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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

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

Present: Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman; Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Cleary, J. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, P. Ledwidge, Ed. Byrne, W. Lawless, M. Brennan, J. Everett, T.D., C. M. Byrne, J. Jacob, C. W. Hudson, and Miss E. F. Bobbett.

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

BUSINESS:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 10th November, 1952.
2. Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1953—To consider applications received.
3. Application from Wicklow U.D.C. for a contribution towards the cost of providing a concrete road at The Murrrough, Wicklow.
4. Resolution from Aughrim Branch, Labour Party, requesting the Council to raise a loan to relieve unemployment.
5. Resolution from Aughrim Branch, Labour Party, requesting the Council to clean Back Lane leading to Upper Aughrim, and to put the Lane into repair, and also to put Back Lane, Aughrim Lower, into repair.
6. Report of Assistant County Engineer in regard to memorial received from ratepayers in the neighbourhood of Kilcarra.
7. Closing of roads for repairs to Bridges at Blessington—Correspondence with Electricity Supply Board.
8. Reconstruction of Ashford Bridge—To authorise the raising of Loan to defray the balance of cost of works.
9. Wicklow-Arklow Coastal Road: Silver Strand Section—Report of County Engineer.
10. Proposed erection of Weighbridge at Arklow—Report of Committee appointed by the Council.
11. Letter from An Tóstal Council, Tinahely, requesting improvements to the appearance of the Courthouse at Tinahely.
12. Report of meeting of Housing Committee held on 5th Jan., 1953.
13. To authorise the raising of Loan of £4,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works to defray the cost of supplementary grants for the reconstruction of houses.
14. Water Main Extension, Kilquade—To authorise raising of Loan.
15. Enniskerry Water Supply—Report of County Engineer.
16. Resolution from Letterkenny Urban District Council in regard to appointments to positions rewarded out of public funds.
17. Resolution from Longford County Council in regard to provision from State Funds of total cost of proposed new Health Services.
18. Resolution from Westmeath County Council re cul-de-sac roads.
19. Resolution from Corporation of Limerick, urging repeal of Valuation Acts, and the assessment of rates on land values.
20. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Reply to Message of Congratulations.

The following letter, received from Rev. Cardinal-Elect John D'Alton, Archbishop of Armagh, was read:—

Ara Coeli,
Armagh.

Dear Mr. Brangan,

30th Dec., 1952.

Your kind message of congratulations on the occasion of the recent Papal announcement, appointing me to the Cardinalate, was a source

of much pleasure to me. Please convey to the members of the Co. Council my sincere appreciation of their good wishes and felicitations. I pray that God may bless them, and the work they are doing for the people of the town and county of Wicklow.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,
JOHN D'ALTON,
Cardinal-Elect.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of meeting held on 10th November, 1952.

Passed.

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

The Council, in committee, examined the applications received for permission to compete for Scholarships under the Council's Scheme for the year 1953.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we approve of the applications to compete under the Council's Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1953, as indicated on list attached.

Passed unanimously.

The following applications were approved:—

Edward Archer, Bray; Daniel M. Byrne, Kiltegan; Michael Byrne, Wicklow; Thomas A. Conroy, Wicklow; Patrick J. Cullen, Bray; Leslie G. Evans, Arklow; Robert M. Flynn, Aughrim; John M. Gilmore, Bray; John C. Gorman, Greystones; Charles A. Graham, Wicklow; Vincent Halpin, Roundwood; Edward V. Hickey, Wicklow; Myles Mullally, Bray; Thomas N. McGuire, Greystones; John J. O'Connor, Wicklow; Laurence W. O'Farrell, Bray; Patrick B. Quinn, Greystones; John N. Scott, Baltinglass; Patrick J. Tyrrell, Arklow; James F. Whiston, Greystones; Andrew Wynne, Wicklow; Cora A. Brennan, Greystones; Brigid P. Cullen, Tinahely; Maire Ni Dubhghaill, Arklow; Margaret Dagge, Shillelagh; Veronica Doyle, Greystones; Mary B. Fallon, Delgany; Josephine B. Farrell, Bray; Helena Ferguson, Kilpedder; Teresa Glynn, Greystones; Rosemaire Hanley, Tinahely; Aine M. Ni Cathain, Arklow; Joan A. Manweiler, Greystones; Jean M. Moran, do.; Annie T. McCormack, Newtownmountkennedy; Yolande Neligan, Greystones; Jeanne I. Sheehy, Enniskerry.

The following applications were rejected:—James Conway, Wicklow; Christopher H. Cullen, Bray; Martin B. MacDonagh, Arklow; John M. McPartland, Baltinglass; Derek A. Purcell, Arklow; Anna M. Porter, Aughrim.

The following applications were deferred for further examination: Martin Carroll, Greystones; Laurence C. Doyle, do.; John T. Greene, Arklow; Matthew Kennelly, Enniskerry; James W. Mindow, Bray; Patrick J. O'Toole, do.; Mary Arnold, do.; Brid Ford, Arklow; Sheila M. Mulcahy, Greystones; Florence O'Sullivan, Bray.

Item No. 3—Application from Wicklow Urban District Council for Contribution towards Cost of Providing Concrete Road at The Murrough, Wicklow.

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

Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Wicklow.

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
30th December, 1952.

Re: Concrete Road at The Murrough.

A Chara,

At a special meeting held on the 22nd instant, the Wicklow Urban District Council approved of the proposal to raise a loan of £1,750 from the Council's Treasurer for the purpose of providing a concrete road at The Murrough, Wicklow.

In this connection it was suggested that the Wicklow Co. Council should be requested to make a contribution towards the cost of the work. In support of their application the Council desire to point out that the premises of the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Co., Ltd., are outside the Urban boundary.

A copy of the resolution passed by the Council at their meeting held on the 22nd instant is enclosed herewith for your information.

Mise, le meas,

S. O. CEALLAIGH,

Cleireac an Bhaile.

The County Secretary stated that, while the road would be entirely within the Urban District, it would serve the premises of the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Co., Ltd., Wicklow, which were in the County Health District, and from which the County Council derived a substantial sum in rates.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

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

Resolved—That a contribution of £600 be made by the Council towards the cost of constructing concrete road at The Murrough, Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

The Council noted that it would be necessary to obtain the opinion of the Council's Law Agent as to whether the Council had power to make a contribution in this case.

Item No. 4—Resolution from Aughrim Branch, Labour Party, re Unemployment.

The Council adjourned consideration of the resolution from Aughrim Branch of the Labour Party, requesting the Council to raise a Loan to relieve unemployment.

Item No. 5—Resolutions from Aughrim Branch, Labour Party, re Lanes at Aughrim.

The following resolutions were received from Aughrim Branch of the Labour Party:—

"We, the members of Aughrim Branch, Labour Party, request Wicklow County Council to remove all dirt and refuse on back lane leading to Upper Aughrim, via P. J. Phelan's Corner, and put lane into repairs—the area to be done is about 100 yards."

"We the members of Aughrim Branch, Labour Party, request Wicklow County Council to put back lane, Aughrim Lower, into repair. This lane was repaired by County Council about three years ago, and neglected ever since. In view of the fact that An Tóstal is approaching in the near future, and there is a national appeal for cleaner villages and towns, we ask the County Council to do this, if at all possible."

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

Arklow.

10th January, 1953.

As requested, I inspected the back lane leading from Aughrim to Upper Aughrim. This lane is about five furlongs long and there is a branch leading to near Rednagh Bridge, about three-quarters of a mile

long, which was repaired under a Minor Relief Scheme about fifteen years ago, but has since been neglected.

The first part of the lane is very steep, being at a gradient of 1 in 12 and 1 in 15, the surface is in very bad condition; it is overgrown with briars and part of it was washed away by a flood a few years ago. It would cost about £550 to put this in order. The second part of the lane could be restored at a cost of about £260. These works could be most suitably done under a Minor Employment Scheme.

I also inspected the Back Lane at Aughrim. We repaired this some years ago, but it is again in bad condition. To put a proper tarmac surface on it would cost about £180.

Signed: J. P. CAFFREY,
Assistant Co. Engineer.

The Council noted that neither of the roads referred to was a public road. The Council asked that the County Engineer submit a further report as to the possibility of taking over as a public road the Back Lane at Aughrim Lower. Councillor Senator McCrea stated he would hand in Notice of Motion to take over this road.

Item No. 6—Memorial re Road at Kilcarra.

The following memorial, which had been handed in by Councillor P. McCarthy at the previous meeting, was submitted:—

Condition of Roads into Kilcarra, Woodenbridge, Co. Wicklow.
The townland of Kilcarra, in which 24 ratepayers are resident, is between 200 and 250 feet above the level of the main Arklow/Woodenbridge Road.

For access to Kilcarra there is a public road, known as the "Glen Road," which rises from this main road sheer in practically a straight line. It is too steep to permit of a load of any consequence to be carried up and it is in such a condition that it is not quite safe for horse and cart to descend.

The state of the road has come about mainly because the drains at the side have not been kept clear and rain has broken up the surface. It is getting worse with each heavy rainfall.

The "Glen Road" continues for about one mile to join the Arklow/Johnstown road, and this section is waterlogged in several places, and is in a very bad condition for most of the way. This is the road used by the children of Kilcarra on the way to school at Johnstown.

There is a further road which is open to the public, but is not "on the County." This road runs from Kilcarra to Woodenbridge and is very well graded. It has a first-class foundation, but has deteriorated to an alarming extent through the shores not being kept clear. This is the only way by which an average load may be brought in.

The people of this townland suffer very considerable hardship through the lack of a reasonable public road. The "Glen Road" is altogether too steep for horses and carts, and they feel they are entitled to fair treatment in this matter.

A list of the ratepayers is attached, and they wish to thank you for taking an interest in their difficulty.

The Council's Engineer had reported as follows:—

Court House,
Arklow.

20th December, 1952.

I am in receipt of copy of Memorial from 24 ratepayers in the townland of Kilcarra. There is a Co. Road connecting Kilcarra with the main Arklow-Woodenbridge road. I agree that this road is steep and it is difficult to keep, particularly as there was very heavy timber traffic on it until recently.

The other road complained of is not on the County and it would appear that these people are requesting that it should be taken over

by the County Council. It is about two miles long and connects Kilcarra with the main road, coming out at a gate lodge near Woodenbridge. It is an old Proby Estate road and was once in very good condition, but at the present time, due to former heavy timber traffic, it is badly potholed and rutted. As the Forestry have now taken over this place, it is likely that it will again suffer from heavy traffic. In my opinion, it should not be taken over until we have all the other roads in the district in good repair: we already have too many bad roads. It would cost about £700 to put it in good repair.

Signed: J. P. CAFFREY,
Assistant Co. Engineer.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter.

Item No. 7—Closing of Roads: Repairs to Bridges at Blessington.

The County Secretary stated that the Electricity Supply Board had indicated that due to the very bad weather conditions which obtained during the months of November and December, 1952, the completion of the work on Blessington Bridge had been delayed, and it would be necessary to have an extension of the period of closure to the 31st January, 1953. Application had been made to the Minister for the necessary Order for the continuation of the closing of the Bridge to the 31st Jan., 1953. An Order for the closing of roads serving Burgage Bridge for the period 1/1/53 to 31/5/53 had been made by the Minister, but the Electricity Supply Board had indicated that Burgage Bridge would not be closed until Blessington Bridge had been completed.

The Council asked that the Board be requested to expedite the completion of repairs to Blessington Bridge. The following letter received from the Electricity Supply Board in connection with the Council's application for a contribution towards the cost of repairs to Road No. 361, arising from the extra traffic which would be carried by this road during the period of the closure of the approach roads to Burgage Bridge, was submitted:—

Ref. J.166.
County Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

27 Lr. Fitzwilliam St.,
Dublin.
30th Dec., 1952.

Re: Closing of Burgage Bridge.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 17th instant has been under consideration. Under the construction of the Liffey Development the Board provided, without any contribution to the cost from your Council, three main road bridges and a number of diversion roads. These new bridges and roads were a considerable improvement to the existing bridges and roads and permitted bus and other heavy traffic to pass. This would not have been possible on the old roads without considerable additional expenditure by your Council. In the circumstances, the Board cannot make a contribution to the cost of any repairs which may be necessitated to Road No. 361 during the period of the closure of the road over Burgage Bridge.

Yours faithfully,

PATRICK J. DEMPSEY,
Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that a reply had been sent to the Electricity Supply Board pointing out that, consequent on the flooding of lands at Blessington in connection with the Hydro Electric Scheme, the Council was now losing about £4,000 per year in rates. The Council noted the letter from the Electricity Supply Board and the reply sent by the County Secretary.

Item No. 8—Reconstruction of Ashford Bridge.

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

R/RG./33. Roads,
Custom House,
Dublin.
6th January, 1953.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your communication of the 13th November, 1952, and previous correspondence regarding the total final cost of the reconstruction of Ashford Bridge, and to state that arrangements are being made to pay the balance (£2,000) of the grant of £10,000 allocated for this work.

I am to add that no increase in the original grant could now be made in this case.

Mise, le meas,

E. T. SHEEHY.

The County Secretary stated that the total cost of the reconstruction of Ashford Bridge was £22,026 16s. 3d. The amount of Grant allocated by the Department was £10,000. A Loan of £8,634 had been raised by the Council, and the additional amount now required was £3,392 16s. 3d. The County Manager pointed out that due to difficulty in obtaining steel for the bridge there had been unavoidable delay in commencing the work.

The Council directed that further representations be made to the Department of Local Government for a grant to defray the additional cost of the reconstruction of the Bridge.

Item No. 9—Wicklow/Arklow Coastal Roads, Silver Strand Section.

The County Secretary stated that details of the work carried out by the Council from the Loan of £5,000 had been furnished to the Department, but that no indication had yet been received as to the Grant which would be made available to complete the work. The Council asked that the Department be informed of the Council's concern at the delay in allocating the necessary monies for the completion of the work, and that the Minister be asked to receive a deputation from the Council in regard to the matter. The following Councillors were appointed to constitute the deputation: Councillors Miss E. F. Bobbett, C. M. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., C. W. Hudson, J. Jacob, T. Brennan, T.D., and Senator J. J. McCrea.

Item No. 10—Proposed Erection of Weighbridge.

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, reported that the Committee consisting of Councillors C. M. Byrne, P. N. Murdoch, G. Timmins and himself had inspected the site of the proposed bridge at the premises of Messrs. Keogh and Co., Arklow, on Monday, 5th January, 1953, and that they were satisfied that there would be no grave danger or risk from siting of weighbridge at this place.

The Committee had also inspected the site of proposed petrol pump for Mr. Hughes at Ferrybank, and agreed that the provision of petrol pump at this point would cause difficulty to traffic. The Committee suggested that the pump, if approved, be set back and provided with an overhead arm. The County Manager stated that in view of the recommendation of the Committee regarding the petrol pump, he would re-examine the matter.

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—Having considered report of Committee appointed by the Council to inspect site of proposed weighbridge at premises of Messrs. Keogh and Co., Arklow, we approve of licence being granted to Messrs. J. T. Keogh and Co., Ltd., for the erection of a weighbridge

on the public footpath at Wexford Road, Arklow, subject to the terms and conditions agreed upon.

Passed, Councillor P. McCarthy objecting, since the question of the deputation's report re petrol pump was not accepted.

Item No. 11—Letter from An Tóstal Council, Tinahely.

The following letter from An Tostal Council, Tinahely, was submitted:—

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,
Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.
Dear Sir,

Tinahely,

January 6th, 1953.

At a meeting of the above Council held last night, the question of improving the appearance of Tinahely for the period of An Tostal and afterwards was brought before the Council for discussion. It is on this matter that I write to you, with a request that you get the County Council to do something about the dilapidated outside condition of the front of the Courthouse here in Tinahely.

The plaster is falling off the wall in large patches, and generally the appearance of the buildings very bad indeed; the grounds outside are also in a very dirty condition, with old stones, etc., and in places is ankle-deep in muck. This at least could be overcome by clearing the dirt away, and covering the space which is not very large with stones and chippings. Anything at all would be better than the present condition.

The local people are co-operating fully in helping to brighten up Tinahely by redecorating their houses, erecting window boxes and having ornamental shrubs placed in tubs. The usual decorations with coloured bunting and An Tostal flags will also be carried out.

It is the very earnest hope of this Council in Tinahely that the County Council will give this matter their immediate attention, so as to have the job done by April.

I would ask you to submit my requests to your Council at the earliest possible opportunity, and I would appreciate a reply in the due course, so that I may inform my Council at its next meeting what the County Council will do for Tinahely to help it in its preparation for An Tostal.

Yours faithfully,

HARRY B. WEIR,

Hon. Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Engineer had reported that the plaster on the outside of the Courthouse was in a very bad condition and should be hacked off and replastered, at cost of about £400. He stated that the front door needed repairs at cost of about £3; the interior walls should be brushed down and repainted, at cost of about £90; and the windows, doors, panelling, etc., should be re-painted at cost of about £50, including some minor repairs. The County Secretary stated that provision had not been made in the current year's estimates to meet the cost of such works.

The Council directed that the An Tostal Council, Tinahely, be informed of the Engineer's estimate for the work, and that the Co. Engineer arrange for the cleaning up of the grounds at the Courthouse, and that the question of repairs be considered by the Council at the Estimates Meeting.

Item No. 12—Report of Housing Committee Meeting.

The following report of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 5th January, 1953, was submitted:—

A meeting of the Housing Committee of Wicklow Co. Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 5th January, 1953, at 2 p.m.

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

The Co. Manager, Co. Engineer, Chief Assistant Co. Engineer, Council's Architect and Assistant Co. Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, R. Fenlon, and P. J. Foley, were present.

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

Housing Scheme at Rathnew: The County Engineer was instructed to submit to the next meeting his recommendations for sites for the erection of additional houses at Rathnew.

Kindlestown Housing Scheme: The Committee recommended that two sites on the lands acquired for the housing scheme at Kindlestown be allocated to Messrs. W. Leggett and E. R. Dicker for the erection of houses thereon, these persons having applied for loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. The Committee noted the plans submitted by the Council's Architect indicating the sites proposed to be allocated to the applicants.

Housing Scheme at Newtownmountkennedy: The Committee noted the report of the public meeting held at the Courthouse, Newtownmountkennedy on the 2nd December, 1952, in connection with the ascertaining of the number of persons requiring houses at Newtownmountkennedy. The Committee noted that a subsidy from rates approaching £200 per annum would be required in connection with the provision of 16 houses at O'Neill Park and recommended that the scheme be proceeded with.

Graded Rents Scheme: The Committee noted the report of Rent Collector P. Woods, dated 27th November, 1952, in regard to the difficulties experienced by him in obtaining information from tenants concerning their income for the purpose of the application of the Graded Rents Scheme to existing tenancies. The Committee recommended that the application of the Scheme to existing tenancies be deferred.

Supplementary Grants under Sections 9, 10 and 11, Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952—Reconstruction Grants: The Committee recommended that a scheme for the making of Supplementary Grants for reconstruction in accordance with Sections 9, 10 and 11 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, be operated by the Council. The Committee noted that the applicant for a reconstruction grant would be required to contribute one-third of the cost of the works and that the State would contribute two-thirds of the cost of the work up to limits specified in the Act. Supplementary Grants would be payable by the Council only where the cost of the works exceeded £120 in the case of three-roomed houses, £150 in the case of four-roomed houses, and £180 in the case of five-roomed houses. The Committee recommended that a loan of £4,000, repayable over a period of 25 years, be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works to defray the cost of the Supplementary Grants.

Applications for Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts: The Committee recommended that loans be approved as follows: William Leggett, La Touche Villa, Greystones, in respect of house to

be built at Kindlestown—£1,200; E. R. Dicker, 73, Blacklion, Greystones, in respect of house to be built at Kindlestown—80 per cent. of market value as assessed by Council's Engineer; Patrick Coffey, Monastery, Enniskerry, in respect of house at Monastery, Enniskerry—additional loan of £200.

The Committee noted letter of 30th December, 1952, from Joseph Doyle, Ballinastoe, Kilpedder, indicating that he wished to avail of the loan of £700 for the erection of a house at Ballinastoe, Kilpedder.

Having considered letter dated 30th December, 1952, from Council's Solicitor in regard to house at Rathnew, in respect of which loan had been made to Mr. Hugh Behan, the Committee recommended that the necessary steps be taken to obtain possession of the house.

Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts: The Committee recommended that approval be given for the use of site at Kilmacanogue for new Church and Schools, subject to conditions outlined by Council's Architect in regard to parking space for cars. The Committee recommended that permission be given for the re-erection of two petrol pumps at the premises of Messrs. Scraggs, Bros., Bray.

Repairs to Cottages during Month of December, 1952: The Committee noted the report of the County Engineer on repairs carried out to cottages during the month of December, 1952.

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

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we approve of the report of the meeting of the Housing Committee of the Council on 5th January, 1953.

Passed.

Councillor P. McCarthy asked that he be recorded as dissenting from the recommendation of the Housing Committee in regard to the re-erection of petrol pumps at premises of Messrs. Scraggs at Bray.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Manager stated that he had no knowledge of any official having spent money on repairs to house at Rathnew, in respect of which a loan had been advanced to Mr. H. Behan.

Provision of Houses at Rathnew.

The Council noted the report of Council's Architect and County Engineer in regard to inspection of sites for houses at Rathnew. The Council noted that unless difficulties previously experienced in endeavouring to acquire certain sites, could be overcome, the sites could not be utilised for the erection of cottages.

The County Manager stated that as regards the last three houses advertised for tenancy in Rathnew, only one application had been received for the first house; two for the second house, and three for the third house. Six new houses had recently been completed at Killiskey and only six applications had been received, of which three were single men. The County Manager suggested that the Local Housing Committee might examine the need for the erection of additional houses in the district.

Item No. 13—Raising of Loan of £4,000 to Defray Cost of Supplementary Grants for Reconstruction.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £4,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of twenty-five years, with interest at 5½ per cent., to defray the cost of making Supplementary Grants for reconstruction of houses.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Water Main Extension: Kilquade.

The County Secretary stated that the approval of the Department to the plans for the extension of the water main from Kilquade to Kilcoole and the Contract Documents had now been received, and that the consent of Dublin Corporation to the connection to Vartry Supply had also been obtained. As soon as agreements regarding way-leaves had been settled, tenders for the work would be invited.

The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 15—Enniskerry Water Supply.

The County Manager stated that the Department of Local Government had examined the proposals submitted for improvements to Enniskerry Water Supply and had suggested that a Consultant Engineer be engaged to prepare a Scheme for the improvement of Enniskerry Water Supply generally, and its extension.

The Council asked that the Co. Engineer's report on the matter be circulated to the members, and that it be included on the Agenda for the next meeting of the County Council Housing Committee.

Item No. 16—Resolution from Letterkenny U.D.C.

The Council adopted the following resolution received from Letterkenny Urban District Council:—"That this Council deplores the growing tendency to appoint to lucrative positions, from public funds, those who are already in receipt of substantial pensions from the State. The Council considers that it is not in the best interests of the country to give further public employment to those whose pensions are adequate. This practice, which appears to be growing, deprives younger men of opportunity which is rightfully theirs, and forces them to look outside the country for a livelihood. The Council calls upon the Government to ensure that no one in receipt of a State pension of more than £400 per annum, is again employed in any position rewarded out of public funds. Copies of this resolution to be sent to all local authorities."

Item No. 17—Resolution from Longford County Council.

The Council adopted the following resolution received from Longford County Council:—"That we ask the Minister for Health to ensure that the total cost of the proposed new Health Services be provided out of State funds."

Item No. 18—Resolution from Westmeath Co. Council re Cul-de-sac Roads.

The Council noted resolution received from Westmeath County Council in regard to cul-de-sac roads, and that this matter was being considered by the Minister.

Item No. 19—Resolution from Corporation of Limerick.

The Council marked Read the following resolution from the Corporation of Limerick: "That as we consider the present valuation system unjust and inequitable, we call on the Government to introduce the necessary legislation to repeal the Valuation Acts and to substitute therefor an Act whereby rates would be assessed on land values."

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

"That in accordance with the request of the Aghrim Labour Party, the Council take over and maintain as a County Road the road known as Back Lane, Lower Aghrim."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

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

The following members attended: Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman; Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. P. O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, P. Ledwidge, Ed. Byrne, L. O Laoighleis, P. Murdoch, W. Cleary, J. Everett, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, Joseph Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. J. Brennan.

Also present: County Manager, County Secretary, Deputy County Engineer, County Architect and Assistant County Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, R. M. Fenlon and P. J. Foley.

BUSINESS:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 15th December, 1952.
2. To declare a vacancy on the County Council consequent on the death of Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.
3. Renewal of Cinematograph Licences.
4. University Scholarship Scheme—Correspondence with University of Dublin.
5. Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1953—To consider applications deferred from last meeting.
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10. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy re taking over as public road the road known as Old Proby Estate Road at Kilcarra.
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12. Memorial from residents re Roads at Arydoyne, Tullowclay and Money.
13. New Concrete Road at The Murrough, Wicklow—Letter from Wicklow Urban District Council.
14. Correspondence with Electricity Supply Board re proposed closing of Burgage Bridge for repairs.
15. Turf Production—Circular letter of 24th January, 1953, from the Department of Local Government.
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19. Glenealy Water Supply—Letter of 29th January, 1953, from Dept. of Local Government.
20. Coolboy Water Supply Scheme—Estimate of total cost and annual running charges.
21. Water Supply for Cottages at Newcastle Middle—Report of Assist. County Engineer.
22. Kilcoole Dispensary—To authorise the raising of supplementary loan to defray balance of cost.

23. Ambulance Service—Provision of new Ambulance for Baltinglass.
24. Swimming facilities at Greystones—Letter from the Chairman, Water Safety Section, Irish Red Cross.
25. Letter dated 23rd Jan., 1953, from "Trees for Ireland" Association.
26. Letter dated 23rd Jan., 1953, from the Dept. of Agriculture re sheep worrying by dogs.
27. Statement received from Catholic Societies' Vocational Organisation Conference re White Paper on proposed extension of Health Services.
28. Letter from Anti-Partition Association re dismissal of workers by Enniskillen Borough Council.
29. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.
30. Cottage Purchase Scheme: Letter dated 31st January, 1953, from Dept. of Local Government.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

The County Secretary stated that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th December, 1952, had not yet been received from the Printers.

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

Deputation from Manor Kilbride Development Association.

The Council received a deputation from Manor Kilbride Development Association consisting of the following:—

Rev. M. J. O'Reilly, C.C.; J. S. Deane, M.R.I.A.I. (Farmer); W. P. Macauley, M.A. (Oxon.) (Farmer); J. G. Hamilton (Dairy Farmer); S. Newman, B.A.

The following statement was submitted by the deputation:—

This deputation desires to bring to your notice the following matters with the hope that your immediate attention will be given to them so as to effect their remedying without any further prolonged or undue delay.

- (1) The condition of the roads in the area;
- (2) The total lack of water for domestic purposes in various localities.

For your benefit we give here a list of the roads in the district:—

1. The road from Blessington via Three Castles to Manor Kilbride;
2. The Lisheen Road from Brittas (Co. Dublin) to Manor Kilbride;
3. The road from Tinode via Kilbride to Sallygap.
4. The road from Blessington via Woodend and Oldcourt to Manor Kilbride;
5. The road from Liffey Cottage to Crosscoolharbour.
6. The road from Oldcourt via Ballinatona to Ballinabrockey and from Ballysmutton to Athdown.
7. The road from Aughfarrell via Ballyfolin to Manor Kilbride;
8. The road from Three Castles to Tinode via Golden Hill.

We consider that the roads 1, 2, 4 and 6 need immediate attention. Road 1 needs to be resurfaced. Roads 2 and 4 need to be completed and surfaced with tarmacadam. Road 6 needs to be properly made. Road 2 was remade in places about a year ago but was never tarred and is rapidly deteriorating. Road 6 is impassable and in a very dangerous condition. In the case of this road, we would like to emphasise the fact that a certain rare type of white sand is available in Ballinabrockey which is used by the Moracrete Company for the manufacture of drainage pipes and tiles. The Moracrete Co. gives employment to about 200 people, but lorries are finding it increasingly difficult to convey the sand to the factory. We would also like to emphasise that in Ballinabrockey there are at least four children of school-going age who have not attended school for almost two and a

half years due, we are informed, to the condition of the road. It is hard to conceive such a condition of affairs in this country.

Water.—As regards water for domestic purposes, we wish to inform you that there is a complete lack of water in the following localities: Oldcourt, Three Castles and Kilbride. We are informed that an agitation for water has been going on in Oldcourt for 55 years, though we believe that a sum of £450 had been granted for the purpose about two and a half years ago. Last Summer the residents had to carry water from a well almost a mile away. In the Three Castles district eight families are still without water, even though a considerable sum of money has been spent over the past ten years in erecting a pump which, to our knowledge, has been a failure. There are also houses in Kilbride without water, though some effort was made a few years ago to attend to the matter.

Jubilee Nurse (Blessington).

Owing to the very extensive area to be covered by the Jubilee Nurse, we consider that a special grant should be paid to her towards the upkeep of a car, especially since maternity work has been imposed upon her as an extra duty.

General Remarks.

1. The deputation, as the representatives of the ratepayers of Manor Kilbride, are not satisfied with the way public money is spent. We cannot concede that the filling of pot-holes is any substitution for proper making of roads, as has been evidenced on the road from Kilbride to Blessington via Woodend, Road 4.

