council that the sanction of the Minister to the appointment of Mr. M. Keegan as Rate Collector for No. 6 Collection District had been received. The Council agreed that applications be invited by public advertisement for the post of Rate Collector for No. 3 District, formerly held by Mr. Keenan.

Item No. 7—Differential Rents on Change of Tenancy.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea referred to the resolution of the Council in regard to the application of a Graded Rents Scheme and stated that in his opinion the scheme was not intended to apply to new tenancies where the tenancy was transferred from one member of the family to another who had resided in the house. Following a discussion on the matter, it was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Resolved—That we hereby amend the resolution in regard to differential rents passed by us at meeting held on the 13th August, 1951, by excluding from the application of the Graded Rents Scheme cases where tenancies are transferred to a son or daughter, or brother or sister of the previous tenant, who had been normally resident in the cottage at the date of death of the previous tenant.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8.

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was proposed by Councillor J. Jacob, and seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., that a public convenience be provided at Rathnew. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had submitted a proposed site for the convenience together with plans and specifications for the building. The site proposed was on the main road approximately opposite Messrs. Haughton's premises at Rathnew. Some members of the Council suggested that the site might not prove convenient for residents in Rathnew and it was decided to defer the matter for further consideration at the meeting of the Local Housing Committee, for the area. In the meantime the County Engineer agreed to investigate possible alternative sites.

Item No. 9—Carnew Sewerage Outfall.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that the outfall from the Carnew Sewerage was an open drain, part of which had a very bad gradient which caused silting up and flooding of the adjoining field belonging to Captain Spicer. The Council spent a considerable sum each year averaging £20 cleaning up the drain, and the Assistant County Engineer suggested that it would be avoided by piping about 160 lin. yards of it at a cost of about

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan;

Resolved—Having considered report of Assistant County Engineer we approve of the laying of 160 lin. yards of piping at sewerage outfall works at Carnew at estimated cost of £160.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Public Lighting, Manor Kilbride.

The quotation of the Electricity Supply Board for the provision of a public light at Manor Kilbride was submitted. The cost of providing the light, together with solar-dial time switch to control the lamp was £18 7s. 6d. and there would be an annual replacement and cleaning charge of £1. Current consumed would be charged for at the rate 2.8d. per unit.

Proposed by Councillor A. Toomey;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the quotation of the Electricity Supply Board for the provision of one public light at Manor Kilbride Church at cost of £18 7s. 6d.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Public Lighting at Willow Grove, Delgany.

The County Secretary stated that a quotation had been obtained from the Electricity Supply Board for the provision of 3 public lamps at Willow Grove. The Co. Engineer had recommended that lights be provided as follows: (1) at the turn into The Downs; (2) at the turn to Delgany, and (3) opposite Devereux's. He pointed out that there was an important junction of 5 roads and that additional lighting was required. The lights would also serve houses and Council cottages adjoining. The quotation of the E.S.B. for supplying and erecting the three lamps was £17 12s. 6d. but the necessary extension and solar dial time switch would cost £77 10s. In addition, there would be an annual charge of £1 10s. for replacement of lamps and cleaning. The Council was not prepared to accept the quotation of the Electricity Supply Board for the provisions of these lamps.

Item No. 12—Sheep Worrying by Dogs.

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

8/6/69.

Dept. of Agriculture, Dublin.

23rd January, 1954.

Sheep-Worrying by Dogs.

Sir,

I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that he will be glad if each Local Authority will again this year adopt measures for directing the attention of dog-owners in its area to the local regulations governing the control of dogs between the hours of sunset and sunrise, and for enforcing the regulations as effectively as possible. As suggested in previous years, the Local Authority might at its meetings appeal through the Press to dog-owners to exercise adequate care to ensure that their dogs do not worry sheep; and might arrange for the insertion of appropriate notices in local newspapers and the display of suitable posters locally about the matter. Permission has again been given for the display of such posters at Garda Stations and Post Offices; the size of the posters should not exceed 18" x 12".

Each Local Authority should ensure that particulars of its regulations in the matter have been supplied to the Gardai in its area.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Assistant Secretary.

The Council noted that notices were being inserted in newspapers and suitable posters displayed as in previous years.

Item No. 13—Provision of Public Telephone Kiosk at Blacklion, Grey-stones.

The following letter from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs was submitted:—

Department of Posts and Telegraphs,
Telecommunications Branch,
Hamman Buildings, Dublin.
16 Eanáir, 1954.

M.1891/53.

AChara,
With reference to your further letter of the 23rd December, regarding the provision of a public telephone kiosk at Blacklion, Grey-stones, the matter has again been carefully and sympathetically examined but as a kiosk at Blacklion would be unlikely at present to fulfil the condition under which the Department is empowered to erect kiosks (viz. that the receipts therefrom would at least be sufficient to cover the outlay on their erection and maintenance) it is regretted that the decision previously conveyed to you cannot be modified.

It is appreciated that the absence of a kiosk may cause inconvenience in the case of emergency, but no doubt you are aware that there are many areas similar to Blacklion in regard to the need for public telephone facilities and that it would not be a practical proposition to provide the facility to cater for emergency purposes only.

Mise, le meas,
M. MacDomhnaill.
Members of the Council considered that the provision of a kiosk at Blacklion was essential and on the proposal of Councillor Ledwidge, the Council decided that the Minister be asked to receive a deputation in regard to the matter. It was decided that the deputation would consist of the members of the Council for the Bray Electoral area.

Item No. 14—Roadside Trees.

The Council noted the following letter received from the Irish Roadside Tree Association:—

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Dear Sir,
Ard-na-Ree, Deerpark Road,
Mt. Merrion, Co. Dublin.
21st January, 1954.

The Council of the Irish Roadside Tree Association would like to draw the attention of your Council to a planting scheme inaugurated by the Warwickshire Co. Council in England, feeling that some similar plan might be adopted here. Their Engineer states the scheme has the object "not only of beautifying the roads but of providing a useful cash return in a comparatively short time."

Briefly, the scheme envisages the planting in waste spaces—left where road improvements have been carried out—of small spinneys of commercial timber. A species of popular—(Populus robusta)—has been chosen for the purpose. "This tree matures in 25 to 30 years and its timber fetches a relatively high price, which has been maintained for many years." The Warwickshire Co. Engineer estimates a profit of almost 100 per cent. in twenty-five years. This is probably over-optimistic, but even a much lower rate would show a good return.

I should point out that such planting here would qualify for the Government grant of £10 per acre.

If the Council is interested in the matter I have a copy of the Warwickshire Co. Engineer's report to his Council, giving full particulars as to planting and after-care, with permission to use it.

The Council of I.R.T.A. would further like to urge on our County Councils the planting of large trees such as oak and beech at the approaches to towns, or by roads in the open country to replace some of the mature timber felled during the last decade. They would suit rural roads better than such trees as ornamental cherries, which look out of place there, though well suited to the suburban road.

Trusting that your Council will consider these matters.

Yours truly,

Mrs. A. L. Kathleen King, Hon. Sec.

Item No. 15—Resolution from Arklow U.D.C.

The Council adopted the following resolution submitted by Arklow Urban District Council: "That the Government should arrange to give a subsidy from the Central Fund to permit of Loans being made available from the Local Loans Fund at a rate of interest of 2½ per cent., so as to enable local authorities to erect houses which could be let at a reasonable rent, and to carry out capital works essential to the well-being of the Community such as Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes." **Deepening of Avoca River.**

In reply to enquiry from Councillor McCarthy, the Co. Secretary stated that representations had been received from the Arklow Tourist Development Association and from Mr. Victor Byrne on behalf of hoteliers in the district for the submission of a scheme under the National Development Fund for the deepening of the river between Arklow and Avoca to enable pleasure boats to be used on the river. The Council agreed that a scheme of this nature be submitted to the Department.

Bus Route at Dunlavin.

In reply to Councillor P. Kehoe, the County Secretary stated that representations had been received from the Dunlavin Branch of Muinntire Na Tire in regard to roads in Dunlavin and a reply had been sent. The Assistant Co. Engineer stated that the road referred to as a bus route had been repaired by the Council but a further 100 yards of the road still had to be rolled. It was decided to have the matter considered at the meeting of the local Committee in connection with the Road Estimates.

Quarry Work at Coolboy.

In reply to enquiry from Councillor Senator McCrea regarding the dismissal of workers at Coolboy, the Assistant County Engineer explained that the output in the quarry was unsatisfactory and that in consequence the quarry had been closed. Following a discussion on the matter the County Engineer agreed to give the man a further trial if Councillor Senator McCrea would explain the position to them.

Glendalough Cemetery.

In reply to enquiry from Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Engineer stated that fencing had been on order for some while for the extension of the cemetery at Glendalough and that he hoped to commence work during the coming week.

Public Lighting, Kilpedder.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that an estimate be obtained for the provision of an additional public light adjoining the pump at Kilpedder.

Dismissal of Carter.

In reply to enquiry from Councillor McCarthy, the Assistant Co. Engineer stated that Thomas Murphy, carter, had been employed in October but had been let off on 24th October as no work was available.

The Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 16th February, 1954, at 11 a.m.

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

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

Resolution of Sympathy:

On the proposal of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with Councillor T. O'Reilly on the death of his father, Mr. P. P. O'Reilly, who had been a member of the County Council for a very lengthy period.

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

The report on the Estimates for the year 1954/55 prepared by the County Manager, and Table explanatory of the Estimates had been circulated to the members.

Members of the Council expressed appreciation of the manner in which the Estimates had been presented by the County Manager.

In reply to inquiries from members, the County Manager stated that particulars of the Road Fund Grants for the year 1954/55 had not yet been received. The Council decided to defer consideration of the Estimates for Road Services until particulars of the Grants were available. Councillor Senator J. McCrea referred to the type of work in easing of corners carried out on Main Roads, and stated that he considered the extent of the work excessive. Members of the Council agreed that it would be desirable that a greater amount of the grants be devoted to County Roads.

Assistance and Health Services.

The County Manager, in reply to inquiries from members, indicated how the figures included in the Estimates in respect of the extended Health Services under the Health Act, 1953, had been calculated. Provision for these Services had been made as from 1st April, 1954, in accordance with indication received from the Department of Health.

In reference to the expenditure on Tuberculosis Schemes, the Co. Manager stated that since 1947 the death rate from this disease had been halved. The Dept. of Health and the Council's Chief Medical Officer considered that preventive measures such as the B.C.G. Vaccination Scheme, be extended. The Co. Manager stated that the average cost of treating a case of tuberculosis might be taken as approximately £600.

Sanitary Services.

The Council noted that the increase in the case of this Service was accounted for mainly by Loan Charges in respect of new Schemes.

Housing.

In regard to the provision for repairs to cottages, Councillor W. Lawless suggested that it might be possible to improve the methods of carrying out repairs to enable them to be done more economically. Councillor Senator J. McCrea, supported by Councillor W. Lawless, urged that a Loan be raised by the Council to meet the cost of putting cottages into a proper state of repair for the purpose of purchase by the tenants. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council asked the County Manager to submit a report in regard to the proposal to raise a Loan for repairs to cottages.

The Council adjourned consideration of the Estimates for Housing Services, pending consideration of the County Manager's report in relation to the cost of repairs.

General Purposes:

Fire Brigades: Members of the Council stated that Insurance Companies should make a contribution towards the expenses of maintenance of Fire Brigades. It was decided that the matter be taken up again with the General Council of County Councils.

Loan of £3,800—Extension of Water Main from Kilbride to Kilcoole:

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we approve of draft Deed of Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works for Loan of £3,800 for the purpose of

defraying expenditure on the extension of the water main from Kilcoole to Kilcoole and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Undertaking that the instalments in repayment of the loan now proposed, as well as of any existing loans, will be punctually remitted at the dates at which they become due, viz.: 1st May and 1st November in each year.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that on receipt of notification from the Department of Local Government of the Road Fund Grants for the year 1954/55, he would communicate with the Chairman and convene a further meeting.

The meeting then adjourned.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing Matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse Wicklow, on Monday, 1st March, 1954, at 3 p.m.

The following members were present: Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, P. Brennan, James O'Neill, G. Timmins, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, P. Ledwidge, E. Byrne, L. O'Laoghleis, Wm. Cleary, J. Everett, T.D.; Jos. Jacob and Miss E. F. Bobbett.

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

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Councillor P. Ledwidge took the Chair on the proposal of Councillor Senator McCrea, seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy and passed unanimously.

AGENDA:

1. Report of County Engineer on progress of Housing Schemes during the month of February, 1954.
2. 1952 Housing Scheme—Agreed Sites—Letter from Department of Local Government.
3. Enniskerry Housing Scheme—Acquisition of Site.
4. Report of County Engineer on building sites at Rathnew.
5. Letter from Department of Local Government re proposed use of premises formerly known as Glenealy Hotel.
6. Revision of rents, arising as a result of resolution passed by Co. Council at meeting held on 8th February, 1954.
7. Applications for Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
8. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
9. Repairs carried out during month of February, 1954.
10. Authorisation of Repairs.

Item No. 1—Progress Report.

On the proposal of Councillor W. Hammond, seconded by Councillor Senator McCrea, the Council approved of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of the housing scheme during the month of February, 1954, Councillor J. Everett, T.D., dissenting.

Item No. 2—1952 Housing Scheme.

The following letter from Dept of Local Government was submitted:

Copy,

N.27/2/14.

Secretary,

Wicklow Co. Council,
Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow.

A Chara,

With reference to your letters of the 16th and 18th January, 1954, and enclosures regarding the acquisition of rural cottage sites by the Wicklow County Council, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that no objection will be raised to the following proposals:—

Site No. 1029—Reshaping of Site.

Site No. 1009—Acquisition of Alternative Site.

Sites Nos. 1022 and 1023—Acquisition of additional site beside Site No. 1022, for the applicant for Site No. 1023. A revised site map should be submitted for record purposes.

Sites Nos. 1001, 1005 and 1049—Acquisition of Sites for £40, £15 and £45 respectively.

Site No. 1044 is not considered to be suitable. Its location is on the Greystones to Wicklow road about 1 mile beyond Newcastle. This is a narrow twisting road and carries heavy summer traffic. There is a row of cottages opposite this site and if this cottage is erected the potential danger will be increased by having cottages on both sides of the road. Consideration should be given, therefore, to acquiring a site in Newcastle where there are shops, church and school.

With regard to the erection of cottages on the sites, I am to request that a lay-out plan in respect of each site be submitted. It should also be indicated which house type it is proposed to use.

It is considered that tenders should be invited and where sites are reasonably close together they should be grouped for tender purposes. If it is desired by the Council, the Direct Labour Unit could also submit a nestimate of the cost of erection by Direct Labour at the same time as the contractors and in similar form. Conditions of contract, specification and Form of Tender should be submitted to this Department for examination.

Mise, le meas.

The Council noted the terms of the Department's letter. Councillor Lawless suggested that an alternative site for Site No. 1044 be sought further from Newcastle as in his opinion there was no responsibility of obtaining a site at Newcastle.

The Council agreed that tenders be invited by public advertisement as suggested by the Department for the erection of the houses.

Housing at Dunlavin: Councillor Kehce asked that the Council consider the erection of houses under a Tenant Purchase Scheme on derelict sites at Dunlavin and stated that there would be several applicants available. The County Manager stated that a report would be submitted on the proposal.

Item No. 3—Enniskerry Housing Scheme.

The following letter from the Agent, Powerscourt Estates was submitted:—

From Powerscourt Estate Office, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow.

To the Secretary, Wicklow Co. Council, Courthouse, Wicklow,
Dear Sir, 22nd February, 1954.

Lord Powerscourt Estate
re Wicklow Co. Council Building Site at Kilmolin.

I refer to the consultation which took place between Lord Powerscourt, the County Manager and myself, at the Estate Office on Thursday last, the 18th instant. The matter of the acquisition of the building site at Kilmolin for the erection of labourers' cottages was fully considered and the matters outstanding were discussed.

Following the interview Lord Powerscourt is prepared to agree:—

1. That the minimum height of the wall surrounding the site shall be 5 feet high with a three foot fence of barbed wire on top thereof with iron stakes.
2. The Council shall undertake to maintain the wire fence and wall in such a manner as to prevent trespass on the Powerscourt Demesne.
3. The Council shall afford Lord Powerscourt every assistance in the event of an arrangement being entered into for the taking of a site adjoining the proposed building site for the erection of a factory.
4. Lord Powerscourt agrees to the alteration of the site as set forth in the layout plan lodged on the 12th January, 1954, but he would request that the Council reduce to the minimum the amount of land required.
5. That the legal fees incurred by His Lordship shall be paid by the County Council.

His Lordship is of opinion and stated at the interview that a sum of £110 per acre, or a proportionate part thereof, should be paid for the site having regard to the fact that he is agreeing to the boundary wall being reduced in height and the amendment in the original plans.

I shall be glad if you will have this letter considered by your Council at its next meeting as to the acceptance of the matters discussed at the interview and to the payment of a sum of £110 per acre to His Lordship for the site.

Yours faithfully,

G. H. Robinson, Agent.

The County Manager gave particulars of cost of providing a wall 8 ft. high and also of the cost of providing a 5 ft. wall with 3 ft. fence of barbed wire on top. The Co. Manager stated that the position in regard to the number of applicants for houses in the Enniskerry District would be reviewed. The Council approved of the acquisition of the land from Lord Powerscourt upon the terms indicated in the letter submitted, but did not consider that there should be any reduction in the area of land to be acquired.

Item No. 4—Building Sites at Rathnew.

The report of the Council's Architect and the County Engineer of 6th February, 1954, in regard to the use of sites at Rathnew Village for housing was considered by the Council. The Council noted that in the case of Sites 1 and 2 which could be served by water and sewerage the amount of land owned by the Council was insufficient to give adequate building sites and that in Sites 3 and 4 sewerage facilities were not available and unserviced dwellings were not recommended. In the case of Site 5 sewerage services were unavailable and the provision of unserviced dwellings at this point could not be recommended. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that the Law Agent submit a report as to the possibility of acquiring the additional plots on Sites 1 and 2 to enable the houses to be provided on the site.

Coolroe Quarry: Councillor J. Everett, T.D., handed in the following letter received by him from workers who had been employed at Coolroe Quarry:—

Copy.

To Deputy Everett, T.D., Wicklow.

Coolboy,
7/2/54.

re: Coolroe Quarry.

Dear Friend,

I want you to bring this case of Coolroe Quarry up at the next meeting of the County Council. It is very unfair to the men the way they were blackmailed at the last Council meeting. The men did not deserve it, they worked an honest day's work. The crusher was not in order and that was not the men's fault. The report on the "Wicklow People" has destroyed the men. I trust you will raise the matter at the next meeting. The men are prepared to attend a sworn inquiry on the matter.

Signed—Michael Neill, Martin Rourke, Edward Donegan, H. Jordan, Chris. Behan, John O'Neill, Peter Sullivan, Laurence Kearns, Thomas Kenny, Andrew Neill, Kevin Rawson, Stephen Rawson, James Mulholland, Bernard Keefe.

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided that the County Manager investigate the matter and submit a report to the Council.

Item No. 5—Glenealy Hotel.

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

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

19th February, 1954.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he has received an appeal from Mr. O. David Phillips, Ballyfree House, Glenealy, Co. Wicklow, against the refusal of the Wicklow Co. Council to grant permission to him in accordance with Section 7(1) of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948, in respect of the premises known as "Glenealy Hotel." In accordance with the powers vested in him by Section 7(2) of the Act the Minister has allowed the appeal of Mr. Phillips and has granted permission to him to demolish in whole or in part or use otherwise than as a dwellinghouse the premises in question.

Mise, le meas.

Signed—G. A. Meagher.

The Council decided that a protest be made to the Minister against his decision and that it be indicated to the Minister that the Council regretted that he had taken such a decision. It was agreed also that the Minister be asked to receive a deputation in regard to the matter.

Item No. 6—Revision of Rents.

In reference to the resolution passed by the Council at the meeting held on the 8th February, 1954, excluding from the operation of the Graded Rents Scheme cases where tenancies of cottages were transferred to an immediate relative who had been residing in the cottage, particulars of 28 cases affected by the terms of the Council's resolution were submitted. The County Manager stated that he considered it necessary to bring to the notice of the Council the effect of the Council's resolution in these cases and pointed out that a number of persons affected were single persons. The Council noted the details submitted.

Item No 7.—Application for Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The Council recommended that a loan of £1,250 be made to Thos. Swann, 13, Carrig Village, Killincarrig, in respect of the erection of a house at La Touche Place, Greystones.

The Council recommended that a loan be made to Matthew Owens in respect of the house at Oldtown, Tinoran, Baltinglass, subject to the plans and specification being approved by the Council and to compliance with the requirements of the scheme.

With reference to the application of Jeremiah McCarthy, "Clostrup," Church Road, Greystones, for a loan in respect of the erection of a house at La Touche Place, Greystones, the Co. Manager pointed out that when enquiries were made to the Department of Agriculture in respect of Mr. McCarthy's position it was indicated that he was employed in an unestablished capacity. Mr. McCarthy had been asked to indicate if his employers, the Department of Agriculture, would confirm that his employment would be continuous for a period of some years. The Council recommended that the loan be made to Mr. McCarthy.

Item No. 8—Town and Regional Planning Acts.

Having considered application of Messrs. More O'Farrell, Limited, 10, Merrion Square, Dublin, for approval to the erection of an advertising sign at Newtownmountkennedy, the Council deferred the matter for the purpose of obtaining the views of the local Improvements Committee on the proposal.

The Council noted letter of 26th February, 1954, from Department of Local Government in regard to the appeal against the decision of the Council refusing permission for the erection of 2 chalets in the grounds of Kilocrone Hotel by Kilocrone Hotel Co., Ltd., and indicating that the permission sought had been granted but that the appellant had been informed that the permission did not obviate the necessity for compliance with the Bye-Laws.

Item No. 9—Repairs carried out during Month of February, 1954.

The Council noted list of repairs carried out during month of February, 1954.

Item No. 10—Authorisation of Repairs.

The Council approved of the carrying out of repairs as submitted by the County Engineer.

Meetings of Local Committees:

The Council fixed the following dates for meetings of the members of the Council concerned to consider road works to be carried out during the year 1954/55:—

North-Eastern District (Assistant Engineer R. M. Fenlon's Area)—Monday, 8th March, 1954, at Town Hall, Bray, at 7.30 p.m.

South-Eastern District (Assistant Engineer J. P. Caffrey's Area)—Tuesday, 9th March, 1954, at Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11 a.m.

Southern District (Assistant Engineer C. J. Byrne's Area)—Tuesday, 9th March, 1954, at Courthouse, Shillelagh, at 3 p.m.

Western District (Assistant Engineer P. J. Foley's Area)—Thursday, 11th March, 1954, at Courthouse, Baltinglass, at 3 p.m.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor J. O'Neill and accepted by the Chairman:—

"That I or someone for me will move at the next meeting of the Council that Rate and Rent Collectors be granted travelling expenses."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Adjourned Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 1st March, 1954, at 11 a.m.

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

The County Manager, Co. Secretary, Co. Engineer, Chief Assistant Co. Engineer, and Assistant Co. Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, R. M. Fenlon and P. J. Foley attended.

Health Services:

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, referred to the effect of the passing of the Health Act, 1953, on the Council's Estimates for the year 1954/55. The provision of the extended Services would result in a substantial increase in the rate levy. The Chairman pointed out that this extension of the Services had not been sought by any local authority.