2. The re-making of the Lisheen Road from Brittas to Manor Kilbride was excellent as far as the work was done, but why was it left unattended to deteriorate to its original condition? We fear that the same will be the case of the newly-made portion of the Kilbride via Woodend-Blessington Road.

3. Where roads were completed satisfactorily, serious damage has been done by inattention to water-tables and lack of proper surface water drainage.

4. Money has been spent on sinking a pump in Three Castles, but no suitable water was provided. We consider this is a complete waste of public money.

5. Finally, we would like to reiterate our complete dissatisfaction of the treatment which this district of Manor Kilbride is receiving from you, the County Manager, and County Council, and we urge an immediate and satisfactory redress of our grievances.

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, pointed out to the deputation that the Council had to take into consideration all sections of the community and had to relate the amount of work to be done with the ability of ratepayers to pay. He assured the deputation that the members of the Council would give the matters outlined by the deputation every consideration.

Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area urged that a greater amount of money be made available for road works in West Wicklow in the coming year.

Deputation from Unemployed in Rathdrum Area.

The Council agreed to receive a deputation representing the unemployed in the Rathdrum area. The deputation stated that in the previous two years very little employment had been given by the Council in the Rathdrum district. They stated that at the present time there were only four men employed by the Council, and about forty men were unemployed.

Item No. 2—Vacancy on County Council.

The Chairman referred to the numbers unemployed in the Bray area, and in other parts of the county, and pointed out that the question of unemployment was a national problem.

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

Resolved—That we hereby declare a vacancy on the Council caused by the death of Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., and determine to fill this vacancy at the next meeting of the Council to be held on 9th March, 1953.

Passed unanimously.

A resolution of sympathy to the relatives of the late Councillor Brennan is included in report of meeting of the Housing Committee—Item No. 16.

Item No. 3—Renewal of Cinematograph Licences.

The County Secretary stated that satisfactory reports had been received from the Chief Fire Officer in regard to Cinemas at Baltinglass and Rathdrum.

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

Resolved—That we approve of the renewal of Cinematograph Licences in respect of:—(1) The Cinema, Baltinglass; Owner, Mr. Ed. Bradley; (2) Ormonde Cinema, Rathdrum; Owner, Mr. Ml. Haughton.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—University Scholarship Scheme.

Having considered correspondence with the University of Dublin, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;
Seconded by Councillor P. N. Murdoch;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the amendment of the University Scholarship Scheme for the year 1953, by the insertion of the words "of the authorities of the University concerned," for the words "of the Academic Council of University Council, Dublin," in paragraph 4 of the Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

The Council noted that the terms of the Council's Scheme in relation to the marks to be awarded for certain subjects and the requirement that Irish be one of the subjects taken at the examination, remained unaltered.

Item No. 5—Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1953.

Having considered report of County Secretary on the further inquiries made in relation to applications which had been deferred at the previous meeting, it was

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan;
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the following applications to compete under the Council's Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools:—Laurence C. Doyle, Greystones; John T. Greene, Arklow; Sheila M. Mulcahy, Greystones, and Brid Ford, Arklow.

We note that the following applications did not comply with the requirements of the Scheme, and are accordingly rejected: Martin Carroll, Greystones; Matthew Kennelly, Enniskerry; James W. Mundow, Bray, and Patrick J. O'Toole, Bray.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Road from Woodenbridge to Aughrim.

The Council noted that Coras Iompair Eireann in letter dated 21st Jan., 1953, in reply to the Council's application for a grant towards the cost of reconstructing the road from Woodenbridge to Aughrim, had stated that the Board had no responsibility for road reconstruction, and would not be prepared to make a grant in respect of this road.

Item No. 7—Reconstruction of Ashford Bridge.

The County Secretary stated that in letter dated 31st January, 1953, from the Department of Local Government, it was indicated

that the Minister was unable to alter his decision in regard to the Council's application for further grant to defray the balance of the cost of the reconstruction of Ashford Bridge.

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

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the raising of Loan of £3,392 from the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, repayable over a period of 10 years with interest at $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. under Irish Banks' rate, with a minimum of 4 per cent., to defray the balance of the cost of the reconstruction of Ashford Bridge.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Wicklow-Arklow Coast Road—Silver Strand Section.

The County Secretary stated that in letter dated 17th Jan., 1953, from the Department of Local Government, it had been indicated that a grant of £10,000, or two-thirds of the cost of completing the work, whichever was the lesser amount, was being provided from the Road Fund towards the cost of completing the Silver Strand Section of the Wicklow-Arklow Coast Road. The total cost of completing the work was estimated at £15,608, and it would, therefore, be necessary for the Council to raise a further loan of £5,608.

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

Resolved—That, having considered letter dated 17th Jan., 1953, Ref. R/RU/33/1, from the Dept. of Local Government, we hereby authorise the raising of a Loan of £5,608 from the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Ltd., Wicklow, repayable over a period of ten years, with interest at $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. under Irish Banks' rate with a minimum of 4 per cent. to defray the cost of the balance of constructing the new road at Silver Strand, Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager referred to the desirability of the Council's obtaining public access to the sea from the new Coast Road, and to the Council's previous consideration of the matter. It had not been found possible to reach agreement with the land owners for access to the sea.

The Council recommended that the Irish Tourist Board be asked to assist the Council in obtaining the necessary access to the sea.

Item No. 9—Taking Over of Road at Aughrim.

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

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the taking over, as a public road, the road known as Back Lane, Aughrim.

Passed unanimously.

The Council's Engineer had reported that the Back Lane at Aughrim complied with the requirements of a public road, and in his opinion should be taken over by the Council.

Item No. 10—Old Proby Estate Road.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, Councillor P. McCarthy moved that the Council take over the road known as the Old Proby Estate Road at Kilcarra.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Engineer had reported that the road referred to was in a very bad condition, and that he could not advise that it be taken over until all other roads in the district were in good repair. It was estimated that it would cost about £700 to put the road into good repair.

The Council's Solicitor had reported as follows:—

4 Church St.,
Wicklow.

Re: Road Connecting Kilcarra with Main Road.

A Chara.

In reply to yours of the 4th inst., we note that a Notice of Motion has been handed in for the purpose of taking over as a public road a road in the townland of Kilcarra which connects Kilcarra with the main road.

We have perused the County Engineer's report and it is to the effect that the road in question is two miles long and joins the main road at a Gate Lodge near Woodenbridge. It is an old Proby Estate Road, but due to heavy timber traffic is very pot-holed and rutted and that in the opinion of the Council's Engineer, the costs of putting it in proper repair would be at least £700.

We also note that the damage to the road was caused some years ago by persons who acquired the lands adjoining same and cut a substantial quantity of timber. These people are no longer the owners, and the Council therefore cannot compel them to put the road in proper order.

Having regard to the foregoing, we are of opinion that the Council should not take over this road, as it would impose undue costs on the Council for putting it into proper repair, and we believe that should the Council take it over, a Local Government auditor would probably query the matter and a question of surcharge would probably arise.

Mise, le meas,

J. H. McCARROLL and Co.

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

The Council directed that the Forestry Department be asked to make a contribution towards the cost of putting the road into proper repair.

Item No. 11—Aughrim-Aughavannagh, and Aughrim-Macreddin Roads.

The Council considered resolution from Aughrim Branch, Labour Party, requesting the Council to raise a loan to complete the Aughrim-Aughavannagh and Aughrim-Macreddin roads. The Council noted that the Aughrim-Aughavannagh road was included in the Five Year Plan for the improvement of County Roads, and that further work on this road would be carried out in the coming year.

The Council's Engineer was asked to submit a report in regard to the conditions of the Aughrim-Macreddin Road.

Roads at Granamore, Logstown, Vallemount, etc.

The Council considered letter dated 7th Feb., 1953, received by registered post from residents at Granamore, Logstown, Knocknadruc, Glenavore and Glencree in regard to the condition of the roads in the area.

The Council directed that the Engineer submit a report on the condition of public roads, and that the representations made be brought to the notice of the Councillors for the area when the roads programme for the year 1953/54 is being considered.

Item No. 12—Roads at Ardoyne, Tullowclay and Money.

The Council considered memorial received from residents in the townlands at Ardoyne, Tullowclay and Money in regard to the state of the public road.

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

Courthouse,

Tinahely.

22nd January, 1953.

Re: Road at Ardoyne, Tullowclay and Money.

Reference memorial from residents of above district on the con-

dition of the adjoining roads, some of the roads referred to are undoubtedly not always in perfect repair, though not as bad as the phrasing of the memorial suggests.

Apparently the roads were formed in the first instance with gravel and sand from the neighbouring gravel pits, and this type of road is impossible to maintain under the heavy traffic of milk, beet and limestone lorries, tractors, etc.

The Council agreed to roll part of one of these roads in the coming year under the Five Year Plan: that is, one mile at Tullowclay, Road 238. There will still be 1½ miles of this road unrolled and two miles of Road 239, from mOaks Cross, also need rolling.

The cost of maintaining them in their present condition is about £100 per mile, which is more than double the average rate.

Signed: C. J. BYRNE,

Assist. County Engineer.

The Council referred the matter to the Estimates Meeting and to the Local Roads Committee.

Item No. 13—Concrete Road at The Murrough, Wicklow.

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

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary:

Resolved—That, having considered letter dated 4th February, 1953, from the Town Clerk, Wicklow Urban District Council, we hereby request the Minister for Local Government to declare the proposed new concrete road at The Murrough, Wicklow, to be a Main Road.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Closing of Burgage Bridge.

Having considered letter from Messrs. Osborne and Brady, Ltd., Granite Quarries, Vallemount, in regard to the effect on employment in the quarries consequent on the closing of Burgage Bridge and correspondence with the Electricity Supply Board, the Council noted that it was essential that the Bridge be closed in order to effect the necessary repairs, and that the Electricity Supply Board were not prepared to make any grant towards the cost of reconstructing the alternative route which would carry additional traffic while the Bridge was closed.

The Council directed that the Electricity Supply Board be asked to expedite the work to enable the bridge to be opened as soon as possible.

Item No. 15—Turf Production, 1953/54.

The County Secretary stated that in letter dated 24th Jan., 1953, from the Department of Local Government, the Council was asked to submit an estimate of direct production of turf by the Council by hand-won methods, and by semi-automatic methods, and an estimate of the quantity likely to be purchased under contract in the year, together with the period for which the stocks and any reserve stocks would suffice to meet the requirements of the Council.

The County Engineer reported that there were 1,589 tons of turf in stock, and that this quantity was sufficient to meet the Council's needs for the coming year. The Dublin Board of Assistance had indicated that they would not be in a position to purchase turf from the Council in the coming year. The County Manager stated that, following a request from the Department in 1951, that Councils provide a three year supply of turf, in view of the coal situation at the time, the Council had cut 3,225 tons, which it had been found was more than enough for two years. Of the amount of turf, 1,643 tons, produced in 1952, almost all had been disposed of to Dublin Board of Assistance, Wicklow Urban District Council, and other purchasers. Turf was used as extensively as possible in machinery, and turf was used as far as possible in all the Council's institutions. In 1952 the cost of production per ton was found to be £4 6s., of which the transport of employees alone accounted for about £1 per ton.

The County Manager pointed out that substantial sums in grants had been received by the Council during the past two years for roads in the areas, which had provided employment, and also enabled these roads to be repaired, which otherwise might never have been improved.

The Council deferred further consideration of the matter to the next meeting and asked that inquiries be made from local authorities in adjoining counties in regard to the possibility of their purchasing turf from the Council.

Item No. 16—Report of Meeting of Housing Committee.

The following report of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 2nd February, 1953, was submitted:—

A meeting of the Housing Committee of the Council was held at the Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2 p.m. on Monday, 2nd February, 1953.

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

Deputy Co. Engineer, Assist. Co. Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, R. Fenlon and P. J. Foley; Co. Architect and Co. Secretary.

Resolution of Sympathy: On the proposal of Councillor W. Hammond, seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, the Committee passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with the relatives of the late Councillor T. Brennan, T.D. The Co. Secretary asked that all the members of the staff be associated with the terms of the Committee's resolution.

Milk Strike: On the proposal of Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor W. Hammond, the Committee passed a resolution, Councillor Ledwidge dissenting, requesting the Taoiseach to convene a meeting of the Producers, Distributors, Consumers and representatives of the Department of Agriculture with a view to arriving at a settlement of the Milk Strike. The Committee directed that the Taoiseach and the Minister for Agriculture be informed of the terms of the resolution.

Progress Report: The Committee, Councillor J. Everett, T.D., dissenting, approved of Report of Co. Engineer on the progress of the Housing Scheme during the month of January, 1953. The Deputy Co. Engineer stated he would investigate complaints made by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., in regard to workers dismissed.

The Co. Secretary informed the Committee of the total cost of reserve stocks purchased by the Council and of the amount and cost of such stocks still on hands. The position was noted and the Deputy Co. Engineer was requested to report on the condition of stocks of timber on hands.

Erection of Houses at Kilmagig, Avoca: The Co. Secretary stated that it appeared that approval would not be given to the provision of unserviced houses on the site at Kilmagig, Avoca, and the Deputy Co. Engineer and Council's Architect had prepared sketch plans for a single-storey house, incorporating an indoor W.C., a scullery, with a sink and small fuel store under the main roof. The estimated cost of erecting this type of house was £1,203 per house, including development costs. The estimated rent which would have to be charged, allowing for contributions of 1/- per week from rates, would be approximately 12/-, exclusive of rates. The Committee recommended that persons requiring houses in the Avoca district be invited to attend a meeting of the Local Housing Committee at Avoca. The Committee also recommended that the Minister be asked to receive a deputation from the Council to discuss the cost of erection of houses in rural areas.

1946 Scheme: The Co. Secretary reported that apart from the houses at Kilmagig Upper, only six further houses remained to be built

under the 1946 Scheme. 389 houses had been built to date and 13 houses were in course of erection, making a total to be built under the scheme of 408. The Committee noted the position and recommended that a further two houses be erected on the site at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, the property of the Council.

Housing Scheme at Newtownmountkennedy: The Committee noted that the estimated cost of the scheme was £20,320, and recommended that the Council authorise at the next meeting the raising of a loan of this amount to defray the cost of the scheme.

Housing Scheme at Blessington: The Committee noted that in response to public advertisement, 15 applications had been received from persons seeking houses at Blessington. The Committee referred the applications for examination by the Local Housing Committee.

Housing Scheme at Kindlestown: The Committee noted letter from Department of Local Government in regard to proposed provision of 20 Tenant Purchase houses at Kindlestown, indicating that the Minister would be prepared to recommend the issue of a loan from the Local Loans Fund to finance the scheme, the maximum repayment period being 35 years, and the interest rate 5½ per cent. The County Secretary stated that the weekly instalment of Annuity in respect of the Loan Charges would be 35/-. Rates would be chargeable in addition. The Committee also noted the recommendation of the Local Housing Committee in regard to the leasing of sites at Kindlestown for the erection of houses by persons for their own occupation and referred the matter of the Tenant Purchase scheme for further consideration by the Local Housing Committee.

Enniskerry Water Supply: Having considered report of the Deputy Co. Engineer dated 31st December, 1952, the Committee approved of the engagement of Consultant Engineer to prepare the scheme for the extension and improvement of the water supply to Enniskerry. The Committee asked that the Minister be requested to approve, as soon as possible, of the Council proceeding with the erection of the houses at Kilgarron, Enniskerry.

Tourist Rate: Having considered letter from Irish Tourist Association, the Committee recommended that a sum of £500 be included provisionally in the Estimates for the year 1953/54, in respect of a local contribution to the Irish Tourist Association.

Applications for Loans under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts: The Committee recommended that a loan of £150 be made to Mr. Patk. Gorman, Oldtown, Baltinglass, in respect of the erection of a house at Tinoran, Baltinglass. The Committee noted that Messrs. Francis Gaughan and Michl. McNulty would not be eligible for a loan from the Council under the S.D.A. Acts.

Repairs to Cottages: The Committee noted the list of repairs to cottages carried out during the month of January, 1953.

Repairs to Cottage at Coolanearl: The report of the Assist. County Engineer dated 27th Jan., 1953, in regard to the application of tenant of cottage at Coolanearl for a range was submitted. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., having indicated that he was not satisfied with the report, the Committee adjourned the matter.

Authorisation of Repairs to Cottages: The Committee authorised repairs to cottages in accordance with the list submitted by the Deputy Co. Engineer. The Committee noted the report of the County Secretary that the expenditure on repairs in the current year to 31st January, 1953, amounted to £10,474. The Committee recommended that the tarring of paths to cottages at Parkmore be completed in the present year and that the estimated cost was £500.

Closing of Burgage Bridge: Having considered report that, consequent on the closing of Burgage Bridge for repairs, traffic from Valley-mount Quarries would be diverted over the County Road and that the haulage contractors had warned the quarry owners that they were not

prepared to travel over the road in view of its condition, the Committee recommended that the E.S.B. be informed of the position and requested to make a grant to the Council to enable the road to be reconstructed, as otherwise the Council would be obliged to withdraw their agreement to the closing of the Bridge.

Notices of Motion handed in by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., in regard to the dismissal of men from employment, and by Councillor P. McCarthy in regard to taking over of a road at Proby Estate, were accepted by the Chairman for inclusion on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

The Committee indicated that there was no objection to the proposal of the Delgany Branch of the Irish Countrywomen's Association to have dancing at the Cross Roads in the Delgany-Killincarrig district during An Tostal, provided no liability attached to the Council in respect of any accidents which might occur.

The Committee recommended that a deputation from the Manor Kilbride Development Association be received by the Council at the next meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That we approve of the report of the meeting of the Housing Committee of the Council held on 2nd February, 1953.

Passed unanimously.

Tourist Rate.

Councillor P. N. Murdoch asked that when forwarding the Council's contribution towards the Irish Tourist Association for the coming year, the Tourist Association should be asked to advertise the advantages of holidays in Ireland in the Spring and early Summer.

Item No. 17—Housing Scheme: Newtownmountkennedy.

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the raising of a Loan of £20,320 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 50 years with interest at 2½ per cent., to defray the cost of the erection of 16 houses at Newtownmountkennedy.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 18—Dismissal of Men from Employment.

In reply to enquiry from Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the Deputy County Engineer reported that four carpenters had been dismissed on the 24th January, 1953, and five on the 31st January, 1953. None of these men was paying contributions for superannuation. In the case of M. Sutton, who was an improver carpenter, the Deputy County Engineer had taken into account that he was a single man, but was not aware of his circumstances. The Deputy Co. Engineer stated that, even if aware of the particular facts in this case, work was not available, and a further reduction in building staff was being made that week. Every effort was being made to provide alternative work.

The Council asked for a further report as to the dismissal of M. Sutton and the retention of other persons in employment.

Item No. 19—Glenealy Water Supply.

The Council noted letter dated 29th January, 1953, from the Dept. of Local Government stating that an inspection of the Glenealy area had been carried out by an Engineering Inspector of the Dept., and that in view of the circumstances, no objection in principle was now raised to the proposed provision of an independent supply for Glenealy from the Barnbawn source.

The County Secretary stated that the Consultant Engineer employed by the Council had been instructed to proceed with the completion of the plans.

Item No. 20—Coolboy Water Supply.

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

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Courthouse,

County Manager.

Wicklow.

6th February, 1953.

Re: Coolboy Water Supply Scheme.

Dear Sir,

Every effort was made to provide a gravitation scheme, but the only possible source of supply was in Hillbrook on the lands of Mrs. Kidd, who would not allow the water to be taken on the grounds that there was not sufficient supply for her own needs in dry weather.

In 1941, Mr. Caffrey, B.E., designed a pumping scheme at a cost of £3,500 to £4,000 which was approved, but at that time, owing to the war, it was not possible to obtain pipes, etc., and the scheme, although tenders had been received, was not proceeded with.

When the emergency was over, it was decided to proceed with the Scheme and further gaugings were taken on the springs proposed to be used. In one dry year, the supply proved inadequate and the Dept. asked that another source of supply be provided. The only alternative supply found to be suitable was at Loggan near Coolafancy, just outside Co. Wicklow bounds. The present scheme has been designed on this supply.

In this scheme, the water is pumped from the supply in Loggan to a reservoir near Coolafancy and distributed from the reservoir by gravitation to Coolboy and Coolafancy. The population to be served is approx. 300. It is not known how many houses would take in the water supply, but it would be available to 45 or 50, including farms: it would also serve two schools.

The supply is designed to provide four fountains in the Village of Coolboy; one fountain to serve the 6 cottages about half a mile outside Coolboy, and one fountain outside Coolafancy School. There will also be 4 hydrants for fire-fighting purposes. In all, there will be almost three miles of pipeline. The pumping there will vary according to the draw-off, but will be from 6 to 8 hours per day.

The estimated cost is as follows—Cost of Scheme, £8,800; Clerk of works, £400; Compensation for land, etc., £60. Total £9,260.

As regards the cost of maintenance, I do not consider that a full-time caretaker would be necessary, but would be required to be in attendance for about three hours per day for starting, fueling, greasing, checking level of reservoir and stopping, and in addition, he would have to carry out weekly inspections of the pipeline and hydrants, fountains, etc.

Allowing £2 10s. per week for caretaker, e.g., £130 per annum.

Fuel, oil, grease, etc., would cost approx. 6/- per day, £109 p.a.

Depreciation of plant, per annum—£70.

Annual cost of repairs—£15. Total Maintenance Cost p.a., £324.

The County Manager pointed out that the annual charges in respect of the Scheme amounted to £772, and that it did not appear there would be any great number of connections taken from the supply.

Following a discussion, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the raising of a Loan of £9,260 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years with interest at 5½ per cent., to defray the cost of the provision of a water supply at Coolboy.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 21—Water Supply to Cottages at Newcastle Middle.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had agreed to the piping of water from a well on the lands of Mr. M. J. Carey, to the

roadside in order to provide a water supply for cottages at Newcastle Middle. It had subsequently been ascertained that the well in question was dry for two months during the Summer, and the Assistant County Engineer now recommended that a well be sunk and a pump erected at an estimated cost of £250.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

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

Resolved—That having considered report of Assist. Co. Engineer dated 23rd Jan., 1953, we approve of the sinking of a well and erection of a pump to serve cottages at Newcastle Middle, Newcastle.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 22—Kilcoole Dispensary.

The County Secretary stated that the Co. Engineer had reported that the final cost of erection of the Dispensary at Kilcoole was £1,844 19s. 4d. The original estimate for the work was £1,190. The cost of clearance of the site had amounted to £231. The County Secretary stated that a Loan of £700 had been approved by the Council and a Grant of £600 was being obtained from the Department. A further loan of £700 would now be required to defray the balance of the cost of the work, and the provision of furniture and equipment.

The Council appointed a committee, consisting of the members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area, to inquire into the cost of erecting the Dispensary.

Item No. 23—Ambulance Service.

The County Secretary stated that in October 1952, the Medical Officer at Baltinglass District Hospital had reported that the auxiliary ambulance, which had been used for a great number of years, appeared to require extensive repairs or alternatively that a new ambulance was needed. Following an inspection carried out by the Council's Machinery Overseer, it was found that extensive repairs were necessary, but that even after such repairs, the ambulance could not be considered as absolutely reliable. Since the second Ambulance at Baltinglass was used mainly for the transport of children requiring tonsillectomy and adenoid operations under the Schools Medical Service, it was considered that the most suitable type of vehicle would be a convertible type station wagon, which could be used to carry stretcher cases at need. The Department of Health had conveyed approval to the purchase of a station wagon for use as an auxiliary Ambulance, and quotations had been obtained for the supply of a suitable vehicle. It was proposed to purchase a Morris Commercial 9/10 seater Utilabus at net cost of about £660. Offers would be invited for the purchase of the old Ambulance.

Proposed by Councillor P. Kehoe;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the purchase of a new station wagon for use as an ambulance at the District Hospital, Baltinglass.

Passed unanimously.

The following Notices of Motion were handed in and accepted by the Chairman for the adjourned meeting to be held on 16th Feb., 1953: By Councillor G. Timmins:—

"That a sum of £3,000 be raised by loan to reconstruct the road from Vallemount to Poulaphouca."

By Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

"That the provision of a playground be made in Rathnew by acquiring land to meet requirements, and Co. Engineer be instructed to make the necessary inquiries."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Following the termination of the Estimates Meeting on 16th February, 1953, a meeting of the County Council was held to consider the items remaining on the Agenda for the meeting held on 9th Feb., 1953.

Present: Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman; Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea; P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, P. Ledwidge, P. N. Murdoch, W. Cleary, C. M. O'Brien, C. W. Hudson, Jos. Jacob, M. J. Brennan, and Miss E. F. Bobbett.

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

24. Swimming facilities at Greystones—Letter from the Chairman, Water Safety Section, Irish Red Cross.
25. Letter dated 27th January, 1953, from "Trees for Ireland" Association.
26. Letter dated 23rd January, 1953, from the Department of Agriculture re sheep worrying by dogs.
27. Statements received from Catholic Societies Vocational Organisation Conference re White Paper on proposed extensions of Health Services.
28. Letter from Anti-Partition Association re dismissal of workers by Enniskillen Borough Council.
29. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.
30. Cottage Purchase Scheme.
31. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins re raising of loan of £3,000 for reconstruction of road from Vallemount to Poulaphouca.
32. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., re provision of playground at Rathnew.

Item No. 24—Swimming Facilities at Greystones.

The following letter was submitted:—

Bank House,
Greystones, Co. Wicklow.
31/1/53.

A Chara,

As Chairman, Co. Wicklow Red Cross Water Safety Section, President, Co. Wicklow Swimming Association, and President, Greystones Swimming Club, I have been asked to draw the attention of the Wicklow Co. Council to the dangerous condition of the harbour at Greystones.

As you are aware, a considerable number of boulders are lying in the harbour alongside the pier—these constitute a standing danger to bathers—except at high tide it is quite impossible to hold Red Cross Water Safety courses, or in fact anything in the nature of swimming with any degree of safety or pleasure. There is no dressing accommodation for either sex and from my experience of other Irish watering places, Greystones can boast of being 100 per cent. behind the times. I am aware that during the summer period parents of younger children will not permit their children to take out the Water Safety courses owing to the dangerous conditions prevailing at the harbour. The entrance to the harbour is in a scandalous condition but nothing appears to be done to even provide a pathway leading down to the pier. These matters call for immediate attention. It seems rather extraordinary that with over £9,000 paid out in rates by the residents that the Co. Council appears to treat the town as the Cinderella of the County.

I have discussed this whole matter with the Council of the Red Cross and pointed out the impossibility of carrying out any Water Safety programme here as we did in Wicklow and Arklow last year—I as Chairman will not, and would not accept responsibility for anyone

using the harbour for either Red Cross courses or swimming activities in its present most dangerous condition and I have so advised the Council of the Red Cross Society.

This year we intend continuing our courses in Wicklow, Arklow and extending them to Rathdrum and Baltinglass, but Greystones will have to be eliminated owing to the condition of the harbour. I understand that in a recent Court case it was laid down that these harbours were the responsibility of the different County Councils and were not under the wing of the Board of Trade. That being so, I sincerely hope that in bringing the matter under your personal notice the Co. Council will have the matter taken in hand at an early date, and oblige.

With compliments, Mise, le meas.

J. P. B. HALPIN, M.Ch.S., P.C.

The Council noted that the Council was not responsible for carrying out of repairs to the Harbour.

Item No. 25—Trees for Ireland.

The following letter from "Trees for Ireland" Association, was submitted:—

"Trees for Ireland,"

30, Westmoreland St., Dublin.

27th January, 1953.

TREES FOR IRELAND.

Dear Sir,

This year's "Arbor Week" has been fixed for the period commencing 10th March and ending on 17th March, St. Patrick's Day. Already plans have been made for the holding of a National Arbor Day in Dublin when members of the Government, the Dail, the Senate, the Corporation and County Council and other public authorities as well as representatives of national, cultural and social organisations will take part in a ceremonious planting.

Numerous branches of "Trees for Ireland" have been formed and these bodies are arranging their own local functions. In addition it is hoped that this year, as in the last two seasons, County and Urban Councils will do some planting during Arbor Week as an earnest of the national awakening to the importance of trees.

Planting may be done in town and village parks, in squares and fair greens or in plots of waste ground or along roads and streets. In some places it may be possible to form plantations of appreciable size on lands already in the possession of the authority or on sites purchased or leased for the purpose, or donated by a well-wisher. The actual number of trees planted does not matter as much as the spirit in which the work is done.

The details of the ceremony will vary from district to district and are best left in the hands of the people of the locality. With the support of public representatives and officials, clergy and teachers it should be possible to arrange a function which will catch the interest of all and gain valuable publicity.

My committee earnestly request your co-operation in the important work on which they are engaged. At the moment we are endeavouring to find out what it is proposed to do this year in the counties and in the towns and villages as to get all valuable advance publicity in the Press and on the radio. Will you please write and let us hear what it is hoped to do in your district? Even a bare outline of your plans will be of help.

I enclose a few leaflets and assure you that my committee will give all possible information on request.

Yours truly,

Signed—S. Cahill (Miss), Hon. sec.

County Manager, Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

The Council noted the terms of the letter, and directed that the Association be asked to hold Arbor Week in future in the month of November at the commencement of the planting season, rather than in March.

Item No. 26—Sheep Worrying by Dogs.

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

8/6/69.

23rd January, 1953.

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 last year, 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 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,

J. C. Nagle, Assistant Sec.

The Secretary,

Each County Council.

The Council noted that advertisements had been issued and that posters had been printed and circulated to Garda Stations and Post Offices.

Item No. 27—White Paper on proposed extension of Health Services.

The following statements received from the Catholic Societies Vocational Organisation Conference, were submitted:—

The New Public Health Act.

Having seen the Press Reports of the recent speech by the Minister for Health at Wellington Bridge, the Catholic Societies Vocational Organisation Conference wishes to re-affirm its objection to the plan as outlined in the White Paper.

Last February the Minister very kindly received a deputation from the Conference which pointed out that no State Health Scheme which did not take due cognisance of the principle of Subsidiary Function could be considered acceptable to the requirements of this country. Subsequent to the Minister's reception of the deputation the Conference sent him in writing a resume of its views and published these in a statement to the Press in November, 1952. Nothing that has happened since then has altered the fact that the Scheme as outlined in the White Paper is wrong in principle and that therefore, no special pleading or streamlining of administration can make it right.

The Conference supports the request recently made to An Taoiseach by the I.M.A. for the appointment of a representative Commission to examine objectively all schemes hitherto proposed, and to report on them.

The Conference maintains that neither this Commission, nor any National Health Council one of the principal functions of which should be to furnish an annual report to the Oireachtas, should have as Chairman a Minister or Government Official.

Health Statement.

The proposals for improved and extended health services, as shown in the recently published Government White Paper, discloses a further intended encroachment by the State on functions which should be performed by subsidiary bodies.

They are consequently contrary to the principles of vocational organisation, and such must be strenuously opposed by the Conference.

A political system that relies on expediency is incompatible with a true social order which affords a guarantee of stability.

In any country the State is only one of several institutions. If the State assumed functions of a social nature which rightly fall within the scope of those other institutions, then it deprives the individual, the family and the vocational group of their proper responsibilities in those spheres where they are most effective.

The conference maintains that a better approach to the solution of public health problems could be found within the general lines of the scheme prepared by the Bishop of Clonfert, Most Rev. J. Dignam, D.D., in 1944. A Scheme on those lines would be in keeping with our profession as a foremost Christian nation.

In ignoring the principles of vocational organisation, the White Paper does not even make provision for the establishment of a Council of Public Health. If contrary to the ideals of social justice, a scheme of State-controlled health services is to be imposed on the people, then it is essential for the safeguard of the community that there be established a virile Council of Public Health on the lines of that recommended in the Report of the Commission on Vocational Organisation.

On such a Council would be nominees of the Government, of local bodies, of the medical, dental and nursing professions, trade unions, and Red Cross, etc. The Council should be autonomous with a standing executive and a permanent secretariat. It would keep the public health services continuously under review, act as an advisory body on its own initiative and in response to requests from the Government and report annually to the Oireachtas.

Proposed by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond:

That the views put forward in the statements submitted by the Catholic Societies Vocational Organisation Conference be adopted by the Council.

As an Amendment, it was proposed by Councillor M. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge:

That the letter from the Catholic Societies Vocational Organisation be marked "read."

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

In Favour — Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Cleary, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, P. Ledwidge, M. Brennan and C. M. Byrne—(7).

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

Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, J. O'Neill and J. Jacob did not vote.

The Amendment was declared carried by seven votes in favour to six votes against, and when put as a substantive motion was declared passed on the same voting.

Item No. 28—Dismissal of Workers by Enniskillen U.D.C.

On the proposal of Councillor P. McCarthy, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, the Council adopted the following resolution from the Executive of Cumann Briseadh na Teorann:—

"We, the Executive of Cumann Briseadh na Teorann ask the public bodies of Ireland to express themselves upon the action of the Emergency Committee of the Enniskillen Borough Council which dismissed 13 Catholic workers engaged on a special Relief Scheme because they went to Mass on New Year's Day after asking for permission and in the belief that it was given (at their own expense).

Further, we ask you to condemn the Enniskillen Borough Council for failing to reinstate the men when the misunderstanding was explained at a full Borough Council meeting on January 7th. We ask also for an expression of disapproval of the action of this gerrymandered Council of a predominantly Catholic town which has now decided that its employees shall not be allowed leave of absence (even at their own expense) to attend religious service on Holydays."

Reception of Deputation from Cottage Tenants' Association.

The Council agreed to receive a deputation representing Cottage Tenants Associations in the County, at the meeting of the Housing Committee to be held on 2nd March, 1953. The Council directed that the Secretary of the Association be asked to submit details of the matters proposed to be discussed.

Cottage Purchase Scheme.

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

Dept. of Local Government,
Custom House, Dublin.
31st January, 1953.

H.1992/52.

A Chara,

With reference to previous correspondence in the matter I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he will be prepared to consider a Cottage Purchase Scheme for graded and differential rent cottages, based on the proposals set out in your letter of 26th March, 1952.

Mise, le meas,

Signed—G. MEAGHER.

The County Manager pointed out the difficulties in operating a Cottage Purchase Scheme based on differential or graded rents, and the Council decided to consider at the next meeting of the Housing Committee, the effect of introducing a Scheme based on 50 per cent. of the minimum of graded rents scale appropriate to each cottage. The Co. Manager stated that particulars of the cost involved would be available for the next meeting of the Housing Committee.

Loan for Reconstruction of Road from Vallemount to Poulaphouca.

In accordance with notice of motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the raising of a loan of £3,000 from the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, repayable over a period of 10 years with interest at $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. under Irish Bank rate with minimum of 4 per cent. to defray cost of reconstruction of road from Vallemount to Poulaphouca.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary to obtain approval to the works proposed, before application could be made for sanction to the raising of the Loan.

Playground at Rathnew.

In the absence of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the notice of motion standing in his name in relation to the provision of a playground at Rathnew was adjourned.

The County Secretary stated that the Deputy County Engineer would be asked to make the necessary inquiries.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett, and accepted by the Chairman: "That in view of the new Local Loans Bill coming before the Dail we request the Government to enact the necessary legislation to enable the Government to authorise the issue of credit to local authorities for housing, hospitals, sewerage, water supplies and drainage at 1 per cent. (to cover cost of book-keeping, not as interest). We believe that the present rate of 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. will put a stop to such much-needed works."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 16th February, 1953, at 11 a.m.

The following were present:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman; Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, P. Ledwidge, P. N. Murdoch, W. Cleary, C. M. O'Brien, L. O. Lachighleis, C. W. Hudson, J. Jacob, M. J. Brennan and Miss E. F. Bobbett. The County Manager, County Secretary, Deputy County Engineer, Assistant Engineers C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, R. M. Fenlon and P. J. Foley, attended.

The report on the Estimates for the year 1953/4 prepared by the County Manager, and the Explanatory Table of the Estimates had been circulated to each member. The County Secretary having informed the Council that particulars of the Road Fund Grants for the year 1953/54 had not yet been received, the Council decided to consider the Estimates for all Services other than Roads, and then to adjourn further consideration of the Estimates until particulars of the Road Fund Grants had been received.

Councillor Hammond referred to the volume of tourist traffic on roads in the County, and suggested that further representations should be made for special grants for tourist roads.

Councillor P. Ledwidge referred to the volume of traffic on roads in the Bray area, and suggested that a census of traffic on the Upper Dargle Road should be taken.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

The Council decided to reduce the amount provided for repairs and upkeep of district institutions by the sum of £500.

The County Manager stated that in accordance with the recommendation of the Dept. of Health for improvements to County Homes, plans were being prepared for improvements to St. Colman's Hospital, and it was expected that these plans would be available for consideration by the Council at an early date. The Dept. of Health had indicated that 50 per cent. of the loan charges in respect of improvements to Co. Homes would be recouped.

Fever Hospital.—The Co. Manager stated that very little use was being made of the Fever Hospital in recent years due to the reduction in the incidence of infectious diseases. It was likely that the expansion of diphtheria immunisation was partly responsible for this reduction. The Co. Manager stated that he was arranging with adjoining counties for the treatment of fever patients in a joint institution so as to make the Fever Hospital at Wicklow available for use as a preventorium.

In reply to inquiries from members, the County Manager stated that the staffs in the county institutions were comprised as follows: Nursing staff, 35; other staff, including wardsmails, etc., 40; Total—75.

MENTAL HOSPITAL SERVICE.

The Council approved of the provision made under this heading.

HEALTH SERVICES.

The Council approved of the items provided under Health Services.

SANITARY SERVICES.

The Council approved of all items provided under this heading.

HOUSING SERVICES.

The Council decided to reduce the amount provided for cottage re-cottage repairs by the sum of £2,000. The Council noted that should there be a substantial increase in the volume of cottage repairs in the coming year in connection with the putting of cottages into repair prior to vesting, application might have to be made for sanction to the raising of a loan for this purpose.

The Council increased the amount of receipts under the heading Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts by the sum of £600, as it was considered that receipts from borrowers should offset expenditure under this heading.

GENERAL PURPOSES.

As it had been indicated that Local Elections would not be held during the coming year, the provision of £1,500 for election expenses was struck out.

Fire Brigades.—The Council noted the increase in the cost of the Fire Brigade Service, and that there was a responsibility imposed on the Council under the Fire Brigades Act to maintain such Service. The Council asked that further representations be made to the Minister for Local Government for state assistance towards the cost of this Service.

Interest on Overdraft.—The Council noted that the amount provided for interest on overdraft had been increased to £3,000, and that this was due largely to the time lag in receipt of road grants, and health grants. The Council decided to reduce the amount provided by the sum of £1,000, and asked that strong representations be made to the Departments concerned for the earlier payment of these grants.

The meeting then adjourned.

The County Secretary stated that on receipt of notification from the Department of Local Government of Road Fund Grants for the year 1953/54, he would communicate with the Chairman, and convene a further Meeting.

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The Adjourned Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 2nd March, 1953, at 11 a.m.

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

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

ROAD GRANTS.

The following letter had been circulated to the members of the Council:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,

The Chairman and Members, Courthouse, Wicklow.
Wicklow County Council, 27th Feb., 1953.
Annual Estimates 1953/54—Adjourned Estimates Meeting,
A Chara,

As indicated to you by letter of the County Secretary yesterday, it has been decided to consider the Annual Estimates (consideration of which was adjourned at meeting on 16th February, 1953) on Monday next, 2nd March, 1953, at 11 a.m. I would like to explain that it is necessary that the Annual Estimates and the rate to be struck should be determined as soon as possible as the Estimates for the Urban Councils have to be prepared at an early date. For example, the Estimates Meeting of Arklow Urban District Council will be held on the 19th March, 1953, and work on the preparation of them will have to be commenced in the coming week. The Estimates for the Urban District Councils could not be completed unless information was available as to the amount of the County Council Demand in each instance.

At the Estimates Meeting on the 16th February, 1953, it was decided to adjourn consideration of them until information was available as

to the Road Grants which would be available for the coming year. In the meantime we have been in communication with the Local Government Department on the subject and yesterday the Department indicated that a Circular was being issued that day informing County Councils of the Road Grants which would be given in the coming year.

I now enclose copy of Circular of 26th February, 1953 (Ref. RGM/201/53/54) from the Department of Local Government which states that the Road Grants to Wicklow County Council for the coming year will be:—

County Road Improvement Grant	..	£38,700
Main Road Improvement Grant	..	£37,500
Main Road Upkeep Grant — 40 per cent of approved expenditure		

The foregoing Grants compare as follows with the Grants given in the years 1951/52 and 1952/53:—

	1951/52	1952/53
County Road Improvement Grant	..	£27,200
Main Road Improvement Grant	..	£16,100
		£31,800
		£29,600

It will be noted that the increase in County Road Improvement Grant for the coming year as compared with the present year is £6,900 and in the Main Road Improvement Grant is £7,900. The total increase in Grants is £14,800.

It will be found that in paragraph 3 of the Department's Circular (copy of which is attached) it is stated that it is a condition of the Improvement Grants for the coming year that the Council will make out of their own funds provision not less than the amounts provided for the upkeep of Main and County Roads in 1952/53.

Mise, le meas,

M. FLANNERY, Co. Manager.

The letter from the Department was as follows:—

Bothre (Roads),

Teach an Chustaim (Custom House),

Baile Atha Cliath (Dublin).

26th Feabhra, 1953.

RGM/201/53/54.

A Chara,

1. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that in the allocation of Road Fund Monies for 1953/54 provision has been made for increases in the grants for the improvement of county and main roads and for an anticipated increase in expenditure on main road maintenance ranking for 40 per cent. recoupment.

2. Most county councils have already formulated the five-year plans for county road improvement which they were recommended last year to prepare and unless there are special reasons for reconsideration they should adhere to them in the selection of works for execution in the coming financial year. In the circular letter of 18th February, 1952, the Councils were asked to see that the County Engineer prepared a programme of Main Road improvement work to be undertaken with the aid of Main Road Improvement grants in the next few years so that according as money was made available there should be no delay due to surveys, preparation of plans, land acquisition, etc., in starting work on priority schemes. Failure to carry out these preliminaries in good time may result in loss of grants and further delay, particularly in the survey and design of main road improvement works, should not be allowed to occur.

3. Monies provided from the Road Fund for improvement works should not be diverted to works of a maintenance nature. To avoid this, County Councils should provide sufficient monies for the maintenance, and particularly the surface dressing, of main and county roads. Councils are again reminded that it is false economy to neglect surface dressing. Such neglect will result in the roads at first wearing smooth and so becoming dangerous to animal and motor traffic, and finally deteriorating to an extent that will involve costly reconstruction. It is a con-

dition of the improvement grants allocated by this circular letter that Councils make out of their own funds provision not less than the amounts provided for the upkeep of Main and County Roads respectively for 1952/53. The Minister furthermore strongly recommends each Council to increase that provision where so recommended by their County Engineer to the amount considered requisite by him for the proper maintenance and particularly the surface dressing of their roads. The provision for grants for recoupment of maintenance expenditure on main roads has been increased by 25 per cent. in the expectation of a proportionate increase in local expenditure.

4. The need for economy and efficiency in road expenditure was mentioned in last year's circular letter and Councils were in particular advised to avoid dispersing improvement grants over a number of small works, as full economy could not be secured in supervision, the use of machinery, etc. This advice is again stressed. Furthermore, as the 1953/54 programme will be bigger than this year's, the employment of contractors, especially for work of a specialised nature, should be considered where the ordinary organisation is found inadequate to earn within the year payment of grants now allocated.

5. The following are details of the grants which, subject to the condition mentioned in paragraph 3 above, are available to the County Council for 1953/54. The other conditions set out in the circular letter (RGM/201/52/53) of 18th February, 1952, e.g., as to the types of work which may be carried out under the grants, the forms, etc., to be submitted, and the date of completion (31st March, 1954, in the present case) continue to apply.

County Road Improvement Grant	..	£38,700
Main Road Improvement Grant	..	£37,500
Main Road Upkeep Grant—40 per cent. approved expenditure.		

6. A copy of this letter is enclosed for the information of the Co. Engineer, together with a copy of the circular letter of 18th February, 1952, and a revised Table D.

Mise, le meas,

J. GAVIN.

At the suggestion of the Chairman the Council agreed that representations be made to the Minister for Local Government to allocate the greater part of the increased grants for works on County Roads. Councillor C. W. Hudson pointed out that the estimated increase in Road Tax, which would be collected by the Council during the coming year, amounted to £19,000 approximately, and contended that the Council should have received increased grants of at least this amount. The Council agreed that the Minister be requested to allocate a higher grant to the Council in view of the increased amount collected in motor taxation within the County.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill;

That we adopt the estimate for Roads as submitted without any reduction in respect of increased grants.

As an Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan;

That we adopt a total rate of 26s. in the £ for the coming year, by providing a sum equivalent to 1.94d. in the £ for roads, over the amount provided for this Service in the current year.

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

In Favour—Councillors W. Hammond, M. Brennan, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, Miss E. F. Bobbett and H. J. Byrne—(6).

The Amendment was declared defeated by twelve votes against to six votes in favour, and the resolution in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy was then put and declared passed on the same voting, i.e., twelve votes in favour to six against.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

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, 1954, as follows:—

Name of Service	Rate in the £
Road Charges	Pence
Public Assistance Charges	9/2.7d.
Mental Hospital Charges	5/6.6d.
Health Charges	2/2.5d.
Sanitary Charges	1/4.2d.
Housing Charges	1/10.1d.
General Purposes	2/4.4d.
	4/1.5d.
	26/8d.

SEPARATE CHARGES.

Name and particulars of Separate Charge	
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board	0.536d.
Criminal Injury—Kilbride Church	1.091d.
Criminal Injury—Kilcommon Graveyard	5.454d.
Criminal Injury—Synmotts	0.935d.
Baltinglass No. 1 District Pensions	0.213d.
Vocational Education	8.278d.

Passed, Councillors W. Hammond and C. W. Hudson dissenting.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby, in accordance with the Estimate 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, 1954, as follows:—

	Arklow	Bray	Wicklow
Roads	£1,698 9 11	£6,876 8 1	£1,439 15 8
Public Assistance	£3,429 8 10	£13,896 0 5	£2,907 16 3
Mental Hospital	£1,356 16 5	£5,371 5 3	£1,138 16 2
Health Charges	£811 3 3	£3,270 3 7	£685 16 2
General Purposes	£1,083 7 6	£4,600 18 0	£927 5 7
Separate Charges	£425 10 6		£367 5 9
	£8,804 16 5	£34,014 15 4	£7,466 15 7

Passed, Councillors W. Hammond and C. W. Hudson dissenting.

I hereby certify that at the Adjourned Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council held this 2nd March, 1953, 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, 1954.

Signed—Henry J. Byrne, Chairman.

Countersigned—K. J. Brangan, County Secretary.

Bray/Greystones Cliff Walk.

The Co. Manager stated that An Bord Failte had indicated that a Grant of £1,800 would be made available for repairs to the Bray-Greystones Cliff Walk—the work to be carried out by the Council as Agent for An Bord Failte.

The Council noted the County Manager's report on the matter, and approved of the work being carried out on behalf of An Bord Failte.

Improvement at Glendalough.

The County Manager stated that discussions had taken place between the Council's Architect, representatives of An Bord Failte, the Office of Public Works; the Department of Lands and the owner of lands at Glendalough, in regard to improvements to the Road at Glendalough and the provision of car parks, and siting of public convenience. The Department of Local Government had been asked to provide a special grant to meet the cost of carrying out certain of the improvements. Full details of the proposals would be submitted to the Council after the views of the Department of Local Government had been obtained.

Road Workers' Wages.

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

The Secretary, 20 Westland Row, Dublin,
Wicklow County Council, 4th February, 1953.
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Road Workers' Wages.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of January 20th to our application of 31st December for an increase in wages for our members employed by your Council as road workers was before our Executive at its last meeting.

May we point out that last year we made application early in the year but our application was delayed from month to month and the recommendations made by your Council in October and again in December were in answer to our application made some eight to nine months previously.

Prices of foodstuffs and other essential commodities have increased steadily year by year, and as the cost of living index figures show, the increases since February, 1951, have been very considerable. Road workers' wages have not increased to keep pace with the increase in the cost of living so that the purchasing power of their wages is now less than it was a few years ago.

We appreciate that the Council and the County Manager did agree to give a larger increase than was sanctioned by the minister but as this is the time of year when practically all Councils consider applications for wage increases, we consider your Council and the Manager should again examine the matter and make another recommendation in the light of the 1953/54 Estimates and Roads Programme.

As the position stands your road workers only received an increase of 5s. 6d. operative for the last five months or so of your 1952/53 Estimates year. Most Co. Councils gave increases much earlier in the year. In fact a few gave a second small increase after the food subsidies were withdrawn. Practically all Councils are now considering increases to be given commencing with the new financial year.

We hope, therefore, your Council and the County Manager will again consider our application.

Yours faithfully,

GEORGE POLLOCK, President.

BP/BMcG.

On the proposal of Councillor W. Hammond, seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett, the letter was marked "read."

Attendance of Press at Meetings of Housing Committee.

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

Resolved—That representatives of the Press be allowed to be present at all meetings of the Housing Committee of the Council.

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

In Favour—Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, W. Hammond, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, Ed. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Jacob, and Miss E. F. Bobbett—(9).

Against—Councillors W. Cleary, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, P. Ledwidge, W. Lawless, M. Brennan, C. M. Byrne, and H. J. Byrne—(8).

The motion was declared passed by nine votes in favour to eight votes against.

Home Assistance.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., submitted a complaint in regard to an applicant for Home Assistance from Ballinaberney, who presented a letter from him to the Assistance Officer. The County Manager stated that he would investigate the matter.

Explanatory Statement re Estimates.

The following statement prepared by the County Manager had been circulated to the members with the Estimates:—

Courthouse,
Wicklow.
To: the Chairman and Members
of Wicklow Co. Council. 6th Feb., 1953.

ESTIMATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR, 1953/54.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Estimates of Expenses and Receipts for the year ending on 31st March, 1954, together with Tables giving details of how the totals for each Service are made up, are attached.

The total expenditure estimated for the coming year is £716,256. Receipts are estimated at £330,651. The net amount to be provided from Rates would be £385,605.

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

Gross Expenditure	£696,976
Receipts	£338,778
Net amount to be levied from Rates	£358,198

The total rate required for the coming year, if these Estimates were approved, would be 27/1d. in the £, which would be an increase of 2/1d. over that levied in the present year, which is 25/-.

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

	1953/54	1952/53	Increase (+) Decrease (-)
Roads	110.7d.	100.41d.	+ 10.29d.
Public Assistance	65.59d.	61.10d.	+ 5.70d.
Mental Hospitals	26.5d.	30.95d.	- 4.45d.
Health Services	16.2d.	19.95d.	- 3.75d.
Sanitary Services	22.1d.	20.70d.	+ 1.4d.
Housing	30.9d.	24.29d.	+ 6.61d.
General Purposes	51.8d.	42.60d.	+ 9.2d.

There are a number of items in these Estimates to which special attention is drawn. In the Roads Estimates, provision is being made for an outlay of £5,000 authorised by the Council in December, 1952, but not included in the current year's Estimates and Rate levy. In order to offset the effect of wages increases on the Roads Programme, and the employment to be given, an amount (£7,865) equivalent to the cost of wages increases has been added to the Roads Estimates. It was inevitable that when in the past few months there was a general revision of wages rates in so many employments, on the plea of increased living costs, that, apart from the Road Workers and those engaged in building, other persons in the employment of the Council would seek a revision of remuneration. Some time ago applications were received from the various Unions, but it was felt that no action should be taken until it was clear if revisions were to occur generally in the case of employees other than manual workers. In recent years

the revision of remuneration rates for persons employed by local authorities, other than road workers and building workers, has followed to an extent the general pattern determined in the case of the Civil Service, certain statutory bodies and large scale undertakings.

Whilst information is not at present available as to the decisions which may be taken in the latter instances, it is felt that some provision should be shown in the Estimates against a possible revision of remuneration which later may occur. Otherwise, additional expenditure might have to be approved later, after the rates for the year had been determined. The cost, if an increase of 9/- per week to male employees and 6/- per week to female employees, and pro-rata increases to part-time employees, were to be allowed, would be £5,292. Since, however, many of these persons are employed in the Health Services, the cost would be partly recouped from State Grants, and the net cost to the Rates would be £3,292. The amounts involved are shown separately for the various Services.

From the information available at the time of writing this Report, it appears that Local Elections will be held in the coming financial year, and this would entail an outlay of £1,500 (shown under General Purposes).

ROADS.

The Rate Estimate for Roads is 9/2.7d. in the £; in 1952/53 the levy was 8/4.41d.

For the coming year the provision made for the Roads Programme is almost similar to that in 1952/53, except that (1) £5,000 has been added to cover the amount authorised by the Council in December, 1952, to relieve unemployment, and which sum was an excess on the Estimates for the year 1952/53, and (2) there is an addition of £7,865 to meet the cost of wages increases for road workers. Since the foregoing sum of £5,000 was not included in the Rates Estimates for 1952/53, it is now necessary to meet it, and if the increase in wages be not taken into account, a similar programme of works to that undertaken the present year could not be carried out, and this, moreover, would result in a reduction in the employment to be given.

As a result of the increase in Motor Taxation, which has taken effect from 1st January, 1953, it was expected that additional Grants from the Road Fund would be available in the coming financial year. Thus far, however, no information has been received from the Local Government Department as to the Grants which will be made, and in the absence of such details, credit has only been taken for Grants of the same amounts as those paid in the current year. It is found that in this County the product of the revised rates of Motor Taxation should be about £19,000 greater than the amount collected in 1952. This amount is merely mentioned to show the effect of the revised rates on the collection of Motor Tax in County Wicklow, and it does not follow that the additional Grant would be of a corresponding amount, as the distribution of Grants to local authorities is not directly related to the amount of Tax collected by them—the total road mileage and the mileage of Main as compared with County Roads, are factors which apparently influence the allocation of such Grants.

The additional rate levies and the special Grants obtained in recent years for County Roads have enabled the Council to continue its policy of improving them. In 1951/52 the Council allowed 1/- extra for County Roads, and last year a further extra rate of 11d. was approved. Subsequent wage increases, however, absorbed some of the increased rate for Roads. Last year the Council decided to undertake, over a period of five years, the improvement and resurfacing of a number of County Roads, which when completed would mean that most of the inhabitants of the County would be in reasonably close proximity to thoroughfares with surfaces up to modern standards. These roads

were selected after much care and thought had been given to the matter by Committees of the Council representative of each of the Electoral Areas in the County. It is intended to proceed further with this work in the coming year, and if additional Grants from the Road Fund can be obtained, it should be possible to expand or accelerate the programme of reconstruction.

Each year when submitting the Estimates, mention has been made of the representations received from ratepayers and others urging the improvement of roads which they use, and it has been pointed out that increasing traffic of fast-moving type has had marked effects on the demands on the Council for improved standards of Road Maintenance. The number of motor vehicles at present registered in the County is over twice that in 1947. Regard must also be had to the number of vehicles registered in Dublin which use County Wicklow roads, and the continuously increasing volume of tourist and week-end traffic. These vehicles use county roads which were not designed to carry heavy and fast-moving traffic and only their complete reconstruction can put these roads into a condition to meet the needs of this modern type of traffic.

Apart from the improvement of County Roads, which serve villages and rural dwellings, the Council has been endeavouring to improve certain roads which, even though they pass through somewhat remote areas, are very important from the tourist standpoint, as they bring visitors to some of the most attractive scenery in Co. Wicklow. Many visitors now bring their own cars to Wicklow, and tours by bus and motor coach are becoming yearly more popular. It is desirable that the tourist industry, which brings a considerable revenue to Wicklow, should be assisted by the opening up to traffic of mountain areas, which often were formerly only reached by the intrepid motorist, the cyclist or the hiker. In the past few years the Council has cut and saved large quantities of turf in the Sally Gap and Wicklow Gap areas, and as a result of applications for Special State assistance under the Local Authorities Works Act, Grants were obtained for the improvements of roads in the Turf Production areas. The roads from Roundwood via Lough Tay, and from Enniskerry via Glencree and Lough Bray to Sally Gap, have now been completely resurfaced, and the road westward from Sally Gap to Brittas and Blessington has also been reconstructed. A considerable length of the road from Glendalough via Wicklow Gap to Hollywood has also been done, and even if the Council do not produce turf in the Wicklow Gap district in the coming financial year, the Council's claims for an increase of State assistance to complete this route is considered to be one which should merit favourable consideration.

In the five years' programme for Road Improvements which has been referred to earlier, provision is being made for the reconstruction of roads which, in addition to serving rural residents, will also assist tourist traffic. For example, the roads from Aughrim via Aughavannagh to Rathdangan, and from Laragh to Glenmalure, have been included in this programme. In addition, special Grants are being sought for the roads from Drumgoff to Aughavannagh and from Sally Gap via Glenmacnass to Laragh.

Some time ago the Council had under consideration the making of improvements at Glendalough and the Engineering Staff recently has been examining proposals for a new Car Park and a number of very necessary road improvements, towards the cost of which it is hoped a State Grant will be obtained.

Again, in the present year the Council has been asked to undertake special works to relieve unemployment. This is a recurring item each year in the period immediately prior to Christmas, when there is generally a seasonal falling-off in employment. The Council has

defined statutory functions and in the provision or maintenance of services, which it is required by law to undertake, it gives a large measure of employment—for example, on Road Works, the number employed ranges from 400 to 800 during the year—but if it is considered that local authorities are the only bodies with an obligation to relieve unemployment by a programme of public works, then the Rates, in pursuance of such a policy, might be asked to assume a very serious burden.

That part of the Rate which is levied for Road Works has shown a much steeper increase in recent years than has occurred in the case of other Services; it is now almost three times the levy in 1939. The standard of maintenance now obtaining is much higher than in 1939, and a much greater mileage (approximately twice as much) of roads is being maintained to a high standard. Wage levels at present are almost three times the 1939 rates. It is found that whereas the number of road workers in 1939 averaged about 320, the number in the past few years, as already mentioned, has varied from about 400 to 800 at certain peak periods, such as when tarring is in progress. The prices of some materials, such as tar, are now three times the 1939 prices.