The County Manager, referring to the Estimates for Health Services, stated that it had been very difficult to calculate the cost of the extension of these Services in the coming year. In accordance with an indication received from the Department of Health early in January, provision had been made in the Estimates to defray the cost of these Services for a full year as it had been indicated by the Department of Health that the Services would come into operation on the 1st April, 1954. Two months had passed since the preparation of the Estimates had commenced, and as yet no further details had been received from the Department as to the date of operation of the extended Services. An agreement with the Medical Association of Ireland would be necessary before the Services were introduced. Consequently the County Manager stated that he agreed with the members of the Council that it was unlikely that the Services would be in operation for the full financial year. The County Manager suggested that the following reductions might be made in the figures provided in the Estimates in respect of Health Services:—

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

Assistance in Extern Institutions	..	£3,153
do. (Health Act, 1953)	..	£4,600
Dental and Ophthalmic Treatment	..	£1,000

HEALTH SERVICES:

Salaries—Assistant Medical Officer	..	£300
Salaries—Public Health Nurse	..	£200
Salaries—Office Staff	..	£320
Medical Care of Mothers and Infants	..	£2,128
do. Hospital Treatment	..	£1,000
do. Medicines and Foods	..	£500
School Medical Service	..	£200
Travelling Expenses	..	£100

£13,501

There would be reductions also in the receipts in respect of Health Grant as follows:—

Assistance Account	..	£5,610
Health Account	..	£1,140

The net effect of these adjustments would be to reduce the rate in the £ required for Public Assistance by 2.33d. and that for Health Services by 2.67d., making a total reduction of 5d. in the £.

The Council approved of the reductions in the Estimates as suggested by the County Manager.

HOUSING:

The following report of the County Manager, in regard to the cost of housing repairs, had been circulated to the members:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

To: The Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council. Courthouse, Wicklow. 23rd February, 1954.

Report on Cost of Housing Repairs.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

At the Estimates Meeting of the Council, held on the 16th instant, I was asked to submit a special report for the Adjourned Estimates Meeting, on the cost of housing repairs, on the advisability of obtaining a special Loan, and the costs which would arise from such Loan.

Since 1950/51 the cost of repairs to Council houses has risen to a marked degree. Whereas in the six years from 1944/45 to 1949/50 the average cost of repairs was £3,800, it reached £6,600 in 1950/51. In 1951/52 the cost was £7,200, and in 1952/53 it was £14,792. In the present year the cost from 1st April, 1953, to 31st January, 1954, was almost £14,500, and it is expected that by the end of the year the expenditure on repairs will reach £17,000.

On examining the Council's Accounts I found that for a number of years to 1934 the outlay on housing repairs was on an average £1,500 to £1,600. During these years the number of cottages owned by the Council was approximately 1,000. From 1934 onward there was a steep rise in the cost of repairs, and the average outlay for the ten year period 1934 to 1944 was £3,800. This includes a Loan of £5,000 which was borrowed in 1939. From 1944/45 to 1949/50 it was found that the average expenditure was almost exactly the same, viz., £3,800. As mentioned above, there was a very substantial rise in 1950/51 in the expenditure on repairs, and it has continued to increase since then.

The number of cottages repaired in recent years was: 1950/51, 391; 1952/53, 592. The number repaired in the present financial year up to 31st January, 1954, was 509. Whilst the cost per cottage varied very widely, it is found that the average cost in 1951/52 was £18.10s.; in 1952/53 it was £25, and in respect of the number of houses repaired in the current financial year, it was £28.10s. It will be noted that the total number of cottages repaired in the period 1st April, 1951, to 31st January, 1954, was 1,492. It seems that the proposal in 1950, that Co. Councils should endeavour to induce tenants to purchase their cottages, laid stress on the question of repairs, and it is notable that since that date the applications for repairs have very much increased. The members of the Council will already have noted, from an examination of the repairs proposals which are submitted at each Housing Meeting, that a substantial part of the expenditure is on old cottages, and that the cost of repairs to an old cottage built, say, 50 to 60 years ago, may reach in some instances £50 to £100.

The number of cottages included in the Purchase Scheme made in 1938 was 1,578. Thus far 427 applications for vesting of cottages included under this Purchase Scheme, have been received, and the number which have actually been vested is 136. Up to the present date, it has been certified by the Engineering Staff that, apart from the 136 cottages which have been vested, 53 others are in a fit condition and could be vested. The number of tenants who have indicated that they are interested in purchasing cottages included in the 1938 Scheme is about 27 per cent. of the total. A new Purchase Scheme has been prepared in respect of 1,528 cottages erected since 1938. The Scheme has been advertised, and it is expected that it will be sanctioned by the Minister at an early date. Thus far the number of inquiries received from tenants, who are considering availing of this new Purchase Scheme is only 212. It seems from the information at present available that

the number of cottages which may be purchased will only be a small proportion of the total erected by the Council. From these indications it would appear that the Council in the coming years will still have to bear considerable expense in the maintenance of cottages. Again, it is evident from the figures given above that even in the past three years, repairs whether of a minor or major character, have been carried out to a very large proportion of the Council's cottages; in fact the number involved is almost 50 per cent. of the total.

The advisability of borrowing for cottage repairs is open to question. Such a Loan undoubtedly would have to be obtained from the Council's Treasurer, and Bank Loans usually are limited to a repayment period of ten years. If a Loan of £50,000 were obtained, the average annual charges for ten years would be almost £6,500. A Loan of £100,000 for ten years would result in annual repayments of principal and interest amounting, on an average, to over £12,000.

The ownership of property always involves outlay on maintenance, and it generally is not prudent to postpone the carrying out of essential maintenance—the cost ultimately will only be all the greater. About twenty years ago, the number of cottages owned by the Council was approximately 1,000; to these 2,000 have been added in the meantime. The continuous building of new houses inevitably must lead to a rise in the cost of maintenance. Each new Scheme will undoubtedly entail an addition to the expense of repairs in future years. The cost of repairs, moreover, is now at a level three or four times higher than that in 1939. If, therefore, an average of £3,800 had been essential in the years immediately prior to 1939, it is to be expected that the outlay today would be £15,000 or more—this must follow from the increase in costs of materials and in wages which have occurred in the meantime.

An analysis of the cost of repairs in the year 1952/53 shows that it was apportioned as follows: Wages, £9,553 (64 per cent.); transport of materials and workmen, £698 (5.5 per cent.); cost of materials, £4,541 (30.5 per cent.). The cost of wages in the case of repairs is always much higher than for normal building construction. This is to be expected, as the content of skilled labour is higher in the carrying out of repairs, and, moreover, the economies which could be effected where new houses are built in a group or on sites close to one another, cannot be achieved in a repairs programme.

Having regard to present-day wages rates, it will be seen that the employment of even a comparatively small number of tradesmen on repairs must result in heavy outlay. In an expenditure of say £10,000 on wages for repairs, about £8,000 would be for skilled labour, and this would represent the continuous employment of less than twenty tradesmen in a year.

Repairs have been carried out in this County by direct labour for some years past, and the County Engineer recommends that this should be continued. He does not consider that any arrangements for executing them by contract would lead to a reduction in outlay.

The real difficulty in connection with housing maintenance at the present time is that rents have remained unaltered, except in the comparatively small number of instances in which graded rents have been applied to new lettings. As I explained in my report on the Estimates, it was the practice, prior to 1939, to calculate the average cost of maintenance at £2, and this was the sum which was taken into account in determining an appropriate rent. In the meantime repairs costs have generally increased by three to four times and consequently have remained unaltered, notwithstanding the alterations in income. This provision is now found to be inadequate. Rents in most instances and in the value of money generally. Due to the increase in the cost of repairs, the rents which were originally fixed at 2/6 per week would have to be increased by 1s. 6d. to 2s. per week. The increased income from rentals would then help to offset the rising cost of repairs.

It seems that there are only two solutions to meet the increased levy on rates which has to be made for repairs: (1) to review existing rents; (2) the sale of cottages to tenants under the Cottage Purchase Schemes. The raising of a Loan to meet repairs costs would only be a temporary stop-gap, and eventually would involve greater cost to the Council since interest charges would have to be met.

Yours faithfully,

M. FLANNERY,

Wicklow County Manager.

In reply to inquiry by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the Co. Manager stated that the number of tradesmen employed in each area was as follows: Assistant County Engineer Fenlon's Area, 4; Assistant County Engineer Caffrey's Area, 7; Assistant County Engineer C. J. Byrne's Area, 4; Assistant County Engineer Foley's Area, 3.

Following a discussion in regard to the provision to be made for repairs in the Estimates, it was proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett, that the sum of £12,000 be provided.

The Council agreed to reduce the amount provided in the Estimates for Cottage Repairs by £3,000, and to raise a Loan later if there was a large number of applications for purchase of cottages, which would entail increased outlay on repairs.

ROADS:

The following letter received from the Department of Local Government was submitted:—
RGM/201/54/55.

ROADS—Custom House, Dublin.
24 Feabra, 1954.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to inform you that the ordinary Road Fund grants for 1954/55 will be on the same scale as those allocated for the current financial year. The extra road grants notified on 4th December were made out of the National Development Fund; in the event of road grants from the same source being available for 1954/55, councils will be advised in due course. The ordinary Road Fund grants available to Wicklow Co. Council for 1954/55 are as follows:—

County Road Improvement Grant	£38,700
Main Road Improvement Grant	£37,500
Main Road Upkeep Grant—40 per cent. of approved expenditure.	

The conditions on which these grants are available are the same as those for the current year's grants, the date of completion being 31st March, 1955, in the present case. Particular attention is directed to the following:—

(a) Councils should make provision out of their own funds of amounts not less than those provided for the upkeep of main and county roads respectively for 1953/54. Attention is again directed to the necessity for providing sufficient monies for this purpose. It must be remembered that the capital investment represented by money spent in former years on the improvement of roads will be lost unless the roads in question receive proper maintenance, particularly surface dressing.

(b) County road improvement works should be selected on the basis of the five-year plans which have been drawn up by each Council.

(c) A major consideration in connection with all works should be the need for securing economy and efficiency in road expenditure. For this reason improvement grants should not be dispersed over a large number of small works.

The need for the advance planning of improvement works which was dealt with in previous Circulars, is again stressed. If surveys, etc., are carried out and documents submitted in good time, it is possible

to approve of schemes so as to enable work to start on them early in the financial year; in this way continuity of employment can be preserved.

Proposals to absorb the grants available should be submitted in the following manner:—

(1) **County Road Improvement Grant:** A list (A) of the works proposed for execution, assigning a number to each scheme, together with forms 11 and 11A and a map on the scale of 1 inch to 1 mile for each scheme.

(2) **Main Road Improvement Grant:** A list (B) of the works proposed and similar particulars as at (1) above.

(3) **Main Road Upkeep Grant:** A statement (C) of the works proposed to be carried out, showing the section number of each road, the amount provided in respect of each such section and the nature of the work proposed.

(4) A brief statement on the lines of the attached form D, showing the various amounts provided by the council from their own funds and the other monies available for road works in 1954/55. Form D should be submitted as soon as practicable and need not await the submission of lists (A), (B), and (C).

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

Mise, le meas,

E. T. SHEEHY.

To: The Secretary,
each County Council.

The following circular had been sent by the County Manager to each member:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

To: The Chairman and Members of
Wicklow County Council
Courthouse, Wicklow.
25th February, 1954.

Road Grants 1954/55.

A Chara,

In circular of 24th February, 1954, which will be submitted to the Council at the Adjourned Estimates Meeting on Monday next, 1st proximo, the Department of Local Government has given information regarding the Road Grants which will be available in the coming year. It is found that the Grants are the same as those in the present year, and are:—

County Road Improvement Grant	£38,700
Main Road Improvement Grant	£37,500
Main Road Upkeep Grant—40 per cent. of approved expenditure.	

The Council had expected that there might be an increase in the Road Grants, having regard to the apparent increase in the income to the Road Fund, but, as already mentioned, the Grants correspond exactly to those received in the present year.

It is a condition attaching to the Grants that the Council should make provision from Rates of amounts not less than those provided for Main and County Roads in the present year (1953/54).

It is mentioned in the circular that County Road Improvement Works should be selected on the basis of the Five-Year Plans which have been drawn up by the Council, and that in connection with all works a major consideration should be the securing of economy and efficiency. For this latter reason the Department ask that improvement grants should not be dispersed over a large number of small works.

Mise, le meas,

M. Flannery,

Wicklow County Manager.

It will, of course, be appreciated that of these 662 miles of County Roads not all could be regarded as important routes, as many of them are in very mountainous or backward areas which do not, for the moment at any rate, carry a heavy volume of traffic. Generally, it is estimated that probably 300 miles of these roads could be regarded in the category of being important and carrying a volume of traffic which could justify the cost of reconstructing them.

Table No. 2: Number of Men employed on Roads each month during the years since 1947 to date:

	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec./Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	year
1947/48	367	441	509	649	598	643	418	450	553	588	598	524
48/49	583	723	677	738	631	495	431	526	535	553	527	560
49/50	489	568	589	572	443	437	298	248	251	196	250	408
50/51	599	537	492	558	501	483	285	250	227	293	234	396
51/52	386	396	436	450	375	401	362	278	325	319	278	368
52/53	414	501	563	524	420	412	349	378	548	340	344	427
53/54	275	454	493	557	576	517	466	460	587	618	600	—
Monthly Average	462	517	534	574	506	499	373	371	432	415	404	356

From this Table, it will be seen that in the present Financial Year for the months of December, January and February, we have now more men employed on Roads than in any other year for those particular months since 1947/48. It is expected that the average number employed in the present Financial Year will reach 520. The expenditure on Roads usually accounts for about a third of the entire yearly rate levy, but in addition to providing a public service, it will be seen from these figures that a large measure of employment is given.

Table No. 3: Details of Grants received from Central Funds on Roads during certain years between 1939/40 and 1953/54:

	Main	County	Totals
	£	£	£
1939/40	10,842	nil	10,842
40/41	9,993	nil	9,993
44/45	8,000	nil	8,000
45/46	9,726	nil	9,726
46/47	45,201	8,964	54,165
47/48	75,339	28,317	103,656
48/49	90,140	28,276	118,416
49/50	38,130	27,200	65,330
50/51	36,530	27,200	63,730
51/52	41,983	27,200	69,183
52/53	55,483	31,800	87,283
53/54	71,431	63,210	134,641

In regard to this Table, it will be noted that in 1946/47 for the first time State Grants were allowed for expenditure on County Roads, it being then realised that the reconstruction and improvement of Main Roads generally throughout the County was being overtaken.

Table No. 4: Amounts provided by way of Grant from the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949, for each year since 1949/50 to date.

1949/50	£82,748
1950/51	£70,000
1951/52	£45,000
1952/53	£27,500
1953/54	£19,000

An examination of this Table shows a considerable decrease in the amount available under this heading in 1953/54 as compared with 1949/50, when a great volume of work was carried out for this expenditure. No provision has been made for the maintenance during future years of the drainage works carried out by the Council. Land-owners and others who benefited do not seem to regard this as their responsibility.

Table No. 5: Total mileage of Main and County Roads in each of the 4 Counties adjacent as compared with County Wicklow.

	Main	County	Total
Wicklow	260	892	1,152
Carlow	132	510	632
Wexford	328	1,659	1,987
Kildare	277	858	1,135
Dublin	272	487	759

Table No. 6: Amount collected from local Rates and expended on Roads during certain years from 1939/40 to the present year, '53/54.

Year	Amount allowed out of Rates for Weekly		No. of Men	
	Maintenance & Reconstruction	Wages	Min.	Max.
1939/40	£38,165	32/6	—	—
45/46	£38,571	42/0	151	392
46/47	£44,244	47/6	297	695
47/48	£52,918	53/6	372	649
48/49	£56,527	59/6	306	738
49/50	£62,422	69/6	196	509
50/51	£65,645	74/6	227	599
51/52	£91,007	84/6	272	450
52/53	£102,435	90/0	355	563
53/54	£112,742	90/0	295	587

The figures shown for the amounts allowed out of Rates between 1950/51 and 1953/54 indicate an increase of approximately £47,000: of this sum approximately £27,000 may be regarded as necessary to meet increase in Wages and £20,000 to meet increase in cost of Materials.

Table No. 7: Quantity of Tar (tons) for certain years since 1939/40.

Year	Tons of Tar	Cost
1939/40	530	£4 10 4
48/49	629	£9 1 2
49/50	1,000	£10 1 8
50/51	1,270	£10 8 2
51/52	1,831	£12 0 0
52/53	2,085	£11 8 0

In connection with this Table, I would stress that the purchase of mechanical Sprayers and Tar Tankers which transport this material ex depot in Dublin, has resulted in a saving of tar of approximately 45/-. The tar is distributed hot to our tankers in Dublin at £1 cheaper than if obtained in barrels. It is transported and distributed on the roads, thereby eliminating waste. It is estimated to cost 25/- less than the old method whereby we had to purchase tar in steel drums and spend considerable time in opening these drums and heating the tar with slow and cumbersome methods.

In 1952/53, the amount of stone produced in our Quarries was 43,000 cubic yards. As a result of the Council providing modern Stone Crushing Plant, the amount of stone produced in 1953/54 was 72,000 cubic yards. The much greater mileage of roads brought to a high standard of maintenance or reconstructed in recent years entails, of course, the use of much larger quantities of stone. So soon as we are in a position to set up the new Crushing Plant in Tomacork and Newtown Quarry, Donard, the Council will be in a position to produce something approaching 90 per cent. of our requirements; approximately 90,000 cu. yards of material.

I wish to point out that in addition to my proposals for Road Works in 1954/55, a total amount of £187,000 has been submitted by County Councillors for works which they consider essential and which they wish to be carried out during the coming year. As soon as the County Council has decided upon the amounts of money to be presented to allocation to each area, I will then set out details to be presented to the Local Committees as to how the money might be expended. It will be evident that all the Roads included in the Councillors proposals could not be improved in the coming year having regard to the funds available.

Very fair progress is being made with the scheme for easing corners and realignment of the Bray-Wicklow Road, but much still remains to be done. Whilst my proposals is to adhere as closely as possible to the existing roadway in any improvements made under this heading, it must be accepted that no State Funds will be approved for expenditure on Roads unless the work is carried out in accordance with recognised mathematical standards. This easement and realignment is not for the encouragement of speeding (as may be the impression of many who do not appreciate the problem and the aim), but the alterations definitely promote the comfortable and safe use of roads whereon modern motor traffic has increased by over 150 per cent. since 1939 and which (judging by the numbers of vehicles licensed in the County) continues to increase.

The reckless driver who wants to travel at excessive speed, will not be deterred on routes which are too narrow to allow safe passing and where the sight distance is obstructed by the adjoining fences, ditches, hedges and high lands. Given a properly finished surface suitably superelevated at corners and constructed in such curvature and with such bends as to suit the average speed of cars to-day and with adequate sight distance, the motorist can drive without the risk and strain to which he would be subjected on dangerous thoroughfares, and the safety of all other road users (cyclists, pedestrians, etc.) will also be ensured.

T. J. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

15/2/54.

The following are a few of the principal roads which have been reconstructed since 1948:—

1. Sallygap (Roundwood-Kilbride).
2. Wicklow Gap (Glendalough-Hollywood).
3. Enniskerry-Kilgarron-Glencree.
4. Dargle-Enniskerry Road No. 20.
5. Kilbride (near Bray) Road 21.
6. Delgany-Templecarrig Road 30.
7. Trudder (Newtownmountkennedy)-Ballyduff Road 50.
8. Roundwood-Tomriland Road 75.
9. Roundwood-Reservoir Road 71.
10. Moneystown-Ballyduff Crossroads Road 91.
11. Milltown-Tighe's Avenue Road 98.
12. Part Road 99, Wicklow Urban-Ballinabarney.
13. Wolohan's Bridge-Dunganstown-McDaniel's Road 108.
14. Part Road 161, Tonlegee-Sallymount-Raherd.
15. Brittas Bay-Ardanairy-Sallymount-Ennereilly.
16. Barndarrig-Redcross-Coolanearl-Kilmacoc-Avooca.
17. Avooca Village-Beech Road-Templerainey.
18. Ennereilly-Johnstown-Sea Road, Arklow.
19. Rathdrum-Greenane.
20. Ballinaclesh-Greenane-Glenmalure.
21. Thomastown Road.
22. Johnstown (Arklow) Road.
23. Part Macreddin Road.

24. Part Aughrim-Aughavannagh.
25. Part Ballinglen-Moyne.
26. Ballinglen-Tinahely.
27. Tinahely-Knockananna.
28. Part Rathdangan-Aughavannagh.
29. Kilcommon-Coolboy.
30. Coolboy-Coolattin-Shillelagh.
31. Greenfort-Coolafancy.
32. Umrygar-Wexford Bounds.
33. Ballingate-Glenashouk.
34. Part Balisland-Newry.
35. Knockloe-Ardoyne.
36. Oak's Cross-Knockballystine.
37. Part Kilbride-Blessington.
38. Part Co. Dublin Bounds-Blessington.
39. Part Donard-Kiltegan.
40. Part Stratford-Grange Con.
41. Donard-Dunlavin.
42. Whitestown-Knockanarrigan.
43. Dunlavin-Grange Con.
44. Poulaphouca-Valleymount.
45. Valleymount-Logstown.
46. Kilbride-Dublin Boundary.
47. Fryanstown-Tynte Park.
48. Dunlavin-Hollywood.

The Chairman expressed regret that there had been no increase in the amount of Grants for Road Works in the coming year. He disagreed with the extent of the improvement works being carried out on main roads, which were to the standard determined by the Department of Local Government. He suggested that for the easing of corners on Main Roads, a lower standard might be adopted. The Chairman, supported by the members, stressed the necessity to divert portion of the Main Road Grant to County Roads.

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill;
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy:

Resolved—That we approve of the provision for Road Services as submitted in the Estimates.

As an Amendment, it was
Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;
Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett:

That we provide the same amount for Road Works as provided in the present year.

Following a discussion on the matter, and having regard to the views expressed by the majority of the members, Councillor W. Hammond withdrew his Amendment.

The Council accordingly approved of the amount provided in the Estimates as submitted for Road Works.

The Council approved of the provisional allocation of funds for roads as submitted by the County Engineer, as follows:—
ROAD WORKS SCHEME, 1954/55.

TABLE A.
MAIN ROADS.
PROVISIONAL ALLOCATION OF AVAILABLE FUNDS.

	Districts				TOTALS
	Northern	S/Eastern	Southern	Western	
Mileage	108.66	50.65	39.42	61.17	259.90
Repairs	£9,300	£5,800	£3,800	£7,600	£26,500
Reconstruction	3,800	£1,800	£2,000	£6,431	£14,031
Surface Dressing	14,016	£9,743	£6,660	£2,286	£32,705
	£27,116	£17,343	£12,460	£16,317	£73,236
Special Grants	£20,500	£5,000	£1,000	£11,000	£37,500
Grand Total:	£47,616	£22,343	£13,460	£27,317	£110,736

COUNTY ROADS.

	Districts				TOTALS
	Northern	S/Eastern	Southern	Western	
Mileage	152.57	279.05	195.06	265.11	891.79
Repairs	£11,000	£12,000	£9,200	£11,000	£43,200
Reconstruction	£1,100	£2,000	£1,000	£1,575	£5,675
Surface Dressing	£7,000	£5,269	£6,013	£5,025	£23,307
Total	£19,100	£19,269	£16,213	£17,600	£72,182
Grants	£4,890	£9,000	£14,810	£10,000	£38,700
Grand Total	£23,990	£28,269	£31,023	£27,600	£110,882

Totals for Main and County (€71,606) (€50,612) (€44,483) (€54,917) (€221,618)

Part 1 (Maintenance)	Main	County	TOTALS
Rates	£43,942	£72,182	£116,045
40% Grants (Main Roads only)	£29,294		£29,294
	£73,236	£72,182	£145,418
Special Grants	£37,500	£38,700	£76,200
Part 2:	£110,736	£110,882	£221,618
Loans	£1,852	£4,663	£6,515
Contingencies	£500	£500	£1,000
TOTALS	£113,088	£116,945	£229,133

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and adopt the Estimates (Form E.1) now submitted to us as amended, and determine the Rates in the £ to be levied in the County by means of Poor Rate for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1955, as follows:—

Name of Service	Rate in the £	Pence
Road Charges	114.45
Public Assistance Charges	66.55
Mental Hospital Charges	27.47
Health Charges	29.13
Sanitary Charges	24.38
Housing Charges	36.42
General Purposes	57.60
		356.00

SEPARATE CHARGES.

Name and Particulars of Separate Charge.

Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board	50d.
Criminal Injury—McCabe	609d.
Criminal Injury—Johnson	2,057d.
Vocational Education	9,369d.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we hereby, in accordance with the Estimates on Form E.1, and the Valuation Lists, do determine the amounts to be demanded from each Urban District in respect of the financial year ending 31st March, 1955, as follows:—

	Arklow	Bray	Wicklow
Roads	£1,893 10 1	£7,901 0 6	£1,563 0 11
Public Assistance	£3,525 12 7	£14,708 0 8	£2,906 6 6
Mental Hospital	£1,035 12 11	£4,332 15 2	£863 4 7
Health	£1,443 15 8	£6,028 3 8	£1,239 18 2
General Purposes	£1,003 16 5	£4,139 18 9	£837 9 11
Separate Charges	£681 1 6	£453 0 2	£566 12 6
	£9,583 9 2	£37,562 18 11	£7,976 12 7

Passed unanimously.

I hereby certify that at the adjourned Estimates meeting of Wicklow County Council held this 1st day of March, 1954, the Council did by resolution adopt the Estimates of Expenses set forth at Tables A, B, C, D and E, and did also by resolution determine in accordance with the said Estimates the Rates set forth in Column 13 of the Table C, and Column 15 of the Table D to be the Rates in the Pound to be levied for the several purposes specified in the said Estimates for the financial year ending on 31st March, 1955.

Signed: HENRY J. BYRNE, Chairman.

Countersigned: K. J. BRANGAN, County Secretary.

Road at Enniskerry.

Councillor P. Ledwidge stated that a request had been made by residents of Ballymoney, Coolakay and Ballybawn to Coras Iompair Eireann for the provision of a 'bus service from Enniskerry to the top of Ballyorney Road or Killough Cross. A request already had been made by Mr. D. B. Davies, Charleville, for a 'bus service for the purpose of conveying staff from Enniskerry to his factory at Charleville. Coras Iompair Eireann had refused to operate a 'bus service on this route on the grounds that the road was not suitable for 'bus traffic, although Councillor Ledwidge stated that the road had been used by 'buses during the tourist season.

Councillor P. Ledwidge asked that the Council make representations to Coras Iompair Eireann for the provision of this 'bus service.

Report and Explanatory Table re Estimates.

The following statement, prepared by the County Manager, had been circulated to the members:—

To: The Chairman and Members,
of Wicklow Co. Council.
Courtthouse, Wicklow.
6th February, 1954.

ESTIMATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1954/55.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,
Estimates of Expenses and Receipts of the County Council for the year ending on 31st March, 1955, together with Tables giving details of how the totals for each Service was made up, are attached.

The total expenditure estimated for the coming year is £799,522. Receipts are estimated at £370,382. The net amount to be provided from Rates would be £429,140.

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

Gross Expenditure	£726,056
Receipts	£347,500
Net amount to be levied from Rates	£378,556

The total rate required for the coming year, if these Estimates were approved, would be 30s. 4d. in the £, which would be an increase of 3s. 8d. over that levied in the present year, which is 26s. 8d.

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

	1954/55	1953/54	Increase
Roads	114.45d.	110.7d.	3.75d.
Public Assistance	68.88d.	66.6d.	2.28d.
Mental Hospitals	27.47d.	26.5d.	0.97d.
Health Services	31.80d.	16.2d.	15.60d.
Sanitary Services	24.38d.	22.1d.	2.28d.
Housing	39.42d.	28.4d.	11.02d.
General Purposes	57.60d.	49.5d.	8.10d.

It will be noted that the Rate increase in the main is due to the Health Services, including Public Assistance and Mental Hospitals, which account for 1s. 6.85d. This rise is not unexpected and is the inevitable result of the coming into operation of the Health Act, 1953, the provisions of which require additional outlay on the part of local authorities and the State. Last year, when submitting the Estimates, I drew attention to the proposals contained in a White Paper on the new Health Services, and, having given a summary of them, mentioned that in the early stages of the Scheme, the additional cost to be met from Rates could be expected to reach 2s. in the £. The full effect, however, will not be felt in the coming year, and it can be expected that the rate for Health Services will continue to rise for a number of years.

In addition to the Health Services, the rate for Housing shows a marked rise. This is mainly due to the Subsidy required from Rates towards the cost of new houses, and the increasing outlay on repairs. In addition, provision must be made for a debit balance of £3,099 for the present year.

The expenditure under General Purposes also is higher for the coming year, due chiefly to the effect of overdraft interest charges and rate collection costs.

The increase for Sanitary Services arise from the additional provision necessary to meet capital debt charges on the cost of new Water Supplies.

Under the various Service headings, full details are given of other variations in costs.

ROADS:

The Rate Estimate for Roads is 9s. 6.45d. in the £; in 1953/54 the levy was 9s. 2.7d.

The provision made for Road Works in the coming year corresponds in most respects to that in the present year. It has been necessary, however, to provide for the effect of the wages increase of 4s. 6d. per week to road workers, which was agreed to some time ago, even though sanction has not yet been received; this is essential if the volume of employment and the programme of works are to be maintained at the same level as in the previous year. The cost under this heading would be £2,133 for Main Roads and £2,102 for County Roads, but part of the first item would be recoupable from the State Grant for Main Road maintenance, and would thereby be reduced from £2,133 to £1,280. The net cost falling on Rates, therefore, is £3,382.

The receipts from Motor Taxation continue to rise; in 1952 the income was £70,767, but in 1953 it reached £90,165—an increase of almost £20,000. It might be assumed that the additional income from this source should be reflected in larger Grants from the Road Fund, but thus far no indication has been received as to the Grants which will be available for the coming year. As explained last year, the Road Grants to local authorities are not allocated in proportion to the Motor Tax collected in their areas (the road mileage to be maintained in each area, and other factors are taken into account), but the larger income to the Road Fund should, it is thought, affect the amount of Grant in the coming year. In the absence of exact information, similar figures to the present year's have been included in respect of Road Grants.

During the past year the Council continued its policy of improving County Roads in accordance with a Five Year Programme determined two years ago. The object of this policy was to improve the more important County Roads so as to make available to people in the rural areas, thoroughfares which would have surfaces up to modern standards, and able to take all types of traffic. Traffic on all roads continues to increase. Apart from the rise in the total number of vehicles registered in the County, the volume of tourist and week-end traffic continues to expand, especially on County Roads in the Northern and Eastern parts of the County.

During the present year it has been possible to improve also roads which give access to areas which will attract tourists. The road from Sallygap towards Blessington has now been completely resurfaced; the Wicklow Gap road from Glendalough to Hollywood will have been resurfaced over its entire length by the end of March. Up to the present the Council has had to depend on Grants under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, to improve these important tourist roads, and if the Council had not been cutting large quantities of turf each year in these districts, it is doubtful if such Grants would have been received. This year, however, An Bord Fáilte gave a special Grant to provide passing-bays on the Sallygap—Roundwood Road, which was reconstructed in the past three years and now carries heavy traffic in the Summer. For many years the Council had urged that they should receive special consideration from the State in their endeavour to improve certain tourist routes, and within the past few weeks the first Grant of this character has been received. It will enable the Council to continue work on the improvement of the Sally Gap—Laragh route, via Glenmacnass. The reconstruction of this roadway, in addition to opening up a new area for tourists, should serve to ease traffic on the main route to Glendalough.

The congestion at Glendalough resulting from narrow roadways and the absence of sufficient space for the parking of vehicles, has been under consideration by the Council in recent years, and recently An Bord Fáilte has agreed to give a Grant for the construction of a car park near the Upper Lake. The necessary land has been acquired, and work on the project already has started.

In the present year, apart from normal maintenance and surfacing of roads, 30 miles of roads were reconstructed—by far the greater part of this work was on County Roads. New surface dressings were applied to 80 miles of roads—41 County and 39 Main. Large-scale improvements were or are being carried out, in ten instances, to difficult corners on roads. In West Wicklow special reconstruction of a section of the Blessington/Dublin road was necessary owing to the heavy traffic which this road has to bear. Work on the improvement of the Baltinglass-Kiltegan road was commenced, and between Blessington and Baltinglass a section of the Main Road was relaid with a new tar macadam carpet. Three miles of the Wicklow Gap Road near Hollywood is being reconstructed, and will be completed by the end of the year.

There is an increase of £882 in the Loan Charges for Roads, as during the year it was decided to raise a loan of £3,200 for reconstructing the Poulaphouca-Valleymount road, and a further loan of £7,251 is being arranged for the reconstruction of the road from Whitestown Cross to Derrynamuck, which leads to the Glen of Imaal. A State Grant towards the latter work has been sought, but there is no indication that it will be forthcoming. Apart from the Loan Charges for rebuilding a number of bridges, and the new Silver Strand Road near Wicklow, the major part of the loans raised in recent years for road reconstruction, is in respect of roads in the Western part of the County. It is expected that the Silver Strand Road will be completed and open to traffic by the end of the present financial year.

TURF PRODUCTION.

In 1953 the Council again decided to produce turf for the County Institutions, and other requirements. The total quantity produced last year was over 1,900 tons. At present the Council has substantial stocks of turf on hands in the various Institutions and depots, but the installation of heating equipment in Baltinglass Hospital, and the Fever Hospital, Wicklow, which can use turf, is expected to result in a higher consumption in the coming year.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

The gross expenditure is estimated at £165,258, as compared with £142,194 for the present year. The increase in total outlay is £23,064. Receipts are estimated at £72,264 (£53,200 in 1953/54). The net increase, therefore, is £4,000. The increase in Receipts is accounted for by additional recoupment from the Health Grant.

As in previous years, Public Assistance includes provision for the running of County Institutions; the Dispensary Medical Service; Treatment of Patients in Extern Institutions (i.e. in Hospitals in Dublin and elsewhere); Home Assistance to necessitous persons; the Maintenance of Boarded-out Children; Provision of Footwear for Children in families with low incomes; and the supply of Fuel to households receiving Home Assistance in Urban Areas.

As a result of the coming into operation of the Health Act, 1953, it may be that this will be the last year in which the term "Public Assistance" will be used for describing these Services, as the new Health legislation applies to the majority of them, and the remainder may be regarded as coming under Social Welfare.

The marked rise in the gross outlay is attributable to a rise in the cost of treatment in Extern Institutions, and to the necessity for providing for a new class of patient (i.e., those in the "middle income group") which the Council hitherto did not maintain. Again, the Dispensary Service will be more costly in the coming year, and the Dental and other Services will have to be expanded.

District Institutions: The expenditure under this heading does not show any appreciable difference (£56,004 in 1953/54; £56,168 in 1954/55), but it should be mentioned that the costs do not cover the former Fever Hospital at Wicklow, which is now being converted into a Tuberculosis Preventorium, and the charges (over £3,000) for which, in consequence, appear under Health Services. The cost of administering Baltinglass Hospital has risen by £400 owing to Loan Charges on the costs of reconstruction, and by over £600 for extra Nursing Staff and attendants. The new Hospital will cater for 45 patients; the average in the old Hospital was about 30. In St. Colman's Hospital, it has been necessary to increase the domestic staff owing to the falling-off in the number of female inmates who in previous years carried out some of the domestic duties. £2,000 is provided for Repairs; the same amount as was provided in the present year, and this is the minimum requirement if the Council is to provide adequate maintenance and continue with the programme of minor improvements in St. Colman's Hospital.

Extern Hospitals: At the beginning of the present financial year the Council was informed that the weekly charge for maintenance in Dublin Hospitals would be increased from 1st May, 1953. It is understood that a further increase of about 10s. per week may be expected in the coming year. The effect of these revisions of charges will result in an increase of £7,250 in the provision necessary under this heading. The weekly charge, moreover, no longer includes the cost of special medicines, which are now charged as extras.

At present the Council only defrays the cost of treatment for patients who are unable to meet it from their own resources, but under the Health Act, 1953, the Council is obliged to provide institutional and specialist Services for persons insured under the Social Welfare Acts, those whose yearly means are less than £600, persons whose means are derived from farming and whose rateable valuation is less than £50, and any other persons who would, without hardship, be unable to provide such Services for themselves or their dependants. It has been found very difficult to ascertain the Council's additional liability, but after careful examination it has been estimated that the cost will be about £9,600. In the case of persons whom it is considered could make some contribution towards the cost of treatment, such contribution may be sought by the Council, but it cannot exceed 6s. per day, except in a limited number of cases. The maximum contribution would only meet about a third or fourth of the cost, as hospital capitation charges now run from £6 to £7 per week.

The cost to the Council of Hospital treatment (whether in their own or extern institutions) will also be affected by the loss of the measure of recoupment of the expenditure on insured persons, which has been available up to now. Until 1952 the entire cost of treatment of insured persons was met from the State Insurance funds administered by the Department of Social Welfare. It was, from 1952, limited to a six weeks' period of treatment, and after that the cost had to be met by the patient from his own resources, or by the local authority if he was not in a position to do so—which meant that the local authority frequently had to defray the balance. But from the 1st April next this recoupment no longer will be available and the cost of treating insured persons will have to be met by the Council, subject to a recoupment of 50% from the Health Grant. The recoupment from

the Health Grant will not equal that hitherto obtained from Insurance Funds; moreover, the local authority did not always arrange hospital treatment for insured persons, but in the future they will be obliged to do so. The effect of this alteration is shown in the Receipts. Whereas last year the Receipts by way of repayment of cost of institutional treatment were estimated at £7,000, it is expected that they will not exceed £4,500 in the coming year, even allowing for such receipts as may be obtainable from the new classes of persons treated under the Health Act, 1953. The result, in consequence, is that in addition to providing £9,600 extra for the treatment of persons in groups outside the former public assistance class, there is also a reduction in receipts of £2,500, so that the total cost involved is £12,100.

Home Assistance: The estimate for Home Assistance is almost the same as in the present year (£32,483 in 1953/54, and £32,860 for 1954/55). In addition to the allowance to necessitous persons the estimate provides for Boarded-out Children; Footwear Scheme; and the Fuel Scheme, under which fuel is provided free to families in the Urban Districts, which are receiving Home Assistance. The issue of Home Assistance is periodically reviewed by the local Committees and, whilst improved Social Welfare benefits from State sources has resulted in a slight reduction in the total number of recipients of Home Assistance, it has been found necessary to increase allowances owing to the rise in living costs.

Medical Assistance: The cost of the Dispensary Medical Service is estimated at £30,235, an increase of £4,270 over the present year, which is ascribable to—salaries, £2,000; Loan Charges, £270; and Dental and Ophthalmic Treatment, £2,000.

For some time past the Medical Association has been pressing for a revision of the salaries of the Dispensary Medical Officers, and it has been urged especially that no consideration was given to the increased outlay on travelling which now falls on these officers. It seems likely that the Department of Health will approve of a revision of existing scales, and consequently a sum of £2,000 has been added to cover the additional costs.

The capital debt charges on some new Dispensaries are being provided for, and this results in an increase of £270.

It is estimated that the additional outlay on Dental and Ophthalmic treatment, owing to the necessity to provide these for new classes of persons who come under the Health Act, 1953, will amount to £2,000.

It is intended that the existing system under which tickets are issued to persons seeking the services of the Dispensary Doctors will be abandoned in the coming year. In its place Registers of persons eligible for free Dispensary treatment will be compiled and special cards will be issued to such persons.

Other Expenses: The cost under this heading is £9,145, an increase of £903 over the current year (£8,242). This additional outlay is in the main due to additional clerical staff, £250; Printing and Stationery charges, £150; and £150 for extension to offices. To deal with the Hospital and other records relating to new cases, under the Health Act, and to compile a Register of persons to be afforded free treatment under the Dispensary system, it is found that additional clerical staff will be necessary. Outlay on printing and stationery is expected to increase by £150 for the same reasons. To accommodate the additional staff required for the new Services coming under the County Medical Officer, more office accommodation will be essential and the cost is estimated at £150.

It should be mentioned that the Department of Health has not agreed to permit to be charged against the Health Grant, and thereby to rank for recoupment, the cost of replacement of Ambulances. This

seems a strange decision, as the cost of buying an Ambulance to replace one which is worn out, scarcely could, by any normal process of reasoning or accounting practice, be regarded as a capital charge.

Receipts: The greater part of the Receipts (£72,264) is derived from the Health Services State Grant.

MENTAL HOSPITALS:

The Demand from Grangegorman Mental Hospital is up by £2,675 (£58,060 as compared with £55,385 for current year), but the receipt from the Health Grant is greater by £993. The net amount to be met from Rates consequently is £1,682, which will require a rate of about 1d. in the £.

The increase in the Demand is due mostly to the provision for Loan Charges on new Capital Works, and increased outlay on food. The number of patients from Wicklow shows a slight increase on the previous year. In the past five years, however, the number has risen by about 16%, but it is noticeable that there is a somewhat similar trend in the numbers from the other areas (Dublin City and County).

HEALTH SERVICES:

The outlay on the Health Services again shows a very substantial rise, but this was to be expected as provision must be made for the new charges arising from the coming into operation of the Health Act, 1953.

The gross cost is estimated at £102,312, an increase of £21,978 over 1953/54 (£80,334). After deducting Receipts of £59,379 (£58,636 in 1953/54) the net cost is £42,933. The additional outlay to be met from Rates in the coming year is £21,235, and this is equal to a rate of almost 1s. 4d.

The new Services deriving from the Health Act, which come under the heading of Public Assistance have already been outlined. Provision, however, also has to be made for the Mother and Child Service which will be in operation as from 1st April next. Briefly these intend to provide for (1) the payment of Maternity Cash Grants; (2) payments to Medical practitioners for attendance on maternity cases; (3) Hospital treatment for maternity cases where necessary; (4) medicines, appliances and supplies of milk, where necessary, for mothers and children; (5) additional nursing services; (6) extension of the existing School Medical Service.

The attempt to estimate the cost of these Services is a complex matter and it was necessary to examine vital statistics, the medical and hospital records already available to the Council, and also to endeavour to compute the numbers of the population falling into the different income groups. While it is very difficult to calculate the figures accurately, the estimates now submitted have been prepared with care and with due regard to all the factors which could be found to influence the costs. As far as can be judged at present, the estimates should prove adequate, but experience in other countries has shown that Health Estimates invariably have been exceeded.

Since it is intended that medical treatment and advice at Clinics for mothers shall be provided by whole-time medical staff, the immediate appointment of at least one additional Assistant Medical Officer will be essential in the coming year. This doctor will also be used to conduct a special B.C.G. Vaccination Scheme for children, which will be introduced at an early date. The appointment of this officer accounts for the increase in the cost of salaries of medical officers. As the Mother and Child Services expand, it may be necessary later to appoint a further Assistant Medical Officer.

Additional Nursing Staff will also be required, and £400 has been provided for this purpose.

To keep records and deal with correspondence, an extra clerical officer and clerk/typist will be required in the office of the County Medical Officer and the cost is estimated at £520.

The cost of Maternity Cash Grants is estimated at £1,250. These Grants will be payable only to persons who come within the former Public Assistance class.

For medical care for Mothers and Infants, £5,628 is included. This is intended to meet the cost of payments to any medical practitioners who may attend maternity cases, and also the cost of medical requisites. It is expected that there will be about 700 cases per year, and that each case will cost about £8 8s.

A sum of £2,500 is included to defray the cost of hospital maintenance for the additional maternity cases for which the Council may become liable in the coming year.

The provision of medicines and special foods for mothers and infants is expected to cost about £1,000.

It is estimated that the examination of children under the School Medical Service shall be at more frequent intervals, and this will result in increased outlay, estimated at £500, on consequential specialist treatment.

Infectious Diseases: The cost of County Sanatoria shows an increase of £3,850, but this arises really from the use of the former Fever Hospital as a Tuberculosis Preventorium for children. Owing to the continued decline in recent years in the incidence of infectious diseases, such as diphtheria, typhoid fever, etc., the Council decided to discontinue to use the Hospital at Wicklow for fever purposes, and to arrange for the treatment in extern hospitals of such fever cases as may infrequently occur.

The increase of £3,000 in the cost of the treatment in Extern Sanatoria is due to a rise in maintenance charges which now are over £5 per week.

Other items which show increases are—Travelling Expenses of Officers (£1,000), in order to make provision for new Medical Officers and Nurses, and £200 extra for Postage and Telephones.

The Receipts of £59,379 represent almost completely the recoupment from the Health Grant.

SANITARY SERVICES:

The total expenditure under this heading is estimated at £28,117, and receipts at £2,926. The net cost is £25,191; for 1953/54 it was £22,731. The rate required is 2s., as compared with 1s. 10d. in the £ last year. The additional costs are mainly due to the Loan Charges for new Water Supplies.

Public Lighting: The provision made, £3,000, is the same as last year, when the amount was increased by £400 for new services. During the past year public lighting was provided in Hollywood, Vallemount and Kilpedder, and also for Housing Schemes at Glenealy and Avondale Park, whilst a number of extensions were made to existing lighting systems, such as at Shillelagh, Aughrim, Newtownmountkennedy and other places. At present every village in the County has public lighting.

Water Supplies and Sewerage Schemes: The maintenance of existing systems is up by £700 (£5,500 as compared with £4,800 for 1953/54). Every year minor improvements and extensions which have to be charged to revenue, are carried out, and it is found that the sum of £5,500 will be required for the coming year.

Loan Charges show an increase of £2,281, and deducting additional State Subsidy to Loan Charges, the net increase to be met from Rates is £2,045. Provision must be made in the coming year for the Charges on the following new works, for which Loans have been arranged:—

Scheme	Capital Cost
Glenealy Water Supply	£9,350
Coolboy Water Supply	£9,230
Kilquade and Kilcoole Water Supply	£3,800
Baltinglass Water Supply	£4,800

It is expected that the Council will be in a position to seek tenders for Enniskerry Water Supply at an early date. Preliminary designs for a Sewerage Scheme for Aughrim have been prepared. These will be two costly Schemes; the total capital outlay will probably reach £30,000. As it was not possible to ascertain definitely if and when the Electricity Supply Board would proceed with Hydro-electric development at Lough Dan, the Council's Consultant recently was asked to prepare a preliminary design for a regional water supply to serve areas in East Wicklow, which would be taken from the Vartry River, and later could be linked up with the Hydro-electric Scheme if the latter were undertaken.

The Loan Charges also provide for the cost of new pumps which have been provided at various places throughout the County. Some years ago it was found that contractors could not be found for the sinking of wells and installing of pumps, and in consequence the Council's engineering staff had to undertake this work by direct labour. Three boring plants were purchased in recent years, and another at present is on order. So far 47 pumps have been provided and three are in progress. But even half of the programme has not yet been completed, as the Council has approved of the provision of 50 more pumps and applications are still being received. For the number already approved the cost is estimated at over £20,000, of which £9,850 already has been borrowed. The average cost of a pump works out at about £230.

Already a new sanitary convenience has been provided at The Meetings, Avoca, and the Council has agreed to provide new ones at Baltinglass, Roundwood, Kilcoole and Aughrim. The Council also had under consideration the provision of a public convenience at Glendalough, and sought a special State Grant towards the cost. Recently, however, An Bord Fáilte has indicated that they would make a Grant for this purpose, and it is hoped to start work on the structure, which will be sited beside the new Car Park, at an early date; the designs already have been prepared.

Open Spaces: Last year, seats were provided at a number of places and a further new Shelter was erected near the beach at Greystones. It has been decided to arrange for public access to the sea from the new road at Silver Strand, Wicklow, and at a number of places in the Brittas district. Negotiations with landowners have been in progress for some time past. An Bord Fáilte have arranged to give a Grant for the reconstruction of the Cliff Walk from Bray to Greystones, and the work will be started by the Council's Engineering staff as soon as the negotiations for the acquisition of a public right-of-way have been concluded.

HOUSING:

The total expenditure from Revenue on Housing is estimated at £97,450; Receipts are £59,830; the net amount required from Rates is £37,620. This is an increase of £8,347 over the levy for the present year (£29,273). But, in addition, provision must be made for a debit balance of £3,000 (due to excess expenditure on Repairs) from the present year. This brings the additional levy for the coming year to over £11,000 or 11d. in the £. The rate for Housing in the coming

year would be 3s. 3d. as compared with 2s. 4d. in the current year. Briefly, the rise of 11d. in the rate is due to: Loan Charges on new houses, 3d.; Repairs, 5d.; and Debit Balance from present year, 3d.

The rate for Housing is almost altogether attributable to the difference between Loan Charges (arising from the Capital Costs of erecting houses), Repairs and maintenance, etc., and the income derived from Rents and State Subsidies.