The Loan Charges for Road Works show an increase of £1,270. This is due almost altogether to the provision being made for the Capital cost of the new Coast Road at the Silver Strand, Wicklow. Already the Council has spent over £9,000 on the acquisition of land, fencing, bridges and other preliminary work. The cost of constructing the roadway in tar macadam is estimated at £15,608, and the Department of Local Government has now indicated that a Grant of two-thirds of the cost will be given, provided the Council provides the balance of £5,608.

TURF PRODUCTION.

In 1951 and 1952 the County Council cut and saved large quantities of Turf. In 1951 the production was 3,225 tons and last year it was 1,643 tons. All the turf was well saved and was of good quality. Production last year was for the purpose of adding further to the reserve stocks already held for institutions, etc. The Council also took into account the measure of employment which would be afforded and the special Grants which could be obtained for the purpose of improving important tourist roads in the Turf Production areas. Mention already has been made of the improvements done with the aid of these Grants which amounted to £13,000. During the year, arrangements were made to sell practically the entire quantity saved in 1952, as there was a danger of deterioration if stocks were held for a number of years. Most of it was sold to Dublin Board of Assistance and to Wicklow Urban Council (for their Schemes for supplying fuel to necessitous households).

Information recently has been received from Dublin Board of Assistance that they will not require any turf from Co. Wicklow in 1953. The Council already has ample stocks in hands to meet the requirements of Institutions, Plant, etc., for the coming twelve to eighteen months. In these circumstances it is considered that it might not be advisable to undertake a Turf Production Scheme in 1953.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

The total expenditure is estimated at £142,694; in 1952/53 the amount allowed by the Council was £125,695. The increase in gross outlay would be £16,999. Receipts are estimated at £53,450 (£44,930 in 1952/53). The net increase is £8,479. The increased receipts mainly derive from Health Grant Recoupment.

The Estimates under Public Assistance include provision for the running of County Institutions; the Dispensary Medical Service;

Treatment of Patients in Extern Institutions (i.e., in Hospitals in Dublin 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 the Urban areas.

District Institutions: Salaries and wages show an increase of £5,431. Reference was made last year to the effect of the introduction of a 96-hour fortnight for Nursing Staff in all local authorities' Hospitals; this reduction in the number of working hours to the equivalent of a 48-hour week (which is the standard working time for most employments nowadays) has required additional staff in all Institutions. This alteration in working conditions was not unexpected and the Council will recollect that prior to the change there was grave difficulty in meeting the staffing requirements of Hospitals in this country. Another effect of the change was that additional accommodation had to be provided for staffs. In former years domestic duties in St. Colman's Hospital were discharged to a large extent by unmarried mothers maintained there. But there has been a marked decline in the number of such inmates in recent years, with the result that domestic staff has had to be employed. It was reported to the Council during the past year that as a result of negotiations with the Nurses' Union, the Department of Health had agreed to revise conditions of employment and rates of remuneration for Nursing Staffs. In conjunction with this revision it was also agreed that, whereas Nurses and domestic staff were previously given an allowance for rations, etc., these are now to be provided by the local authority, but a deduction is to be made from remuneration in respect of their value. Consequently, the increase of £5,431 partly is offset by a receipt of £2,480 in respect of such deductions. The net increase, therefore, is £2,951. Of this latter sum, £1,102 is due mainly to the recruitment of extra nursing and domestic staff. Recently the Department of Health indicated that favourable consideration would be given to a cost-of-living increase for staffs employed in the Health Services. These increases have been sought by Staff Unions consequent on the general revision of wages and rates of remuneration which were allowed in recent months to employees of business firms throughout the country, to road workers and to employees in the building industry. If increases were allowed to staffs in County Institutions, the cost for a twelve-month period would be £1,849.

Food supplies are estimated to cost £1,000 extra in the coming year. This is due to the discontinuing of food subsidies last year.

The amount provided for Heating and Lighting (£7,500) shows no change. Coal and anthracite have to be purchased for ranges and cooking installations. Turf, of which adequate reserve stocks are held for the coming year, will be used in open fires and mixed with coal for heating plants. Turf is charged from the Council's Turf Account as Stocks on hand are used. Instructions have been issued that Turf must be used as far as possible and that coal must only be used for special cooking equipment or at peak heating periods, and even then in conjunction with turf. The heating plant which is being installed in the new Hospital buildings at Baltinglass is intended to be of a turf-burning type.

Repairs and upkeep are estimated at £2,500, an increase of £1,000. During recent years the Council has carried out extensive repairs in St. Colman's Hospital, which were necessary because of unsatisfactory condition of wards, etc. Moreover, repairs and painting were necessary in order to prevent deterioration.

Medicines show an increase of £1,850 (from £1,650 to £3,500). There has been a marked upward trend in the cost of Medicines in the past two years. This is due to the use of very costly new drugs and injec-

tions, such as Cortisone, etc. Furthermore, ordinary medicines have been continuously rising in price.

There is an increase of £420 in the outlay on Farm and Garden at St. Colman's Hospital, but this is more than offset by receipts representing the value of vegetables, etc., used in the Institution, and the sale of farm produce.

Loan Charges (£1,500) show no change. Provision is made for the charges arising out of the capital costs of new buildings at Baltinglass Hospital, and at the County Fever Hospital, Wicklow. Only a limited sum is included for the new County Hospital at Rathnew.

It is expected that the Contract for Baltinglass Hospital will be completed in the next six months. The total capital cost will be over £80,000, of which two-thirds will be met from Hospital Trust Funds. It has been possible to keep the hospital open while the building work was in progress and to avoid undue disturbance to patients and staff. Portion of the new buildings at present is in use.

Satisfactory progress has been made in the construction of extensions to the Fever Hospital, Wicklow, and they should be ready for occupation in about six to eight months. The capital cost is estimated at about £16,000 of which it has been settled that two-thirds will be met by a Grant from the Hospitals Trust Funds.

During the past year details of the design of the new County Hospital at Rathnew were under consideration with the Department of Health, and a Schedule of Accommodation to be provided has now been determined.

As a result of representations from the Council, the Department of Health agreed that a proposal for a Central County Clinic at Rathnew might be abandoned, as it was felt that it could not readily serve the entire county. The accommodation to be provided in the new County Hospital was then revised, so as to provide for a special out-patients' Department and facilities to be used in connection with the Schools Medical Service and other Health Services. It is intended to arrange for the improvement of some of the existing Dispensaries. This is a programme which could only be carried out over a rather lengthy period. In the past year one new Dispensary building was erected, viz., at Kilcoole.

Mention was made when submitting last year's Estimates of the White Paper issued by the Government on the investigation of conditions in County Homes. The County Council was asked to arrange for comprehensive programme of improvements to St. Colman's Hospital, which at present is used for the aged sick and infirm, unmarried mothers, and children, casual inmates requiring food and lodgings, and a small number of mental defectives, etc. It was suggested in the White Paper that new and special accommodation should be provided for all classes other than the chronic sick, aged and infirm persons, and that the existing institution should be re-designed and improved. The Council's Architect has been engaged for some time past on preliminary plans for a scheme of improvements to St. Colman's Hospital, and they will be submitted to the Council at an early date. There have been discussions with adjoining local authorities regarding the possibility of providing a special jointly run institution for unmarried mothers and children. This latter, however, is a complex problem and requires very careful examination.

Again, it must be stressed, as in previous years, that improved hospital standards which are being sought cannot be achieved without contracting heavy liabilities which must lead to rate increases in the future.

Extern Hospitals: The expenditure under this heading shows an increase of £3,000. After the Estimates for the present year had been adopted, the Dublin Hospitals increased their charges by 10/6d. per

week, and the weekly charge no longer includes the cost of special medicines which are now charged as extras. Again the costs of National Health Insurance patients are only borne for six weeks by the Society, after that time the cost must be met by the patient from his own resources or by the local authority—which means that the latter very frequently has to meet it. The increasing tendency to send patients to Dublin Hospitals for specialist treatment shows no change.

During the year a tentative arrangement was made with Rathdown Board of Assistance for the admission of a limited number of patients to St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown. The Board stated that they may be in a position to allocate additional beds later.

Home Assistance: Last year the provision under this heading was increased. The Estimates for the coming year show very little change from those adopted for 1952/53. During the past year new scales of allowances were granted by the State under the Social Welfare Schemes, but any saving which might have resulted from the adjustment of Home Assistance allowed to such cases has been counterbalanced by the necessity, in view of increased living costs, to augment Home Assistance allowances in other instances.

Medical Assistance: The cost of the Dispensary Medical Services is estimated at £25,965, an increase of £3,202 over the current year. The additional cost is mainly due to (1) Medical Supplies, £1,000; (2) Up-keep of Dispensaries, £1,000; (3) a sum of £1,059 has been included towards revision of remuneration, if allowed. Attention already has been drawn to the increased cost of medicines for County Institutions; there is a similar trend in the case of the Dispensary Medical Service. Not only have the prices of Medicines risen in the past few years, but here again the effect of the use of costly new drugs is evident. The outlay on Repairs to Dispensaries is increasing. The Department of Health directed the Council's attention to the necessity for improvements in the Dispensary buildings and their equipment and, moreover, the increase in costs of materials and labour is reflected in the outlay on Repairs.

Other Expenses: The Ambulance Service is estimated to cost £255, and Printing and Stationery £100 more than in the present year. Salaries for Engineering, etc., Staff show an increase of £409, but this is an adjustment only, and arises from a change in chargeability—it will be found that there is a reduction of the same amount in the charges for salaries of office staff, etc., in the Health Services Account.

Receipts: The greater part of the Receipts (£40,500) is derived from the Health Services Grant.

MENTAL HOSPITALS.

The Demand from Grangegorman Mental Hospital shows a reduction (£7,330) for the coming year, and the receipts from the Health Grant are estimated to be up by £2,314. After taking into account balances from previous years, the decrease is equivalent to a rate reduction of 4.45d. in the £.

This reduction, it should be mentioned, is not ascribable to a fall in the costs of running the Mental Hospital—it is due to a reduction in the number of patients from County Wicklow, as compared with the other areas contributing to the institution viz.: Dublin City and County.

HEALTH SERVICES:

Once again the costs of the Health Services show an increase, but the actual rate for them is slightly reduced, as last year provision had to be made for a substantial debit balance.

The cost of the County Sanatorium, Rathdrum, is up by £956, due mainly to the effect on the cost of food of the withdrawal of subsidies. In the case of Extern Sanatoria a rise in the weekly rate of charge for patients results in an increase of £1,500 under this heading. Pro-

vision is being made for a County Dental Surgeon, who was recently appointed and who will be engaged almost wholly on the Schools Medical Service Scheme.

Cost of Health Services: Up to last year the rise in the costs of Health Services (including Hospital treatment and Dispensary Service) was offset to a great extent by the State recoupment available from the Health Services Grant. From 1952 onward, however, only one half of such increase in outlay will be met from this Grant.

The proposals in the White Paper issued some months ago would entail a very marked increase in costs and in the rate levy if brought into operation. From an examination of the proposals which were subsequently made, it seems that medical treatment in the home, at dispensaries, clinics, and in hospitals, would have to be provided free of charge for the greater part of the community. It is contemplated that the community would be divided into three Groups for the purpose of determining if they would be eligible for free treatment. The first, or Lower Income Group, would include persons at present eligible for Public Assistance. The Middle Income Group would be (1) persons compulsorily insurable under the Social Welfare Act, 1952, and their dependants; (2) farmers (and their dependants) with holdings the rateable valuable of which did not exceed £50; (3) persons (and their dependants) whose family incomes did not exceed £600 if employed other than in farming.

All Services would be available free of charge to the first (Lower Income) Group. Hospital and specialist and maternity services would also be provided free for all persons in the Middle Income Group. It is stated that "medical care will be available for all women in respect of motherhood," but otherwise the persons outside the Lower and Middle Income Groups would apparently continue to pay for the cost of all medical and hospital treatment—this latter Group, whilst not so referred to in the White Paper presumably might be designated the "Higher Income Group." All medical practitioners would participate in the Scheme to provide Medical Care for mothers and infants, and would be remunerated by a capitation fee to be paid by the local authority. Maternity Cash Grants would be paid and Child Welfare Clinics would be established. The Schools Medical Service would be reorganised and additional Dental and Ophthalmic Services would be provided free of charge for a large section of the community—these latter changes would require additional staff and costly equipment.

It is not evident that any Estimates of the expected costs of these new and extended Services were prepared before the issue of the White Paper. From an examination of probable costs which was subsequently made for the consideration of the Council, it appears that the cost to be met from Rates could be expected to be about 2/- in the £ in the initial stages of the Scheme, and this could be expected to increase later.

SANITARY SERVICES.

The total expenditure under this heading is estimated at £24,231, and Receipts at £1,500. The net cost is £22,731. For 1952/53 it was £21,191. The increase of £1,540 is attributable mainly to Public Lighting (£400) and charges for new Water Supply Schemes (£500) and provision for cost-of-living increases in remuneration (£535).

Public Lighting: The provision made is £3,000, as compared with £2,600 for 1952/53. The increase arises from the cost of new lighting which has been provided at Ballyknocken, Vallemount, Hollywood, Aughrim, Redcross, Avoca, Annacurra and Coolboy, and additional lights in many places such as Rathnew, Ashford, Dunlavin, Newtownmountkennedy, Delgany and Killincarrig. The number of towns and villages with public lighting is now 35.

Dumping Grounds: New Dumping Grounds are being provided at Baltinglass, Rathnew and Avoca.

Water Safety: The Council decided last year to make a contribution of £100 to the Irish Red Cross Society for the purpose of providing instruction in Life Saving. Classes were held at a number of places along the coast during last Summer.

Water Supplies and Sewerage Systems: The cost of maintenance is estimated at £4,500, which is the same as that in the present year. Loan charges, however, show an increase of £500, as it is necessary to provide for the capital cost of the new Water Supply at Aughrim, and the cost of new Schemes and Pumps at various places in the County. In the present year the Council's boring plants were used in the provision of 12 new pumps. In the past three years, 35 pumps have been provided.

It has been arranged to have plans, etc., prepared for a separate Water Supply Scheme derived from the Glencullen River, for Ennis-kerry. The final plans for a Water Supply for Glenealy are at present being completed, and it is hoped to start this Scheme in the coming year.

Further progress with the proposed Regional Scheme for Wicklow and Rathnew, etc., was not made in the past year, as the Department of Local Government indicated that the Council should await the outcome of the surveys being made for the hydro-electric scheme which would be based on Lough Dan.

A contract was placed some months ago for a new Water Main from Kilpedder to Kilquade, and it is expected that the work will shortly be completed. The cost is estimated at £2,700. It is proposed to extend this main to Kilcoole Village, and the contract documents at present are being prepared.

A new Water Main was laid from Delgany Village to Bellevue at a cost of £1,160.

Plans are now almost completed for improving and augmenting the Water Supplies at Blessington and Baltinglass and it is hoped to start these works in the coming year.

Aughrim Water Supply was completed last year, and at present plans for a Sewerage Scheme are being prepared.

An extension to the Water Supply in Carnew was completed last year, and improvements to a number of existing supplies were also carried out, viz.: Shillelagh, Rathdrum, etc.

In 1952, a new Public Sanitary Convenience was erected at the Meetings, Avoca, at a cost of £800, and arrangements are now being made for the provision of Conveniences at Baltinglass and Kilcoole.

Open Spaces: The estimate is £150 as in 1952/53. In the past year many new seats were provided on the seafront at Greystones, and a new Shelter was erected. It is proposed to erect another Shelter in the coming year. The Council has had under consideration the provision of a Car Park and Public Sanitary Convenience at Glendalough. At present a Scheme for these improvements is being prepared, and State Grants are being sought. Since Glendalough is of particular national importance and historic interest, it is considered that special assistance towards the outlay on these works, which may be very costly, should be given to the Council.

HOUSING:

The total expenditure from Revenue on Housing is estimated at £87,303; Receipts are £55,430; the net amount required from Rates is £31,873. This is an increase of £4,181 over the levy for the present year (£27,692).

The rate for Housing is almost altogether derived from the difference between Loan Charges (arising from the capital costs of erecting houses), Repairs, Insurances, etc., and the income derived from Rents and State Subsidies.

For the coming year the total outlay on Council cottages, as distinct from any other housing activities of the Council, is £83,453. The receipts from Rents are £26,100, and the State Grants amount to £26,700. The difference, which is £30,653, has to be met from Rates, and is the subsidy contributed by the ratepayers to the Housing programme. The Housing levy is now £4,181 greater than in 1952/53 and this is mainly due to extra provision for Repairs and for subsidy towards the Housing Schemes which have been in progress since 1949.

Loan Charges: There is an increase of £2,000 due to the capital costs of new Schemes, but this is offset in the coming year by additional Rents and State Subsidy.

Repairs: In the present year £5,500 was provided for repairs. Some months ago, however, the Council decided to endeavour to expedite the sale of cottages to tenants under the provisions of Purchase Schemes, and it is necessary that houses be in good repair before ownership can be vested in the tenants. Many tenants indicated that they would be prepared to purchase and in consequence there was a demand that Repairs be carried out without delay. The Repairs to some of the older cottages built 40 to 60 years ago, have been found very costly—many older houses have cost £40 to £60 each to repair, and in some instances even more. The cost of the work has also risen considerably owing to progressive increases in cost of all materials and in wages rates in the past few years. Apart from the effect of Cottage Purchase proposals, there have been persistent demands for repairs from all parts of the County. In the current year it is estimated that up to £12,000 will be spent on Repairs, whereas only £5,500 was provided in the Estimates. Any repair job costs to-day about four times the sum it would have cost in 1939. Owing to the experience in the present year, a sum of £12,000 is being included for Repairs in 1953/54. The only possibility of reducing this abnormal outlay would be (i) by the sale of cottages to tenants; (ii) the deferring of Repairs except in instances in which tenants will proceed with purchase—unless the repairs are of a very urgent character.

Rent Collectors' Poundage: This shows an increase of £200, due to commission payable on new cottages added to the rental roll.

Grants under Section 19 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948: These are Grants payable to persons who build houses for letting. The outlay (£300) is recouped by the State to the extent of two-thirds, so that the net cost is £100.

Reconstruction Grants: £200 is included to meet charges on a Loan of £4,000 which it is expected would provide about 50 special Grants under Sections 9 to 11 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952. These Grants from the Council would be in addition to Grants from the State to persons reconstructing their own dwellings. They would be paid to persons deriving their income from agriculture, and it is expected that they would materially assist small farmers in reconstructing or improving their dwellings.

Housing Programme: The total number of houses erected by the Council up to this date is 3,160, of which 2,156 have been erected in the past 20 years. The number provided since 1939 is 696. In 1949 the Council started a new Scheme and up to the present 389 houses have been erected; 108 of these have been completed in the present financial year. Of the 389 houses, 342 were erected by direct labour and 47 by contract.

Mention was made last year of the continuous rise in building costs, and this tendency has not been arrested. There has not been much variation in the prices of materials in the past twelve months, but wages rates were again recently increased, and this affected, not only the level of building costs, but also that of Repairs.

Originally when estimates of building costs were taken out in 1948, it was expected that rural cottages might be built at prices not exceeding £800, but the cost in the past year has been up to £950. The recent revision of wages will add further to this cost. Owing to the marked increase in the capital costs of providing houses, it has been agreed that basic (or minimum) rents must be increased for houses in new Schemes.

The Council recently decided to proceed with a Scheme of rural cottages to be erected on sites which could be acquired by agreement from landowners. The number of houses in this Scheme will be about 60.

In some rural districts it has been found that the demand for housing is now practically met by the building programme undertaken in the past four years, and that the acute shortage which existed after the war has been to a great extent relieved.

The system of Graded (or Differential) Rents is being applied to all new lettings in the past few years, as it seemed reasonable that rents should be related to the incomes of tenants. The Graded Rents Scheme has not, however, been applied to lettings made prior to 1950.

Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts Loan: The number of Loans thus far made to persons erecting houses for their own occupation is 73, and the total amount of such loans is almost £70,000.

GENERAL PURPOSES.

The net charges after deducting receipts are: Chargeable to County-at-large, including Urban Districts, £26,359; chargeable to County Health District, £33,281. The corresponding charges in the current year's Estimates were £22,592 and £29,495. There is an increase of £3,767 in the Urban Charges part of the expenditure and of £3,786 in the expenditure chargeable to the County Health District.

The items mainly responsible for the increase in the Urban Charges are: Election Expenses £1,500; Fire Brigades £1,511; Scholarships £315; Repairs to Courthouses £600. In the items charged on the County Health District, the following increases occur—Committee of Agriculture Demand £1,289; Overdraft Interest £1,500; Salaries £467; Cost of Rate Collection £635; Public Libraries £257. Further details of the variations are given below.

Election Expenses: It is expected that local elections will be held next June, and £1,500 is included to cover the cost of them.

Committee of Agriculture: There was an increase in the Demand last year of £1,021, and the additional amount now sought is £1,289. The total rate for the service in the coming year would be 6½d.

Scholarships: The extra amount required for Secondary and University Scholarships is calculated at £315. The yearly amount of the individual Scholarships was increased some time ago.

Public Libraries: The increase is £257 and is intended to meet the continuous rise in the price of books so as to keep the book stocks at a reasonable level, and to permit re-binding of books.

Tourist Development: The Council recently decided that they would favourably consider increasing the allocation from £400 to £500 and the latter sum has been included.

Fire Brigades: The cost of the County Fire Brigades shows a substantial rise, £1,511. This is due to the revision of remuneration of the employees, which was approved some months ago. The number of fire calls during 1952 was 168; in 1951 it was 135. It is noted that most of the fires were chimney fires. Whilst it is very important that no property owner should incur any risk by hesitating or delaying to call the local Fire Brigade, it seems that many of the calls, with their attendant expense in the payment of personnel, would not be necessary if chimneys were periodically cleaned.

Courthouses: The cost of Repairs to Courthouses is estimated at £600 more than in 1952/53. It is found that it will cost over £400 to carry out repairs to Tinahely Courthouse, and some of the other buildings will cost more in upkeep.

Salaries: The additional cost of £467 is intended to meet the cost-of-living increases to which reference has been made earlier.

Overdraft Interest: There is here a substantial rise of £1,300. The provision made for the current year was £1,700, but it was found inadequate and on the basis of recent experience it is considered that £3,000 would be required for the coming year. This rise in overdraft charges is due to the fact that the amounts receivable from State Grants, especially Roads and the Health Services, is now very much greater than four or five years ago. Considerable outlay is incurred by the Council prior to the receipt of such Grants and this time lag is responsible for the incurring of Interest Charges. At present instalments of Grants are issued usually by the Government Departments concerned twice in each year; if, however, quarterly instalments were issued the present Interest Charges could be reduced.

Local Authorities (Works) Act: Grants under this heading in 1951-52 amounted to £47,000. In the present year the total allocation was £27,500. An outlay of £30,000 is provided for in the coming year, and there is a corresponding receipt. The amount which may be received cannot, however, at present be ascertained with any certainty.

Seeds and Fertilizers Schemes: £2,000 is again provided; as the outlay is fully repaid by persons availing of the Scheme, there is no charge on the Rates.

Blind Persons Acts: Special Allowances to Blind Persons will cost £400, and a Grant of £200 is being made to the County Wicklow Branch of the National Council for the Blind. This latter organisation which is of a voluntary character assists in providing home training in crafts and education for persons afflicted with blindness.

Vocational Education Committee: The cost of this Service is levied as a Separate Charge, as Bray Urban Council operates its own Scheme. Last year the Demand showed an increase of £1,709, and for the coming year the total Demand is £9,308, a further rise of £533. The provision in respect of initial Loan Charges on the capital cost of the new School at Wicklow is £600, of which one-half will be recouped by the Department of Education. The rate for the coming year for Vocational Education, as a separate charge, will be 8d.

Receipts: Apart from the reduction in the State Grant under the Works Act (and this does not affect the rate levy) there are no substantial variations in the total Receipts.

Trend of Costs: The Estimates now submitted for your consideration, unfortunately show a further upward trend in costs. This is a matter of grave concern to anybody charged with responsibilities for public administration, but is inevitable whilst Services continue to expand and there is no halt to the rise in prices of supplies, and in wages and remuneration rates. Moreover, local authorities each year are being required to improve existing Services, or to provide new ones. In practically every one of the past five years, there have been revisions of remuneration either for all or some of the persons employed in local Services in order to meet cost-of-living increases; in fact it seems that there will be no possibility of obtaining any measure of stability in the level of rates, until the upward trend of the cost of living is arrested—and this is a matter over which local authorities cannot exercise complete control.

A comparison of the rate levied five years ago, i.e. for 1948/49, with the Estimates now submitted, will serve to show the manner in which the costs of services have risen. The rate for the coming year is estimated at 27/1d., an increase of 7/3d. over that levied for 1948/49. An examination of the various charges shows that the increase is accounted for in the following manner. The rate for Roads has increased by 4/2d. This is due to a much expanded Roads Programme—in the meantime many County Roads are being brought up to a standard which only obtained for some Main Roads prior to 1939—and to increases in remuneration, a factor which affects Road Works and Housing costs more than other Services. Health Services have increased by 3d. and the rise would have been very much greater if it were not for the special State Grants which in the meantime have been made available and which of course derive from taxation. It is found that in the past five years the total expenditure on Health Services has actually increased from £98,477 to £175,401. The cost of treatment of tuberculosis alone is estimated at £55,690 for the coming year, as compared with £27,297 for 1948/49. The rate for Sanitary Services shows an increase of 7d. This rise is attributable to the provision of new Water Supplies and Sewerage, Public Pumps, and the improvement of existing Services, and the installation of Public Lighting systems in towns and villages. The amount of work of this character which is being done will be apparent from the details already given, and the improvements which have been carried out in the present financial year. Housing has accounted for an increase of tenpence, which resulted from subsidies provided for new Schemes undertaken since 1949, and the rising cost of repairs. Under General Purposes it is found that the increase is 1s/5d. The items accountable for the increase are:—

Fire Brigades 5d.; County Committee of Agriculture 3d.; Public Libraries 2d.; Salaries of Administrative and Clerical Staffs 2d.; cost of Rate Collection 3d.; Courthouses Repairs 1d.

The foregoing details account for the steep rise in Rates over the past five years. As already mentioned, if living costs could only be stabilised, then it could be expected that there would be a corresponding stability in Rates. This latter aim, however, cannot be achieved if new and probably very costly Services, such as the proposed Health Schemes, are introduced.

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, 1954.

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 ..	71,103	71,103	70,080	70,080
Loan Charges ..	1,848	1,848	3,781	3,781
Contingencies ..	500	500	500	500
Special Grant Works:				
Road Fund ..	29,600	37,500	31,800	38,700
Other State Grants ..			600	600
Other Purposes:				
Salaries, etc. of Co. Engineer and Assistants ..	59 } 2,474 }	59 2,474	117 } 3,519 }	117 3,519
Travelling Expenses of Co. Engineer and Assistants ..	875	875	1,700	1,700
Salary and trav. expenses of temporary Engineer ..			200	200
Salaries—Clerical Staff: Co. Engineer's Office ..			117 } 1,420 }	117 1,420
Retiring Allowance: Ex-Co. Surveyor ..	507	507		
Superannuation—Employees ..	700	700		
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
	£108,396	£116,296	£116,194	£123,094

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ending on the 31st day of March, 1954.

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 ..	28,441	28,441		
Do.—Special Grant ..	29,600	37,500	31,800	38,700
Employment Grants ..			400	400
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 ..	1,604	1,604	2,629	2,629
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 ..	390	390	780	780
	£60,690	£68,590	£38,889	£45,789

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

Nature of Expenditure:	Amount Estimated To which Urban Areas contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
DISTRICT INSTITUTIONS:	£	£
Salaries, Wages, etc. ..	1,849	1,849
Superannuation ..	21,400	21,400
Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	785	785
Farm Expenses ..	11,000	11,000
Furniture and Hardware ..	720	720
Washing and Cleaning ..	800	800
Medicines ..	300	300
Medical & Surgical Appliances ..	3,500	3,500
Heating and Lighting ..	1,500	1,500
Clothing and Bedding ..	7,500	7,500
Repairs and Upkeep ..	1,200	1,200
Loan Charges ..	2,500	2,000
Miscellaneous Institutional Expenses ..	1,500	1,500
TOTAL FOR DISTRICT INSTITUTIONS	£56,004	£55,504
ASSISTANCE IN EXTERN INSTITUTIONS	£20,000	£20,000
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 ..	205	205
Retiring Allowances ..	2,478	2,478
Fuel Schemes and other Expenses ..	350	350
	1,000	1,000
TOTAL FOR HOME ASSISTANCE	£32,483	£32,483

Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the local Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1954.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE—Contd.

Nature of Expenditure:	To which Urban Areas contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (other- wise than in Institutions):		
Salaries of Dispensary Medical Officers, Midwives and other Staff ..	1,059	1,059
Superannuation ..	15,450	15,450
Medical Supplies ..	1,156	1,156
Loan Charges ..	3,500	3,500
Repair and Upkeep of Dispensaries ..	350	350
Dental and Ophthalmic Treatment ..	2,500	2,500
Miscellaneous Expenses ..	1,500	1,500
	450	450
TOTAL for Medical Assistance:	£25,965	£25,965
OTHER EXPENSES:		
Salaries and Wages of Office Staff ..	77	77
Salaries of Engineering, Legal and Analyst ..	1,080	1,080
Superannuation ..	1,283	1,283
Printing, Stationery and Advertising, etc. ..	87	87
Rents, Rates and Insurance ..	450	450
Postage and Telephones ..	750	750
Ambulance Service and other transport of patients ..	400	400
Coffins and Burials of Poor Persons ..	3,000	3,000
Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages ..	300	300
Fees for Certification of Lunatics ..	275	275
Other Miscellaneous Expenditure ..	240	240
	300	300
TOTAL FOR OTHER EXPENSES	£8,242	£8,242
GROSS TOTAL OF EXPENDITURE	£142,694	£142,194

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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 ..	£ 7,000	£ 7,000
In respect of Home Assistance ..	250	250
GOVERNMENT GRANTS:		
Health Act, 1947 ..	1,595	1,595
Footwear Scheme ..	38,905	38,655
Rents of Dispensary Residences ..	775	775
Sale of Farm Produce ..	270	270
Farm Produce consumed by Inmates of County Home ..	600	600
Ambulance Hire ..	250	250
Officers' Emoluments in kind ..	100	100
Superannuation Contributions ..	2,480	2,480
Other Miscellaneous Receipts ..	400	400
	825	825
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	£53,450	£53,200

MENTAL HOSPITAL SERVICE.

Nature of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Money Supplied to Joint Committee ..	£ 55,385	£ 55,385
Nature of Receipt	In which Urban Areas participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Grant under Health Act, 1947 ..	£ 19,976	£ 19,976

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**HEALTH SERVICES.
EXPENDITURE:**

Nature of Expenditure:	To which Urban Areas contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Salaries:	£	£
Chief Medical Officer and Assist. Chief Medical Officer ..	65	65
County Dental Surgeon ..	2,520	2,520
District Medical Officers ..	29	29
Public Health Nurses ..	1,005	1,005
Health Inspectors, Sanitary Sub-Officers and Infant Life Protection Visitors ..	88	88
Office Staff ..	1,352	1,352
Analyst (Proportion of salary) ..	59	59
Retiring Allowances & Gratuities ..	1,521	1,521
Mother & Child Services: Maternity and Child Welfare Schemes ..	137	137
Schools Medical Services ..	2,113	2,113
Free Milk Schemes ..	185	185
Infectious Diseases:	2,100	2,100
Tuberculosis: County Sanatorium ..	40	40
Extern Sanatoria & Hospitals ..	330	330
Dispensaries ..	40	40
Maintenance & Transport of Chalets ..	1,750	1,750
Maintenance of Persons suffering from Infectious Disease ..	2,000	2,000
Contribution to National Radiography Service ..	2,650	2,650
Venereal Disease ..	206	206
Other Expenses	10,000	10,000
Notification of Disease ..	29,000	29,000
Vaccination Acts ..	6,250	6,250
Disinfection ..	100	100
Replacement of Clothing & Bedding ..	9,500	9,500
Diphtheria Immunisation ..	634	634
Pathological Examinations, etc. ..	500	500
Supervision of Food and Drink under Health Act, 1947 ..	150	150
Midwives Act ..	90	90
	50	50
	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 Medical Officer and Assistant Dental Surgeon, Public Health Nurses, Health Inspectors and Infant Life Protection Visitors	2,900	2,900
Contributions to District Nursing Association	700	700
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	750	750
Postage and Telephones	200	200
Insurance Premiums	60	60
Loan Charges	440	440
Miscellaneous	200	200
	£80,334	£80,334

Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the local Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1954.

**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	407	407
Miscellaneous Receipts	58,030	58,030
	200	200
	£58,637	£58,637

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SANITARY SERVICES.

Nature of Expenditure:	From which Urban Areas are exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Salaries:	£	£
Office Staff	50	50
Caretakers—Water and Sewerage Schemes, Dumping Grounds, & Sanitary Conveniences	930	930
Burial Grounds	242	242
Engineering Staff—proportion of salaries and trav. expenses	2,530	2,530
Shops Acts—Inspectors	243	243
Analyst—proportion of salary	1,208	1,208
Superannuation	1,730	1,730
Water Supplies, Sewerage Schemes and Public Conveniences—Repairs and Maintenance	35	35
Dumping Grounds—Repairs and Maintenance	40	40
Burial Grounds—Do.	223	223
Public Lighting	4,800	4,800
Maintenance of Open Spaces	300	300
Loan Charges:	1,250	1,250
Water & Sewerage Schemes, etc.	3,000	3,000
Burial Grounds	150	150
Contribution to Water Safety	7,000	7,000
Other Expenses	100	100
	400	400
	£24,231	£24,231

**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	£ 100	£ 100
Water Undertakings	900	900
Burial Fees	300	300
Miscellaneous	200	200
	£1,500	£1,500

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1954.

HOUSING

Nature of Expenditure:	From which Urban Areas are exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Labourers Acts:		
Salaries ..	85	85
Retiring Allowances ..	1,100	1,100
Superannuation—Employees ..	850	850
Remuneration of Engineers (Portion) ..	100	100
Remuneration of Law Agent (Portion) ..	2,307	2,307
Rent Collectors' Poundage ..	225	225
Cottage Repairs ..	2,500	2,500
Loan Charges ..	12,000	10,000
Insurances ..	55,000	55,000
Rates on Cottages ..	900	900
Other Labourers Acts Expenses ..	8,000	8,000
Small Dwellings (Acq.) Acts ..	386	386
Grants under Section 19 Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948 ..	3,000	3,000
Office Expenses ..	300	300
Loan Charges: Housing (Reconstruction) Grants ..	350	350
TOTAL FOR HOUSING CHARGES ..	200	200
	£87,303	£85,303

Nature of Receipts:	In which Urban Areas do not participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Labourers Acts:		
Rents of Labourers' Cottages ..	26,000	26,000
Housing Subsidy ..	26,700	26,700
Other Receipts ..	100	100
Small Dwellings (Acq.) Acts ..	2,400	3,000
Recoupment by State of Grants under Sec. 18, Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948 ..	200	200
Contributions under Local Government (Superannuation) Act ..	30	30
TOTAL FOR HOUSING RECEIPTS ..	£55,430	£56,030

Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the local Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1954.

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			6,845	6,845
Public Libraries ..			39	39
			4,200	4,200
Town and Regional Planning Acts ..			50	50
Tourist Development ..	500	500		
Scholarships:				
Secondary ..	2,650	2,650		
University ..	1,350	1,350		
Public Works—Local Authorities (Works) Act—Drainage Schemes ..	30,000	30,000		
Other Purposes:				
Salaries and travelling expenses ..	59	59	400	400
Cost of Rate Collection ..	2,980	2,980	5,999	5,999
Irrecoverable Rates, Discounts and Remissions ..			10,090	10,090
Tramway Employees Pensions ..			1,000	1,000
Pensions: Late Union Officers ..	990	990	884	884
Late R.D. Council's Officers ..			188	188
County Officers and Servants ..	100	100	1,900	1,900
Franchise & Jurors Lists ..	1,780	1,780		
Election Expenses ..	1,500			
Valuation ..	175	175		
Legal Expenses ..			100	100
Coroners and Inquests ..	280	280		
Postage & Telephones ..	300	300	500	500
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		

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year
ending on the 31st day of March, 1954.

GENERAL PURPOSES—Contd.

Purpose of Expenditure.	Amount Estimated.			
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Fire Brigades	29			29
Drainage of Land	7,419	—		7,419
Reformatories & Industrial Schools	2,000	2,000		
Conveyance of Prisoners	150	150		
Weights & Measures	300	300		
Food and Drugs	150	150		
County Analyst	320	320		
Seeds & Fertilisers Supply Scheme	2,000	2,000		
Milk & Dairies Act			430	430
Road Fund Expenses	250	250		
Blind Persons Act	600	600		
Prosecutors' & Witnesses Expenses	120	120		
Civil Defence (A.R.P.) Acts	200	200		
Diseases of Animals:				
Veterinary Inspectors	528	528		
Sheep Dipping Scheme	1,469	1,469		
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	240	240
Loan Charges			823	823
Expenses of Pounds			75	75
Audit Fees			400	400
Insurance Premiums	40	40	40	40
Travelling Expenses of Co. Councillors	1,400	1,400		
Harbour Guarantees	209	209		
Interest on Overdraft— General Account			3,000	2,000
Miscellaneous	30	30	120	120
Materials Expense (Bal.)				
Machinery Expense (Bal.)				
	£62,646	£53,698	£39,073	£45,521

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year
ending on the 31st day of March, 1954.

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	30,000	30,000		
Contributions to Retiring Allowances	60	60	25	25
Licence Fees:				
Poison	5	5		
Cinematograph			7	7
Fines under Food & Drugs Acts	30	30		
Public Libraries			150	150
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				1,699
Diseases of Animals Acts:				
(a) General	264	264		
(b) Sheep Dipping	734	734		
(c) Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	200	200		
Fees Refunded by Co. Sec.:				
(1) Franchise & Jurors	264	264		
(2) Motor Registration	1,200	1,200		
(3) Valuation Certificates	5	5		
Proportion of Law Agent's Salary chargeable to Assist- ance & Housing Services			450	450
Prop. of Analyst's Salary chargeable to Assistance, Health & San. Services	160	160		
Contributions from Urban District Councils to County Checker's Salary			50	50
Bounty in lieu of Rates			4,400	4,400
Rents from County Property	120	120	60	60
Contributions to Super- annuation	600	600	150	150
Miscellaneous	50	50	500	500
	£36,287	£36,287	£5,792	£7,491

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1954.

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	£	£	£	£
Criminal Injuries: Kilmacanogue E.D.			254	254
Tinahely E.D.			50	50
Newcastle Upper E.D. annuation			98	98
Pensions—Ex-Officers of Council			27	27
Vocational Education Committee:			52	52
Demand	8,528	8,528		
Repayment of Loans	1,068	1,068		
Retiring Allowances—	1,142	1,142		
TOTAL SEPARATE CHARGES	£10,738	£10,738	£481	£481
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	£ 534	£ 534	£	£
Recoupment proportion of Department £571				
Pensions:				
Leitrim £9				
Sligo £6				
Kildare £50	636	636		
Contribution to Super-annuation	15	15		
	£1,185	£1,185		

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Housing Committee of the Council was held at the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 2nd March.

Members present:—
The Chairman, Councillors Senator J. J. McGree, Leonard, James O'Neill, G. Timmins, A. Toomey, E. Byrne, L. O'Leighleis, W. Cleary, J. Everett, C. W. Hudson, Joseph Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett, M. J. Brennan.

County Secretary, Deputy County Engineer and Surveyors C. J. Byrne, J. P. Caffrey, R. Fenlon and with a decision of the Council a representative of

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. £227,444	CALCULATION OF NET SUM REQUIRED TO BE RAISED			
	CHARGE-ABLE to the WHOLE COUNTY or to an Area including any Urban District	CHARGE-ABLE to the HEALTH DISTRICT only	Applicable for the WHOLE COUNTY or for an area including any Urban District	Applicable to the HEALTH DISTRICT only	Chargeable to the WHOLE COUNTY or to an area including any Urban District	Chargeable to HEALTH DISTRICT only	Urban District of Arklow Val. £12,046	Urban District of Bray Val. £50,705	Urban District of Wicklow Val. £10,365	£771,909.9	Estimated BALANCE (if any) in favour of HEALTH DISTRICT	Estimated BALANCE (if any) AGAINST HEALTH DISTRICT	AMOUNTS LEVIABLE off HEALTH DISTRICT	RATES IN THE POUND IN HEALTH DISTRICT
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8a)	(8b)	(8c)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
Roads	£ 116,296	£ 123,094	£ 68,590	£ 45,789	£ 47,706	£ 77,305	£ 1,793	£ 7,546	£ 1,542	£ 114,130	£	£	£ 114,130	9/2.7
Public Assistance	142,194		53,200		88,994		3,344	14,077	2,878	68,695			68,695	5/6.6
Mental Hospital	55,385		19,976		35,409		1,331	5,601	1,145	27,332			27,332	2/2.5
Health Services	80,334		58,637		21,697		815	3,432	702	16,748			16,748	1/4.2
Sanitary Services		24,231		1,500		22,731				22,731			22,731	1/10.1
Housing		85,303		56,030		29,273				29,273			29,273	2/4.4
General Purposes	53,698	45,521	36,287	7,491	17,411	38,030	654	2,754	563	51,470	435		51,035	4/1.5
	£447,907	£278,149	£236,690	£110,810	£211,217	£167,339	£7,937	£33,410	£6,830	£330,379	£435		£329,944	26/8

Wicklow County Council
 Report of the Co. Engineer for a report on the...
 The County Secretary stated...
 been received in response to public advertise-
 ments at Kilmacris Area. Of the applications...
 single persons and one from a person who would...
 an agricultural labourer. The Committee decided...
 to be invited to attend a meeting of the Local Housing...
 at Avoca at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, 10th March, 1953.
 Rathnew: Having considered report of the Council's...
 10th March, 1953, the Committee approved in principle...
 of a playground at Rathnew and referred the question...
 for examination by the Local Housing Committee.

Re-Letting of Home at Greystones: The County Manager referred to difficulties which had been experienced in connection with the control of temporary dwellings in the Greystones area. The Council had refused a licence to Richard and Sarah Bradshaw for the use of land for temporary dwellings and proceedings had been taken by the Council as a result of which a fine had been imposed. An Appeal had been made by Mr. and Mrs. Bradshaw to the Minister but the Council had no knowledge of any decision taken on the matter. A Demolition Order had been made by the Council in respect of an insanitary house on the lands but before the Demolition Order became effective the house was re-let and the new occupant of the house had applied for the tenancy of a Council cottage. The Council was impeded in the matter by the fact that a decision had not been taken in regard to the appeal submitted by Richard and Sarah Bradshaw. The Committee noted the position and recommended that representations be made to the Department of Local Government for an early decision in regard to the Appeal.

Applications for Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts: The Committee deferred a decision on the application of Mr. P. W. Chambers, Drummin East, Delgany, for a loan of £1,800 in respect of the erection of a house at Killickabawn, Delgany, for further information in regard to the income of the applicant.

Application from An Tostal Committee, Delgany: The Committee indicated that there was no objection to a proposal of An Tostal Committee to plant flowering shrubs and lay out flower beds on a vacant plot at the junction of the Delgany-Glen of the Downs and Delgany-Kilquade Roads provided that the Deputy County Engineer was satisfied that no danger would be caused to users of the road.

Repairs carried out during Month of February, 1953: The Committee noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of Feb., 1953.

Authorisation of Repairs: The Committee recommended that repairs be authorised to cottages in accordance with the list submitted by the Deputy County Engineer.

Remuneration of Lorry Drivers and Machinery Attendants: Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that he understood it was proposed to vary the conditions of employment of lorry drivers and asked that no alteration be made pending a discussion with members of the Union. The Deputy County Engineer stated that no alteration in conditions of employment was proposed.

Rent Collection, Nos. 7 and 11 Districts: With reference to proposal that one of these districts be included in the Collection District of an adjoining Collector, the County Manager explained why he did not favour the proposal. The County Manager stated that figures on the matter would be available for the next meeting of the Council. It was decided to consider also at the next meeting of the Council representations received from the former Rent Collector in regard to his superannuation, etc.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th March, 1953.

The following members were present:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman; Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, Jas. O'Neill, G. Timmins, 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, Jos. Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett, M. J. Brennan.

Also present: 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.

BUSINESS:

1. Minutes of Meetings held on 15th December, 1952, 12th January, 1953, and 9th February, 1953.
2. Overdraft accommodation on General Account and Capital Account for quarter ending 30th June, 1953.
3. To fill vacancy on County Council consequent on the death of Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.
4. To fill vacancy on Arklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee consequent on the death of Mr. Peter O'Reilly, P.C., Avoca.
5. To appoint a nominee to represent the Council at the General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd.
6. To consider resolution from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners for guaranteeing of Loan of £6,000 towards the cost of repairs to Wicklow Harbour.
7. Road Works Scheme 1953/'54—To determine the allocation of monies available for road works, and to fix dates for meetings of local Committees.
8. Report of Deputy County Engineer re roads in Manor Kilbride District.
9. Wages of lorry drivers and machinery attendants — Application from Irish Transport and General Workers' Union.
10. Application from Irish Motor Racing Club, Ltd., for closing of Road at Enniskerry for Annual Hill Climb.
- 10a. Application from Leinster Motor Club for closing of roads at Motor Cycle and Motor Car Races.
11. Letter from Hon. Secretary, Kilbride Development Association re motor car trials on County Roads.
12. Cliff Walk from Bray to Greystones—Letter from An Bord Fáilte.
13. Loan for purchase of Quarry Plant—Letter from Department of Local Government conveying sanction to raising of Loan.
14. Application for repairs to Footpath at Glenealy—Report of Assistant County Engineer.
15. Letter from Trees for Ireland Association, Wicklow Branch, re planting of trees on Silver Strand-Brittias Coast Road.
- 15a. Proposed acquisition of land for access to the Sea on the Silver Strand Road, Wicklow.
16. Road at La Touche Estate, Greystones—Application from Architects to La Touche Estate for the reconstruction of road by Council.
17. Turf Production—Vesting of Bogs, etc.
18. Report on Accounts for the year to the 31st March, 1953 — To authorise excess expenditure.
19. To approve of draft Mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works re Loan of £30,000 for purpose of grant to Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, towards the cost of erection of new technical school at Wicklow.
20. Rent Collection—Collection of rents in Districts Nos. 7 and 11.
21. Cottage Purchase Scheme.

22. Matters raised by Kilbride Development Association—Reports of Assistant County Engineer.
23. Greystones Water Supply—Report of Deputy County Engineer re need for re-laying all mains for fire-fighting purposes.
24. Re-laying of water main from Newtownmountkennedy to Newcastle Sanatorium—Revised estimate submitted by Deputy Co. Engineer.
25. To make Water Rates in respect of the following towns and villages: Baltinglass, Stratford, Dunlavin, Kilcool, Newcastle, Roundwood, Rathnew, Avoca, Carnew, Shillelagh and Tinahely.
26. Aughrim Sewerage Scheme — Preliminary Report of Consultant Engineer and Report of Deputy County Engineer.
27. Cottages at Stratford-on-Slaney — Provision of sanitary arrangements.
28. Water Supply at Bawnogue, Rathangan—Report of Assistant Co. Engineer.
29. Provision of public light at Newtownmountkennedy — Quotation from Electricity Supply Board.
30. Reorganisation of County Dental Service.
31. Provision of weighbridge at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.
32. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett in regard to the issuing of credit to local authorities for housing, hospitals, etc., at a nominal charge.
33. Letter from Anti-Partition Association re Parade to be held on Easter Monday in Dublin.
34. Resolution from Association for the Boycott of Objectionable Foreign Publications.
35. Resolution from Kerry County Council re price of milk.
36. Resolution from Waterford Co. Council re allocation of Grants for County Roads.
37. Resolution from Carlow Urban District Council re institution of Arbitration Board in regard to conditions, salaries and wages of officials and servants of public bodies.
38. Resolution from Tramore Town Commissioners re rates for tourism.
39. Resolution from Sinn Fein re playing of English National Anthem at Rugby Match in Belfast.
40. Resolution from mGalway Co. Council re use of Irish in Councils' business.
41. Resolution from Sinn Fein protesting at any participation in the Coronation Ceremonies of the Queen of England.
42. Notice from County Councils' General Council re next meeting of Council.
43. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 15th December, 1952, and 12th January, 1953.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Overdraft Accommodation.

General Account:

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the quarter to the 30th June, 1953, shall not exceed £90,000.

Passed unanimously.

Capital Account:

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government, and to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's Capital Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the quarter to the 30th June, 1953, shall not exceed £42,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Filling of Vacancy on County Council.

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr. P. Brennan, Main St., Carnew, to fill the vacancy on the Co. Council caused by the death of Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Filling of Vacancy on Arklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

Having considered letter dated 7th February, 1953, from the Clerk to the Sub-Committee, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr. Victor G. Byrne, The Fountain Hotel, Avoca, as a member of the Arklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, in place of the late Mr. Peter O'Reilly, P.C., Avoca.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Appointment of Nominee—Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance, Ltd.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillor C. M. Byrne as our nominee in our name and on our behalf to vote and exercise every other right and power incidental to membership of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd., and we hereby authorise the affixing of the seal to the Form of Appointment.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Guaranteeing of Loan towards the cost of Repairs to Wicklow Harbour.

The following resolution received from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners, was submitted:—

"That we the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners request the Wicklow Co. Council to guarantee a loan of six thousand pounds, this amount together with a subscription of one thousand pounds from the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners making a total of seven thousand pounds to enable them to avail of a grant of twenty-eight thousand pounds from the Department of Industry and Commerce for repairs to Wicklow Harbour."

The following letter received by the Harbour Commissioners from the Department of Industry and Commerce, was submitted:—

Department of Industry and Commerce,

Kildare St., Dublin.

10th February, 1953.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer to the application of your Commissioners for a State grant towards the cost of works for the maintenance and improvement of Wicklow Harbour and to say that, following consideration of the results of the survey of the harbour carried out by the Office of Public Works, the Minister

is prepared, subject to a local contribution of £7,000, to make a grant to meet the cost of the following works, estimated at 1951 prices to cost £35,000:—

1. Reconstruction part of South Quay.
2. Protection of seaward side of Packet Quay.
3. Repairs to face of Packet Quay.
4. Reconstruction of about 91 ft. of North Quay abreast of proposed reconstruction work at South Quay.
5. Reconstruction and widening by 6 ft. riverwards of about 264 feet of the North Quay.
6. Miscellaneous minor repairs.

When the Harbour Commissioners have concluded satisfactory arrangements for securing the local contribution it will be necessary for them to enter into a formal agreement with the Minister in regard to the carrying out and financing the works. Arrangements will then be made to have the work carried out by or under the supervision of the Commissioners of Public Works.

Mise, le meas.

Signed—D. R. SHANNAGHER.

Secretary,

Wicklow Harbour Commissioners,
Harbour Office, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

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

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 of the Harbours Act, 1947, we, the Wicklow County Council hereby resolve to assist the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners by guaranteeing the repayment of a Loan of £6,000 intended to be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland out of the Local Loans Fund for the purpose of carrying out repairs to Wicklow Harbour in the County of Wicklow, and also by guaranteeing payment of the interest which shall be payable on the said principal sum of £6,000 at such rate or rates as shall be payable thereon in accordance with the directions of the Minister for Finance made pursuant to Section 12 of the Local Loans Fund Act, 1935, and any interest that may become payable in respect of said principal sum and interest pursuant to Section 15 of the Local Loans Act, 1935, and that we hereby resolve to enter into and execute any deeds required to give effect to said guarantee.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Road Works Scheme 1953/54.

The Council approved of the allocation of monies for Road Works to be carried out in the year 1953/54, as recommended by the Deputy County Engineer, and appointed the following dates for meetings of members of the Council for the respective electoral areas, to consider the works to be carried out during the coming year.

Northern Area—Monday, 16th March, 1953, at Town Hall, Bray, at 7.30 p.m.

South-Eastern Area—Tuesday, 24th March, 1953, at Courthouse, Wicklow, at 7 p.m.

Southern Area—Friday, 13th March, 1953, at Courthouse, Shillelagh, at 2 p.m.

Western Area—Friday, 20th March, 1953, at Courthouse, Baltinglass, at 2 p.m.

Item No. 8—Roads in Manor Kilbride District.

The following report of the Deputy County Engineer was submitted on 14th February, 1953:—

re: **Roads—Deputation from Manor Kilbride.**

I have examined the statements submitted by the Association in relation to roads in West Wicklow, and report as following with reference to the schedule of roads included in the statements made by the deputation:—

1. **Blessington-Kilbride Road No. 371:** This road is in fairly good order from the Bridge at Blessington to Kilbride. It was never rolled but was surface dressed in 1930, and again in 1946. Part of this road was constructed by the E.S.B. when a diversion was made and this portion tends to sink in places and has to be made up. The part of the road from Blessington to Liffey Bridge is deteriorating due to sand lorry traffic, but it is not bad; the length is approx. 1 mile.

2. **Lisheen-Brittis Road No. 383:** All of this is rolled except for 100 yards, and it is practically all surface dressed.

3. **Tinode-Kilbride-Sallygap Roads Nos. 376 and 379:** This is a good road, six miles of which have been reconstructed in the last two years. One mile requires to be surface dressed and the chippings are on the side of the road, but it was not possible to surface dress in the current year.

4. **Blessington-Woodend Roads Nos. 372 and 374:** Road No. 372 is rolled to approx. $\frac{1}{4}$ mile south of Ballyward Bridge, leaving 0.3 miles to be reconstructed. Road 374— $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles have been reconstructed leaving 1 and one-fifth miles still to be done.

5. **Liffey Cottage to Crosscool Harbour:** This is a branch of Road 371 approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile long and is in bad condition due to the heavy sand lorry traffic.

6. **Oldcourt via Ballinatona to Ballinabrockey—Road 377 and 378:** Road 377 from Oldcourt to Ballinatona is sound but rough with some protruding stones. Road 378 from Ballinatona to Ballinabrockey is constructed in a great part over a bog and is subject to heavy traffic which, of course, the road was never designed to carry and consequently is badly pot-holed. It has been given continuous attention and actually 340 cu. yards of stone were spread on it this year. It is not correct to say that its condition is so bad that children cannot go to school.

7. **Athfarrell-Ballyfolan Road 382:** The surface of this road is bad, although the road itself is sound. There are only three houses on this road. The northern half is subjected to heavy military traffic from Kilbride Camp.

8. **Three Castles-Tinode Road 375.** This is only a laneway which has grass growing over most of it as the traffic uses Roads Nos. 371 and 372, which are nearly parallel to it. It is $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles long.

The amount of roads requested by the Association to be reconstructed is $10\frac{1}{2}$ miles which would cost approximately £24,300.

In the 1953/54 Road Works Scheme it is proposed to:—

- (a) Surface dress the remaining mile on the road Tinode-Kilbride-Sallygap.
- (b) Allocate £1,500 on the reconstruction of the Blessington-Woodend Road.

With reference to the statements in the "General Remarks," I would like to say that we are well aware that filling potholes in old water-bound roads is not satisfactory where such roads are carrying motor traffic, but until more money is allowed for maintenance of these roads, there is no other way of repairing them.

There is only a limited amount of money available for the reconstruction of County Roads and the selection of the most important roads to be done is made in consultation with the local Councillors in each Area.

I wish to point out also that in accordance with a direction given by the County Manager, certain road works were left over to the winter months in order to distribute the work more evenly during the year, and such work has to be waterbound and consequently roads cannot be surface dressed until next summer.

I cannot agree with the statements that serious damage was caused to the roads due to the inattention to water-tables and lack of proper surface water drainage. The weather conditions seriously affect un-surfaced roads and the only solution is the reconstruction of dust-free roads.

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

The following special report, in regard to Road No. 378, was submitted:—

7th March, 1953.

Road No. 378: Ballysmutton-Ball'nabrockey.

An inspection of this road has shown that the heavy sand lorries drawing from the sandpit have done considerable damage despite continuous attention and repairs.

Further it has been found on examination that the masonry arch on the bridge at Ballylow shows a slight deformation and that three stones have fallen out of the abutments, due to vibration; the joints also are opening.

On account of the age of this bridge and the fact that the stones have begun to fall out of the abutments, I consider that the loading should be restricted to 6 tons.

The second bridge at Ballinatone consists of two 3 ft. spans with flat granite stretches. Some of these are actually broken although they have not yet fallen, but I consider that this bridge is not fit to carry any more than 4 tons and the loading should be restricted to this amount.

Lorries using this road at the moment normally carry approximately 6½ tons, but with heaped-up loads, I estimate that the total wheel load is about 11 tons.

It will be seen, therefore, that it will be necessary to restrict the loads on these bridges to the amount indicated above.

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

The Council noted the Deputy County Engineer's report of the 14th February, 1953, in regard to roads in the Manor Kilbride District, and approved of the restriction of the load on bridges at Ballylow and Ballinatona as recommended by the Deputy County Engineer in his report of 7th March, 1953.

The Council referred the reports for consideration at the local roads committee meeting.

Item No. 9—Wages of Lorry Drivers and Machinery Attendants.

Having considered application from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, and particulars submitted by the County Secretary in regard to wages of lorry drivers employed by Coras Iompair Eireann and private employers, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lewless;

Resolved—That we hereby recommend that the wages of lorry drivers and machinery attendants be increased by 5s. 6d. per week to £5 14s. 6d. per week with effect as from 10th October, 1952.

Passed, Councillor W. Hammond dissenting.

Item No. 10—Closing of Roads at Enniskerry.

Having considered application from the Irish Motor Racing Club, Ltd., and report of the Deputy County Engineer, dated 19th February, it was proposed by Councillor Ed. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That having considered application from the Irish Motor Racing Club, Ltd., we approve of the closing of portion of the main road from the National Schools at Enniskerry to the junction with the Scalp Road, to vehicular traffic, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on 18th April, 1953.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10a—Closing of Roads at Wicklow.

Having considered application from Leinster Motor Club, Ltd., for closing of the Wicklow Circuit, comprising Wicklow, The Beehive, Rathnew, and back to Wicklow, for the purpose of motor cycle races to be held on Saturday, 2nd May, 1953.