For the coming year the total outlay on Council cottages, as distinct from the other housing activities of the Council, is estimated at £93,455, and if the debit balance arising from Repairs is added, it is £96,453. The receipts from Rents are £29,200, and State subsidies amount to £26,700. (Total, £55,900). The difference, which is £40,553, has to be met from the Rates, and is the subsidy contributed by the ratepayers to the Housing programme. The rise in the cost of this Service is due to the outlay on Repairs and the Loan Charges for new building.

Loan Charges: These are up by £5,257, due to the capital costs of the erection of new houses, but this is offset by an increase of about £2,000 in the net Rental Income.

Repairs: The sum included in the Estimates last year for Repairs was £12,000, but it was decided to reduce it to £10,000. During the year, however, it was found that the provision made was altogether inadequate, and the Council voted a further £5,000, but it now is apparent that even this additional sum will not suffice, and the cost will, it is expected, reach up to £17,000. The sum included under this heading for the coming year is £15,000. Whilst the Council has approved of a new Cottage Purchase Scheme, it seems that it will be some time before this will have any material effect on the cost of repairs. Prior to 1939 it was the practice to calculate the average cost of maintenance at about £2 per cottage per year. In the meantime building costs generally have risen to over three times the 1939 level, and consequently it could be expected that the average cost of maintenance to-day could reach £6 or more. The Council now owns over 3,000 houses, and the cost of maintenance, if based on the foregoing average, would be £18,000. Only in a very limited number of cases has there been any adjustment in the Rents fixed many years ago, which might serve to meet even in part the rise in costs of repairs and maintenance.

Grants under Section 19 of Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948: These are Grants payable to persons who build houses for letting. The expenditure (£300) is recouped by the State to the extent of two-thirds, so that the net cost is £100.

Reconstruction Grants: The Council some time ago raised a Loan for the purpose of making special Grants under Sections 9 to 11 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, to persons reconstructing their own dwellings. These Grants from the Council would be in addition to the State Grants for reconstruction. So far 25 Grants have been approved. The Loan Charges for the coming year are estimated at £275. The Grants can be paid to farmers whose valuation does not exceed £35, and to persons whose income does not exceed £8 per week, to assist towards the reconstruction and improvement of existing dwellings which otherwise are in fair condition.

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts: The Loan Charges of £3,500 are met in full by repayments from borrowers, and no charge to be met from Rates arises. Up to date 85 Loans have been approved, and applications are still being received.

Housing Programme: The total number of houses erected by the Council up to the present date is 3,197, of which 2,193 were erected in the past 20 years. The number built since 1939 is 733. Under the new Scheme started in 1949, 426 houses have been built; 379 by direct labour and 47 by contract. At present 39 houses are in course of construction by direct labour.

When submitting the Estimates last year, I referred to the effects of rising building costs. It is now evident that the Council will have to provide very substantial subsidies from Rates for any new housing Schemes. Having regard to the present level of building costs and the average of the Rents charged (on a differential renting system), the subsidy required from Rates for a new cottage in a rural area would be up to £19 per year. If a rural house costs £1,100 and the average rent charged be taken at 7s. per week, then the annual charges which would amount to £68 15s. would be apportioned as follows: State Subsidy, £31 10s. 3d.; Rent from Tenant, £18 4s.; Subsidy from Rates, £19 0s. 9d. In consequence it can be expected that the Scheme of 50 rural cottages which it has recently been arranged to build will cost the Council up to £950 per year in subsidy. It seems, therefore, very necessary to ensure that in every instance the persons seeking new houses are in need of them. Recently it has been found that of the total building costs of a Council house, 60% is attributable to payments for materials, and 40% is for labour. A few years ago the costs were approximately equal. This again is another reason why housing schemes cannot to-day be viewed solely in the light of their employment content, especially when it is borne in mind that the subsidy from Rates is payable for 50 years to come.

The Graded (or Differential) Rents Scheme has only been applied to new lettings since 1950. The additional income from this source is, however, comparatively small, but it does ensure that the rents for new lettings may have some relation to higher incomes and altered money values. It is quite obvious that the rent charged for old cottages leaves no margin whatever to meet the rising costs of repairs.

GENERAL PURPOSES:

The net charges, after deducting receipts are: Chargeable to County-at-large, including Urban Districts, £17,527; chargeable to County Health District, £46,100. The corresponding charges in the current year's Estimates were £17,411 and £38,030. There is an increase of £116 in the Urban Charges part of the expenditure, and of £8,076 in the expenditure chargeable to the County Health District.

The items which account for the substantial increase in the charges on the County Health District are: Overdraft Interest, £2,500; Cost of Rate Collection, £1,254; Pensions and Gratuities, £2,374; Salaries, £985; Fire Brigades, £463; Public Libraries, £387; Blind Welfare Scheme, £320.

Public Libraries: It has been recommended by the Co. Librarian and by the Advisory Committee, that a van be purchased and a driver be employed in order that a more frequent exchange of books could be arranged at the Branch Libraries throughout the County. At present books are distributed in book boxes for which haulage is arranged with C.I.E. Most of these boxes now require renewal and additional boxes would be required if the frequency of exchanges were to be increased. Either method of exchange would result in an increase in costs, and it is considered that it would be preferable to accept the recommendation of the Committee and purchase a van. The extra cost, as mentioned above, entailed by this change, would be £387.

Salaries: The cost shows an increase of £985 and this is due to increments to officers and to temporary allowances granted in the present year, and which exceeded the original estimate made last year.

Cost of Rate Collection: The cost for the coming year is estimated at £11,344, as compared with £10,090 in the current year. The increase is due to the fact that it was decided to allow full Bonus in addition to poundage to the Rate Collectors with the smaller districts. Originally, however, it had been asked that full bonus should be allowed to all Collectors which would have entailed even higher costs.

Pensions and Gratuities: In the coming year two Rate Collectors are due to retire and the payment of Gratuities and Pensions to them will require an additional sum of £2,374 under this heading.

Fire Brigades: The increase of £463 over the present year is due to Loan Charges on new Fire Station at Bray, the purchase of special Foam Equipment to meet special factory risks in Arklow, and the installation of a new Siren at Baltinglass. The County Fire Officer recommended that the existing fire appliances at Rathdrum should be replaced by a new vehicle, and that the machine at present in use at Rathdrum be transferred to Arklow, and the Arklow appliance be transferred to Wicklow. Provision, however, has not been made in the Estimates for these changes. In the coming years, though, it will be necessary to purchase new equipment.

Blind Welfare Scheme: For the Scheme under the Blind Persons Acts, which provides for the payment of allowances to Blind Persons, in addition to the State Pensions they receive, an extra £320 is required. Under the Scheme institutional training is being provided for a small number of cases, and a Grant of £200 is being made to the County Wicklow Branch of the National Council for the Blind, which voluntary organisation assists in providing home training in crafts and education for persons afflicted with blindness.

Seeds and Fertilizers Scheme: £2,000 is again provided; as the expenditure is fully repaid by persons availing of the Scheme, there is no charge on the Rates.

Local Authorities (Works) Act: In the present year State Grants amounting to £19,000 were received. £25,000 is included for the coming year, but it cannot be stated if this sum will be made available, especially as the new National Development Fund may be used for similar works. There is no charge on the Rates, as outlay does not exceed the amount of Grants.

Overdraft Interest: Last year an estimate of £3,000 was included for Overdraft Interest, but it was decided to reduce it to £2,000. In the event it has been found that Interest charges on overdraft will amount to up to £4,000 in the present year. As explained last year, this rise in Overdraft Interest is due to the fact that State Grants are now much greater and considerable expenditure is incurred by the Council prior to their receipt. The scale of expenditure has also altered owing to rising costs, and the addition of new services; whereas in 1937/38 the total revenue outlay of the Council was about £204,000, it is over £720,000 in the present year. In the former year it is noted that the Overdraft Interest amounted to £1,400. So that it is evident that the volume of expenditure and the amount of State Grants receivable influence the charges for Overdraft Interest.

Separate Charges—Vocational Education Committee: The cost of this Service is levied as a separate charge, as Bray Urban Council operates its own Scheme. The Demand for the coming year is £8,570, and shows little variation from the present year (£8,528), but the repayments of Loans are up by £561, after allowing for a State Grant of a similar amount. The increase in Loan Charges is due to the provision necessary to meet the costs of borrowing for the new Technical School at Wicklow. The rate for the coming year for Vocational Education will be 9½d.

Separate Charges—Malicious Injuries: In the coming year there has to be levied a sum of £2,777 for a Court award for Malicious Injuries in respect of a claim for the burning of outoffices and farm equipment. This will entail a rate of over 2d. in the £; the Court determined that the amount should be levied as a County-at-large charge.

Rates Increase: In the Statement on last year's Estimates the trend of costs of the Council's Services over a period of five years was fully examined. It was pointed out that in addition to the inevitable effect of rising prices and revisions of remuneration to workers in all grades to meet cost-of-living increases, the Council had been asked to improve existing Services or to provide new ones. For the coming year, as already mentioned, the rate increase is due mainly to the coming into operation of the new Health Act, and the rise in the cost of Housing. The cost of the new Health measures will fall about equally on the State and the local authorities, but it is the latter who are the medium through which they will be provided, and who must find the institutions, and the staff to operate them. This undoubtedly is bound materially to widen the scope of the Council's activities, and to throw on the members and their staffs the burden of finding the solution to the many complex problems which will arise. Every year has brought a progressive enlargement of your activities, as it has become the time honoured practice in this country to expect the local authority to undertake all new measures, which have social improvement as their object—measures as diverse in their aim and operation as housing, health, fire-fighting, land drainage, distribution of milk and footwear, and the supply of seeds and fertilisers. Except for defence, administration of justice, and primary education, which are undertaken by the State, there is thrust on local authorities the obligation to meet an ever-increasing number of social needs of the citizen—from the cradle to the grave. If there be general acceptance of this viewpoint—and judging by the insistent demand for new Services, this seems to be the case—then the rise in rates cannot be stayed, and the process of collecting still more from some in the interests of others (euphemistically it possibly might be termed a re-distribution of income) will continue.

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

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

Yours faithfully,

M. FLANNERY,

Wicklow County Manager.

Details of the Rate as adopted by the Council are as follows:—
Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the local Financial Year
ending on the 31st day of March, 1955.

ROADS SERVICES.

Purpose of Expenditure:	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas are exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Ordinary Road Works:				
Maintenance and reconstruction ..	73,236	73,236	72,182	72,182
Loan Charges ..	1,852	1,852	4,663	4,663
Contingencies ..	500	500	500	500
Special Grant Works:				
Road Fund ..	37,500	37,500	38,700	38,700
Other State Grants ..			600	600
Other Purposes:				
Salaries, etc. of Co. Engineer and Assistants ..	2,651	2,651	3,824	3,824
Travelling Expenses of Co. Engineer and Assistants ..	950	950	1,900	1,900
Salary and trav. expenses of temporary Engineer ..			200	200
Salaries—Clerical Staff: Co. Engineer's Office ..			1,421	1,421
Retiring Allowance: Ex-Co. Surveyor ..	507	507		
Superannuation—Employees ..	625	625	625	625
Printing, Stationery and Advertising ..	50	50	450	450
Postage and Telephone ..	130	130	160	160
Stamp Duty—Paying Orders ..	150	150	130	130
Road Openings and Rein-statements ..	300	300	120	120
Miscellaneous (inc. E.L. Claims) ..	100	100	1,500	1,500
	£118,551	£118,551	£126,975	£126,975

Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the local Financial Year
ending on the 31st day of March, 1955.

ROADS SERVICES.

Nature of Receipts	Amount Estimated			
	In which Urban Areas participate		In which Urban Areas do not participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Road Fund — Maintenance Grant ..	29,244	29,244		
Do.—Special Grant ..	37,500	37,500	38,700	38,700
Employment Grants ..			600	600
Other Receipts:				
Estate Duty Grant ..			1,500	1,500
Road Openings and other Refunds ..	300	300	120	120
Miscellaneous receipts (inc. refund of insurance Claims) ..	100	100	1,500	1,500
Prop. of salaries and trav. expenses of Co. Engineer and Assistant Engineers chargeable to Assistance, Health and Housing Services ..	1,800	1,800	2,863	2,863
Refund of Road Fund Bonus ..	140	140	160	160
Weighbridge Receipts ..	40	40		
Railway Overbridges ..	75	75		
Contributions from established servants (L.G. Superannuation) Act, 1948 ..	600	600	600	600
	£69,799	£69,799	£46,043	£46,043

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1955.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

Nature of Expenditure:	Amount Estimated To which Urban Areas contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
DISTRICT INSTITUTIONS: Salaries, Wages, etc.	£ 23,307	£ 23,307
Superannuation	1,081	1,081
Food, Drink and Tobacco	11,000	11,000
Farm Expenses	720	720
Furniture and Hardware	800	800
Washing and Cleaning	300	300
Medicines	3,000	3,000
Medical & Surgical Appliances	1,500	1,500
Heating and Lighting	7,500	7,500
Clothing and Bedding	1,500	1,500
Repairs and Upkeep	2,000	2,000
Loan Charges	1,860	1,860
Miscellaneous Institutional Expenses	1,600	1,600
TOTAL FOR DISTRICT INSTITUTIONS	£56,168	£56,168
ASSISTANCE IN EXTERN INSTITUTIONS	£27,250	£24,097
Do. (Health Act, 1953)	£9,600	£5,000
HOME ASSISTANCE:		
Assistance in Cash to Aged, Infirm, etc.	18,800	18,800
Provisional Assistance to Unemployed, etc.	3,100	3,100
Footwear Scheme	1,550	1,550
Boarded-out Children	5,000	5,000
Salaries of Assistance Officers	2,860	2,860
Retiring Allowances	350	350
Fuel Schemes and other Expenses	1,200	1,200
TOTAL FOR HOME ASSISTANCE	£32,860	£32,860

Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the local Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1955.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE—Contd.

Nature of Expenditure:	To which Urban Areas contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (otherwise than in Institutions):		
Salaries of Dispensary Medical Officers, Midwives and other Staff	18,509	18,509
Superannuation	1,156	1,156
Medical Supplies	3,500	3,500
Loan Charges	620	620
Repair and Upkeep of Dispensaries	2,500	2,500
Dental and Ophthalmic Treatment	1,500	1,500
Do. (Health Act, 1953)	2,000	1,000
Miscellaneous Expenses	450	450
TOTAL for Medical Assistance:	£30,235	£29,235
OTHER EXPENSES:		
Salaries and Wages of Office Staff	1,496	1,496
Do. (Health Act, 1953)	250	250
Salaries of Engineering, Legal and Analyst	1,322	1,322
Superannuation	87	87
Printing, Stationery and Advertising, etc.	600	600
Rents, Rates and Insurance	400	400
Postage and Telephones	500	500
Ambulance Service and other transport of patients	3,000	3,000
Coffins and Burials of Poor	300	300
Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages	500	500
Fees for Certification of Lunatics	240	240
Repairs and Improvements to Offices	150	150
Other Miscellaneous Expenditure	300	300
TOTAL FOR OTHER EXPENSES	£9,145	£9,145
GROSS TOTAL OF EXPENDITURE	£165,258	£156,505

Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the local Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1955.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

Nature of Receipt:	In which Urban Areas participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
REPAYMENT OF ASSISTANCE:	£	£
In respect of Maintenance in Institutions ..	4,500	4,500
In respect of Home Assistance ..	250	250
GOVERNMENT GRANTS:	60,793	55,183
Health Act, 1947 ..	775	775
Footwear Scheme ..	278	278
Rents of Dispensary Residences ..	600	600
Sale of Farm Produce		
Farm Produce consumed by Inmates of County Home ..	300	300
Ambulance Hire ..	100	100
Officers' Emoluments in kind ..	3,550	3,550
Superannuation Contributions ..	563	563
Other Miscellaneous Receipts ..	555	555
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	£72,264	£68,654

MENTAL HOSPITAL SERVICE.

Nature of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Money Supplied to Joint Committee ..	£58,060	£58,060
Nature of Receipt	In which Urban Areas participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Grant under Health Act, 1947 ..	£20,969	£20,969

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1955.

HEALTH SERVICES. EXPENDITURE.

Nature of Expenditure:	To which Urban Areas contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Salaries:	£	£
Chief Medical Officer and Assist.		
Chief Medical Officer ..		
County Dental Surgeon ..	3,225	2,925
District Medical Officers ..	1,110	1,110
Public Health Nurses ..	1,440	1,440
Do. (Health Act, 1953) ..	1,820	1,820
Health Inspectors, Sanitary Sub-Officers and Infant Life Protection Visitors ..	400	200
Office Staff ..	2,328	2,328
Do. (Health Act, 1953) ..	2,068	2,068
Analyst (Proportion of salary) ..	520	200
Retiring Allowances & Gratuities ..	40	40
Mother & Child Services:	500	500
Maternity and Child Welfare Schemes ..		
Maternity Grants (Health Act, 1953) ..	1,790	1,790
Medical Care of Mothers and Infants (Health Act, 1953) ..	1,250	1,250
Do. (Hospital Treatment) ..	5,628	3,500
Do. (Medicines and Foods) ..	2,500	1,500
Schools Medical Services:	1,000	500
Do. (Health Act) 1953) ..	2,000	2,000
Free Milk Schemes ..	500	300
Infectious Diseases:	3,000	3,000
Tuberculosis:		
County Sanatoria ..	14,056	14,056
Extern Sanatoria & Hospitals ..	32,000	32,000
Dispensaries ..	6,250	6,250
Maintenance & Transport of Chalets ..	200	200
Maintenance of Persons suffering from Infectious Disease ..	9,500	9,500
Contribution to National Radiography Service ..	707	707
Venereal Disease ..	500	500
Other Expenses		
Notification of Disease ..	150	150
Vaccination Acts ..	90	90
Disinfection ..	50	50
Replacement of Clothing & Bedding ..	20	20
Diphtheria Immunisation ..	350	350
Pathological Examinations, etc. ..	250	250
Supervision of Food and Drink under Health Act, 1947 ..	50	50
Midwives Act ..	50	50

HEALTH SERVICES—(Contd.).

	To which Urban Areas contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Other Expenses		
Travelling Expenses of Chief Medical Officer and Assistant Dental Surgeon, Public Health Nurses, Health Inspectors and Infant Life Protection Visitors Do. (Health Act, 1953)	3 600	3,600
Contributions to District Nursing Association	300	200
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	930	930
Postage and Telephones	750	750
Insurance Premiums	400	400
Loan Charges	250	250
Miscellaneous	440	440
	300	300
	£102,312	£97,564

Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the local Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1955

HEALTH SERVICES.
RECEIPTS.

HEALTH SERVICES. RECEIPTS: Nature of Receipt:	In which Urban Areas participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Grant under Health Act, 1947	57,991	56,851
Officers' Emoluments (in kind)	625	625
Contributions to Superannuation	563	563
Miscellaneous Receipts	200	200
	£59,379	£58,239

Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the local Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1955.
SANITARY SERVICES.

Nature of Expenditure:	From which Urban Areas are exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Salaries:		
Office Staff	£ 980	£ 980
Caretakers—Water and Sewerage Schemes, Dumping Grounds, & Sanitary Conveniences	2,772	2,772
Burial Grounds	1,451	1,451
Engineering Staff—proportion of salaries and trav. expenses	1,795	1,795
Shops Acts—Inspectors	35	35
Analyst—proportion of salary	40	40
Superannuation	223	223
Water Supplies, Sewerage Schemes and Public Sanitary Conveniences—Repairs and Maintenance	5,500	5,500
Dumping Grounds—Repairs and Maintenance	300	300
Burial Grounds—Do.	1,250	1,250
Public Lighting	3,000	3,000
Maintenance of Open Spaces	500	500
Loan Charges:		
Water & Sewerage Schemes, etc.	9,821	9,821
Burial Grounds	50	50
Contribution to Water Safety	400	400
Other Expenses		
	£28,117	£28,117

SANITARY SERVICES.
RECEIPTS.

Nature of Receipts:	In which Urban Areas do not participate.	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
State Grants—Contribution to Loan Charges	£ 876	£ 876
Water Undertakings	1,500	1,500
Burial Fees	200	200
Miscellaneous	350	350
	£2,926	£2,926

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1955.

HOUSING			
Nature of Expenditure:	From which Urban Areas are exempt		
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	
	£	£	
Labourers Acts:			
Salaries ..	1,212	1,212	
Retiring Allowances ..	850	850	
Superannuation—Employees ..	100	100	
Remuneration of Engineers and Law Agent (Portion) ..	2,606	2,606	
Rent Collectors' Poundage ..	2,800	2,800	
Cottage Repairs ..	15,000	12,000	
Loan Charges ..	60,257	60,257	
Insurances ..	950	950	
Rates on Cottages ..	9,000	9,000	
Other Labourers Acts Expenses ..	250	250	
Small Dwellings (Acq.) Acts ..	3,500	3,500	
Grants under Section 19 Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948 ..	300	300	
Office Expenses ..	350	350	
Loan Charges:			
Housing (Reconstruction) Grants ..	275	275	
TOTAL FOR HOUSING CHARGES ..	£97,450	£94,450	

Nature of Receipts:	In which Urban Areas do not participate		
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	
	£	£	
Labourers Acts:			
Rents of Labourers' Cottages ..	29,200	29,200	
Housing Subsidy ..	26,700	26,700	
Other Receipts ..	150	150	
Small Dwellings (Acq.) Acts ..	3,500	3,500	
Recoupment by State of Grants under Sec. 19, Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948 ..	200	200	
Contributions under Local Government (Superannuation) Act ..	80	80	
TOTAL FOR HOUSING RECEIPTS ..	£59,830	£59,830	

Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the local Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1955.

GENERAL PURPOSES.				
Purpose of Expenditure:	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas contribute		From which Urban Areas are exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Money Supplied to County Committee of Agriculture ..			7,217	7,217
Public Libraries ..			4,626	4,626
Town and Regional Planning Acts ..			50	50
Tourist Development ..	500	500		
Scholarships:				
Secondary ..	2,940	2,940		
University ..	1,375	1,375		
Public Works—Local Authorities (Works) Act—Drainage Schemes ..	25,000	25,000		
Other Purposes:				
Salaries and travelling expenses ..	3,200	3,200	7,384	7,384
Cost of Rate Collection ..			11,344	11,344
Irrecoverable Rates, Discounts and Remissions ..			1,000	1,000
Tramway Employees Pensions			884	884
Pensions: Late Union Officers	737	737		
Late R.D. Council's Officers ..			188	188
County Officers and Servants ..	100	100	4,174	4,174
Franchise & Jurors Lists ..	1,700	1,700		
Valuation ..	175	175		
Legal Expenses ..			100	100
Coroners and Inquests ..	280	280		
Postage & Telephones ..	300	300	600	600
Stationery, Printing and Advertising ..	75	75	900	900
Assessments:				
(i) L. Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act ..	350	350		
(ii) Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act ..	250	250		
Carried Forward ..	£36,982	£36,982	£38,297	£38,297

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year
ending on the 31st day of March, 1955.

GENERAL PURPOSES—Contd.

Purpose of Expenditure.	Amount Estimated.			
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Brought Forward	£36,982	£36,982	£38,297	£38,297
Fire Brigades			7,911	7,911
Drainage of Land	50	50		
Reformatories & Industrial Schools	2,000	2,000		
Conveyance of Prisoners	150	150		
Weights & Measures	300	300		
Food and Drugs	150	150		
County Analyst	300	300		
Seeds & Fertilisers Supply Scheme	2,000	2,000		
Milk & Dairies Act			430	430
Road Fund Expenses	260	260		
Blind Persons Act	920	920		
Prosecutors' & Witnesses' Expenses	120	120		
Civil Defence (A.R.P.) Acts	200	200		
Diseases of Animals:				
Veterinary Inspectors	530	530		
Sheep Dipping Scheme	1,450	1,450		
General Cattle Diseases Fund	320	320		
Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	200	200		
Courthouses and Offices:				
Repairs and Renewals	900	900	500	500
Rents & Expenses	488	488	350	350
Courtkeepers & Office At- tendants	135	135	285	285
Loan Charges			757	757
Expenses of Pounds			75	75
Audit Fees			400	400
Travelling Expenses of Co. Councillors	1,450	1,450		
Harbour Guarantees	209	209		
Interest on Overdraft— General Account			4,500	4,500
Miscellaneous	30	30	150	150
Materials Expense (Bal.)				
Machinery Expense (Bal.)				
	£49,144	£49,144	£53,655	£53,655

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ending on the 31st day of March, 1955.