Proposed by Councillor Ed. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That having considered application from the Leinster Motor Club, we approve of the closing of roads at Wicklow and Rathnew as requested by the Club in connection with the Motor Cycle race and practices thereon on the following dates: 30th April, 1953; 1st May, 1953, and 2nd May, 1953; the times of closing and roads to be closed to be agreed between local Councillors and representatives of the Race Committee.

Item No. 11—Closing of Roads.

The following letter from the Honorary Secretary, Kilbride Development Association, was submitted:—

Manor Kilbride, Co. Wicklow.

A Chara,

28/2/53.

At a recent meeting of this Association a motion was discussed and passed to the effect that motor car trials on the county roads are injurious to the road surface particularly at bends and in wet weather. I have been instructed to bring the matter to your notice.

Is mise, le meas,

SEAN NEWMAN, Hon. Sec.

The Council noted the report of the Assistant County Engineer that the only trials held on County Roads in West Wicklow were reliability trials, and that these did not cause damage to the road surface.

The Council referred the matter for consideration by the local roads committee.

Item No. 12—Cliff Walk from Bray to Greystones.

The County Secretary stated that in letter dated 25th February, 1953, from An Bord Failte, it was indicated that the Board had approved of works at Bray to reconstruct the footpath from Bray to Greystones on the basis of an estimate prepared by the County Engineer, and appointed the Co. Council to be its agents for the works. The Board had sanctioned a grant based on an estimate of £1,631 5s. with an extra provisional grant of £750 to be spent on miscellaneous fencing and other improvements.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan;

Resolved—That we approve of the carrying out by Wicklow County Council staff of the reconstruction of the footpath from Bray to Greystones, as Agents of An Bord Failte.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Loan for the Purchase of Quarry Plant.

The County Secretary stated that the sanction of the Minister had been received to the expenditure of a sum of £13,468 for the purchase of new quarry plant, and to the spreading of the repayment of the amount over a period of seven years with interest at the usual rate. In view of the change in the Bank rate of interest, it would be necessary for the Council to pass a revised resolution authorising the borrowing at the new rate of interest.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. N. Murdoch;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of the sum of £13,468 from the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying the cost of the purchase of new Quarry Plant, and approve of the repayment of the Loan over a period of seven years with interest at the usual rate.

Item No. 14—Repairs to Footpath at Glenealy.

The following report received from the Council's Assistant County Engineer in regard to complaint made by Mr. R. O'Connor, Glenealy, concerning the condition of the footpath outside his premises, was submitted:—

20th February, 1953.

re: **Footpath at Glenealy.**

In reply to yours of the 11th instant, regarding complaint from Mr. O'Connor, Glenealy, in connection with footpath, I wish to state that I have inspected this path—in front of Mr. O'Connor's premises, and find that about 40 yards are in bad condition. The concrete has deteriorated and the footpath needs renewal.

The estimated cost of renewing the path in concrete is £38.

Signed—R. M. FENLON,

Assistant County Engineer.

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

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of repairs being carried out to the footpath at Glenealy in accordance with the estimate submitted by the Assistant County Engineer.

Passed unanimously.

The following letter received from the Trees for Ireland Association, Wicklow Branch, was submitted:—

Item No. 15—Silver Strand - Brittas Road.

Town Hall, Wicklow.

16th February, 1953.

Secretary, Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

re: **Silver Strand-Brittias Coast Road.**

A Chara,

I am directed by the Wicklow Branch of the Trees for Ireland Association to congratulate the County Council for having successfully finalised matters relating to the making available of the requisite monies for the purpose of completing the Silver Strand - Brittias Coast Road.

In this connection the Branch take the liberty to suggest that now would be an appropriate time for the Co. Council to undertake the planting of suitable trees along the land side of the new road. It is considered that the provision of such trees would greatly enhance the beauty of the roadway.

Mise, le meas,

S. O Ceallaigh, Runaidhe Onrach.

The Council approved in principle of the planting of trees along the land side of the new road, but deferred the matter for further consideration in October, 1953.

Item No. 15a—Access to Sea from New Coast Road.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. H. F. Edwards, owner of lands at Kilpoole, had informed him that he had not refused to sell the land required by the Council for access to the sea, but wished to have an offer for such land made to him by the Council. Mr. Edwards suggested that the offer should be based on the potential value of the land when the new road was constructed. The County Secretary stated that he had explained to Mr. Edwards that any offer to be made by the Council would be based on the present value of the land as agricultural land.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

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

Resolved—That we approve of an offer of £30 per acre being made to Mr. H. E. Edwards, Kilpoole, for the acquisition of land for the provision of access to the sea from the new Coastal Road at Silver Strand.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16—Road at La Touche Estate.

The County Secretary stated that the Architects for the La Touche Estate had been informed that the Council was not prepared to take over and maintain the new Road at La Touche Estate unless the road were put into a proper state of repair. Messrs. Higginbotham and Stafford, Architects to the Estate, had asked if the Council would be prepared to carry out this work on behalf of the Estate, and for an estimate of the cost of the work. The Architects had been informed that the work was estimated to cost £2,280, and in their letter of 9th February, 1953, the Architects had stated that the owners were not in a position to pay the full cost of the work required by the Council and had inquired whether the Council would be prepared to accept an immediate payment of £500 on account, and later the owners would pay off the balance of the cost by instalments of £200 per annum.

The County Manager pointed out that this proposal could not be entertained, as it would be equivalent to making a loan to the La Touche Estate.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor P. N. Murdoch;

Resolved—That we approve of the Council carrying out the reconstruction of new road at La Touche Estate, Greystones, provided that the full cost of the work is paid by the owners in advance.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 17—Turf Production—Vesting of Bogs.

The Council approved of the renewal of Vesting Orders in respect of bogs on which turf had been cut by the Council, or by private producers under licence from the Council in 1952. With reference to letter received from Messrs. O'Connor and Coonan, Solicitors, in regard to Ballinabrocky Bog, the Council noted that 20 persons had cut turf on this bog during the previous year and agreed that this bog should be vested again.

Turf Production, 1953.

The following letter received from Wexford County Council was submitted:—

County Secretary's Office,

County Hall, Wexford.

A Chara,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 19th instant regarding turf production in County Wicklow. The Wexford Co. Council has favoured the utilisation of turf as a fuel when good quality turf is available, at competitive prices. The Council is not, however, prepared to purchase turf if it is considered that the price will not compete with that at which coal supplies are available. In the circumstances it is not possible, without an indication of the probable cost of turf produced by Wicklow County Council for the coming season, to give the decision which is apparently required by your Council. The Wexford County Manager would be prepared to give your Council an assurance that he would be interested in County Wicklow turf which is of good quality, provided that the price is competitive with the alternative sources for fuel. It is generally anticipated that fuel costs will show a slight reduction during the coming year.

Mise, le meas,

T. McDERMOT, Runai.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

The County Manager pointed out that the Council could not give an assurance that the cost of the production of turf, if undertaken, would be competitive with the cost of alternative sources of fuel.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That the Council produce turf in the current year to an amount similar to last year.

As an Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

That turf be produced in the coming year to an amount not exceeding 800 tons and that the position then be reviewed.

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. Murdoch, C. W. Hudson, Miss E. F. Bobbett and H. J. Byrne—(5).

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

The Amendment was declared defeated by five votes in favour to fourteen votes against and the original motion in the name of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea was declared passed on the same voting.

Item No. 18—Accounts for the year to the 31st March, 1953: To Authorise Excess Expenditure.

Having considered report of the County Secretary, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. 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:—

	Excess Expenditure
Housing Service	
Labourers Acts	£12,836
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	£164
	£13,000
Sanitary Services—General	£1,250
Assistance Services	
Assistance in Extern Institutions	£4,000
Medical Assistance (otherwise than in Institutions)	£2,500
Other purposes	£1,000
Health Services:	
General	£3,000
General Purposes:	
Scholarships	£270
Other purposes	£6,830
	£7,100

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 22—Matters Raised by Kilbride Development Association: Well at Three Castles.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant Co. Engineer had reported that when the well was sunk at Three Castles, it gave a plentiful supply of water, but when pumped rapidly showed traces of fine grit. All efforts to bore through the soft marl with the equipment at the disposal of the Council had failed. The Council's Engineer considered that if the gravel bed below the marl could be reached, the difficulty could be overcome, and further efforts were being made to sink the well deeper. If the pump were normally used, it would

give clear water. The Council's Engineer also stated that he had received letters from residents stating that they would be satisfied to use the well as it was, and asking to have the pump restored.

Kilbride Water Supply.

The County Secretary stated that this proposal had been considered by the Council, but had been abandoned. The owner of the lands from which the supply would be taken had objected and a person who paid rent in respect of a supply refused to consent on any terms. There were only three houses concerned. The County Medical Officer did not agree that there was any necessity for a public water supply.

Oldcourt Water Supply.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Engineer had reported that it had been necessary to observe the springs during the Summer and Autumn before deciding on which springs to use. He had obtained consent giving the Council permission to enter on the lands and materials had been delivered and the springs had been cleaned.

The Council noted the position in regard to these water supplies.

Item No. 23—Greystones Water Supply.

The following report of the Deputy County Engineer was submitted:—
6th Feb., 1953.

Greystones Water Supply—Fire-Fighting.

I have discussed with the County Fire Officer the question of the provision of a water supply for fire-fighting in Greystones, taking into account the size and condition of the existing water mains.

These mains are mainly 4" diameter; some are 3" diam., but they are old and corroded and not in a condition to deliver a large supply of water in the case of fire, except those near the sea front which are in a better condition.

I enclose a drawing on which the County Fire Officer has indicated in red new 6" mains which he recommends should be laid to provide adequate pressure and quantity. In all, there are approximately 3,000 lin. yards of 6" diam. pipes; the approximate cost of providing and laying these pipes would amount to £6,000.

I have arranged with the County Fire Officer to check the present water pressure in the mains in various places in Greystones, as requested by you.

Signed: R. L. FARRELL,

Deputy Co. Engineer.

The Chief Fire Officer had reported as follows in regard to tests carried out on the Greystones water mains:—

17th February, 1953.

Re: Greystones Water Supply.

I carried out a series of tests on the Greystones water mains at 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. to-day and obtained the following figures:—New Road off Rathdown Road, 60 g.p.m.; Church Road, 120 g.p.m.; Beach Road, 130 g.p.m.; La Touche Road, 130 g.p.m.; Church Lane, 150 g.p.m.; Main Road at Clyda Hotel entrance, 200 g.p.m.; Bottom of Vincent Road, 120 g.p.m.; Top of Vincent Road, 80 g.p.m.; Hillside Road, 90 g.p.m.; North Portland Road, 55 g.p.m.; Top of Whitshed Road, 50 g.p.m.; Junction of Whitshed Road and Vincent Road, 70 g.p.m.; Killincarrig Village, 75 g.p.m.

All these readings were taken with the new flow meter and are very accurate. The supply in the Burnaby Estate is very poor and would be inadequate for even a small fire, while the supply in the Grand Hotel area could only deal with an average type of fire. I recommend that a new 6" main be laid as early as possible along the Whitshed Road and connected with the existing 6" main at the Railway Station and possibly with the existing 4" main from Killincarrig to Blacklion. A new 6" main should also connect the existing 4" ring

main in the Grand Hotel area with the existing main in Church Road, the latter might in the near future be replaced with a new 6" main to connect with the 5" in Rathdown Road. These recommendations are similar to those in my report of the 20th Dec., 1952.

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

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor P. N. Murdoch;

Resolved—Having considered report of the Deputy Co. Engineer dated 6th Feb., 1953, we approve of the relaying of water mains in Greystones, to be carried out over a period of years, the relaying of the main at Whitshed Road to be given priority and the Co. Engineer to submit an estimate of the cost of relaying this main.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 24—Relaying of Water Main from Newtownmountkennedy to Newcastle Sanatorium.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had submitted drawings, specification and priced bill of quantities for the proposed extension of the water main from Newtownmountkennedy to Newcastle Sanatorium. The revised cost was as follows:—

Laying 6" diam. main from A to B on plan with 6 hydrants, etc.	£3,701 10 0
Laying 6" diam. main from B. to C on plan through the hospital grounds	£340 0 0
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	£4,041 10 0

The County Secretary stated that the Scheme had been originally submitted in 1950, but had now been amended on the recommendation of the Chief Fire Officer, to allow for the laying of a new 6" diam. standard main direct to the Hospital to connect into ring main. The Council had agreed to carry out the work following correspondence with the Department of Health on the matter. The Department of Local Government had indicated that consideration would be given to the provision of thirty-eight and one-third per cent. contribution towards the loan charges on the approved capital costs.

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That, having considered report of Deputy Co. Engineer dated 2nd Feb., 1953, we approve of the plans for the laying of a new water main from Newtownmountkennedy to Newcastle Sanatorium, and note that a grant of 38½ per cent. will be considered towards the loan charges on the approved capital cost.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 25—Water Rates.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor J. Jacob;

Resolved—That the Water Rate Book as submitted by the Secretary be signed and Water Rates in respect of the year ending 31st December, 1953, made for the towns of Baltinglass, 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:—

Baltinglass—3/- in the Pound on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.
Dunlavin—3/- in the Pound on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.
Rathnew—3/- in the Pound on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.
Stratford—3/- in the Pound on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.

Roundwood—3/- in the Pound on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.

Kilcoole—3/- in the Pound on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.

Newcastle—3/- in the Pound on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.

Avoca—3/- in the Pound on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.

Carnew—1/9 in the Pound on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.

Tinahely—1/9 in the Pound on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.

Shillelagh—1/9 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. 26—Aughrim Sewerage Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that the Consultant Engineer had submitted a preliminary report on the estimate for Aughrim Sewerage Scheme. The Scheme had been based on a future population of 600 persons, and the cost of the Scheme would be approximately £12,000, excluding the cost of connecting 21 Council houses. Allowing for a contribution of 30 per cent. towards the loan charges, the annual payments would amount to £576, and in addition a sum of £50 per annum would be required in respect of the salary of a caretaker. A total of 61 houses would be served by the proposed Scheme, and the cost per house would, therefore, be approximately £200.

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we note report of Consultant Engineer in regard to the proposed Sewerage Scheme for Aughrim, and direct that detailed plans and specification be prepared and submitted for the approval of the Department of Local Government.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 27—Cottages at Stratford-on-Slaney: Provision of Sanitary Arrangements.

The following report of the Deputy County Engineer was submitted:—
3rd March, 1953.

Re: Stratford-on-Slaney Cottages.

I have examined the problem of providing sanitary arrangements for the new houses constructed in Stratford. These houses have provision made for the installation of flush W.C. There is no sewage system in the village, although there is a drain running through the main street, but as it discharges into a gripe at the side of the road, it could not be used as a foul drain.

I would therefore suggest that a septic tank be constructed into which this drain could be connected and the existing drain could then be used as foul drain.

I enclose a drawing on which is marked a proposed site for a septic tank. The land amounting to 1 rood can be purchased from the landowner, Mr. Hanbridge, for £25. The areas marked red adjoining it are County Council allotments over which a right-of-way can easily be obtained.

The construction of the septic tank, laying of additional pipes, subsidiary drain, etc., is estimated to cost £175.

This scheme is limited in its use as only the houses on the N.W. side of the main drain could connect into it. However, I recommend that the scheme be carried out, as it would be very unsatisfactory to provide other sanitary arrangements for the houses and also as there are several private houses which could connect into the system.

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

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 19—New Technical School at Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:

Resolved—That we approve of Draft Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works in respect of Loan of £30,000 for the purpose of a grant to the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, towards the cost of the erection of a new technical school at Wicklow and authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to the undertaking in respect of the repayment of this and other loans.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:

Resolved—That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Thirty Thousand Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Vocational Acts, 1930, to 1947.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 20—Collection of Rents in Districts Nos. 7 and 11.

In reference to the application of Mr. E. R. O'Byrne, Rent Collector, for the addition to his Rent Collection District of portion of the Districts Nos. 7 and 11, of which Mr. J. Doyle had previously been collector, the County Secretary submitted particulars of the prospective earnings in Districts 7 and 11. The total number of cottages in No. 7 District was 115, and in No. 11 District 376, making a total of 491. The maximum poundage payable on the basis of 100 per cent. collection was £397 8s. 2d. In No. 8 District, for which Mr. O'Byrne is collector, the total number of cottages is 419, and the maximum poundage on the basis of a 100 per cent. collection is £336 6s. 10d. The County Secretary also gave particulars of the effect of excluding 50 cottages from No. 7 District and adding these to No. 8 District, and also of the effect of excluding 50 cottages from No. 11 District, and including them in No. 8 District. The County Manager pointed out that while there was a difference of £61 between the maximum earnings in Mr. O'Byrne's District and in Districts Nos. 7 and 11, it would be very difficult for a collector to obtain a 100 per cent. collection in Districts Nos. 7 and 11, and consequently the actual difference in earnings in the Districts was not substantial. The County Manager pointed out that in view of the difficulty of collecting, particularly in No. 11 District, which involved a weekly collection, and often required more than one visit to a cottage in a week, it was desirable that the earnings of any Collector to be appointed would be sufficient to attract a suitable person for the position. He could not recommend any reduction in the District. If Mr. O'Byrne, whose collection in No. 8 District had been very satisfactory, wished to apply for the post of Collector in Nos. 7 and 11 Districts, his application would be considered.

The Council noted the County Manager's recommendation in the matter, and agreed that Districts Nos. 7 and 11 should not be altered.

Item No. 21—Cottage Purchase Scheme.

The following statement was submitted by the Co. Secretary:—

Courthouse, Wicklow.

The Chairman and Members,
Wicklow Co. Council.

7th March, 1953.

COTTAGE PURCHASE SCHEMES.

Details are attached hereto in regard to the number of cottages to be included in the proposed new Cottage Purchase Scheme, together with an estimate of the effect on the Council's finances if all cottages under the proposed new Scheme were vested in the tenants. Similar particulars are also given in relation to the existing Cottage Purchase Scheme formulated in 1938.

It will be noted that 1,581 cottages would be included in the proposed scheme, including 392 cottages erected under the 1946 Scheme and 10 cottages at Killincarrig and 3 cottages at Lugduff, Tinahely, completed under a separate scheme during last year. The amount received annually in rent from these cottages is £13,444. The Council proposes to formulate a Cottage Purchase Scheme in respect of these cottages based on 50 per cent. of the minimum of the graded rents scale applicable to the cottages. At present graded rents have been applied only to new lettings, and at present the rents of 1,126 cottages are less than 4/- per week, i.e., less than the minimum of the graded rents scale. On the coming into operation of Cottage Purchase Scheme the Council had agreed that graded rents be applied in all cases where tenants did not apply for vesting of their cottages. The figures showing the effect on the Council's finances of the adoption of the Cottage Purchase Scheme on the terms proposed have been calculated on the understanding that graded rents would be applied, and that, accordingly, the minimum rent of any cottage under the new Cottage Purchase Scheme would be 4/- per week. The cost of repairs to cottages in future years has been taken at an average of £4 per cottage per annum. It is difficult to estimate with accuracy the expenditure which would be necessary to put all cottages in a proper state of repair for vesting, and for the purposes of the estimate the figure of £50,000 to be raised by loan and repaid over a period of 15 years, has been taken. It will be seen from the figures attached hereto that there should be an eventual saving to the Council if the Cottage Purchase Scheme is fully availed of and the Council is relieved of the responsibility of repairs to cottages.

It is considered, however, that 60 of the cottages erected in recent years should be excluded from the proposed new Cottage Purchase Scheme and that a special scheme should be formulated in respect of

these cottages. The cottages referred to are as follows:—

- 30 at Avondale Park, Killarney Road, Bray;
- 10 at The Playground, Killincarrig;
- 12 at Glenealy;
- 8 at Beian Street, Baltinglass.

The all-in cost per cottage of erecting these cottages which are fully serviced ranged from £1,150 to £1,286. The floor area of the cottages are 661 sq. ft. except in the case of the two-storey houses at Baltinglass, which are 672 sq. ft. At the present building costs these houses would have a market value of from £1,300 to £1,400. They are situated in or adjacent to fairly large centres of population. It appears inequitable that tenants should have the opportunity of acquiring the ownership of these houses at an annuity of 4/- per week. When the Labourers Act, 1936, which gave authority for Cottage Purchase Schemes, was passed, it was not anticipated that a Co. Council would be providing cottages of a type such as those referred to above.

in grouped schemes adjacent to towns, and cottage purchase generally related to isolated rural cottages which would not command a high market value.

PROPOSED NEW COTTAGE PURCHASE SCHEME.

Number of Cottages to be included:	1,581
Annual Rental:	£13,444
Annual rental if rents of all cottages taken at minimum of graded rents scale:	£17,324
Annual amount of purchase annuities receivable if all cottages became vested in tenants at 50% of minimum of graded rents scale:	£8,662
Reduction in receipts to Council if all cottages vested (£13,444 - £8,662):	£4,782
Annual reduction in cost of repairs if all cottages vested (taken at £4 per cottage per annum):	£6,324
Reduction in annual charge on rates:	£1,542

1938 COTTAGE PURCHASE SCHEME.

No. of cottages in scheme:	1,571
Number vested to date:	49
Number demolished as unfit:	5
Number of non-vested cottages:	1,517
Annual rental of 1,517 cottages:	£6,325
Annual rental if rents of all cottages taken at minimum of graded rents scale, i.e., 4/0d. per week:	£15,777
Annual amount of purchase annuities receivable at 75% of basic rents:	£4,541
Reduction in receipts to Council if all cottages vested (£6,325 - £4,541):	£1,784
Annual reduction in cost of repairs if all cottages vested (taken at £4 per cottage per annum):	£6,284
Reduction in annual charge on Rates:	£4,500

SUMMARY OF POSITION IF ALL COTTAGES UNDER EXISTING AND PROPOSED NEW SCHEME BECAME VESTED IN TENANTS.

Reduction in receipts (i.e., Present Rents less Purchase Annuities):= £4,782 + £1,784=	£6,566
Reduction in cost of repairs= £6,324 + £6,284=	£12,608
Eventual saving to Council as result of vesting:	£6,042

LESS: Cost of putting all cottages in proper state of repair for vesting, estimated at £50,000:

Nett reduction in annual charge on Rates for 15 years:	£1,185
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The County Secretary stated that 368 applications for vesting had been received in respect of the 1938 Purchase Scheme. 146 inquiries had been received in regard to the proposed new Cottage Purchase Scheme.

In reference to the 60 cottages specially mentioned in the report, the County Manager suggested that it would be inequitable to include these cottages in the proposed new Cottage Purchase Scheme under the same terms as would apply to the remaining cottages. He suggested that the annuity should be fixed having regard to the economic rent of these cottages, which was from £1 to 21/- per week, and to their present market value, and that the annuity should not be less than 14/- per week. Councillors E. Byrne and P. Ledwidge agreed that

special terms should be fixed in regard to these cottages and pointed out that urban houses in the Bray Urban district which were included in a Purchase Scheme, bore a weekly payment of annuity of 11/6, and such houses had not as good accommodation as those at Avondale Park, Killarney Road.

At this stage Councillor H. J. Byrne vacated the Chair to attend at the Circuit Court, and the Chair was taken by Councillor P. Ledwidge, with the general consent of the Council.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor P. N. Murdoch:

Resolved—Having considered letter dated 31st Jan., 1953, Ref. H.1992/52, from the Department of Local Government, we approve of the preparation of a Cottage Purchase Scheme in respect of all cottages erected since 21st May, 1937; the annuities to be based on 50 per cent. of the minimum of the Graded Rents Scheme applicable to each cottage, except in the case of the cottages specified hereunder, and agree that a Graded Rents Scheme be applied to all cottages not vested in the tenant under a Cottage Purchase Scheme:—

1946 Scheme: 30 cottages at Avondale Park, Killarney Road; 12 cottages at Glenealy; 8 cottages at Belan St., Baltinglass.

Separate Scheme, 1952: 10 cottages at the Playground, Killincarrig. Passed unanimously.

The County Manager stated that he considered the price of £25 asked for the land required for the septic tank was high, and suggested that £12 10s. would be a reasonable price for this piece of land.

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe:

Resolved—That we approve of the proposed Scheme for the providing of sanitary arrangements for new houses constructed at Stratford-on-Slaney, and recommended by the Deputy County Engineer in report of 3rd March, 1953, and direct that an offer of £12 10s. be made to the owner of the land required as a site for septic tank.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 28—Water Supply at Bawnogue, Rathdangan.

With reference to report that water supply was badly required to serve five cottages at Bawnogue, Rathdangan, the County Secretary stated that the Health Inspector had suggested that it might be possible to improve the well from which the tenants at present got their water supply, but the Council's Engineer was of the opinion that the well was unsuitable, as it was below the level of the lane and would be subject to contamination by surface water. As an alternative, the Council's Engineer suggested that a well be sunk and a pump erected at an estimated cost of £100.

Proposed by Councillor P. Kehoe;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That, having considered report of Assistant Co. Engineer dated 20th Feb., 1953, we approve of the sinking of a well and the provision of a pump at Bawnogue, Rathdangan, and direct that the work be included on the priority list for the provision of pumps and wells.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 29—Public Lighting, Newtownmountkennedy.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had been informed by the Electricity Supply Board in November, 1952, that there would be no additional charge for the erection of an extra public lamp at Newtownmountkennedy adjacent to the Presbytery. The E.S.B. had recently written to point out that their quotation had been given on the assumption that the lamp would be erected on the Pole No. 8 adjacent to the old Presbytery. As the lamp was required near the

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Presbytery on the road leading to Roundwood, it would be necessary to erect switch wire to pole No. 50, at a cost of £9.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan;

Resolved—That having considered letter dated 25th Feb., 1953, from the Electricity Supply Board, and report of Assistant County Engineer, we approve of the acceptance of the quotation of £9 for the installation of an additional public light at the Presbytery, Newtownmountkennedy.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 30—Reorganisation of Dental Service.

The County Secretary stated that consequent on the appointment of a whole-time Surgeon Dentist, the Dental Service had been reorganised and the Scheme for reorganisation was as follows:—

1. The whole-time Dental Surgeon will carry out examinations in the Schools in urban areas and towns. Regular weekly clinics are to be held at Bray, Arklow, Wicklow and Baltinglass. Special clinics are being arranged for conservative work and general anaesthetics.

2. In other areas where schools are situated near a suitable dispensary, clinics will be held in the dispensary. Where no suitable dispensary is available or schools too far away, clinics are to be held in the schools.

3. The whole-time dentist will visit sanatoria and other institutions in the county for treatment of tuberculosis and other patients. Tuberculosis patients living at home are to be visited every six months and those fit to attend clinics will be notified to do so.

It was proposed also to have fully equipped dental surgeries at Bray, Wicklow, Arklow and Baltinglass, and an estimate was being obtained of the accommodation and equipment which would be needed.

The Council approved of the proposed arrangements for the reorganisation of the Dental Service.

Item No. 31—Provision of Weighbridge at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.

The County Secretary stated that it was considered necessary to provide a weighbridge of adequate capacity at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, for checking in of stocks. Inquiries had been made with a view to acquiring a second-hand weighbridge at Bray, but it was found that the weighbridge in question would not be of adequate capacity. It was considered that a 20-ton weighbridge would be necessary, and the estimated cost, including cost of erection, would be from £1,250 to £1,300.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea stated he understood that persons in Rathdrum were anxious to have a public weighbridge in the town, and suggested that the matter be adjourned with a view to ascertaining if any arrangement could be come to for providing a weighbridge which could also be used by traders in the town.

Item No. 32—Issue of Credit to Local Authorities.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

That, in view of the new Local Loans Bill coming before the Dail, we request the Government to enact the necessary legislation to enable the Government to authorise the issue of credit to local authorities for housing, hospitals, sewerage, water supplies, and drainage, at 1 per cent. (to meet the cost of book-keeping, not as interest). We believe that the present rate of 5½ per cent. will put a stop to such much needed works.

The debate on the matter had not been concluded when the Council adjourned.

The remaining items on the Agenda were deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council, to deal with housing matters, was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 13th April, 1953, at 2 p.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman; Councillors Senator J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, P. Brennan, J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, P. Ledwidge, Ed. Byrne, L. O'Laighleis, W. Cleary, J. Everett, T.D.; 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, were present.

The Chairman, on behalf of the members, welcomed Councillor P. Brennan on his first attendance at the Council. Councillor P. Brennan signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and expressed his thanks to the members.

Progress Report:

On the proposal of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, seconded by Councillor M. Brennan, the report of the County Engineer on the progress of the housing scheme during the month of March was approved. Housing Scheme at Kilmagig, Avoca:

Having considered report of the meeting of the Local Housing Committee for the Arklow Area, held at Avoca on 12th March, 1953, the Council approved of proceeding with the erection of twelve houses on the site at Kilmagig, Avoca, under the 1946 Scheme.

Housing Scheme at Kindlestown:

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

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

Dept. of Local Government,
Custom House, Dublin.
19th March, 1953.

A Chara,

With reference to our letter of the 5th March, in regard to the proposal of the Wicklow County Council to lease plots No. 21 and 22 on the layout plan of the Kindlestown Housing Scheme, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he sees no objection to the proposal. The lease should be for a period not exceeding 150 years and the terms should be based on the cost of the acquisition and development of the site. I am to add that the Council would require to exercise careful control over the design of the houses to be erected.

Mise, le meas,

G. A. MEAGHER.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That having considered letter dated 19th March, 1953, from the Department of Local Government, we approve of the leasing of plots Nos. 21 and 22 at Kindlestown to Messrs. E. R. Dicker and W. Leggett respectively for 150 years at a ground rent of £8 per annum, and £9 per annum in respect of each plot, and subject to the condition that the lessees erect on these plots houses for their own occupation to plans and specifications approved by the Council.

Passed unanimously.

In regard to the proposal to provide houses under a Tenant Purchase Scheme at Kindlestown, the County Secretary stated that eighteen persons had applied originally for this type of house. Recently it was indicated to each applicant that owing to the increased rate of interest from 3½ per cent. to 5½ per cent., the weekly instalment of purchase annually which the Council would be required to charge would be approximately 35s. Applicants were requested to state if in view of the increase in the annuity, they were still interested in the Scheme. Only two had replied in the affirmative.

The Council noted that it would not be possible to proceed with the Scheme in the case of only two applications.

Tenant Purchase Scheme at Carnew:

The County Secretary stated that inquiries had been addressed to persons interested in the Tenant Purchase Scheme at Carnew, but that it appeared from replies received that none of the persons now wished to proceed with their applications.

At the request of Councillor Senator McCrea it was decided to ask the Department of Local Government if approval would be given to the making of a loan available at the lower rate of interest of 3½ per cent. to finance this Scheme.

1952 Housing Scheme—Erection of Houses on Agreed Sites:

The following report of Mr. A. O'Connor, Staff Officer, was submitted:—

re: 1952 Housing Scheme—Agreed Sites.

The County Medical Officer of Health and the County Architect have inspected all the sites under the above Scheme. The Chief Medical Officer has also inspected the accommodation at present occupied by each applicant.

As a result of the reports received, it would appear to be necessary to revise the list of applicants. In many cases it has been found that although the applicants stated they had the consent of the landowners to give the required sites it was found on communicating directly with the landowners that the sites will not be made available. In a number of cases the Chief Medical Officer does not consider the applicants eligible. Some of the sites have been found on inspection by the County Architect and Chief Medical Officer to be unsuitable.

Ninety applicants were passed at local Committee Meetings of the Council held at various centres. Of this number the following must be excluded for the reasons stated:—

1 Application withdrawn.

18 Applicants have not the consent of the landowner.

6 sites not approved by the County Architect.

13 applicants not recommended by the Chief Medical Officer for rehusing.

In 52 cases, sites have been found suitable and the Chief Medical Officer recommends applicants for re-housing.

Signed—A. O'Connor, Staff Officer,

Housing and Sanitary Services Sections.

10th April, 1953.

The County Secretary stated that lists of the applicants who appeared to be qualified, and for whom houses should be erected, together with lists of applicants in respect of whom landowners refused to give sites, lists of the sites found unsuitable by the Council's Architect, and lists of applicants whom the Chief Medical Officer considers should be excluded on the grounds that they are not in need of housing accommodation, had been prepared.

The Council referred the lists for examination by the Local Housing Committees.

Graded Rent Scales for Houses at Avondale Park, Killarney Road, and at Playground, Killincarrig.

The following letters from the Department of Local Government, were submitted:—

The Secretary, Dept. of Local Government,
Wicklow County Council, Custom House, Dublin.
Courthouse, Wicklow. 13th March, 1953.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to the scheme of 30 houses at Kallarney Lane, Bray, and to state that he has approved in principle of the system of graded rents proposed for the scheme as set out in the enclosure to your letter of 7th Nov. last.

I am to suggest that the family incomes of certain tenants would appear to warrant an extension of the scale up to the full economic rent.

Mise, le meas,

G. A. MEAGHER.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dept. of Local Government,
Custom House, Dublin.
19th March, 1953.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to the scheme of 3 houses at Lugduff and 10 houses at Killincarrig, and to state that he has approved the following rents for the scheme:—

3 houses at Lugduff—4s. 6d. to 13s. p.w. exclusive of rates.

10 houses at Killincarrig—8s. to 13s. p.w. exclusive of rates.

I am to suggest that the family incomes of certain tenants in the Killincarrig scheme would appear to warrant an extension of the scale up to the full economic rent.

Mise, le meas,

G. A. MEAGHER.

The County Secretary stated that in the case of the houses at Avondale Park, Killarney Road, the family income exceeded £10 in one case, and £9 in two other cases. In the case of the houses at The Playground, Killincarrig, the family income exceeded £8 in two cases, and amounted to £8 in two other cases. The economic rent of the houses at Avondale Park was 22s. 10d. per week and the economic rent of the houses at The Playground, Killincarrig was 22s. 5d. per week.

The Council directed that the Department be informed that the Council had fixed the maximum rent at 13s. per week in respect of these Schemes having regard to the fact that Graded Rents Schemes were not in operation in the Urban District of Bray nearby, and that it was not considered desirable that the rents of the Council's houses should exceed rents fixed for urban houses of similar type in the urban area.

Water Supply for Cottages at Corballis, Rathdrum:

Having considered reports of Assistant County Engineer dated 27th March, 1953, and 7th April, 1953, the Council approved of the expenditure of £20 on cleaning out and building a wall round the well at Ballyknocken near Corballis, which would provide a water supply for five houses.

Applications for Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:

The Council recommended that Loan of £1,400 be made to Mr. B. W. Chambers, in respect of the erection of a house at Killickbawn, and that Loan of £1,050 be made to Mr. Frederick Sandies in respect of the erection of a house at Killough Lower, Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue.

Letter from Secretary, Cottage Tenants Association, Newtownmount-kennedy:

The following letter from the Cottage Tenants Association, Newtownmountkennedy, was submitted:—

Copy, Cottage Tenants' Association,
To Sec. County Council, Newtownmountkennedy,
Wicklow. Co. Wicklow.

24/3/53.

Re: Application by Cottage Tenants' Association for County Council painters to paint exterior of Windows and Doors in Co. Council Cottages, Co. Wicklow.

Unemployment: Canist unemployed get work on Turf Cutting or on Roads.

A Chara,

I wish to bring to your notice a reply which I received to above proposal which I put before Housing Committee, Wicklow, on the 2/3/53—the reply to proposal dated 13/3/53, Rathdrum. It states that

if a cottage tenant meets with an accident while painting exterior of windows or doors of his cottage with paint supplied by County Council, the Co. Council would not have any liability for payment of compensation, as the tenant would not be a workman within the meaning of Workmen's Compensation Act, then why not employ Painter?

On the letting agreement the County Council are bound to keep the cottage in proper repair, failure of Co. Council to employ Painters to paint exterior of windows of cottages, is not keeping the letting agreement?

I would like to point out to Housing Committee that Co. Council painters have painted exterior of windows and walls of cottages in Kilpedder and Newtownmountkennedy while the cottages were occupied by tenants. Why should some cottages while occupied by tenants be painted, windows and exterior of house distempered while other tenants of cottages who apply for windows to be painted or exterior are refused? It is rather hard to understand, it looks very like favouritism is being shown in this instance.

If exterior of windows of two storied cottages have to be painted by tenant, he cannot do so without a ladder, as far as I am aware the Wicklow Co. Council has no ladders available for that purpose by tenants in Newtown or Kilpedder. I would be grateful to know the name of the man who have charge of it, and conditions under which tenants can get ladders.

I wrote to Co. Council Offices some time ago, as Cottage Tenants in this area had stated they could not get paint from Council's issuing depot, Newcastle, and have received no reply so far. Tenants are anxious to have paint now to have windows painted for An Tostal Festival.

It would be much easier if Newtown and Kilpedder tenants were issued with paint by some persons residing in these areas and not have tenants travelling to Newcastle where they were told on one occasion last year and twice this year that there is no paint available. Very often tenants do not get the colour paint they require—they generally require white and green paint, and not red paint.

I would like to refer to later part of letter received from Council's Office on 13/3/53 which states the Council could not have any liability as the tenant is aware of any risks that might be involved in the painting of his cottage. I would like to know if the tenant is bound by his letting agreement to paint windows of his cottage, if not why do not the Co. Council pay him for painting windows, and then he would come under the Workmen's Compensation Act, in case of accident.

In the case where a tenant received paint from issuing depot is the person who issued paint entitled to keep the rent receipt of tenant or should tenant receive it back?

Some tenants from Newtown area are anxious to know if there is anyone appointed by Co. Council to free blocked sewerage pipes or if there are any brushes available for that purpose. Could you give name of person if any employed for this work here, also person appointed to attend burst water pipes in this area?

Unemployment: There are about 25 unemployed men at present. Could the Wicklow Co. Council employ some of these unemployed to cut turf in Sally Gap this year? They all have experience in cutting turf.

Road Workers: There are only about three men from Newtown area employed on Road Work. Could not some of Newtown's unemployed be employed on that work. The majority of roadmen in this area engaged are from Ashford and Glen of the Downs, etc.

Lavatory Buckets: I applied some months ago to Co. Council Offices, Rathdrum, for 17 lavatory buckets for Church Road, Newtown, and 10 buckets for Monaline and Ballinahinch. I received reply that the matter would have attention, but I must say that the matter has not had attention so far. The buckets are worn out and want to be replaced.

I applied some weeks ago for thirty-seven clean lavatory toilets for Church Road, Monaline, Ballinahinch, Kilpedder. I got reply dated 13/3/53, stating that renewal of these buckets is considered to be dealt with by the tenants, that is hard to understand. Does it mean that the tenants will each have to make application for bucket or does the Co. Council refuse to replace buckets. I would like to know the position re same.

Mise, le meas.

T. McCARTHY, hon. sec.

P.S.—I wish that this letter be given to Chairman, Housing Committee at its next meeting.—T.M.

The following report of the County Engineer on the matter was submitted:—

Copy.

Court House, Wicklow.

Mr. A. O'Connor,

11th April, 1953.

Staff Officer.

Re: Complaints received from Mr. T. McCarthy, Hon. Sec., Cottage Tenants' Association, Newtownmountkennedy.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 30th ult. in above, there were 6 two-storied houses painted in Kilpedder; two cottages in Kilmacullagh snow-cemented and painted, and one cottage painted in Timore and 1 in Killadreenan which work was carried out by the Co. Council in accordance with instructions.

Regarding the painting of the two-storey houses, it was difficult for the tenants to get ladders to do the work, and in the case of the other cottages, the tenants were all old people who are unable to do the work themselves.

Last year 200 tenants got paint at Newcastle, but there is no paint available there at present. If it is desired, a depot for the distribution of paint could be arranged at Newcastle.

The procedure for a tenant applying for paint is to produce the most recent rent receipt from which the name and cottage number are ascertained and recorded, and the receipt returned.

The Caretaker of the Sewerage Works for Newtown area is Mr. J. Doyle, O'Neill Park, Newtown, to whom complaints should be reported.

In connection with application for buckets and Elsan Closets, I would like to point out that the cost of buckets is 7s. 6d. each and the Elsan Closets £6 5s. each.

Yours faithfully,

T. J. O'BYRNE, County Engineer.

The Council directed that a reply be sent to Mr. McCarthy, in accordance with the terms of the County Engineer's report.

Complaint re Condition of Cottage at Ballycrone, Kilcool:

The County Secretary stated that following receipt of complaint from the tenant of a cottage at Ballycrone, Kilcool, the cottage had been inspected by the Health Inspector. The report of the Health Inspector, dated 11th April, 1953, was submitted to the meeting. In his report the Health Inspector listed certain defects in the cottage, but pointed out that in his opinion the disrepair and dampness were caused mostly by the storage of potatoes in two rooms. In reference to the statement of the tenant that the local Doctor had informed him that the house was unfit to live in, the Dispensary Medical Officer for the area stated that he had not at any time inspected the cottage nor had he given any certificate in regard to it. In reply to letter addressed to the tenant informing him of the report of the Council's Health Inspector, and instructing him that the rooms in the cottage must not be used for storage, the tenant wrote as follows: "In answer to your letter informing me that the rooms of this cottage should not be used for storage of potatoes, I do not know anything about that, but they are not fit to put cattle in. I was going to look for permission to put

pigs in the house, but it would not suit them"

In view of the tone of the tenant's reply, the Council did not consider his letter further, and agreed that the tenant be instructed to remove the potatoes from the rooms, and that when this was done the matter would be further investigated.

Application of Tenant at Ballinaclash, for the Provision of Pigsty:

Councillor Senator J. McCrea referred to the application of John McLean for permission to be provided with a piggery. Mr. McLean had been informed that the Council had no objection to the tenant providing a pigsty on his cottage plot, provided it was kept at a reasonable distance from the dwellinghouse, and that he erected it at his own expense. Councillor Senator McCrea urged that the pigsty be provided by the Council.

Following a discussion on the matter, the Co. Engineer was asked to submit, for the next meeting of the Council, an estimate of the cost of providing a pigsty.

Repairs to Cottage at Upper Ballinglen:

In connection with the proposal to take down chimney stack and rebuild with larger flue, at cost of £30, at cottage at Upper Ballinglen, the County Engineer reported that he had investigated the matter, and was of the opinion that the chimney was constructed with an 8-inch flue to suit a range, but that no range had been installed in the cottage, which had been erected by contract in 1934. The Co. Engineer agreed with the Assistant County Engineer that the only available remedy to prevent the chimney smoking, was to take down the existing chimney stack and rebuild with at least a 12-inch flue.

It was decided to inquire from the tenant if he would be agreeable to have a range installed instead of having his chimney stack rebuilt.

All-Ireland Anti-Partition Parade and Robert Emmet Commemoration:

The Chairman referred to item No. 33 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held in March, which item had not been reached, at that meeting, and stated that he had attended the Parade on Easter Monday to represent the Council.

Repairs to Cottages during the Month of March, 1953:

The Council noted particulars of repairs carried out during the month of March, 1953.

Authorisation of Repairs:

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

Felling of Trees on Roadside:

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to the felling of trees on the roadside at Tighe's Avenue, and on his proposal the Council passed a resolution, to be transmitted to the Department of Lands, Forestry Division, protesting against the felling of roadside trees, which was despoiling the beauty of the countryside.

Pumps and Wells:

In regard to the progress report on the provision of pumps and wells, submitted to the Council, Councillor Senator J. McCrea urged that additional well-boring plant be obtained. The County Engineer was asked to submit a report on the matter for the next meeting of the Council.

Polling Station at The Meetings, Avoca:

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked if it would be possible to provide a Polling Station at the Meetings, Avoca, to facilitate voters residing in the vicinity.

The County Manager stated that he would investigate the matter.

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A Meeting of Wicklow Co Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 20th April, 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. Trimmis, P. Ledwidge, L. O'Laoighleis, W. Cleary, J. Everett, T.D.; 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, P. J. Foley and R. Fenlon were present.

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

AGENDA:

1. Minutes of meetings held on 9th February and 16th February, 1953.
2. To fill vacancy on Rathdrum Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee consequent on the resignation of Mr. A. Belton.
3. To fill vacancies on the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee consequent on the death of Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., and the resignation of Mr. A. K. Palmer, M.A.
4. Letter from the Branch Secretary, Irish Labour Party, Avoca, requesting the provision of a Polling Station at The Meetings.
5. Loan for the purchase of machinery: To authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to Mortgage from The National Bank, Ltd., in respect of Loan of £13,468 for the purchase of Quarry Plant.
6. Newtown Quarry, Donard: To consider letter from Department of Local Government and report of County Engineer.
7. Reconstruction of Ashford Bridge: Letter from Department of Local Government conveying sanction to the raising of Loan of £3,392 to defray the balance of the cost of reconstruction of Ashford Bridge.
8. Lorries: Report of County Engineer on 9th April, 1953, re replacement of lorries and purchase of secondhand lorry.
9. Acquisition of land at Killiniskeyduff, Arklow, for road widening.
10. Local Authorities Works Act, 1949: 1953/54 Programme, and letter from Department of Local Government.
11. Clerical Assistance for Assistant County Engineers.
12. University Scholarship Scheme, 1953: To consider applications received.
13. Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1953: to consider further the application of James Mundow.
14. Acquisition of land for the purpose of obtaining access to the sea from the Silver Strand Road.
15. Proposed leasing of plot of ground at Newtownmountkennedy for use as Car Park.
16. Application from Ratepayers at Newtownmountkennedy for provision of Car Park adjacent to Catholic Church.
17. Report of County Engineer on cost of providing piggery.
18. Pumps and Wells: Report of County Engineer in regard to well-boring plant.
19. Letter from Knockanna District Development Association in regard to improvements carried out in the district.
20. Extension of Water Main from Kilquade to Kilcoole.
21. Letter from Department of Health re capitation rates for the treatment of local authority patients in voluntary hospitals.

22. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett in regard to the issuing of credit to local authorities for housing, hospitals, etc., at a nominal charge.
23. Resolution from Association for the Boycott of Objectionable Foreign Publications.
24. Resolution from Kerry County Council re price of milk.
25. Resolution from Waterford County Council re allocation of grants for County Roads.
26. Resolution from Carlow Urban District Council re institution of Arbitration Board in regard to conditions, salaries, and wages of officials and servants of public bodies.
27. Resolution from Tramore Town Commissioners re rates for tourism.
28. Resolution from Sinn Fein re playing of English National Anthem at Rugby Match in Belfast.
29. Resolution from Galway County Council re use of Irish in Council's business.
30. Resolution from Sinn Fein protesting at any participation in the Coronation Ceremonies of the Queen of England.
31. Notice from County Councils' General Council re next meeting of Council.
32. Letter from the Honorary Secretary, Wicklow Tourist Association, re publishing of only one Guide to cover the Counties of Wicklow and Wexford.
33. Resolution from Corporation of Limerick re holding of Local Elections.
34. Resolution from Corporation of Limerick re admission of representatives from the Six Counties to An Dail.
35. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

Proposed by Councillor Senator McCrea:

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond:

Resolved—That we confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 9th and 16th February, 1953.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Filling of Vacancy on Rathdrum O.A.P. Sub-Committee.

The County Secretary stated that a vacancy existed on the Rathdrum Old Age Pension Sub-Committee consequent on the resignation of Mr. A. Belton. The Sub-Committee had recommended the appointment of Rev. J. MacDougall, Ballard Rectory, Rathdrum, to fill the vacancy.

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

Seconded by Councillor Miss Bobbett:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Rev. J. MacDougall to fill the vacancy on Rathdrum Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, occasioned by the resignation of Mr. A. Belton.

Item No. 3—Filling of Vacancies on Co. Wicklow Vocational Education Committee.

The following letter had been received from Chief Executive Officer, Vocational Education Committee:—

The Secretary, Wicklow Co. Council, Wicklow.	Technical School, Wicklow. 23rd March, 1953.
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A Chara,
Vacancies have recently occurred in the membership of my Committee owing to:

- (a) The death of the late Mr. Thomas Brennan, Carnew;
- (b) The resignation of Rev. A. K. Palmer, M.A., Killiskey Rectory, Ashford, (Rev. Palmer has left the county on transfer).

I have to request that you be good enough to bring these vacancies to the notice of your Council, so that the necessary steps will be taken to fill them in accordance with Section 12 (1) of the Vocational Education Act, 1930.

Misc. to meas.
(Signed): ANDRIAS O CROCAIGH,

Príomh Oifigeach Feidhmuíochan.

Councillor P. Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, proposed the appointment of Councillor W. Cleary and Councillor E. Bobbett, seconded by Councillor W. Lawless, proposed appointment of Rev. Canon Tamplin.

The following resolution was passed by the Council:—

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillor W. Cleary and Rev. Canon Tamplin to fill the vacancies on the Co. Wicklow Vocational Committee caused by the death of Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., and the resignation of Rev. A. K. Palmer.

Item No. 4—Application for the Provision of Polling Station at The Meetings, Avoca.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Avoca Labour Party Branch for the provision of a polling station at The Meetings, Avoca, to facilitate voters residing in the following areas: Raheenavine, Rathdrum; Coolflake, Rathdrum; Knockanode; The Meetings, Avoca, and Castlehoward, Avoca. The Co. Sec. explained that the Register of Electors now current had been prepared having regard to the existing scheme of polling places and that a new polling station could not be provided without preparing a new scheme, which would involve some time. In addition, one polling station could not cater for the five areas mentioned, as three of these areas were in the Arklow Electoral Area, and the remaining two in the Wicklow Electoral Area, and it would not be desirable to have one polling station covering portion of two Electoral Areas. The Council decided to defer the matter.

Item No. 5—Purchase of Machinery.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

Resolved—That pursuant to the letter of sanction of the Local Government Minister dated the 21st day of February, 1953, the sum of £13,468 be borrowed from The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the purchase of New Quarry Plant, to be repaid within seven years with interest at the usual rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances as in said letter of sanction provided, the said loan and all interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to The National Bank, Ltd.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Newtown Quarry Plant.

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

IR/20/33. Secretary, Wicklow Co. Council, Courthouse, Wicklow. A. Chara,	Dept. of Local Government, Custom House, Dublin. 28th March, 1953.
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I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to previous correspondence concerning the provision of quarry equipment for the Newtown Quarry, Donard, and to state that as material produced at this quarry would be about 25 per cent. dearer than that

supplied by private firms, the matter might be further considered by the Council, with special reference to the fact that the materials could be devoted to additional road works.

Misc. le meas.

The County Engineer reported as follows:—

Courthouse,
Wicklow.
14th April, 1953.

County Secretary.

Newtown Quarry, Donard.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 31st ultimo, in above, I agree that the material produced and delivered for this quarry would be about 20%-25% dearer than the cost to the County Council if purchased from private firms. This saving in production cost would obviously be available for additional road works in the Western District.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

On the proposal of Councillor Timmins, seconded by Councillor Lawless, the Council decided that the Department of Local Government be asked to reconsider the matter again and to allow the purchase of quarry plant for Newtown Quarry.

Item No. 7—Reconstruction of Ashford Bridge.

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

Dept. of Local Government,
Custom House,
Dublin.
1st April, 1953.

L.27/58/1.

Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.
A. Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 17th ultimo, and previous correspondence, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he has sanctioned the proposal of the Wicklow County Council to raise a loan of £3,392 for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the reconstruction of Ashford Bridge, the loan to be obtained from the Council's Treasurer, and to be repayable over a period of ten years with interest at the usual rate.

A signed duplicate of this letter is enclosed for the Treasurer.

Misc. le meas.

N. de PAOR.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy:

Resolved—That pursuant to the letter of sanction from the Department of Local Government, dated 1st April, 1953, the sum of £3,392 be borrowed from the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the reconstruction of Ashford Bridge; to be repaid within ten years with interest at the usual rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances as in said letter of sanction provided; the said loan and all interest thereon to be secured by a mortgage over the rates.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Lorries.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

Courthouse, Wicklow.

County Secretary.

9th April, 1953.

Re: Machinery—Lorries.

Dear Sir,

The time has now arrived when the first four lorries purchased in 1946 are uneconomical to run and require to be replaced.

These lorries have done an average of 130,000 miles, each using

reconditioned engines, but now all parts require to be replaced, with the result that the lorries are continuously undergoing repairs, and parts are difficult to obtain due to the age of the lorries.

The Wicklow Mining Co., Avoca, have a second-hand lorry for sale—a 1952 7-ton Bedford Tipper with steel body.

This vehicle has been examined by the Machinery Overseer, who reports that it has covered 13,000 miles, and is in good condition mechanically, with two new tyres on front wheels and the others in reasonable condition.

The present-day value of this lorry is estimated at £800 to £900; the price new would be £1,490.

I recommend the purchase of this lorry from the Wicklow Mining Company and suggest, subject to the Manager's approval, that an offer of £800 be made to this firm.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

The Council directed that enquiries be made from the suppliers of the lorries as to the trade-in value of the existing lorries. The Council directed that enquiries be addressed to the Wicklow Mining Company as to whether an offer of £800 for the secondhand Bedford lorry would be accepted.

Turf Production, 1953.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

Courthouse,
Wicklow.

County Secretary.

17th April, 1953.

Re: Turf Production Scheme, 1953/54.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your request for a report as to the Turf Production Programme in this county for the 1953 season, I beg to state as follows:—

The County Council has directed that 1,600 tons of turf be produced. It will be necessary to arrange for a market for this turf at an early stage, so that double handling of this material would be avoided as much as possible in the final stages in the production scheme.

At the outset, may I say that in my opinion, the cutting and saving of 1,600 tons of turf in this county is uneconomical. There is a very short season in County Wicklow, and especially in the high altitude, and this has always been our problem during past years.

I suggest that the following production target only should be aimed at, and even these amounts are problematic:—

From Sallygap Bog	600 tons
From Ballinagee Bog	400 tons
From Fearbreaga Bog	200 tons
From Kilcarney Bog	100 tons

1,300 tons

In the 1952 season we were rather lucky in regard to the weather; this is not likely to maintain again in 1953, and, consequently, if the Council is to avoid losses, it must be very careful in restricting its enthusiasm in regard to the amount to be produced.

In accordance with the request of the County Council, of course, every effort will be made to reach the full target of 1,600 tons.

In regard to the Sallygap Scheme, 350 tons of this will be cut by machinery.

The average price of turf on the bog last year, even with the good weather prevailing, was £3 7s. 6d. per ton. Losses were experienced in the sale of this turf because of the loss in weight during

the final stages, due to the fibrous structure which is characteristic of the Co. Wicklow turf. The final cost depends on how and when the turf is being disposed of; if it is being carted to our own depots, the expenses of transport and stacking in County Council storage positions must be added.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

The Council decided that 1,600 tons of turf should be produced in the 1953 season. The Council also decided that the Co. Engineer should proceed immediately with turf production and that periodic reports in regard to the progress of the scheme be submitted to the Council.

Item No. 9—Acquisition of Land at Killiniskeyduff, Arklow.

The recommendation of the County Engineer for the acquisition of approximately two acres of land at Killiniskeyduff, Arklow, required in connection with the proposed realignment of the main road at the approaches to Templeraine, Arklow, in the sum of £100 was submitted.

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

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer for the acquisition of lands at Killiniskeyduff, Arklow, for the sum of £100 in connection with the proposed realignment of the main road at the approaches to Templeraine, Arklow.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949.

Dept. of Local Government,
Roads,

Custom House, Dublin.
31st March, 1953.

RW.202/1/5.

**LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT, 1949.
1953/54 PROGRAMME.**

A. Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to request that you will arrange to have prepared and submitted as early as possible and, within the limits indicated below, a draft programme on Form RW.7 of the works which the local authority considers can and should be executed by them in the year ending 31st March, 1954.

The works should be reasonably planned as regards timing and location and should be such that their execution will not tend to draw labour away from other productive activities in each area. For this reason as much work as can economically and efficiently be done in Winter and early Spring should be deferred until then. Only works which will create or facilitate benefits of a reasonably durable nature should be submitted for the Minister's approval.

The works should be within the technical capacity and scope of the Council's staff and each work should be such that it can be completed within the year.

In the case of any drainage works included in the programme, there should be close co-operation with other bodies concerned with drainage and reclamation.

The total estimated cost of proposals submitted should be strictly related to the amount of grants likely to be available. In the coming financial year the amount to be allocated to Co. Councils for Works Act Schemes will be approximately half of the present year's grants.

A specimen of Form RW.7 which should be used in the submission of proposals is attached hereto. Columns numbered 2, 5 and 6 of Part II should be carefully completed. Over-elaboration is not required, but the particulars furnished should be sufficient to assist the

Department in assessing the merits of the works proposed. Any supplementary information, such as designs, surveys, etc., can be furnished separately. If any delay is anticipated in the submission of the completed programme, Part I thereof might be furnished separately, as soon as convenient.

All proposals for works should be approved by the Council before submission to the Department.

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

Mise, le meas,

To: E.oh County Secretary.

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

**Re: Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949.
1953/54 Drainage Schemes.**

Dear Sir,

With reference to the proposed works to be carried out under the Local Authorities (Works) Act during the coming year, the following schemes have been received from the Assistant Engineers:—

Northern Area:

Glendalough-Wicklow Gap Road 80: Strengthen and roll 1½ miles	£2,755 0 0
Glenealy: Road No. 114: Drain hollow in road to river	£240 0 0
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	£2,995 0 0

South/Eastern Area:

Aughrim-Aughavannagh Road 137: Strengthen and roll 1 mile	£4,245 0 0
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Southern Area:

Sandyford, Slieveroe: Road 210. Construct Bridge across Ford	£2,200 0 0
Kilcarney: Road 102: Construct Bridge and Ford	£1,250 0 0
Asknagap: Road 142: Construct Bridge across Ford	£1,100 0 0
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	£4,550 0 0

Western Area:

Milltown-Dunlavin-Tober: Clean river	£2,000 0 0
Ballinaddin-Colliga: Widen and deepen stream	£300 0 0
Mugduff, Danefort, High Park, Borkle Clean river	£800 0 0
Knockieran-Rathnaboe: Clean stream	£550 0 0
Ballinastoe-Kippure: Clean and open drain north of Main Road: 20 gullets	£800 0 0
Slievecorrugh: Strengthen Road 344, 1½ miles	£4,300 0 0
Slievecorrugh-Ballinguile: Strengthen Road 262	£3,635 0 0
Ballinabrockey-Ballinatona, Ballysmutton: Strengthen Roads Nos. 377 and 378	£6,270 0 0
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	£18,655 0 0

The total of the Schemes set out above is £32,870, but the allocation will be approximately £13,500.