GENERAL PURPOSES.

Nature of Receipt:	Amount Estimated			
	In which Urban Areas participate		In which Urban Areas do not participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Grants—Drainage Schemes				
Local Authorities (Works) Act	25,000	25,000		
Contributions to Retiring Allowances	60	60	30	30
Licence Fees:				
Poison	5	5		
Cinematograph			7	7
Fines under Food & Drugs Acts	30	30		
Public Libraries			180	180
Seeds & Fertilisers Supply Scheme—Repayments	2,000	2,000		
Recoupments:				
Franchise & Jurors Exs.	400	400		
Prosecutors & Witnesses' Expenses	120	120		
Civil Defence—A.R.P. Acts	75	75		
Fire Brigades: Contributions by Urban District Councils			1,840	1,840
Diseases of Animals Acts:				
(a) General	264	264		
(b) Sheep Dipping	700	700		
(c) Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	200	200		
Fees Refunded by Co. Sec.:				
(1) Franchise & Jurors	330	330		
(2) Motor Registration	1,400	1,400		
(3) Valuation Certificates	3	3		
Proportion of Law Agent's Salary chargeable to Assist- ance & Housing Services			547	547
Prop. of Analyst's Salary chargeable to Assistance, Health & San. Services	150	150		
Contributions from Urban District Councils to County Checker's Salary			50	50
Bounty in lieu of Rates			4,181	4,181
Rents from County Property	130	130	60	60
Contributions to Super- annuation	600	600	160	160
Miscellaneous	150	150	500	500
	£31,617	£31,617	£7,555	£7,555

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1955.

COUNTY COUNCIL: SEPARATE CHARGES.

Expenditure:	To which Urban Areas contribute		From which Urban Areas are exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board ..			237	237
Criminal Injuries: Kilmacanogue E.D. ..			28	28
County-at-Large Vocational Education Committee:	2,777	2,777		
Demand ..	8,570	8,570		
Repayment of Loans ..	2,190	2,190		
Retiring Allowances— ..	1,203	1,203		
TOTAL SEPARATE CHARGES ..	£14,740	£14,740	£265	£265
Receipts:	In which Urban Areas participate		In which Urban Areas do not participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Recoupment from Dept. of Education—One-half Exs. of Loans for Vocational Education Schools ..	1,095	1,095		
Recoupment proportion of Pensions Dept. £602 ..				
Leitrim £9 ..				
Sligo £6 ..				
Kildare £50 ..	667	667		
Contribution to Super-annuation ..	46	46		
	£1,808	£1,808		

Calculation of the Rates in the Pound for County Charges.

NATURE OF SERVICE	Estimated GROSS EXPENDITURE of the County on each Service for the ensuing Financial Year		Estimated RECEIPTS of County in respect of each Service during the ensuing Financial Year other than those included in the Rate Account		NET EXPENDITURE on each Service being the difference between the sums in Columns 2, 3 and 4, 5.		NET AMOUNTS CHARGEABLE TO DISTRICTS			HEALTH DISTRICT Val. £247,939	CALCULATION OF NET SUM REQUIRED TO BE RAISED				
	CHARGE-ABLE to the WHOLE COUNTY or to an Area including any Urban District (2)	CHARGE-ABLE to the HEALTH DISTRICT only (3)	Applicable for the WHOLE COUNTY or for an area including any Urban District (4)	Applicable to the HEALTH DISTRICT only (5)	Chargeable to the WHOLE COUNTY or to an area including any Urban District (6)	Chargeable to HEALTH DISTRICT only (7)	URBAN DISTRICTS (Col. 8)				HEALTH DISTRICT Val. £765,178	Estimated BALANCE (if any) in favour of HEALTH DISTRICT (10)	Estimated BALANCE (if any) AGAINST HEALTH DISTRICT (11)	AMOUNTS LEVIABLE off HEALTH DISTRICT (12)	RATES IN THE POUND IN HEALTH DISTRICT (13)
							Urban District of Arklow Val. £12,619 .0389434 (8a)	Urban District of Bray Val. £52,860 .1631289 (8b)	Urban District of Wicklow Val. £10,619 .0327699 (8c)						
(1)	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Roads	118,551	126,975	69,799	46,043	48,752	80,932	1,899	7,953	1,597	118,235			118,235	9/6.45	
Public Assistance	156,505		66,654		89,851		3,499	14,657	2,945	68,750			68,750	5/0.55	
Mental Hospital	58,060		20,969		37,091		1,444	6,051	1,216	28,380			28,380	2/3.47	
Health Services	97,564		58,239		39,325		1,531	6,415	1,289	30,090			30,090	2/5.13	
Sanitary Services		28,117		2,926		25,191				25,191			25,191	2/0.38	
Housing		94,450		59,830		34,620				34,620		2,996	37,616	3/0.42	
General Purposes	49,144	53,655	31,617	7,555	17,527	46,100	683	2,859	574	59,511			59,511	4/9.60	
	£479,824	303,197	£247,278	£116,354	£232,546	£186,843	£9,056	£37,935	£7,621	£364,777		£2,996	£367,773	29/8.00	

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 8th March, 1954, at 11 a.m.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant 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 Meetings held on 21st December, 1953, the 11th and 18th January, 1954.
2. To authorise Overdraft accommodation on the General and Capital Accounts for the quarter ending 30th June, 1954.
3. Report on Council's Accounts for the year to 31st March, 1954—To authorise excess expenditure.
4. To fill vacancies on Arklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.
5. Appointment of nominee on Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd.
6. Increased Grants for road work—Letter dated 6th Feb., 1954, from the Department of Local Government in regard to Grants notified on 4th December, 1953.
7. Grant for reconstruction of Sallygap-Laragh Road—Report of Co. Engineer on tenders received, etc.
8. Declaration of road at Baltinanima, Roundwood, to be a public road.
9. Memorial from ratepayers at Parkmore, Kilcavan and Kellystown re condition of road from Kilcavan Gap to Wexford bounds.
10. Report of Co. Engineer on tenders received for new lorries.
11. Letter from An Tóstal Council, Greystones, re use of plot adjoining the main road at the Harbour at Greystones.
12. Application for approval to the erection of a statue at The Green, Donard.
13. Extension of Water Main from Kilquade to Kilcoole—To authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works for Loan of £3,000.
14. Adoption of Bye-Laws for the regulation of public water supplies in the County Health District (Copy of Bye-Laws attached).
15. To make Water Rates for the following towns and villages for the year ending 31st December, 1954:—Avoca, Baltinglass, Carnew, Dunlavin, Kilcoole, Newcastle, Roundwood, Rathnew, Shillelagh, Stratford and Tinahely.
16. Retirement of Rate Collectors—Arrangements for filling vacancies.
17. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. O'Neill re the granting of travelling expenses to Rate and Rent Collectors.
18. Resolution from Committee of Agriculture re purchase of office of Committee at Market Square, Wicklow.

19. Compensation for malicious injuries—Liability of Council in respect of vehicles left on public road, or in open spaces adjoining public roads.
20. Letter from Alliance and Dublin Consumers' Gas Company, enclosing formal Notice of Intention to apply to the Minister for Industry and Commerce for a special Order in connection with the supply of gas in the Parish of Bray and townland of Fassaroo, and other matters.
21. Resolution from Longford County Council re recital of Rosary in Irish on Radio Eireann.
22. Inquiries arising out of County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

The County Secretary stated that the Minutes of the meetings held on 21st December, 1953, and on the 11th and 18th January, 1954, has not yet been received from the printers. The Council adjourned consideration of the Minutes to the next meeting.

Item No. 2—Overdraft Accommodation.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the quarter to the 30th June, 1954, shall not exceed £150,000.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's Capital Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the quarter to the 30th June, 1954, shall not exceed £25,000.

Passed unanimously.

The Council asked that the Departments of Local Government and Health be requested to issue instalments of Grants at earlier dates.

Item No. 3—Report on the Council's Accounts for the Year ending 31st March, 1954; Authorisation of Excess Expenditure.

Having considered report of County Secretary in regard to expenditure on the various services, it was

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates on the Council's Services, as follows:—

Roads: Grant Work	£40,000
Public Health: Extern Sanatoria	£1,000
Housing: Labourers Acts	£3,900

S.D.A. Acts	£250	..	£4,150
Sanitary Services	£500
Public Assistance: Assistance in Extern Institutions	£3,000

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Arklow O.A.P. Sub-Committee.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Rev. Anthony Kelly, C.C., Parochial House, Arklow, and Rev. A. Carry, The Rectory, Arklow, as members of the Arklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Rev. Fr. Clancy, C.C., and the death of Mr. T. R. Greene.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillor C. M. Byrne as nominee in our name and on our behalf to vote and exercise every right and power incidental to members of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Co., Ltd., and we hereby authorise the affixing of the Seal to the form of appointment.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Increased Grants for Road Works.

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

Dept. of Local Government,
Roads,
Custom House, Dublin.
6 Feabra, 1954.

SGY/33.

Increased Grants for Road Works.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to this Department's Circular Letter of the 4th December, 1953, and to state that the amount of the extra road grant to each authority has now been determined. A grant of £30,000 has, accordingly, been allocated to Wicklow County Council.

The conditions applicable to the grant are as follows:—

- (1) All works to be executed under the grant must be completed before the 31st March, 1954.
- (2) Payment of the grant may be withheld at any time by the Minister if in his opinion an inadequate return is being obtained for expenditure, or the general administration of road works is unsatisfactory.
- (3) Recruitment of labour must be in accordance with the Department's Circular Letter, SGA/202, of the 30th Nov., 1948, and any amending Circular.
- (4) Transfers of moneys from one scheme to another up to an amount not exceeding £100 in any particular case may be made without the prior approval of the Minister. A list of any such transfers which take place during the year should be furnished with the final documents. Transfers of amounts in excess of £100 should not be made without the Minister's prior approval.

The works submitted following this Department's Circular Letter of the 4th December, referred to above, which are considered to be suitable for execution under the grant, are set out in the attached lists. It will be a matter for determination locally which of these works up to the limit of the grant are to be put in hands. The Department should be informed of the works so selected, and the documents referred to in the third column of the list should be furnished without delay in respect of the works to be carried out. Pending the submission of these documents work on any of the selected schemes may be put in hands.

Particulars of the monthly expenditure on foot of these grants should be returned on Table E referred to in this Department's Circular Letter, RGM/201/513, of the 6th January last, as well as particulars of employment afforded. Unless called for, it will not be necessary to furnish interim requisitions for payment on foot of the grants—such payments will be made from time to time on the basis of the particulars furnished on the monthly Table E.

As regards final particulars of expenditure, I am to state that the appropriate forms to be used are Forms 97, 16 and 18. In case of a scheme being financed partly out of the present grant and partly out of an earlier provision, such as the annual Road Fund Grant, etc., one Form 18 will suffice for the entire work, the sources from which it is being financed being indicated at the head of the form. This form should be furnished in conjunction with the documents required in connection with the first grant, and the expenditure on the work up to the original provision should be charged to that grant. The balance of the expenditure should be charged to the present grant and should be included in Forms 97 and 16.

It may be found convenient to furnish a complete list of works undertaken showing the sources from which financed, the total expenditure and the amount being first charged to each grant.

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

Mise, le meas.

E. T. SHEEHY,

The Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.

The County Engineer had reported as follows:—

16th February, 1954.

Supplemental Grants for Roads (£30,000).

Reference Letter, L.G.D. (SYG/33), of 6th February, 1954. The estimated cost of schemes originally submitted was £49,960. It is satisfactory to note that all the works are considered by the Department to be suitable for execution. The amount of the grant, however, is £30,000, which must be expended by 31/3/54. I had already issued instructions to proceed with all the works in the schedule, but a modification must now be made in the amount of money allowed to each scheme, so that the total amount of £30,000 will not be exceeded. It is likely that the remainder of the works will rank for special grant after March, 1954. The modified schemes are set out hereunder for your approval and submission to the Department:—

NORTHERN AREA.

County Roads:		
Continuation of Scheme NC 3 (Road 76)	£500
Continuation of Roads 30 and 28	£200
Preparation of stone for above	£450
Improvement of Road No. 9	£300
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		£1,450

Main Roads:		
Continuation of work on Scheme NM3	£1,200
Footpaths	Nil
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TOTAL	£2,650

SOUTH-EASTERN AREA.

County Roads:		
Continuation of Scheme EC.1, Road 127	£3,500
Continuation of Scheme E.C.2, Road 137	£3,240
Continuation of Scheme E.C.4, Road 157	£500
Reconstruction of Road 120	£1,000
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		£8,240

Main Roads:		
Continuation of Scheme E.M.2	£2,000
Footpaths—Arklow	£240
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TOTAL	£10,480

SOUTHERN AREA.

County Roads:		
Continuation of Scheme S.C.1 (Roads 235 and 234)	£3,200
Continuation of Scheme S.C.2 (Road 238)	£600
Reconstruction of Road 249	£3,200
Continuation of Scheme S.C.4 (Road 134)	£400
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		£7,400

Continuation of work Scheme S.M.2	£1,550
Footpaths	Nil
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TOTAL .. £8,950

WESTERN AREA.

County Roads:		
Continuation of Scheme W.C.1 (Roads 266, 270)	£2,400
Continuation of Scheme W.C.2 (Road 299)	£2,400
Continuation of Scheme W.C.3 (Road 303)	£1,620
Continuation of Scheme W.C.R. (Road 374)	£1,000
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		£7,420

Main Roads:		
Footpaths—Baltinglass	£500
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TOTAL	£7,920

Summary of Estimated Cost of Works in each Area.

	County	Main	Footpaths	TOTAL
North	£1,450	£1,200	Nil	£2,650
South-East	£8,240	£2,000	£240	£10,480
South	£7,400	£1,550	Nil	£8,950
West	£7,420	Nil	£500	£7,920
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TOTAL	£24,510	£4,750	£740	£30,000

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

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

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer in his report of the 16th February, 1954, in respect of works to be carried out with the aid of the increased grant of £30,000 for road works, allocated to this Council.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Sallygap-Laragh Road.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted—
16th February, 1954.

Reconstruction of Road from Laragh to Sallygap.

I have examined the tenders received herein in response to public advertisement. Two tenders only were submitted, i.e., South of Ireland Asphalt Co., Ltd., and Messrs. Roadstone, Ltd. The tenders received were as follows:—

	South of Ireland	
2-coat tarmacadam 16' wide ...	£8,946 13 4	£9,500 6 8
2-coat tarmacadam 15' wide ..	£8,074 0 0	£8,919 0 0

Alternative figures are given by Messrs. Roadstone, Ltd., for grouted macadam, but Messrs. South of Ireland Asphalt Co., Ltd., do not quote for this surface. They submit, however, an alternative quotation for a concrete road as follows:—16' road—£8,169 6s. 8d.; 15' road—£7,516 13s. 4d.

I consider that the tenders are excessive, and I cannot recommend accepting them in either case; my tender for tar grouted macadam would be between £5,000 and £6,000 per mile.

I suggest that an application be made to the Department asking for an extension of the time within which the work can be carried out, so that the sum of £20,000 would still be made available and the Department may grant an extension to the 30th June, 1954.

I propose that we proceed at once with the work of widening, levelling and strengthening the road by direct labour.

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

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond:

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer for the reconstruction of the road from Laragh to Sallygap by direct labour, and request that the Department of Local Government extend the time for completion of the work to the 30th June, 1954.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads.

The County Secretary stated that the necessary public notice had been given in regard to the proposals to take over and maintain as public roads the road at Baltinanima, Roundwood, and the road from Kilmalum to Burgage.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

Resolved—That in pursuance of Section 2 of the Local Government Act, 1953, we hereby declare the following road to be a public road to be maintained by Wicklow County Council—Road at Baltinanima, Roundwood, known as "The New Line," or "Malone's Lane," and connecting Main Road No. 78 at Raheen and County Road No. 60 at Baltinanima—Length approximately 900 yards.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe:

Resolved—That in pursuance of Section 2 of the Local Government Act, 1953, we hereby declare the following road to be a public road to be maintained by Wicklow County Council:—The portion of accommodation road from junction of County Road P.I.225, in Co. Kildare, at James Hayden's House, The Gleve, to Main Road P.I.226 at Mary Flanagan's House, Ballykinlee, between the Kildare-Wicklow boundary and Main Road P.I.226. Length in Co. Wicklow, 378 yds., $\frac{1}{2}$ per 68 yds.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Road from Kilcavin Gap to County Wexford Bounds.

The following memorial was submitted:—

We, the undersigned ratepayers in the townlands of Parkmore, Kilcavin and Kennystown, wish to draw the attention of the Council to the very bad state of repair of the road from Kilcavin Gap to the Wexford bounds, and which runs through the said townlands. There are also a number of extremely dangerous corners, particularly at Kilcavin Gap running into the main road, where serious accidents have been narrowly averted. We would be glad if the Council would give this road their immediate attention.

Signed: JOHN DOWSE

Seven other signatories.

The Council decided to refer the matter for consideration by the local roads committee, when considering the allocation of moneys for the coming year's Road Works Programme.

Item No. 10—Tenders for Lorries.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
3rd Feb., 1954.

Machinery—New Lorries.

I have examined the tenders received for the above and have made inquiries concerning the advantages of Diesel engines over petrol engines.

The reports received were very encouraging, but I would consider it advisable, before changing over to Diesel lorries, to purchase only one of this type of vehicle in order to check on its performance, maintenance costs and suitability for the type of work to which our lorries are put.

The lowest priced Diesel lorries are the Ford Thames at £1,350, and the Commer at £1,400. In my opinion, the Ford Thames would not be suitable for heavy work, and I therefore recommend the purchase of the Commer 5-6 ton Diesel lorry from Messrs. Coleburn and Hopkins, Wicklow, for £1,400.

Regarding the purchase of petrol lorries, I recommend three Chevrolet 5-6 ton. at £950 each, from Messrs. McCairns Motors, Ltd., Tara Street, Dublin.

I enclose tenders received.

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

Following a discussion in regard to the respective merits of Diesel-engined lorries and petrol-engined lorries, the Council recommended that two Diesel-engined lorries and two petrol-engined lorries be purchased, and particulars kept of the relevant costs of maintenance, etc.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer for the purchase of two Chevrolet 5-6 ton lorries at £950 each from Messrs. McCairns Motors, Ltd., Tara St., Dublin, and of two Commer 5-6 ton Diesel lorries from Messrs. Coleborn and Hopkins, Wicklow, in the sum of £1,400 each, and authorise the raising of a loan of £4,700 from the Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of five years with interest at the usual rate, to defray the cost of purchase of these lorries.

Passed unanimously.

In the course of the discussion in regard to the recruitment of drivers, members of the Council urged that a new panel be created and that new drivers be recruited from such panel.

Item No. 11—Letter from An Tóstal Committee, Greystones.

The following letter from An Tóstal Council, Greystones, was submitted:—
"Weston House."

Greystones,
1st March, 1954.

Dear Sir,

The Council have requested me to enquire if the Wicklow County Council have any objection to their using, for decorative purposes, the small triangle of grass adjoining the main road and opposite the house known as "Sharavogue" near the Harbour, Greystones.

It is intended to decorate the triangle with shrubs, erect flag poles on it and place there a receptacle for the Tóstal Flame which will be carried from Dublin and kept burning throughout the festival. The Council will ensure that road traffic will not be impeded.

Will you please say if the Co. Council have any objection.

Yours faithfully,

The Secretary,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

SEAN MAGEE,
(James M. Magee and Co.).

The County Engineer indicated that there was no objection to the proposal.

The Council directed that An Tóstal Council, Greystones, be informed that the Council had no objection to the proposal of An Tóstal Council, provided that litter baskets be made available on the site.

Item No. 12—The Green, Donard.

Having considered application by Councillor A. Toomey on behalf of Parochial Committee, Donard, for the handing over to Donard Parochial Committee of portion of The Green in Donard village, for the purpose of erecting a statue of Our Lady on the site, and report of the Assistant County Engineer confirming that there was no objection to the proposal, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. Kehoe;
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we approve of making available portion of The Green at Donard Village to the Parochial Committee for the purpose of erecting a statue of Our Lady on this site.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Extension of Water Main from Kilquade to Kilcoole.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £3,800 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1948, and the Local Loans Fund Acts, 1935 to 1951.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Bye-Laws for Regulating Public Water Supplies.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

Resolved that we hereby make and adopt Bye-Laws under the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1896, for the regulation of public water supplies in the County Health District of Wicklow, and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to such Bye-Laws as submitted to this meeting.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Water Rates.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

Resolved—That the Water Rate Book as submitted by the Secretary be signed and Water Rates in respect of the year ending 31st Dec., 1954, made for the towns of Balinglass, Dunlavin, Rathnew, Stratford, Roundwood, Kilcoole, Newcastle, Carnew, Avoca, Tinahely and Shillelagh, in accordance with those adopted on consideration of the Secretary's Estimates, namely, in the following towns:—

Balinglass—3/- in the Pound on the rateable Valuation of premises connected to the public water supply.
Dunlavin—3s. in the Pound on the rateable Valuation of premises connected to the public water supply.
Rathnew—3s. in the Pound on the rateable Valuation of premises connected to the public water supply.
Stratford—3s. in the Pound on the rateable Valuation of premises connected to the public water supply.
Roundwood—3s. in the Pound on the rateable Valuation of premises connected to the public water supply.
Kilcoole—3s. in the Pound on the rateable Valuation of premises connected to the public water supply.
Newcastle—3s. in the Pound on the rateable Valuation of premises connected to the public water supply.
Avoca—3s. in the Pound on the rateable Valuation of premises connected to the public water supply.
Carnew—1s. 9d. in the Pound on the rateable Valuation of premises connected to the public water supply.
Tinahely—1s. 9d. in the Pound on the rateable Valuation of premises connected to the public water supply.
Shillelagh—1s. 9d. in the Pound on the rateable Valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.

That the Warrants authorising the collection of the said Water Rates be signed, and that the Rate Books and Warrants be sealed with the Seal of the County Council.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16—Retirement of Rate Collectors.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. William P. Murphy, Rate Collector, No. 10 District, would retire from the position of Rate Collector on 12th March, 1954, on reaching the age limit, and that Mr. Michael Roche, Rate Collector Nos. 13/14/15 Districts, would retire from the position of Rate Collector on 14th June, 1954, on reaching the age limit.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby continue the appointment of Mr. W. P. Murphy, Rate Collector for No. 10 District, in a temporary and non-pensionable capacity from 12th March, 1954, the date on which he reaches the age limit, prescribed for the office of Rate Collector, to 30th April, 1954.

Passed unanimously.

The Council deferred to the next meeting consideration of the arrangements for the filling of the vacancies in these Districts, and directed that particulars of the valuations of the various electoral divisions in the areas be available for the next meeting.

Item No. 17—Travelling Expenses for Rate and Rent Collectors.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor O'Neill that travelling expenses be allowed to Rate Collectors and Rent Collectors.

In the course of a discussion on the proposal several members of the Council indicated that in their opinion travelling expenses should be allowed to Rent Collectors, but that they did not agree that travelling expenses should be paid to Rate Collectors.

Councillor W. Lawless suggested that the matter be deferred pending the coming into operation of the new Cottage Purchase Scheme and experience of the effect thereof.

The motion was by agreement withdrawn.

Item No. 18—Offices of County Committee of Agriculture.

The following resolution received from the County Committee of Agriculture was submitted:—"That we, the Co. Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, request the Wicklow County Council to purchase the present offices of the Committee at Market Square, Wicklow."

The Council directed that the owner be requested to state the price required by him.

Item No. 19—Compensation for Malicious Injuries.

The following report of the Council's Solicitor was submitted:—
4, Church St., Wicklow.

9th February, 1954.

Re: Malicious Injury Case,
James Hancock v. Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

The above claim was heard at Wicklow Circuit Court on yesterday, when, having heard the evidence of the Applicant and that of Mr.

F. McGuirk and Mr. Fenlon, B.E., and Garda Conway on behalf of the Council, the Judge held that the damage was malicious and made an award of £32 2s. 8d., the area of charge being Bray Urban District.

The expert called on behalf of the Applicant gave evidence to the effect that some of the damage could not have been caused accidentally. For instance, the chain was covered by a case. The case was not damaged, but evidence was on the chain that a tool had been used to force it.

The Judge did comment on the fact that the bike in question was parked in an open space, and it seemed all wrong that the ratepayers should be liable in such circumstances.

However, as the Law stands, the Council are liable for any damage that is caused maliciously, irrespective of where the damaged article may be left.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. McCARROLL and Co.

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

Courthouse, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett;

Resolved—That the Minister for Local Government be requested to submit proposals to an Dáil for the amendment of the Malicious Injuries Acts so as to provide that compensation cannot be claimed for damage to vehicles left on the public road or open spaces adjoining the public road which could be regarded as a public place.

Passed unanimously.

The Council asked that the matter be brought to the notice of the County Councils' General Council for inclusion on the Agenda for their next meeting.

The Chairman asked that a letter be addressed to the owner of the Dance Hall in question, directing attention to the matter.

Item No. 20—Letter from Alliance and Dublin Consumers' Gas Co.

The following letter from the Alliance and Dublin Consumers' Gas Company was submitted:—

The Clerk to the Council,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Town Hall, Wicklow.

25th February, 1954.

Dear Sir,

This Company proposes to apply to the Minister for Industry and Commerce for a Special Order under Section 10 of the Gas Regulations Act, 1920, in accordance with the Gas Regulations (Special Orders) Rules, 1940, and I enclose a copy of the Company's formal "Notice of Intention to apply to the Minister for a Special Order," which will be inserted as a Public Notice in to-morrow's papers.

I also enclose a copy of the proposed Draft Order.

Yours faithfully,

GENERAL MANAGER.

The County Secretary stated that one of the objects for which the Special Order was sought was to extend the limits within which the Company was authorised to supply gas to include the County Borough of Dublin and that part of the County Dublin within a radius of nine miles of the General Post Office, Dublin, and to include the Parish of Bray and the townland of Fassaroe in the County of Wicklow, and to authorise the Company to supply gas within the limits so extended.

The Council noted the terms of the proposed Special Orders.

The Council asked that the notice of the County Councils General Council be brought to the question of the opening of roads for services such as gas, telephones, electricity. The Council considered that prior arrangements should be made by the Gas Company, the Department of Posts and Telegraphs and the Electricity Supply Board for relaying of mains, etc., before the local authority undertook road resurfacing or reconstruction.

Item No. 21—Recitation of Rosary on Radio Eireann.

The Council noted the following resolution received from Longford County Council:—

“That the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs be requested to substitute the Rosary in Irish for the News in Irish on Radio Eireann from 10 to 10.15 p.m. during the months of May and October, 1954, in honour of the Marian Year.”

Request for 'Bus Service at Enniskerry.

The County Secretary referred to the request of residents at Ballyorney, Coolakey and Ballybawn to Coras Iompair Eireann for the provision of a 'bus service, and stated that the County Engineer was unable to certify to C.I.E. that the road proposed to be used was suitable for 'bus traffic. Councillor P. Ledwidge pointed out that only two 'buses per day were required.

The County Engineer indicated that when the Road Works proposed for the improvement of the road at Enniskerry were carried out, it would be possible to approve of the road for a 'bus service.
Access to Sea at Brittas Bay.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Manager stated that negotiations were in progress with landowners in regard to the acquisition by the Council of lands for providing public access to the sea at Brittas Bay. A report on the matter would be submitted to the next meeting of the Council.
Arts Council.

The following letter from An Comhairle Ealaoin, was submitted:

AN CHOMHAIRLE EALAION,
The Arts Council.

D.E.24.

45 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.
20th February, 1954.

To Each County and City Manager.

A Chara.

As you may know, An Chomhairle Ealaoin, which was set up under the Arts Act, 1951, has as its objects the stimulation of public interest in the Arts, the promotion of the knowledge and practice and the improving of the standards of the Arts in Ireland.

At a recent meeting the Council decided that very great results would accrue if the Public Authorities, in the first instance, set a good example and furnished those portions of the interiors of their public offices which are most frequented by the public with good pictures by present-day Irish artists. As a practical help towards the carrying out of this policy, the Council decided that it would bear half the

cost, up to £50 on its part, i.e., up to a total cost of £100, for the purchase of an approved picture by an Irish living artist for the furnishing of the rooms and offices of any Public Authority, as stated. It is the view of the Council that a picture must be considered as much a part of the furnishing of a house or office as any of the other utilitarian objects.

You are requested to have this matter considered at your earliest convenience.

M. Flannery,

County Manager,
Wicklow.

Mise, le meas,

Signed: PATK. J. LITTLE,

Director.

The Council decided to mark the letter "read."
Coolroe Quarry.

The County Manager stated that as requested by the Council, he had called at Coolroe Quarry on Thursday, 4th March, 1954, and found that five men, whose names had been appended to the letter handed in by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., were working in the quarry and were interviewed by him. Two of these men had signed the letter; the other three had not. The County Manager stated that he had also interviewed the Machinery Overseer, and he stated that the crusher had been repaired during the last week in December, 1953. The Co. Manager stated that it was during the month of January and subsequent to the crusher having been repaired, that the employment of the men had been discontinued due to unsatisfactory output.

The Council noted the terms of the Co. Manager's report.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, 5th April, 1954, at 2 p.m.

The following members were present: Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman; Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, P. Brennan, Jas. O'Neill, G. Timmins, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, P. Ledwidge, E. Byrne, L. O'Loighleis, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. O'Broin, Joseph Jacob, and Miss E. F. Bobbett.

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

AGENDA:

1. Report of County Engineer on progress of the Housing Schemes during month of March, 1954.
2. Enniskerry Housing Scheme—Letter from the Department of Local Government conveying sanction to the acquisition of the site, etc.
3. 1952 Agreed Scheme—Further reports re sites.
4. Proposed appointment of Architect.
5. Report on reduction in income from rents consequent upon the adjustment in rentals.
6. Public Lighting—Baltinglass.
7. Public Lighting—Parkmore.
8. Public Lighting—Dunlavin.
9. Public Lighting—Tinahely.
10. Public Lighting—Kilquiggan and Ballyconnell.
11. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts—Application for approval to the erection of advertising hoarding.
12. Applications for Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Act.
13. Report re proposed acquisition of lands for access to the sea between Wicklow and Arklow.
14. Vesting of bogs for turf production, 1954.
15. Repairs carried out during the month of March, 1954.
16. Authorisation of repairs.

ANNUAL ESTIMATES:

Councillor H. J. Byrne referred to the Estimates Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held on the 31st March, 1954, and stated that he took exception to statements made at the meeting which suggested that the members of the County Council, in considering the Estimates of the Co. Council, had not had sufficient regard to the interests of ratepayers in Bray Urban District. He pointed out that the increase in the Co. Council demand on Bray Urban Council was due mainly to the provisions made for implementing the extended Health Services under the Health Act, 1953. He pointed out that the Council had held two meetings to consider the Estimates and that the Estimates were examined in great detail by the Council. Councillor H. J. Byrne added that he felt that a reply should have been given to the charge on behalf of the Co. Council.

Councillor P. Ledwidge, Chairman, Bray U.D.C., stated that at the commencement of the Estimates meeting in Bray, he had referred to the provisions made by the Co. Council for the extended Health Services and the effect of the Co. Council demand on Bray Urban District Council. Consequently, he had not considered it necessary to make any further statement. He added that he had suggested that there should be a more equitable distribution of the burden of rates. Councillor E. Byrne, member of Bray Urban District Council, pointed out that the statements referred to by the Chairman of the Co. Council had been made at a late hour towards the end of the meeting. He did not consider that the remarks made were intended to reflect on the members of the Co. Council.

In reply to Councillor J. Everett, T.D., who asked if the Estimate for Health Services could be reduced, in view of the deferring of the commencement dates as indicated by the Minister, it was pointed out that provision had been made in the Council's Estimates for operating the extended services for a half year only. The Commencement date for the majority of the services had now been fixed for 1st August.

Item No. 1—Progress Report.

On the proposal of Councillor P. McCarthy, seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge, the Council adopted the report of the Co. Engineer on the progress of the Housing Scheme during the month of March, 1954. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., dissenting. In reply to enquiry from Councillor Lawless in regard to the erection of further houses at Kindiestown the Co. Manager stated that the matter would be considered again at the next meeting of the local Committee.

Councillor Lawless referred to houses having been provided in another county to a lower standard than those erected by Wicklow Co. Council and, consequently, at a lesser cost, and asked if the Department would agree to a reduction in the standard to enable the Council to erect houses at a lower cost. The Co. Manager stated that he had no information from other counties that houses in these counties were built to a lower standard and were cheaper than those provided by Wicklow Co. Council. An enquiry would be made from the Co. Council referred to by Councillor Lawless.

Item No. 2—Enniskerry Housing Scheme.

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

N.27/2/10.

Secretary,

Wicklow Co. Council.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 5th March, 1954, in regard to the acquisition by the Wicklow Co. Council of lands on the Powerscourt Estate for a housing scheme at Enniskerry, and to state that no objection will be raised to the revised terms of agreement between the Council and Lord Powerscourt as set out therein. A detailed estimate of the cost of the scheme, together with the proposed house plan of the North aspect houses should now be submitted.

Mise, le meas,

Following a discussion as to the number of houses to be built as the first instalment of the scheme it was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That 20 houses at Enniskerry be erected by Direct Labour.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Bobbett;

Resolved—That tenders be invited for the erection of 10 houses at Enniskerry and that 10 houses be erected by Direct Labour.

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

IN FAVOUR—Councillors W. Hammond, P. Brennan, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, E. Byrne, W. Lawless, C. M. Byrne, Miss E. Bobbett—(8).

AGAINST — Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. Ledwidge, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Jacob, H. J. Byrne—(8).

The Chairman, Councillor H. J. Byrne, gave his casting vote against the amendment and the amendment was declared defeated by 9 votes against to 8 in favour. The original resolution was declared passed on the same voting.

Item No. 3—1952 Agreed Scheme.

The County Secretary submitted a report in regard to the acquisition of sites under the 1952 Agreed Scheme. To date the Department of Local Government has approved of 40 sites of the 55 agreed to by the Council. Alternative sites were being sought in 5 cases; applications for cottages had been withdrawn by the applicants in three cases; the Council's offer for the site had not been accepted in 5 cases; one applicant had been re-housed and in the remaining case enquiries were proceeding as to the question of a right-of-way to the site. The Co. Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government required a layout plan for each individual site indicating the type of house to be erected and giving full details of the siting of the house. These plans were being prepared and would be ready in about three weeks.

Item No. 4—Proposed Appointment of Architect.

The Co. Secretary stated that Mr. Patk. O'Brien had been employed by the Council as temporary Architect since 1st December, 1950. In view of general directions given by the Department of Local Government his appointment would terminate in June, 1954, and it would be necessary for the Council to decide whether a permanent appointment should be made to the position. The Co. Manager gave particulars for improvements to St. Colman's Hospital which was requested by the of the duties on which Mr. O'Brien had been engaged during his period of service with the Council and stated that he would recommend that a permanent appointment of an Architect be made. In addition to dealing with plans for housing schemes the Architect had reported on 370 applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts during the past three years. Plans had been prepared by Mr. O'Brien for the improvements to St. Colman's Hospital which were requested by the Department of Health and these plans would be available for examination at the next meeting of the Council. The greater part of the salary of the Architect would be chargeable to capital works. As the post of Architect was one to which the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, had been applied, it would be necessary to obtain a recommendation from the Local Appointments Commission for the filling of the position. The Council agreed that a permanent appointment of an Architect was necessary and were of opinion that Mr. O'Brien having given satisfactory service and having been selected for the position following open competitive examination should be appointed to the post. The Council asked that their views in regard to the appointment be conveyed to the Department of Local Government.

Item No. 5—Report on reduction in income from rents consequent upon the adjustment in rentals.

The County Manager reported that the reduction in the annual revenue to the Council following the implementation of the Council's recommendation that where an immediate relative succeeds to the tenancy of the cottage, the rent should remain unaltered, amounted to £237 0s. 8d. The Council noted the terms of the report.

Item No. 6—Public Lighting at Baltinglass.

The Assistant Co. Engineer following consultation with the E.S.B. recommended that 5 additional public lights be provided at Baltinglass at the points indicated in his report. There would be no initial cost for the provision of the lights but the annual charge for current would be £26 10s. The Council approved of the provision of 5 additional lights.

Item No. 7—Public Lighting at Parkmore.

The E.S.B. had quoted the sum of £202 10s. for the expansion of public lighting to provide 4 new lights at Parkmore. The Board had been asked to reconsider the estimate submitted but in their letter of 12th February, 1954, stated that it was not found possible to reduce the estimate. The Assistant County Engineer had pointed out that a would be necessary to extend the system to provide a service for the new pumping station at Parkmore and suggested that the matter of providing the new lights be deferred until that was being arranged. It might then be possible to reduce the cost. The Council agreed with the recommendation of the Engineer.

Item No. 8—Public Lighting at Dunlavin.

The Secretary, Muintir Na Tire, Dunlavin, had requested provision of additional public lights at (a) Sparrow Road, opposite the Catholic Church; (b) between Hoxey's Cross and Milltown Bridge, and (c) at Terrace outside Dunlavin. The Assist. County Engineer agreed that public lighting was required at the first two points, but that there was sufficient lighting at present at the Terrace outside the town. The Council agreed that an estimate be obtained from the E.S.B. for the provision of these two lamps.

Item No. 9—Public Lighting at Tinahely.

An application had been received from Macra na Feirme, Tinahely, for the provision of a public light adjacent to the Vocational School at Tinahely, the nearest public light to the school being 60 yards distant. The E.S.B. had quoted a sum of £28 for the provision of the lighting together with an annual maintenance charge of £5 2s. The Chief Executive Officer of the Vocational Education Committee in reply to enquiry from the Council had stated that the Committee would provide a light over the door of the school which would illuminate the entrance, but that it was doubtful if such a light would serve the public road. The Council agreed to the provision of the light and asked that the E.S.B. be requested to reduce the cost of providing the light since it was understood that the extension of the supply would also serve two cottages adjoining the entrance to the school.

Item No. 10—Public Lighting at Kilquiggan and Ballyconnell.

The E.S.B. had quoted the sum of £34 1s. for the provision of two public lamps inclusive of solar dial time switch for Kilquiggan and a sum of £33 18s. for providing two public lamps at Ballyconnell also including solar dial time switch. The annual charge would be £1 10s.

in each case and the electricity consumed would be charged for at the rate of 2.8d. per unit. The Council agreed that 2 public lamps be provided at Kilquiggan and two public lamps at Ballyconnell in accordance with the estimates submitted.

Item No.11—Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.

With reference to the application of Messrs. More O'Farrall Ltd., 10, Merrion Square, Dublin, for permission to erect an advertising sign at Newtownmountkenedy, the Co. Secretary stated that a reply had been received from representatives of residents in Newtownmountkenedy indicating that they had no objection to the proposal and suggesting that a row of trees be planted at the back of the sign. The Council approved of the erection of the sign subject to the planting of the row of trees at the back in addition to planting shrubs as proposed by the applicant.

Hoarding at Entrance to Wicklow Railway Station.—Following representations received from the Garda Siochana that the hoarding at the entrance to the railway road at Wicklow obscured the view of traffic approaching from Rathnew, the Co. Engineer had communicated with Messrs. C.I.E. and had received from Transport Subsidiary, Ltd., who were responsible for advertising matter on the Company's property. Transport Subsidiary, Ltd., agreed to remove the hoarding and asked instead for permission to erect the hoarding adjoining the Railway Bridge crossing the Main Road between Wicklow and Rathnew and also indicated that they proposed to provide a hoarding at Bridge No. 163 approximately 100 yards in off the main road and on the railway embankment between Wicklow and Rathnew. The Co. Manager deplored the erection of advertising signs alongside the main road. The Council agreed that the proposed site adjoining Bridge No. 164 on the main Wicklow-Rathnew Road would be undesirable and that permission for this work should be refused. It was noted that the other hoarding would be on the Railway Company's property and would not be close to the road.

The Co. Secretary stated that Mr. J. Shanley, Dargle Road, Bray had enquired if the Council would give permission for the erection of a bungalow on a site at Killarney Road, Bray, opposite Violet Hill. There appeared to be no objection to the erection of the bungalow on the site. The Council agreed that permission might be given for the erection of the bungalow subject to the submission of detailed plans and specification for approval.

Planting of Trees at Arch Villas, Greystones:

The following letter from the Greystone Cottage Tenant's Association was submitted:—

21, Lr. Kendlestown,

Mr. M. Flannery,
County Manager, Wicklow.

Delgany,
1/4/1954.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Committee of above Association to respectfully request the Co. Council to plant at Arch Villas, Greystones, where road is being widened, a row of ornamental trees or shrubs, same to be selected and planned according to the directions and to the satisfaction of the Co. Agricultural Instructor, both sides of the road to be included, as it would add a very high percentage of scenic beauty to the locality. We trust the responsible authority will grant our request.

Yours truly,

Michael Frawley, Hon. Sec.

The Council approved of the planting of trees as requested by the Cottage Tenants Association.

Demolition of Glenealy Hotel.—The Council noted the following letter received from the Department of Local Government:—

Secretary,

Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Custom House, Dublin .
31 Marta, 1954.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 5th instant with regard to the granting of permission for the demolition in whole or in part of the use otherwise than as a dwelling house of the premises known as Glenealy Hotel, Glenealy, Co. Wicklow, and to state that in deciding the appeal submitted by the owner, the Minister had regard to the recent history of the premises, the unsuccessful efforts to dispose of it, its present structural condition and poor state of repair and the unsatisfactory condition of the private water supply. The Minister also had regard to the impracticability of the future use of the premises for dwelling purposes within the meaning of the Housing Acts and the likelihood of the premises becoming derelict if left unoccupied and unrepared.

In all the circumstances of the case, the Minister is satisfied that he would not have been justified in refusing the permission. As the Minister's decision is not open to review, there would be no purpose in the attendance of a deputation to discuss the matter with him.

Mise, le meas,

Housing Development at Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue:

Having considered report of the County Engineer in regard to need for extension of Corporation watermain to serve the housing development at Kilmacanogue for Mr. Whyte, the Council noted that the cost would be £550 and that this would be a matter for Mr. Whyte. The Council was not prepared to extend the main.

Item No. 12—Applications for Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The Council deferred consideration of the application of Mr. R. R. J. Verbruggen for a loan of £600 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts in respect of the erection of a house at New Road, Greystones, pending further information in regard to income of the applicant.

Item No. 13—Proposed Acquisition of lands for access to sea between Wicklow and Arklow.

The Council considered in Committee report of the Co. Manager in regard to proposed acquisition of lands for access to the sea between Wicklow and Arklow. The Council agreed with the proposed to acquire lands at Penny-come-quick Bridge and at Johnstown North from Mr. Desmond Sharpe and at Bailinskea from Mr. Ivan Sharpe, but in view of the cost which would be involved considered that the acquisition of lands at Magherymore from the Ellis Estate might be deferred. It was noted that in addition to the cost of acquisition of lands, the site at Magherymore would involve development costs of over £1,600. It was thought that the area of land proposed for access, car park, etc., was too great and, in the event of acquisition, could be reduced. The Council agreed to await the outcome of further negotiations with the landowners. The Council noted that Mr. Justice Martin Maguire and Dr. Freeman would allow free access to pedestrians to the sea across their lands at Brittas and that they would charge a sum not exceeding 1s. in respect of the parking of cars.

Item No. 14—Vesting of Bogs for Turf Production.

The Council approved of vesting orders being sealed in respect of the following bogs for the period to 31st March, 1955:—

Bog	Area	Owner
Ballycreen	513 0 0	Capt. Kemmis, Balinacor House, Rathdrum.
Ballynabrockey and Ballinastoe	200 0 0	Col. D. G. F. Darley.
Coragh	63 2 3	Marquis of Waterford.
Granamore	40 3 2	Marquis of Waterford.
Garryknock	20 2 0	Mrs. Mary Barnes.
Ballinagee	37 2 0	Late Personal Representatives of the late Mr. Robert Laurie.
Knocknaboley	34 2 10	Peter Murphy, Knocknaboley.
Clohoge	195 0 0	Viscount Powerscourt.
Kippure	193 1 22	do.
Clohoge	125 0 0	do.
do.	240 0 0	do.
do.	480 0 0	do.
do.	440 0 0	Lady Oranmore and Browne.
do.	7 0 0	do.
do.	190 0 0	do.
do.	1,150 0 0	do.
do.	190 0 0	do.
Rathduffmore	15 1 23	P. Foley, Trustee of the Trust Estate, Knockananna, Ballinglen.
Knocknaskeagh	14 2 4	S. Keogh, Trustee of the Trust Estate, Rathduffmore, Hacketstown.
Aughavannagh	306 0 0	Frederick Jones, Woodside, Hacketstown.
		John Byrne, Blackrock, Rathdangan.
		Lce. Byrne, Farbreaga, Aughrim.
		Peter O'Toole, Farbreaga, Aughrim.
		Thos. Byrne, Farbreaga, Aughrim.
		John O'Toole, Farbreaga, Aughrim.
		John Byrne, Aughavannagh.
		Mrs. Mary Byrne, Farbreaga, Aughrim.
		Irish Land Commission.

Item No. 15—Repairs carried out during month of March, 1954.

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of March, 1954.

Item No. 16—Authorisation of Repairs.

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

The County Engineer was asked to report on repairs to the cottage occupied by Mr. Keely at Plezica for the next meeting.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that repairs to the cottage occupied by George Bolger, Temriland, be also included in those authorised.

Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1954.

The County Secretary, submitted further details received from Thomas Wixted, 3, South Quay, Arklow, in relation to the application of his son, Declan Wixted, to compete under the Council's scheme. In view of the information submitted the Council accepted the application of Declan Wixted.

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

I or someone for me will move at the next meeting of the Council that the County Manager be asked to raise a loan of £200,000 to put the County Roads in proper repair, the loan to be spread over a couple of years.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th April, 1954, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present: Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman; Councillors Senator J. J. McGree, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, P. Brennan, J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T. O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, Ed. Byrne, L. O Laoighleis, P. N. Murdoch, Wm. Cleary, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. O Broin, C. W. Hudson, Joseph Jacob and Miss E. F. Bobbett.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant Co. Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, R. M. Fenlon and P. J. Foley attended.

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, referred to the illness of Councillor P. Ledwidge, who had been removed to hospital. Members of the Council extended their best wishes to Councillor Ledwidge for his speedy recovery.

BUSINESS:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 21st December, 1953, 11th and 18th January, 1954.
2. Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1953—letter from Department of Education re proposed increase in value of Scholarships.
3. Road Works Scheme, 1954/55—Reports of Meetings of Local Committees.
4. Application from Leinster Motor Club for closing of roads at Wicklow in May and July, 1954.
5. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. O'Neill for raising of loan of £200,000 for repairs to County Roads.
6. Road Workers' Wages—Letter from Dept. of Local Government conveying sanction to increase in wages.
7. Letter from County Councils' General Council requesting views on motion regarding road workers' wages and conditions of employment.
8. Turf Production in Season 1954.
9. Erection of Fire Stations and Store at Bray—To authorise raising of loan.
10. Appointment of Rate Collector—No. 3 Collection District.
11. To consider arrangements for filling of vacancies for Rate Collectors in Districts Nos. 10, 13/14/15.
12. Recommendation of County Library Committee for appointment of member in place of the late John Olohan.
13. To receive tenders for library van.
14. Baltinglass Water Supply—To consider correspondence re acquisition of lands.
15. Relaying of water main from Newtownmountkennedy to Newcastle Sanatorium.
16. Letter dated 2nd April, 1954, from Department of Health re commencement of Health Act, 1953.
17. Proposed improvements and extensions to St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.
18. Revision of remuneration of nurses.
19. Offices of Committee of Agriculture—To consider reply from owner.
20. Letter from An Bórd Fáilte re date for An Tóstal, 1955.
21. Letter from Honorary Secretary, An Tóstal Committee, Newtownmountkennedy, re decoration of village for An Tóstal.
22. Resolution from Wicklow County Committee, I.N.T.O., re salaries of teachers.

23. Letter from National Cycling Association of Ireland, re An Tóstal Cycling Race.
24. Resolution from Tralee Urban District Council re expenditure of moneys allocated to An Bórd Fáilte for promotion of tourism in the country.
25. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

The County Secretary stated that since the circulation of the Agenda, the Minutes of the meetings held on 1st, 8th and 16th February, and 1st March, 1954, had been received from the printers, and circulated to the members.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Resolved—That we confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 21st December, 1953, 11th January, 18th January, 1st February, 8th February, 16th February, and 1st March, 1954.

Passed unanimously.

Members of the Council drew attention to the delay in receiving the Minutes from the Printers, and directed that this matter be borne in mind when the tenders for the printing contract for the coming year were being considered.

Item No. 2—Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1953.

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

R.O.2/84134.
The Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Primary Branch,
Marlborough Street,
Dublin.
3 Marta, 1954.

Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1953—Co. Wicklow. A Chara.

With reference to your communication of the 29th January, 1954, regarding the proposed increase in the value of the scholarships held by Jeanne I. Sheehy and Vincent Halpin, I am directed to state that the proposal made does not appear to be in accordance with the terms of the Scheme, as there is no provision for the award of a scholarship of the value of £50 per annum in the Scheme. I am to request the further observations of the Council.

Mise, le meas.

D. O LAOGHAIRE.

The Council directed that further representations be made to the Department of Education for approval to the Council's proposal to allow an increase in the value of these Scholarships.

Item No. 3—Road Works Scheme, 1954/55.

The County Secretary submitted particulars of the recommendations made by the Committees of the Council in regard to the Road Works Scheme for the year 1954/55.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, Councillor J. Everett, T.D., and Councillor P. McCarthy, having referred to road works which they considered should be provided for in the year 1954/55, it was decided to hold a further joint meeting of the Wicklow and Arklow Committee, at Aughrim, on Monday, 26th April, 1954, at 4 p.m., to reconsider the allocation of monies available for road works in the Southern and South-Eastern Engineering Districts.

Item No. 4—Closing of Roads at Wicklow.

Having considered application, dated 22nd March, 1954, from the Leinster Motor Club, Ltd., for the closing of roads at Wicklow and Rathnew for the purpose of motor cycle and motor car races, and the County Engineer having indicated that he had no objection to the proposal, it was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of application being made to the Minister for Local Government for an Order for the closing of roads at Wicklow and Rathnew, as set out hereunder, at the following times:—

Thursday, 6th May, 1954—5.30 a.m. to 7.30 a.m.

Friday, 7th May, 1954—5.30 a.m. to 7.30 a.m.

Saturday, 8th May, 1954—2 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.

Thursday, 8th July, 1954—7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Friday, 9th July, 1954—7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Saturday, 10th July, 1954—2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

SCHEDULE.

1. Road No. 66 from 100 yards north-west of junction with Road No. 112 at Rathnew to junction with Road No. 100 at Wicklow.
2. Road No. 100 from 220 yards west of junction with Road No. 66 at Wicklow to junction with Road No. 110 at Beehive.
3. Road No. 110 from junction with Road No. 100 at the Beehive to junction with Road No. 112 at Rathnew Station.
4. Road No. 112 from junction with Road No. 110 at Rathnew Station to junction with Road No. 66 at Rathnew.
5. Road No. 102 from junction with Road No. 100 to junction with Road No. 101.
6. Road No. 108 for a distance of 440 yds. south-westwards from junction with Road No. 100 at Woolaghan's Bridge.
7. Road No. 113 for a distance of 440 yards westwards from junction with Road No. 110 at the Beehive.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., pointed out that the Urban District Council would be concerned in regard to the proposal for the closing of the roads and it was decided that the approval given by the Co. Council would be conditional upon the agreement of the Wicklow Urban District Council.

Item No. 5—Loan for Repairs to County Roads.

In accordance with notice of motion, it was proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Senator J. McCrea, that we approve of the raising of Loan of £200,000 for the repair of county roads.

Following a discussion on the matter, the proposal was deferred and the County Engineer was asked to submit a report on the cost of reconstructing the principal county roads.

Item No. 6—Road Workers' Wages.

The Council noted letter from the Department of Local Government conveying sanction to the proposal to increase the wages of road workers to 94s. 6d. per week, as from 18th December, 1953.

Item No. 7—Road Workers' Wages and Conditions of Employment.

The County Secretary stated that the County Councils' General Council had requested the views of the Council on the following motion which had been considered by the County Councils' General Council at their meeting held on 4th March, 1954, and had been referred to the individual Councils for their views: "That we request the Minister for Local Government to set up machinery representative of local authorities and trade unions concerned for the fixing of road workers' wages and conditions of employment on a national or regional basis."

Having considered the matter, the Council directed that the Co. Councils' General Council be informed that Wicklow County Council was satisfied with the existing arrangements, in regard to the fixing of road workers' wages and conditions of employment.

Item No. 8—Turf Production for Season 1954.
The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
9th April, 1954.

Turf Production, 1954/55.

If it is the intention of the Council to produce turf during the coming season for use in institutions, dispensaries, offices, etc., I propose to cut the following amounts if given favourable weather during the season:—

Sallygap Bog—800 tons all to Rathdrum; Fearbreaga Bog—400 tons to Rathdrum, 200 tons to Wicklow; Ballinagee Bog—600 tons all to Rathdrum.

I do not propose to cut any turf in Kilcarney or Knockananna areas, as it has proved uneconomical and difficult to save.

Instructions have been issued to the Assistant Engineers to prepare for cutting so that work may proceed as soon as permission is given.

Signed: J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor T. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we approve of the production by the Council from bogs as recommended by the County Engineer, of 2,000 tons of turf in the season 1954, to supply the needs of the Council's institutions, offices, etc.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea urged that turf be produced by the Council at Knockananna Bog. It was decided to defer this matter, pending examination of the bog by the Assistant County Engineer in company with Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea.

Item No. 9—Erection of Fire Station and Store at Bray.

The County Secretary stated that the contract price for the erection of the Fire Station and Store at Bray was £3,290, of which 60 per cent., i.e., £1,974, would be met by the County Council, and the balance of 40 per cent. by Bray Urban District Council.

Proposed by Councillor E. E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the raising of Loan of £1,974 from the Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of 10 years, with interest at the usual rate, to defray the Council's proportion of the cost of the erection of Fire Station and Store at Bray.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Appointment of Rate Collector No. 3 Collection District.

The County Secretary stated that in response to public advertisement, sixteen applications had been received for the office of Rate Collector for No. 3 Collection District. Two of the applicants were over the prescribed age for the position. The following applicants appeared to be qualified:—Byrne, Thomas, Humphreystown; Clancy, Joseph, Ballycreen Aughtim; Doyle John Ballymoney, Donard; Gyves, Wm. N., Haylands, Blessington; Hanlon, James J., Golden Hill, Manor Kilbride; Kinsella, Enda, Weavers Square, Baltinglass; McEvoy, Kevin, Ballyknockan, Vallemount; Molloy, Peter, Ballinastoe; Moore, Andrew, Grangecon; Nolan, James, Tinnakilly Upper; Nolan, Michael, Davids-town; O'Brien, Leo, Ballinceddin; O'Reilly, Thomas, Broomfield, Donard; Quinn, Patrick, Baltyboys.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That this Council consider that, having regard to the nature of the duties of the office of Rate Collector for No. 3 Collection District, the knowledge and experience necessary for the efficient performance of these duties, and the qualifications for that office, the person to be appointed to the office cannot be satisfactorily selected by competitive examination, and we decide that the person be selected as the result of an examination of the applications received.

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that the fourteen qualified applicants would be regarded as having been proposed and seconded for appointment. A vote was then called for, and it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

FOR MR. THOMAS BYRNE—Councillor A. Toomey (1).

FOR MR. JOSEPH CLANCY—Councillors W. Cleary, C. M. Byrne and C. W. Hudson—(3).

FOR MR. JOHN DOYLE—Councillors W. Hammond and Miss E. F. Bobbett—(2).

FOR MR. ENDA KINSELLA—Councillors G. Timmins, W. Lawless, P. N. Murdoch, and H. J. Byrne—(4).

FOR MR. MICHAEL NOLAN—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, Ed. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., and J. Jacob—(6).

FOR MR. THOS. O'REILLY—Councillors P. Brennan, T. O'Reilly and Paul Kehoe—(3).

The remaining applicants did not receive any vote.

Mr. Thos. Byrne having been eliminated, a further vote was called for and resulted as follows:—

FOR MR. JOSEPH CLANCY—Councillors W. Cleary and C. M. Byrne—(2).

FOR MR. JOHN DOYLE—Councillors W. Hammond, C. W. Hudson and Miss E. F. Bobbett—(3).

FOR MR. ENDA KINSELLA—Councillors G. Timmins, W. Lawless, P. N. Murdoch and H. J. Byrne—(4).

FOR MR. MICHAEL NOLAN—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, Ed. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., and J. Jacob—(6).

FOR MR. THOS. O'REILLY—Councillors P. Brennan, T. O'Reilly, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey—(4).

Mr. Joseph Clancy having been eliminated, a further vote was taken and resulted as follows:—

FOR MR. JOHN DOYLE—Councillors W. Hammond, W. Cleary, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson and Miss E. F. Bobbett—(5).

FOR MR. ENDA KINSELLA—Councillors G. Timmins, W. Lawless, P. N. Murdoch and H. J. Byrne—(4).

FOR MR. MICHAEL NOLAN—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, Ed. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., and J. Jacob—(6).

FOR MR. THOS. O'REILLY—Councillors P. Brennan, T. O'Reilly, P. Kehoe and A. Toomey—(4).

A vote was then taken to decide between Mr. Enda Kinsella and Mr. Thomas O'Reilly, as each had received four votes.

It was found that the members present voted as follows:—

FOR MR. ENDA KINSELLA—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, W. Hammond, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, Ed. Byrne, W. Lawless, P. N. Murdoch, J. Everett, T.D., J. Jacob and H. J. Byrne—(11).

FOR MR. THOS. O'REILLY—Councillors P. Brennan, W. Cleary, T. O'Reilly, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson and Miss E. F. Bobbett—(8).

Mr. Thos. O'Reilly having been eliminated, a further vote was then taken, which resulted as follows:—

FOR MR. JOHN DOYLE—Councillors W. Hammond, P. Brennan, W. Cleary, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson and Miss E. F. Bobbett—(8).

FOR MR. ENDA KINSELLA—Councillors G. Timmins, W. Lawless, P. N. Murdoch and H. J. Byrne—(4).

FOR MR. MICHAEL NOLAN—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, T. O'Reilly, Ed. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., J. Jacob—(7).

Mr. Enda Kinsella having been eliminated, a vote was taken as to whether Mr. John Doyle or Mr. Michael A. Nolan should be appointed, and it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

FOR MR. JOHN DOYLE—Councillors W. Hammond, P. Brennan, W. Cleary, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, W. Lawless, P. Murdoch, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, Miss E. F. Bobbett and H. J. Byrne—(11).

FOR MR. MICHAEL NOLAN—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, T. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, Edwd. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., and J. Jacob—(8).

Proposed by Councillor A. Toomey;
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:

Resolved—That, having considered and examined the applications received for the position of Rate Collector, No. 3 Collection District, we hereby appoint, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, Mr. John Doyle, Ballymoney, Donard, to the position in accordance with the qualifications and particulars of office approved by the Minister for Local Government on 19th February, 1952.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Arrangements for Filling of Vacancies for Rate Collectors in Districts No. 10 and Combined District Nos. 13/14/15.

The County Secretary stated that the following application had been received from Mr. W. C. Byrne, Rate Collector No. 12 District:—
Ballyvaltron House.

Kilbride, Wicklow.
7th March, 1954.

Dear Sir,

As I understand that No. 13/14/15 Rate Collection District will shortly become vacant, by the retirement of Mr. Michael Roche, I wish to apply for the transfer to my existing Collection District of the Electoral Division of Ennereilly.

Should the County Council be so good as to accede to my request, the earning power of my revised District would approximately equal that of the remaining portion of Mr. Roche's former area.

As the members of the Council are aware, I have had more than seventeen years' continuous service in their employment, during which period I have, at all times, endeavoured to give the utmost satisfaction in the discharge of my duties.

I remain, yours faithfully,

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

WM. C. BYRNE.

The Co. Secretary gave particulars of the effect on the earnings in No. 12 District, and on the earnings in the combined District Nos. 13/14/15, if the electoral division of Ennereilly was transferred to No. 12 District.

The Co. Secretary stated that applications had been received also from Mr. Michael Byrne, Rate Collector, and from Mr. Rd. Fitzpatrick, Clerical Officer, for appointment on promotion to the combined District of 13/14/15 and District No. 10, respectively.

Following a discussion on the matter, it was
Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy:

Resolved—That we request the Minister for Local Government to alter the Rate Collection Districts Nos. 12 and 13 by the addition of the electoral division of Ennereilly to No. 12 District, and its exclusion from District No. 13.

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed unanimously that applications be invited by public advertisement for the posts of Rate Collectors in District No. 10 and the revised combined District of 13/14/15.

Control of Sale of Strychnine.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy:

Resolved—That this Council requests the Minister for Health to place more strict control on the sale of strychnine, as a very dangerous and easily administered poison; the Council considers that the sale of strychnine should only be allowed under special licence from the Minister. They are also of the opinion that if any edible matter which contains poison is laid on land, such edible matter should be staked or otherwise securely affixed to the soil, and that the required notice to be displayed on the land stating that the lands have been poisoned should be in clearly legible form and properly maintained.

Passed unanimously.

The Council directed that copy of the resolution be sent to each local authority.

Item No. 12—To Fill Vacancy on Library Committee.

The County Secretary stated that in letter of 5th March, 1954, from the County Librarian, it was stated that the Library Committee recommended the appointment of Mrs. Dawson, Wicklow, as a member of the Committee in place of the late Mr. J. Olohan. In further letter dated 9th April, 1954, the County Librarian stated that the Chairman of the County Library Committee had asked her to withdraw the recommendation, as the Irish Countrywomen's Association wished to put forward a person for appointment.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., pointed out that the late Mr. J. Olohan had been a member of the Wicklow Urban District Council, and the Urban District Council should be consulted on the matter.

The Council adjourned the matter for the purpose of obtaining the views of the Wicklow Urban District Council.

Item No. 13—Tenders for Library Van.

Three tenders were received for a Library Van, and the tenders were opened in the presence of the Council. The tenders received were as follows:—

Name and Address of Tenderer	Type of Van to be supplied	Amount of Tender
Messrs. Hennessy's, Cork	.. Auto-Union D.K.W.	£591 nett
Bianroe Garage, Wicklow	.. Volkswagen, alternative quotation for station wagon, etc.	£599 less 12½%
William P. Ryan, Dublin	.. Armstrong Siddeley.	£995 less 10%
	.. Bradford Utility.	£540 less 10%
	.. Trojan Diesel	£1,175 less 10%
	.. Bedford	£1,630 less 10%

In view of the limited number of tenders received, the Council recommended that further quotations for alternative makes of vans be obtained.

Item No. 14—Baltinglass Water Supply.

The County Secretary stated that in March, 1953, the Assistant County Engineer had reported that it would be advisable for the Council to acquire springs on the lands of Mr. Donohue at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, for the purpose of augmenting the Baltinglass Water Supply. The Assistant Co. Engineer stated that, whilst it was not essential that the springs be obtained, he considered that it would be very desirable. An offer of £15 had been made to Mrs. Donohue for the land containing the springs and which measured 24½ perches. The Solicitor for Mrs. Donohue had asked that the sum of £30 be paid in order that the matter might be settled without the necessity of arbitration. A final offer of £25 had been made by the Council, but this was declined. The Council's Solicitor had been instructed to inform the Solicitor for Mrs. Donohue that the Council would not increase their offer, but would proceed to acquire the land compulsorily. No reply to this letter had been received. In view of the difference of only £5 between the Council's offer and the amount which Mrs. Donohue was prepared to accept, the views of the members of the Council would be appreciated.

Proposed by Councillor P. Kehoe;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That, having considered correspondence in connection with the acquisition of springs on the lands of Mrs. Donohue, Bawnogues, Baltinglass, for the purpose of augmenting Baltinglass Water Supply, we hereby recommend that a sum of £30 be paid for the acquisition of the necessary lands.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Re-laying of Water Main from Newtownmountkennedy to Newcastle Sanatorium.

The County Secretary stated that the approval of the Department of Local Government had been received to the revised contract documents for the relaying of the water main from Newtownmountkennedy to Newcastle Sanatorium. The County Engineer estimated the cost of the work at £4,154.

The County Manager explained the circumstances under which it was proposed that the Council would re-lay this water main, and referred to a previous arrangement in regard to the extension of the sewerage system to serve Newcastle Sanatorium, and the Council's cottages at Killadreenan.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Resolved—That we approve of the inviting of tenders for the re-laying of the water main from Newtownmountkennedy to Newcastle Sanatorium, in accordance with the documents submitted by the Co. Engineer and approved by the Dept. of Local Government.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16—Commencement of Health Act, 1953.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Health, in letter of 2nd April, 1954, had forwarded copy of the Health Act, 1953 (Date of Commencement Order, 1954, which fixed the commencement dates for the remaining provisions of the Health Act, 1953. Attention was drawn, in the Department's letter, in particular to the appointment of a Local Consultative Health Committee under Section 48 (1) of the Act which was now operative. The Co. Manager stated that Section 48 of the Act required a Council to appoint a Consultative Health Committee. The Committee would consist of ten members, of whom not less than four nor more than six would be members of the County Council. The Committee would also include the Co. Medical Officer, the senior Medical Officer of one of the Council's Health In-

stitutions, and two other registered medical practitioners residing in the county and nominated by a body representative of the Registered Medical Practitioners practising in the county. The Council agreed that the appointment of the Committee would be considered at the next meeting.

The County Manager stated that the provisions of the Health Act, 1953, in relation to the providing of institutional and specialist services for the middle income group, the provision of mother and child welfare services, and the extension of the schools medical services would come into operation on 1st August, 1954. Section 50 of the Act, which provided for the rehabilitation and maintenance of disabled persons would come into operation on the 1st October, 1954, and Section 21 which related to the provision of dental, ophthalmic and aural services for the middle income group would come into operation on 1st January, 1955. At the Adjourned Estimates Meeting, the Council had revised the provision made in the Estimates for the extended Health Services and had made provision for the operation of the services for a period of six months during the present financial year. As most of the new Health Services would come into operation on the 1st August, 1954, it appeared that the provision made in the Estimates would not be adequate, and it was likely that a sum of £4,700 would be required in addition to the amount provided in the current year's Estimates. Of this sum one half would be recouped from the Health Grant, leaving the net excess over the Estimate at £2,350.

The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 17—Proposed Improvements and Extensions to St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.

The County Manager referred to the circular which had been issued by the Department of Health some time ago in regard to the need for improvement to County Homes. The Council's Architect had made several surveys of the County Home at Rathdrum, with a view to submitting proposals for improvements as recommended by the Department. The County Manager pointed out that the institution at Rathdrum had been erected in 1843 and was then intended to cater for Rathdrum Union only. From 1925 onwards the County Home at Rathdrum catered for the entire county, and portion of Rathdrum Union which had previously been served by the institution at Loughlinstown. Consequently it was inevitable that there had been overcrowding in the institutions at certain times. The design of the institution did not conform to modern requirements. One ward led into another; the type of heating was unsuitable, and central heating would be necessary. The Department of Health had indicated that a grant would be available towards the cost of the improvements to the Co. Home.

The plan prepared by the Council's Architect for improvements to the County Home was submitted to the Council. The Council agreed that the plans might be submitted to the Department of Health for their views, but indicated that the full cost of any improvements should be met from State funds.

County Hospital at Rathnew.

In reply to inquiries from members, the County Manager stated that he hoped to have plans in respect of the hospital available for inspection by the Council at the next meeting.

Item No. 18—Revision of Remuneration of Nurses.

The following letter, which had been circulated by the Irish Nurses'

To: Each Co. Councillor.
Wicklow Co. Council.

20, Lr. Leeson St.,
Dublin.

A Chara,

29th March, 1954.

I am directed by my Executive Council to ask you for your intervention to see that the salary scale to which they are entitled is paid to Public Health Nurses who were in the employment of the Wicklow County Council prior to 1949.

In August, 1952, a Circular was issued by the Department recommending revised salaries for all local authority nursing personnel, including Public Health Nurses. In the case of the latter, certain conditions were introduced to which the Organisation objected, as we considered that Public Health Nurses already in the service should not be requested to sign new conditions of appointment. Following protracted negotiations, the Minister for Health agreed that Public Health Nurses appointed prior to 1949 should be granted revised salary scales without signing any conditions. All County Managers, with the exception of the Wicklow Co. Manager, have accepted the Minister's direction. All Public Health Nurses appointed prior to 1949 have received revised salary scales, in many cases retrospective to April, 1952; with the exception of two Public Health Nurses in Co. Wicklow, who were appointed prior to 1949. Public Health Nurses appointed since 1949 signed different conditions of service on appointment. The Organisation has made representations to the County Manager, but without success. The matter has now been appealed to the Department of Health. An injustice is being done to Miss Daly and to Miss Lynch, both of whom have the rank of Public Health Nurse.

As a member of the Wicklow County Council you are concerned in this injustice, and on behalf of the nurses concerned, we appeal for your intervention in the matter.

Mise le meas.

ELEANOR G. GROGAN,
Runai.

The County Manager stated that in August, 1952, the Minister for Health had indicated that he would be prepared to approve of revised salary scales for Public Health Nurses, provided that each nurse to whom the new salary scale applied accepted the condition that she should perform such duties as were assigned to her by the health authority, including home nursing and/or midwifery duties of a district nurse, and also would reside at such centre as might be determined by the health authority. It was also condition that the nurse would be required to supply and wear a suitable uniform as required by the health authority. The revised salary scale was applied to Public Health Nurses with the exceptions of Nurse Lynch and Nurse Daly, as Nurse Lynch was employed only in Bray Urban District and was not agreeable to carry out duties in any other part of the County if required, and as Nurse Daly did not drive her own car, the County Manager considered that these nurses could not obtain the revised salary scale.

Following representations by the Irish Nurses' Organisation, the Minister agreed to the application of the revised salary scale without insisting on the conditions referred to. The Co. Manager, however, stated that he felt there was a principle involved, and consequently he had not agreed to the revised salary scale being applied in the case of Nurse Lynch and Nurse Daly.

The County Manager stated that he would be glad to have the Association to each member of the Council was considered:— views of the members of the Council on the matter.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;
Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary:

Resolved—That we recommend that the revised scale of remuneration for Public Health Nurses be applied to Nurses Daly and Lynch.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 19—Offices for County Committee of Agriculture.

The County Manager stated that Colonel J. E. Vize, the owner of the premises at Market Square, Wicklow, which were occupied by the County Committee of Agriculture, had replied to the Council's inquiry stating that in the event of the purchase of the premises at Market Square by the Council, his price would be £1,200 clear.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., proposed, and Councillor W. Lawless seconded, that the Council purchase the premises at Market Square, Wicklow, from Col. Vize at a price of £1,200.

The County Manager pointed out that this matter had been considered by the Council previously, and that the views of the Council and his own views as regards what would be a reasonable price had been submitted to the Department, and the Department had indicated that they were not prepared to agree to the purchase of the premises at a price of £1,000.

Item No. 20—Date for An Tóstal, 1955.

The following letter, received from An Bórd Fáilte, was submitted:—
13 Merrion Sq.,
Dublin.

Dear Sir,

5th April, 1954.

The question of the date for An Tóstal, 1955, is now under consideration and a decision will be taken by the end of next June. To assist An Bórd Fáilte in this important matter local Tóstal Councils and other interested bodies are invited to forward their suggestions as soon as possible.

The reasons for which An Tóstal was held at Easter in its initial stages are well known and have lost none of their logic or aptness. At the same time there has been nothing arbitrary about the date of the festival, and it may well happen that in 1955 these three weeks of Ireland at Home will not coincide with Easter-time.

Statistics indicate that May is the sunniest and driest month of the year in Ireland, and for that reason it has been suggested that An Tóstal be held in that month. An Bórd Fáilte, however, will make no decision in the matter pending careful consideration of any views which may be put forward in response to this invitation.

The Board wishes to stress that an Tóstal is designed primarily to extend the tourist season, and to achieve this object the event must be held outside that season which may be taken as from the beginning of June to the end of September.

Yours faithfully,

M. K. O'DOHERTY,

General Manager.

The Council directed that An Bórd Fáilte be informed that the Council consider that 1st June would be the most suitable date for the commencement of An Tóstal in 1955. It was the opinion of the Council that the Tourist Season in Bray and other resorts in County Wicklow did not commence until 1st July, and the holding of An Tóstal in June would achieve the object of extending the tourist season.

Item No. 21—An Tóstal Council, Newtownmountkennedy.

The following letter from An Tóstal Council, Newtownmountkennedy, was submitted:—

To: The Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.
A Chara,

6th April, 1954.

I have been advised by above Council to write to you and ask permission to decorate Newtown Village with flags, banners, etc., for An Tóstal Festival—April 18th to 9th May, 1954.

Our Council received permission from the Co. Council in 1953 to hang banners, flags, bunting, etc., in Newtown Village for An Tóstal Festival.

We trust that you will kindly grant the necessary permission. Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

T. McCARTHY,
Hon. Secretary.

The Council agreed that there was no objection to the proposals of An Tóstal Council, Newtownmountkennedy, provided that the Gardai had no objection.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., inquired when the seats would be provided in Newtownmountkennedy, as had been agreed to by the Council some time previously. The County Engineer stated that the seats would be provided very shortly.

Item No. 22—Salaries of Teachers.

The following letter from the Wicklow County Committee, Irish National Teachers' Organisation, was submitted:—

The Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.
A Chara,

Rathdrum,
27th March, 1954.

The above Committee would be thankful if you would please place the enclosed resolution before the County Council at its next monthly meeting.

I have sent the enclosed statement to each member.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. MORRISSEY,
Hon. Secretary.

"To rectify the injustice of paying lower salaries to those teachers who are charged with the education of the majority of the nation's children, we call upon the Government to equate the remuneration of National Teachers to that of Secondary and Vocational Teachers."

On the proposal of Councillor P. McCarthy, seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill, the Council adopted the resolution forwarded by the Wicklow County Committee of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation.

Item No. 23—An Tóstal Cycle Race.

The Council decided to mark "Read" the following letter received from the National Cycling Association of Ireland:—

A Chara, 26th March, 1954.
In connection with the forthcoming Tóstal Festival, may we bring to your notice a function which we feel is using An Tóstal as a cloak because of its anti-national nature.

In Ireland at present there are three Bodies governing the sport of bicycle racing—

- (1) The N.C.A.I., which is a 32-County Association and was suspended from international competition in 1947 for refusing to recognise Partition;

- (2) (a) The C.R.E., which is a 26-County Association formed by some Dublin cyclists when the N.C.A.I. was suspended. With England's approval, this body is internationally recognised.
(b) the N.I.C.E., which is a 6-County Association and is the C.R.E.'s counterpart in that area.

The C.R.E. intend to promote a seven days' race during An Tóstal with the aid of £3,000 subscribed by British controlled firms, and the competitors in the race will include British Army Teams; Royal Air Force Teams; Teams drawn from the Unionist Clubs in the Six Counties and a handful of Dublin cyclists.

The race goes through the 26 Counties, yet not one rider outside of Dublin will be in the field, because every cyclist outside Dublin is in the ranks of the N.C.A.I., which continues to maintain the stand of a 32-Counties Association.

When the C.R.E. cyclists go up North, they ride under the Union Jack. Now, with British money and teams drawn from the British Army of Occupation, this body races through the country under the cloak of An Tóstal. This is an insult to the nation. We ask you in the name of Ireland to refuse to accord any co-operation or reception to this anti-National sports event.

Yours in Sport and in Ireland,

H. O'TOOLE-KING.

Item No. 24—Expenditure of Monies Allocated to An Bórd Fáilte.

The Council decided to mark "Read" the following resolution received from Tralee Urban District Council:—

"That we view with alarm the extraordinary expenditure of almost £500,000 allocated to An Bórd Fáilte for the promotion of tourism in the country, which, in our opinion, is not being expended in a rightful manner, of equality for all parts of the country, and we ask the Government to hold a Parliamentary investigation or otherwise into the working of such body, and that copies of this resolution be sent to each Urban, City and County Council throughout the country."

House at Milltown North, Rathnew, formerly owned by Mr. H. Behan.

On the suggestion of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., it was decided to have the matter of the disposal of this house, formerly owned by Mr. H. Behan, considered at the next meeting of the local Housing Committee.

Road from Greenane P.O. to Church.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea handed in letter received by him from Rev. P. McCabe, C.C., Greenane, in regard to a short section of road from Greenane Post Office to the Catholic Church, and owned by Captain Kenmis. He asked that a report be obtained from the County Engineer in regard to the matter.

Kilquade Sand Co.

Councillor W. Lawless inquired as to the condition of the water in the river at Kilcoole, which had been affected by the operations of the Kilquade Sand Co.

The County Engineer stated that he had inspected it on a number of occasions and that the position appeared to be satisfactory.

Councillor W. Lawless contended that the water in the river was still badly affected as a result of the operations of the Kilquade Sand Company.

Draft Mortgage for the Completion of 1946 Housing Scheme.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy:

Resolved—That we approve of the draft Mortgage received from the Commissioners of Public Works for Loan of £23,200 for the completion of 1946 Housing Scheme, and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the undertaking that the instalments in repayment of the loan now proposed, as well as of any existing loans, will be punctually remitted at the dates on which they become due, viz., 1st May and 1st November each year.

Passed unanimously.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor A. Toomey and accepted by the Chairman:—"That I, or someone on my behalf, will move at the next Housing meeting that the Council make provision to have a pump erected at Irishtown, Donard, to serve three Council houses."

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 3rd May, 1954, at 2 p.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, Patrick McCarthy, Wallace Hammond, P. Brennan, James O'Neill, G. Timmins, T. O'Reilly, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, E. Byrne, M. J. Brennan, W. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, Miss E. F. Bobbett and J. Jacob.

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

AGENDA

1. Report of County Engineer on progress of Housing Scheme during the month of April, 1954.
2. Loan for the completion of the 1946 Housing Scheme—To authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works for Loan of £23,200.
3. Enniskerry Housing Scheme—To consider estimate for the cost of erection of 20 houses by direct labour, and to authorise the necessary borrowing.
4. Application for installation of water supply in four cottages at Blacklion, Greystones.
5. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor A. Toomey re provision of pump at Irishtown, Donard, to serve three Council houses.
6. Application for licence for temporary dwelling at Ennis Lane, Redford, Greystones.
7. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts—Hall at Newtownmountkennedy.
8. To approve of draft mortgage in respect of loan of £40,000 for the purpose of making advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
9. Applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
10. Application from Irish Motor Racing Club for the closing of road at Enniskerry on 29th May, 1954.
11. Report in regard to repairs to cottage at Plezica.
12. Repairs carried out during the month of April, 1954.
13. Authorisation of repairs.

The Council noted letter from Mrs. Ledwidge thanking the Chairman and members of the Council on behalf of her husband, Councillor P. Ledwidge, for their best wishes for his speedy recovery.

ITEM NO. 1—PROGRESS REPORT

The attached report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing scheme during the month of April, 1954, was submitted:—

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL
HOUSING SECTION**

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

1st May, 1954.

To: The Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council.

HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT—MONTH OF APRIL, 1954

Gentlemen,

During the month of April satisfactory progress was maintained on all schemes.

The total number of cottages completed to date under the 1946 scheme is 406 (including 47 by contract).

Under the Kindlestown Scheme 20 houses have been completed; 10 cottages are now in progress and are expected to be completed early in month of May.

At O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy, 16 houses are in progress.

At Kilmagig, Avoca, 12 houses are in progress.

The total number of men employed on housing during April, 1954, was:—

	Skilled	Unskilled
Kindlestown Site	5	4
Newtownmountkennedy Site	17	9
Kilmagig, Avoca Site	6	13
	28	26

The total expenditure to date under the Scheme is £373,726 5s. 9d. made up as follows:—

Wages	£148,282 0 3	
Materials	188,635 16 7	
Payments to Contractors	36,808 8 11	

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

1946 SCHEME

NORTHERN AREA

Cottages completed to 31st March, 1954		184
Cottages completed during April, 1954		nil
Total completed		184
Completed under Kindlestown Scheme		20
Completed under Killincarrig Scheme		10
Total completed		30
In progress:—		
Kindlestown Scheme		10
Newtown Scheme		16
Total in progress		26

SOUTH-EASTERN AREA

Cottages completed to 31st March, 1954		80
Cottages completed during April, 1954		nil
Total completed		80
In progress:—		
1946 Scheme—Kilmagig, Avoca		12

SOUTHERN AREA

Cottages completed to 30th April, 1954		54
Cottages completed under separate Scheme at Lugduff		3
Total completed		57
In progress, nil.		

WESTERN AREA

Cottages completed to 31st March, 1954		88
Cottages completed during April, 1954		nil
Total completed		88
In progress, nil.		

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea
Seconded by Councillor Miss E. Bobbett

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of the housing scheme during the month of April, 1954."

Passed.

ITEM NO. 2—LOAN FOR COMPLETION OF 1946 HOUSING SCHEME

It was

Proposed by Councillor Lawless
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy

and resolved:—

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £23,200 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Labourers Acts, 1883 to 1952."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 3—ENNISKERRY HOUSING SCHEME

The County Secretary submitted particulars of the estimated cost of erecting 20 houses on the site at Enniskerry. The average cost per house for building would be £1,463, of which £275 represented development costs. The high cost of development was due to the fact that two items, viz., the new boundary wall and the connection with the main sewer at Enniskerry, would have to be completed as the first stage of the scheme. The cost of these two items would eventually be distributed over the total number of houses built on the site. Having allowed for the cost of the land and administration, it would be necessary to raise a loan of £32,000 to defray the cost of erection of the houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne
Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan

and resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise the raising of a loan of £32,000 repayable over a period of 50 years from the Local Loans Fund to defray the cost of erection of 20 houses at Kilmolin, Enniskerry."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 4—APPLICATION FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER SUPPLY IN COTTAGES AT BLACKLION, GREYSTONES

The County Secretary stated that a request had been received from the Greystones Branch of the Labour Party for the installation of water in cottages

Nos. 33, 34, 85 and 86 at Blacklion, Greystones. The cost of the work would amount to £88 in respect of the provision of a water tap at the back door of each cottage. It was calculated that an addition of 1/9 per week would require to be made to the rents of the cottages to recoup to the Council the cost, including the cost of water supplied.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. E. Byrne
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless

and resolved:—

“That we approve of the installation of a water supply by the provision of a tap at the back door of each cottage in cottages Nos. 33, 34, 85 and 86 at Blacklion, Greystones, subject to the recoupment of the cost of installation and of water supplied to the Council by the tenants by an addition to the rent of 1/9 per week.”

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 5—PROVISION OF PUMP AT IRISHTOWN, DONARD

With reference to Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor A. Toomey, the Assistant County Engineer had reported that there were three labourers' cottages and two farmhouses adjoining the place where the pump was proposed to be erected. It would be necessary to have the ground examined by a diviner, but the Engineer did not anticipate that there would be any trouble in getting water at a reasonable depth. The report of the Health Inspector dated 28th April, 1954, was also submitted to the Council. The Council directed that a report from a water diviner be obtained and submitted.

ITEM NO. 6—TEMPORARY DWELLING AT ENNIS LANE, REDFORD, GREYSTONES

The Council considered the application of Mr. J. Gallagher for a licence for the retention of a temporary dwelling at Ennis Lane, Redford, Greystones, for a further year to 31st March, 1955. The Council noted the report of the Health Inspector and the views of the County Medical Officer and that the Department of Local Government had granted a licence on appeal in this instance in the previous year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless
Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan

and resolved:—

“That we recommend that a licence for retention of temporary dwelling at Ennis Lane, Redford, Greystones, be issued to John Gallagher for further period to 31st March, 1955.”

Passed.

ITEM NO. 7—APPLICATION UNDER TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS: HALL AT NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

The Council considered the application of Very Rev. Fr. Masterson, P.P., Kilquade, for approval to the erection of extension to club rooms at Newtownmountkennedy, including the erection of a new hall. Particulars of report of the Council's Architect and County Engineer were submitted. The County Secretary stated that the details submitted were not sufficient to enable the Council to give a decision on the application and that revised documents would be required. Councillor Lawless queried the advisability of allowing a building at the particular place in view of the danger from crowds congregating there. He pointed out that the building was immediately adjoining the main road, and asked that the County Engineer submit a special report on this aspect of the matter. The Council agreed that permission for the work be refused and the applicant be asked to submit revised documents, and that the County Engineer submit report in regard to the siting of the hall.

ITEM NO. 8—LOAN OF £40,000: S.D.A. ACTS

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy
Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe

and resolved:—

“That we approve of the draft Deed of Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works for loan of £40,000 for the purpose of making advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts and hereby undertake that the repayment of the loan now proposed as well as of any existing loan will be punctually remitted at the dates on which they become due, viz., 1st May and 1st November in each year.”

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 9—APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The Council approved of the making of a further loan of £100 to Patrick Gregory in respect of the erection of a house at Newtownmountkennedy, and the Council approved of the making of the appropriate supplementary grant to Mr. Gregory.

The Council recommended that a loan of £1,200 be made to Matthew Owens in respect of the erection of a house near Baltinglass provided that the avenue leading to the house was included as part of the site of the house for the purpose of the loan.

The Council recommended that a loan of £1,200 be made to Patrick Whelan in respect of the erection of a house at Raheen, Baltinglass.

The Council deferred for further enquiry the application of R. R. J. Verbruggen for a loan in respect of the erection of a house at La Touche Estate, Greystones, and of Charles Fahy in respect of the erection of a house at Avoca.

ITEM NO. 10—CLOSING OF ROAD AT ENNISKERRY

Having considered application from Irish Motor Racing Club, it was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless

and resolved:—

“That we approve of application being made to the Minister for Local Government for an Order authorising the Council to close to public traffic Main Road No. 6 from Enniskerry National School to the junction with County Road No. 7 at Monastery, Enniskerry, on 29th May, 1954, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.”

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 11—REPAIRS TO COTTAGE AT PLEZICA

The Council noted the report of Assistant County Engineer that there had been an error in the figure included in the previous month's report in respect of the cost of repairs to cottage at Plezica and that the correct amount was £78 15s.

ITEM NO. 12—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF APRIL, 1954

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired during the month of April, 1954, as submitted by the County Engineer.

ITEM NO. 13—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS

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

COTTAGE PURCHASE SCHEME

In reply to enquiries from members, the County Secretary stated that 475 applications for vesting had been received under the old Cottage Purchase Scheme and that 143 cottages had been vested. In 57 cases the Council was awaiting the return of the Consent Forms from the tenants. Two hundred and forty applications had been received under the new Cottage Purchase Scheme. The County Engineer stated that it was understood that the new scheme would be approved by the Minister for Local Government during the coming week.

APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECT

The Council noted the following letter received from the Department of Local Government in regard to the appointment of an Architect:—

26th April, 1954.

EL. 27/26.
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 9th April, 1954, in regard to the appointment of a permanent Architect, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to point out that the provisions of Sections 2 and 5 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, preclude the appointment of a temporary officer to an office to which the Act applies, otherwise than on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners. In the circumstances it will be necessary to submit a Statutory Request to the Commissioners in connection with the filling of this post. Before doing so the Manager should furnish an Order for the sanction of the Minister to the creation of an office of Architect (either Grade 1 or Grade 2), the qualifications and particulars of office for which were included in Circular E.L.1/53 of the 31st January, 1953.

Mise, le meas,

E. MAGUIRE.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM

Having considered report of the Council's Solicitor dated 30th April, 1954, in regard to the malicious injury claim of Mr. Swift against the Council and in respect of which a sum of £425 had been awarded by the Judge, the Council agreed that an appeal should be taken in the case.

REPORT ON RENT COLLECTION FOR YEAR TO 31st MARCH, 1954

The County Secretary submitted details of the rent collection for the half-year to 31st March, 1954. The Council noted that the arrears at the commencement of the period had been £403 0s. 4½d. and that the arrears at the end of the period amounted to £221 18s. 0d. and that the rent collection position was satisfactory.

BALTINGLASS WATER SUPPLY

In reply to enquiry from members the County Secretary stated that the Council's Law Agent had been consulted as to whether the Council might acquire water rights compulsorily from Messrs. O'Donohue at Baltinglass or whether the Council held an enforceable contract having regard to the letters from the solicitor for the owners accepting the figure of £30.

ROUNDWOOD WATER SUPPLY

In reply to enquiry from Councillor Brennan, the County Manager stated that agreement had been reached with the landowner for the acquisition of a larger portion of land than had originally been proposed. It was expected that the Council would be in a position to proceed with the work very shortly.

SITES AT BELAN STREET, BALTINGLASS

In reply to Councillor P. Kehoe, the County Manager stated that if Mr. Simpson had a claim to ownership of a derelict site acquired by the Council he should submit details of such interest in the site.

ROAD FROM SALLYGAP TO LARAGH

The County Manager stated that the Council had not yet been informed by the Department of Local Government whether the Council could proceed with the work of reconstruction at Sallygap-Laragh road with the aid of a State grant. The Council asked that a reminder be sent to the Department on the subject, and that the Department also be reminded in regard to the Council's application for the transfer of money from the Main Road Improvement Grant to County Road Improvement Grant.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 10th May, 1954, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors: Senator J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, P. Brennan, J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, Thomas O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, L. O Laoighleis, P. N. Murdoch, W. Cleary, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. O Broin, C. W. Hudson, J. Jacob, and Miss E. F. Bobbett.

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

AGENDA

1. To confirm and sign minutes of meetings held on 1st March, and 8th March, 1954.
2. University Scholarship Scheme—To consider applications received.
3. Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1953—Letter from Department of Education re proposed increase in two scholarships.
4. Vacancy on County Library Committee — Recommendation from Wicklow Urban District Council.
5. Report on meeting of members of Council for Wicklow and Arklow Electoral Areas re road works for 1954-55.
6. Report of Assistant County Engineer re road to Greenane Church.
7. To authorise the raising of a loan for the purchase of machinery as recommended by the County Engineer.
8. Letter from the Secretary, Newtownmountkennedy Public Hall Committee, re Newtownmountkennedy Courthouse.
9. Public lighting — Quotation from E.S.B. for provision of public light at Kilpedder.
10. Public lighting — Quotation from E.S.B. for provision of public light at Monastery, Enniskerry.
11. Burial grounds at Scurlocks and Manor Kilbride—Report of Acting Chief Medical Officer.
12. Aughrim Sewerage Scheme.
13. Appointment of Consultative Health Committee under Section 48 of Health Act, 1953.
14. New county hospital at Rathnew—Report re plans.
15. Report on Regional Water Supply Scheme.
16. Minutes of Meetings of County Councils' General Council held on 10th December, 1953, and 4th March, 1954.
17. Resolution from Dublin City Council re establishment of Commission for the purpose of inquiring into system of ground rents.
18. Inquiries arising out of County Manager's Orders.

19. To authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to the Deed of Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works in respect of loan of £40,000 for the purpose of making advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

The Chairman, Councillor H. J. Byrne, moved a resolution of sympathy with the widow and relatives of the late Councillor P. Ledwidge. The resolution was seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne. The Chairman and all the members of the Council paid tribute to the services rendered by the late Councillor P. Ledwidge during his period of membership of the County Council in the course of which he had held the office of Chairman 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.

The Council adjourned for a period of fifteen minutes as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Councillor Ledwidge.

On the meeting resuming, the County Secretary stated that the meeting of the Council for housing purposes would be held on 14th June, as the 7th June, the first Monday of the month, will be Whit Monday. The ordinary meeting of the Council would be held on 21st June.

The Council decided to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Councillor P. Ledwidge at the meeting of the Council to be held on 21st June, 1954.

ITEM NO. 1—MINUTES

The Council adjourned consideration of the minutes of the meetings held on the 1st and 8th March, 1954, as they had not been received from the printers.

ITEM NO. 2—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The Council noted that there had been only seven applicants under the Scheme in 1952, eight in 1953 and 1954.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,
Seconded by Councillor P. N. Murdoch,

and resolved:—

That we approve of the following applications to compete under the Council's University Scholarship Scheme, 1954: Ellen Mary Bourke, Lemonstown, Dunlavin; Kevin C. Brennan, 2 Marine Terrace, Greystones; Brendan L. Byrne, Knockanoocra, Ballinglen; Kathleen P. Cullen, Killamoate, Rathdangan; Eugene M. Doyle, "Edenvale," Cooldross, Kilcoole; Thomas N. Magee, Main Street, Wicklow; Brendan D. Nagle, St. Anthony's, Royal Marine Terrace, Bray; Michael J. Woods, 5 Seapoint Villas, Seapoint Road, Bray.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 3—SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

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

Primary Branch,
Marlborough Street,

R.O. 2/84134
The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1953—Co. Wicklow

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 15th April, 1954, regarding the scholarships awarded to Jeanne I. Sheehy and Vincent Halpin, I am to request the Council's observations as to whether the scholarships in these

two cases might not be increased under the terms of the last paragraph of Clause 1, if there is not an available approved secondary school within 10 miles of their homes, to £80 for the first year and £70 for each subsequent year. I am to say that any such proposal should be submitted to the Minister for his prior approval.

Mise, le meas,

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Halpin had been attending school in an urban district, and consequently had competed only for the scholarship reserved for students attending schools within an urban area. There was available an approved secondary school within 10 miles of Miss Sheehy's home.

The Council noted that it would not be possible to increase the scholarships under the terms of the last paragraph of Clause 1 of the Scheme.

ITEM NO. 4—VACANCY ON COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The County Secretary stated that Wicklow Urban District Council, at a meeting held on 12th April, 1954, had unanimously agreed to the recommendation of the County Library Committee for the appointment of Mrs. J. Dawson, Wicklow, as a member of the Committee in place of the late Mr. J. Olohan.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett,

and resolved:—

That we hereby appoint Mrs. J. Dawson, Bayview, Wicklow, as a member of the County Library Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. J. Olohan, Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 5—MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOR WICKLOW AND ARKLOW ELECTORAL AREAS RE ROAD WORKS FOR 1954-55

The following report of the meeting of the members of the Council for the Wicklow and Arklow Electoral Areas was submitted:—

As arranged at the meeting of the County Council held on the 12th April, 1954, a meeting of the members of the Council for the Wicklow and Arklow areas was held at Aughrim on 26th April, 1954, to give further consideration to road works to be carried out during the year 1954-55.

Present:

Wicklow Area—Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and J. Jacob.

Arklow Area—Councillors P. Brennan, W. Hammond, P. McCarthy, Senator J. J. McCrea and J. O'Neill.

The County Manager, County Engineer, County Secretary, and Assistant County Engineers, R. M. Fenlon and J. P. Caffrey, attended.

Southern Engineering District

The Committee agreed that the following works on county roads were necessary and should be carried out in the following priority:—

- (1) Resurfacing of Coolboy Street.
- (2) Reconstruction of road from Kilcavan Gap to Coollattin Road—1 mile.
- (3) Reconstruction of road from Cross Bridge to Carlow bounds— $\frac{3}{4}$ mile.
- (4) Reconstruction of road from Togher Cross to Wexford bounds—2 miles.

It was agreed that Items 1 and 2 would be carried out in the present year and that the County Engineer would reduce the provision in the Road Works Scheme under the heading of "Tar Surface Dressing," to enable these works to be carried out.