In submitting this list to the Department, I would mark the priority as follows:—

(1) Wicklow Gap Road—Hollywood end: Reconstruct Road	£4,400	0	0
(2) Wicklow Gap Road—Glendalough end: do.	£2,755	0	0
(3) Anghrim-Aughavannagh: Reconstruct 1 mile	£4,245	0	0
(4) Sandy Ford: Slieveroe: Construct Bridge	£2,200	0	0
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	£13,500	0	0

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

Following a discussion, in the course of which Councillor Hammond referred to a scheme at Tubberpatrick which had been approved in a previous year, and which he suggested, should receive priority, the Council approved of the County Engineer's report and of his recommendations as regards the priority of the schemes.

Item No. 11: Clerical Assistance for Assistant County Engineers.

Councillor W. Cleary raised the question of the termination of the employment of a Clerk who had been employed by Mr. J. P. Caffrey, Assistant County Engineer. The County Manager explained that an allowance had been made to three of the Assistant Co. Engineers for the employment of clerical assistance. In the case of Mr. Caffrey, the allowance had been granted in September, 1945, and a similar allowance had been granted previously to Assistant County Engineer P. J. Foley. Assistant Co. Engineer C. J. Byrne also was in receipt of an allowance for clerical assistance since January, 1950. The Assistant County Engineers were entitled to select their clerical assistants. In report of 1st April, 1953, which was submitted to the Council, Mr. Caffrey stated that when the housing scheme commenced in Arklow, he had to employ an additional clerk, and that this clerk had been employed on a temporary basis only. On the termination of the Housing Scheme it was necessary to terminate her employment also. He had retained in his employment the clerk who had been employed by him previous to the commencement of the housing scheme. It was

Proposed by Councillor Cleary;

Seconded by Councillor Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we express our disagreement with the action taken by Assistant County Engineer Caffrey in regard to the employment of clerical assistance.

As an Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless;

Resolved—That the matter be adjourned pending reconsideration of the present arrangement whereby an allowance is made to Assist. County Engineers for clerical assistance, and a notice of motion to amend the existing arrangement be handed in. A vote having been called for on the amendment, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR: Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, W. Hammond, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, W. Lawless, J. Everett, H. J. Byrne, Miss E. F. Bobbett—(9).

AGAINST: Councillors P. Brennan, W. Cleary, P. Ledwidge, M. Brennan—(4).

The Amendment was declared carried by 9 votes in favour to 4 against, and when put as a substantive motion was declared passed on the same voting. Councillor Cleary stated he would hand in Notice of Motion to amend the existing arrangement whereby allowances are made to Assistant County Engineers for clerical assistance.

Item No. 12—University Scholarship Scheme, 1953.

The following applications were submitted to the Council:—

Cox, Patrick Gerard, Dunlavin, Co. Wicklow.

Doyle, Mona Philomena, Cranagh, Redcross.

Hayden, James Peter, Novara, Blacklion, Greystones.

Kavanagh, William, 2, Dunbur Road, Wicklow.

Mooney, Josephine Ann, 29, Wolfe Tone Square W., Bray.

O'Malley, Leonard Edward, 1, Marie Villas, Convent Ave., Bray.

Russell, Mary Bernadette, 4, Brennan's Terrace, Bray.

Scott, Margaret Mary, 13, Parkmore, Baltinglass.

Spellman, Kieran F. M., Marine House, Greystones.

Teal, Robert, J., 8, Martello Tce., Bray.

Having examined the applications, the Council noted that Miss Mona Philomena Doyle was ineligible, as the means of parents exceeded the limit specified in the scheme, and James Peter Hayden was also ineligible, being under the required age. It was

proposed by Councillor M. Brennan;

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

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the applications under the University Scholarship Scheme, 1953, as submitted to this meeting, with the exception of the following applications which are rejected:

James Hayden, Mona Doyle.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1953:

Application of James Mundow.

The County Secretary stated that, following the receipt of a letter from the Department of Education in regard to the application of James Mundow, 2, Glenburgh Tce., Dargle Road, Bray, to compete for a scholarship under the Council's scheme, a meeting of the members of the Council for the Bray Electoral area had been held, at which Mr. Mundow, father of the candidate, attended. The following report of the meeting was submitted:—

**REPORT OF MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL FOR
BRAY ELECTORAL AREA HELD ON 30th MARCH, 1953,
AT TOWN HALL, BRAY, AT 7.30 p.m.**

Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1953.

Present: Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman; Councillors E. Byrne, M. Brennan, W. Lawless, P. Ledwidge and the County Secretary.

Having considered letter dated 23rd March, 1953, Ref. R.O. (2), 84134, from Department of Education in regard to a letter received in the Department from Mr. James Mundow, 2, Glenburgh Tce., Dargle Road, Bray, in connection with the rejection of his son by the Council as candidate under the above-mentioned scheme. The Committee decided to hear Mr. Mundow, father of the candidate, who had been invited to attend.

Mr. Mundow maintained that the figure £430 given as his earnings for the year to 31st December, 1952, in the Declaration Form was incorrect, and that his actual earnings were less than the limit of £425. When questioned by members of the Committee as to why he had made a Statutory Declaration of his income at £430, Mr. Mundow stated that he thought the limit of income was £525, and as a result had not been sufficiently careful in filling the form. Mr. Mundow stated that he received a copy of the Scheme from the Christian Brothers' Schools, Greystones, and produced the copy which, however, related to the Scheme for the year 1952. Mr. Mundow further stated that he did not fill the Statutory Declaration, but that it was filled by his wife and signed with his name by her, and, apparently, had been accepted by the Peace Commissioner, Mr. Owen Tansey. Mr. Mundow stated though at present engaged on contract work, he had not carried out any contracts during 1952, but had been employed during the year

by the following firms:—J. P. Carroll, Esq., Building Contractor, Upper Dargle Rd., Bray; J. Doyle, Esq., Contractor, Doraville, Meath Rd., do.; Messrs. McNamara and Phillips, Monastery, Enniskerry; J. Mundow, Esq., 4, Olverton Road, Dalkey; J. O'Brien, Esq., Contractor, Albert Road, Sandycove.

The Committee, having considered the matter, recommended that Mr. Mundow's son, James Mundow, be admitted provisionally to the Examination, pending completion of the investigations regarding Mr. Mundow's income from the information now submitted.

The County Secretary stated that replies had been received from James Doyle, Messrs. McNamara and Phillips, and James Mundow, Dalkey, in regard to Mr. Mundow's employment with these firms. No replies, however, had yet been received from Messrs. J. P. Carroll, Contractor, or J. O'Brien, Building Contractor. The Council decided to adjourn the matter and directed that the Peace Commissioner who had signed the Declaration be asked for a statement on the matter, and that the Council's Law Agent be asked to advise whether the application could have been accepted by the Council, in view of the fact that the statutory declaration had not been properly made.

Item No. 14—Acquisition of Land for Access to the Sea.

The County Secretary stated that, as recommended by the Council, a letter had been addressed to An Bord Failte requesting that the Board would assist the Council in acquiring access to the sea from the Silver Strand Road and the Coast Road leading to Arklow. The following letter had been received from An Bord Failte:—

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

An Bord Failte,
13, Merrion Square,
Dublin.
10th March, 1953.

Re: New Roadway: Wicklow-Silver Strand and Brittas.

Dear Sir,

Further to your letter of January 30th, I am to state that the Board has considered the question of public access to the strands between Wicklow and Arklow. The Board is of the opinion that free public access is desirable to following strands as specified in your letter, i.e. (1) a, (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8). The Board does not wish at this stage to enter into definite commitments, and hopes that its formal opinion on the matter will assist you in negotiations with the various proprietors. Should, however, your negotiations prove unsuccessful, the Board would be in a position to consider what action would be necessary in view of the opinion as indicated above.

Yours faithfully,

F. LAWLOR.

The strands referred to in the letter were as follows:—

Site No.	Owner
(1) a	Messrs. Smith, Silver Strand, Wicklow.
(3)	Leslie Ellis Estate, Magherymore Hotel.
(4)	Justice Martin Maguire, Cornagower, Kilbride.
(5)	Dr. E. T. Freeman, Ennereilly.
(6) (7) (8)	P. Sharpe, Johnstown, Arklow.

The following letter from the Council's Law Agent was submitted:
4, Church Street,
Wicklow.

24th March, 1953.

Re: Access to Sea—Magherymore Estate.

Dear Sir,

We now enclose herewith reply received from Messrs. Reaves and Sons, Solicitors for the owners of the above Estate, in which they intimate that their clients are not prepared to give the necessary land to the Council for the purpose of giving access to the sea.

We think it only reasonable that where there is a big expenditure of public money and the land of adjoining owners is greatly enhanced in value for building sites, etc., that the Council should cause development by giving the public access to the sea.

Under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948, we are of opinion that the Council has compulsory powers of acquiring land for the purpose of getting access to the sea.

While the Act gives the Council power to acquire land, the word "compulsory" is not used in the Act.

However, in the Preamble to same, in Section 1, it states that the Public Health Acts, 1878 to 1931 may be cited together as the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1878 to 1948.

In other words, in our opinion the Council have compulsory powers of acquisition since the Public Health Acts give same.

In any event, under the Tourist Traffic Act, 1952, An Bord Failte have compulsory powers of acquisition of land for these purposes or, in fact, for any purpose which in the opinion of the Board is likely to be of interest or benefit to the public.

Should the Council decide to exercise their compulsory powers, we can prepare the necessary Orders, etc.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. McCARROLL.

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

The County Manager stated that it would be necessary to obtain valuations of the lands required and to make offers to the owners and, failing acceptance of the offers, steps could be taken to acquire the lands compulsorily. The Council agreed that offers be made to the owners and that the owners be notified that the Council proposed to exercise compulsory powers to acquire such lands. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., in regard to the Smith's land at Silver Strand, Wicklow, suggested that a right-of-way to the strand might be obtained via a right-of-way which had existed previously.

Item No. 15—Leasing of Plot of Ground at Newtownmountkenny.

The following notice had been circulated to the members of the Council:—

The Chairman and Members,
Wicklow Co. Council.

Courthouse,
7th April, 1953.

Re: Proposed Leasing of Plot of Ground at Newtownmountkenny For Use as Car Park.

A Chara,

In accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, Notice is hereby given that it is intended to dispose, by way of leasing for a period of 31 years, of the land described hereunder and which is not required for the purposes of the powers and duties of the Council:

Plot of Land at Main St., Newtownmountkenny, having a frontage of 144' 10" to the Main Street, and being bounded on the south-west by the Main Street and on the south-east by the premises of Mr. Daniel J. Dunne, and containing 36.2 square perches.

The land was acquired by the Council from the Leonard Estate, and it is proposed to grant a lease of the plot of ground to Mr. Danl. Dunne, Newtownmountkenny, for a period of 31 years, subject to a ground rent of £1 per annum and subject to the condition that Mr. Dunne carries out such works as are considered necessary by the Co. Engineer to render the site suitable for use as a Car Park, construct protecting wall and railing with concrete posts, 5 strands of wire and link fencing at the sides and back, and make such Car Park available free of charge for use by the general public.

The draft Lease will be submitted for approval by the Council at the meeting to be held on the 20th instant.

Misc, le meas.

K. J. BRANGAN,
County Secretary.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we approve of the granting of a lease for a period of 31 years, subject to a ground rent of £1 per annum, of the plot of land at Main St., Newtownmountkennedy, having a frontage of 144' 10" to the Main Street and being bounded on the south-west by the Main Street and on the south-east by the premises of Mr. Daniel J. Dunne, and containing 36.2 square perches, to Mr. Daniel Dunne, subject to the condition that Mr. Dunne carries out such works as are considered necessary by the County Engineer to render the site suitable for use as a Car Park, constructs protecting wall and railing with concrete posts, 5 strands of wire and link fencing at the sides and back, and makes such Car Park available free of charge for use by the general public.

Passed unanimously.

Housing Scheme at Newtownmountkennedy.

The Chairman submitted a letter received from the Honorary Secretary, Newtown Labour Party, enquiring when the erection of 16 houses at O'Neill Park would be proceeded with. The County Secretary stated that the plans had been approved by the Department and that the Council was awaiting the approval of the loan.

Item No. 16—Application for Provision of Car Park at Newtownmountkennedy.

The following letter received from Ratepayers in Newtownmountkennedy was submitted:—

Newtownmountkennedy,
10th March, 1953.

Sir,

We the undersigned ratepayers respectfully ask the Council to provide a car park adjacent to the Catholic Church, Newtown.

Owing to the increasing number of cars now parked on the side of the street, and the dangerous bottleneck of the Courthouse, this park is really necessary in the interests of the traffic and the public using the Church on Sundays and other occasions.

We are, sir,

Yours sincerely,
THOMAS KELLY, F.C., N.T.,
and 19 others.

The Council noted that a car park would be available in Newtownmountkennedy and that no provision had been made in the Estimates to provide a car park near the Church.

Item No. 17—Application for Provision of Piggery.

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

COPY/
18th April, 1953.

J. T. O'Byrne, Esq., B.E.,
County Engineer,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Re: Piggery—McLean's Cottage, Ballinaclash.

Dear Sir,

I inspected John McLean's cottage at Ballinaclash. This cottage was built about 1934 and has an out-office consisting of earth closet and one other compartment, but has no piggery. It would be possible to construct a piggery as an addition to the old out-office, but a drain would have to be laid from it across the plot. At the present time

the tenant does not want the piggery, as he has his garden in and does not want it disturbed.

The cost of the erection of a piggery here would be about £20. The tenant would lay the drain so as not to disturb this path and garden.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: J. F. CAFFREY.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

Resolved—That we approve of the erection of a pig-sty at Ballinaclash, Rathdrum, for John McLean, in accordance with the estimate submitted by the County Engineer.

The Council agreed that each case would be taken on its merits, and that the approval of the Council to the erection of a pig-sty in this instance would not be regarded as a precedent.

Item No. 18—Pumps and Wells.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

COPY/
The County Secretary: Courthouse,
Wicklow.
18th April, 1953.

Well Boring Plant.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter regarding the above, I wish to inform you that there are now three Well Boring Plants—one in West Wicklow, one in South Wicklow, and one between the South-East and Northern Areas.

Progress seems slow, but this is due mainly to the fact that in most cases hard rock is met with which slows up the work, nevertheless, steady progress has been maintained.

Owing to the number of wells yet to be sunk, I would recommend the purchase of one further Well Boring Plant so that each area would have its own plant.

I estimate the cost of plant to be approximately £360.

Yours faithfully,

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

Proposed by Councillor Senator McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy:

Resolved—That, having considered report of County Engineer dated 18th April, 1953, we approve of the purchase of an additional well boring plant at an estimated cost of £360, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's estimates to defray the cost of the plant.

Passed unanimously.

The Council noted report of Assistant County Engineer Caffrey, that the next well to be sunk in his area was at Shirsheen, Johnstown, and that if the Council wished, the plant could then be transferred to sink a well for the eight cottages at Moneylands. The Council agreed that the provision of a fountain at Glencormick should receive priority.

Item No. 19—Letter from Knockananna District Development Association.

The Council noted the following letter received from Knockananna District Development Association:—

Rathduffmore,
Hacketstown.

Dear Sir,

13/4/53.

The following resolution was passed unanimously at a meeting of Knockananna District Development Association held on the 1st April last.

Proposed by James Whelan, P.C.;

Seconded by Michael Sheil:

"That we, the Knockananna Development Association, desire to express our appreciation and thanks to Wicklow County Council for the improvements already done in our districts."

I am directed to convey to the staff and members of the Council our personal thanks.

Hoping you will be good enough to convey our appreciation to the Manager also.

With our special thanks to you personally.

Yours faithfully,

NICHOLAS O'TOOLE.

Item No. 20—Extension of Water Main from Kilquade to Kilcoole.

The following letter received from Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitors, on behalf of Captain de Caen, was submitted:—
Copy.

Church St., Wicklow.

23th March, 1953.

Captain de Caen and Wicklow Co. Council.

re: Acquisition of Ground for Watermain.

Dear Sir,

Captain H. A. deCaen, Spring Farm, Delgany, has consulted me with reference to your letter to him of the 13th instant. I wish to say that my client had a call from an Engineer on behalf of the Council and this official gave my client an indication of the course that the watermain was to take. The course suggested would go through my client's lawn; would have to be brought within close proximity of several valuable and decorative trees. The watermain would then go through several of my client's fields which, in fact, are honeycombed with drains which are laid down to drain the fields. If the watermain were laid through those fields, it would, of necessity, be essential to interfere with the existing drains, with the result that irreparable damage would be caused to my client's lands and on this account, he could not agree to give your Council the necessary facilities to lay the watermain along the line suggested and, in fact, my client will strongly object to the pipes being laid in the places indicated for the reasons aforesaid.

My client, however, is prepared to discuss with an Engineer from your Council alternative means whereby much less damage would be caused. If an Engineer proposes calling upon my client, it would be advisable to make an appointment in advance.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: A. CULLEN.

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

Housing and Sanitary Services,

Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow.

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

R. L. Farrell, Esq., B.A.I.,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

Chief Assistant Engineer.

7th April, 1953.

re: Kilcool Water Supply: Extension of Pipe from Kilquade to Kilcoole.

Dear Sir,

I interviewed Capt. De Caen, Springfarm, Kilquade, to-day regarding the alternative route he suggests for the above watermain and find that it is along the Mass path leading from Kilquade to Kilcoole. This route was carefully considered and examined when the scheme was being prepared and was ruled out for the following reasons:—

1. The length of main required would be over 250 lin. yards longer than that shown on the plans.
2. The path weaves in and out in places and extra specials such as bends, etc., would be required.

3. The path could only be followed for about half the distance as at the Kilcoole end it traverses between a stream and the high Convent wall and should a trench be opened along this section, the wall might collapse.
4. Generally, a contractor would submit a higher price for laying a main along this path than through an open field, apart from being more difficult terrain, the path is used by many people with the consequent extra risk of an accident and damage to plant, etc. The extra length, however, is the main objection as 250 yards of main at 50s. per yard would amount to £625.

Regarding Capt. De Caen's objection to the line suggested on the plans, the statement that several valuable and decorative trees might be damaged is misleading, as the nearest tree would be 30 feet away from the main.

Regarding the interference with the drainage system, I consider that the watermain trench would only serve as an excellent extra sub-soil drain as it will be constantly falling along its route through his land to the point where it crosses the stream. Should any transverse drains be encountered, it would not be very difficult or expensive to repair them, and even if it were necessary, a 4-inch open jointed drain could be laid in the trench at very little extra cost.

Yours faithfully,

Signed—Peter J. O'Keeffe,

Assist. Engineer.

The Council agreed that Captain de Caen be again requested to grant the necessary facilities for laying the main and in the event of his refusal that compulsory powers be exercised. The Council agreed that an offer of 5s. per perch be made as compensation in the case of Capt. de Caen and also in the case of Mr. T. Young.

Item No. 21—Capitation Rates for Patients in Voluntary Hospitals:

The Council noted the terms of Circular of 6th March, 1953, from Department of Health authorising an increase of 1/- per day in approved capitation rates for institutions and noted also that in addition to capitation charges, the cost of spectacles and surgical appliances, the cost of blood transfusions in excess of the first two, and 50 per cent. of the cost of special drugs and medicines were also payable.

Sanitary Convenience at The Meetings, Avoca:

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

Ref. L.27/14/3.

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

Housing and Sanitary Services Sections,

Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 30th January last regarding the erection of a public sanitary convenience at the Meetings, Avoca, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that no objection will be raised to the provision of screens as recommended by the County Architect.

As regards the final paragraph of your letter, I am to state that in view of the amount involved the Minister is of opinion that the expenditure should be met out of revenue.

Mise, le meas,

Signed—N. de Paor.

The Council directed that the Department be informed that the sanitary convenience at Avoca was only one of a number of sanitary conveniences which the Council proposed to provide and that the Department be asked to approve of the expenditure on these works being met by way of loan.

Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett, re Issue of Grants to Local Authorities:

Proposed by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond:

Resolved—That in view of the new Local Loans Bill coming before the Dail we request the Government to enact the necessary legislation to enable the Government to authorise the issue of credit to local authorities for housing, hospitals, sewerage, water supplies, and drainage, at 1 per cent. (to meet the cost of book-keeping, not as interest). We believe that the present rate of 5½ per cent. will put a stop to such much-needed works.

Passed, Councillors W. Cleary and P. Ledwidge dissenting.

Item No. 23—Objectionable Foreign Publications:

The Council adopted the following resolution received from "Boy-cott Objectionable Foreign Publications":

"That this meeting expresses its concern at Dail Eireann's indifference to the moral, national and economic harm being caused by the unrestricted flood of foreign publications coming into Ireland at present and deplores their failure to take any action on the matter in spite of repeated representations."

Item No. 24—Resolution from Kerry Co. Council, re Price of Milk:

The Council noted the resolution received from Kerry Co. Council requesting the Government to meet Milk Producers with a view to fixing an adequate price for milk.

Item No. 25—Allocation of Grants for County Roads.

The Council adopted the following resolution received from Waterford County Council:

"That we sincerely urge the Department of Local Government to allocate grants of 60 per cent. for County Roads in this County. We seriously consider that a substantial amount of the Main Road Grants should be transferred to County Roads."

Item No. 26—Institution of an Arbitration Board for Officers and Servants of Public Bodies:

The Council noted the following resolution received from Carlow Urban District Council:

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to take steps for the institution of an Arbitration Board, or similar Body, to which questions of Conditions, Salaries and Wages of All Officers, Servants and Employees of all Public Bodies—hitherto not catered for—may be referred for consideration."

Item No. 27—Rates for Tourism.

The Council decided to mark 'read' resolution received from Tramore Town Commissioners in regard to the selling by the Tourist Board of Property at Tramore.

Item No. 28:

The Council decided to mark 'read' a resolution received from Sinn Fein in regard to the playing of the English National Anthem at Rugby Match in Belfast, etc.

Item No. 29:

The Council approved of a resolution received from Galway Co. Council urging the greater use of Irish in the business of the Council.

Item No. 30:

The Council decided to mark 'read' resolution received from Sinn Fein in regard to participation in the Coronation of the Queen of England.

Item No. 31:

The Council noted that the next meeting of the County Councils' General Council would take place from the 5th to the 9th May, 1953, and directed that the resolution passed by the Council on that date in regard to the issuing of grants to Local Authorities be forwarded for consideration by the General Council.

Item No. 32—Tourist Guide for Wicklow and Wexford:

Having considered letter of 8th May, 1953, from Wicklow Tourist Association, protesting against the action of Fogra Failte in publishing only one guide to cover Counties Wicklow and Wexford, the Council supported the protest made by the Association and directed that the matter be taken up with Fogra Failte with a view to obtaining appropriate publicity for County Wicklow as a tourist resort.

Item No. 33—Holding of Local Elections:

The Council adopted the following resolution received from the Corporation of Limerick:

"That we, the members of the Limerick City Council request the Minister to allow the holding of Local Elections this year at the end of our statutory period of office. The copies of this resolution be forwarded to all local authorities."

Item No. 34—Admission of Representatives of Six Counties to An Dail:

The Council decided to mark 'read' resolution from Limerick City Corporation in regard to the admission of representatives of the people of the Counties into An Dail.

Cliff Walk, Bray, to Greystones:

The County Manager stated that An Bord Failte were arranging for the acquisition of the right-of-way over the Cliff Walk from Bray to Greystones and had arranged to make a grant available for the repair of this walk. The Council would carry out the work as agents for An Bord Failte. The Council approved of the arrangements.

S.D.A. Loan—Hugh Behan, Rathnew:

Having heard the views of the Council's Law Agent the Council agreed that Mr. Behan be allowed to sell his house at Rathnew subject to the repayment in full of the loan advanced by the Council and any other charges incidental thereto.

Purchase of Chippings, etc.:

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:
Courthouse, Wicklow.

20th April, 1953.

County Secretary.

re: Roads Schemes, 1953-'54.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the question of the supply of road material (chips, stones, etc.) under the present year's Scheme, I feel that it must be pointed out to the Council that the plant now the property of the Council is altogether inadequate for the production of the amount of stone and chips required, and before the new plant could be approved, purchased, acquired and set up in Newtown Quarry, the whole season of 1953 would have passed.

It is urgently necessary, therefore, to purchase some chippings immediately and in the meantime, as already reported on, I intend keeping Newtown Quarry going as far as we can. It will be realised that from now until the end of August is the most intensive part of the year in regard to work on roads.

If the Council realises that in the Western Area alone about 10,000 to 11,000 cubic yards of chippings and stone are required, and it is obviously impossible for the Council to produce that amount in the West, within the time required. Also, as for last year in the West, we must get Tarmac by purchase from private producers and the machinery necessary to lay and compact this will only be available to us in May next.

Stone is also required urgently in the remote districts of Mullans-Aughavannagh where no stone is available in that district, and the road will be required if for no other purpose than the carting of turf

at the end of the season from Farbreaga to Baltinglass Hospital. The amount of stone and chips required in South Wicklow is about 19,340 cubic yards.

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

The County Engineer stated that tarmac would be required for the Main Road in West Wicklow as the work on the road must be carried out during the month of May. In addition, chippings were urgently required for West Wicklow and for South Wicklow. Following a discussion the Council approved of the County Engineer's recommendation in the matter, Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea dissenting. The Council directed that a summary of the road works scheme for the coming year be circulated to all members and directed that the County Engineer endeavour to arrange for the hiring of machinery in order that the greater quantity of the materials could be produced by Direct Labour.

Provision of Dumping Ground at Enniskerry:

The County Engineer was asked to submit a report on this matter for the next meeting of the Council.

Fire Brigade Services:

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., raised the question of the making of contributions by Insurance Companies towards the cost of Fire Brigade Services. The Council directed that the matter be brought to the notice of the General Council of County Councils.

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

"That I or someone for me will move at the next meeting of the County Council that a loan of £9,200 be raised for the purpose of providing a Water Supply for Coolfancy and Coolboy."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

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A Meeting of Wicklow County Council to deal with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 4th May, 1953, at 2 p.m.

The following members were present:—
Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman; Councillors Senator J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, P. Brennan, J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, P. Ledwidge, W. Lawless, J. 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. Fenlon, and P. J. Foley and the Council's Architect, were present.

AGENDA:

1. Report of County Engineer on progress of Housing Schemes during the month of April, 1953.
2. 1952 Housing Scheme—Report of Meetings of Local Committees.
3. Housing Scheme at Carnew.
4. Grants under Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952 — to approve of draft Deed of Mortgage for loan of £4,000.
5. Housing Subsidies—Circular No. 18/1953 from Department of Local Government in regard to rate of interest on advances from Local Loans Fund for Housing Schemes and revised rates of subsidy.
6. Letter from Honorary Secretary, Cottage Tenants Association, Newtownmountkennedy, re painting of cottages, etc.
7. Water supply for cottage at Kilpatrick, Redcross—report of Council's Engineer.
8. Applications for Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
9. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
10. Repairs carried out during month of April, 1953.
11. Authorisation of repairs.

K. J. BRANGAN,
County Secretary.

29th April, 1953.

Resolution of Sympathy:

On the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members of the Council with the relatives of Mr. William Sargeant who died following an accident when competing in the Leinster 100 Motor Cycle Race at Wicklow on the 2nd May, 1953.

On the proposal of Councillor E. Bobbett, seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with Mr. Sean MacBride on the death of his mother, Madame Maud Gonnie MacBride.

Progress Report:

The report of the County Engineer on the progress of the Housing Scheme during the month of April, 1953, had been circulated to the members.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of the Housing Schemes during the month of April, 1953.

1952 Housing Schemes:

Reports of the meetings of the Local Housing Committee to consider the list of applicants and sites were submitted. The Council agreed that sites No. 1009, 1010 and 1048 be included provisionally in the scheme subject to confirmation that satisfactory means of access to the sites could be obtained. The Council recommended that a portion of land

containing approximately 1½ acres be acquired from Mr. Peter Travers, Tombrean, Carnew, to provide a site for a cottage for P. Hennessy, Ballingate, Carnew, and for use as allotments. The Council noted the report of the Council's Architect of the 1st May, 1953, that the alternative site on the lands of Mr. McDonald, Curravanish, Tinahely, for which Jeremiah McGrath was an applicant was suitable. Having considered reports of the Council's Architect and Chief Medical Officer, the Council approved of the application of Timothy Kelly, Springfarm, Redcross. It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor J. Jacob;

Resolved—Having considered reports of Meetings of Local Housing Committees we approve of the amended list of approved sites for the 1952 Housing Scheme being 56 in all, and authorise the raising of a loan of £58,240 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 50 years with interest at 5½ per cent. to defray the cost of the erection of these houses.

Passed unanimously.

The Council approved also of the provisional allocation of the cottages to be erected under the scheme to the applicants approved.

In the case of the application of P. Bracken, Kilcarra, Woodenbridge, whose application had been excluded on the grounds that he was not in need of housing accommodation, the Council asked that enquiries be made to ascertain if Mr. Bracken had received notice to quit.

Housing Scheme at Carnew:

The County Secretary stated that the Solicitors for the owners of the lands proposed to be acquired by the Council at Carnew had stated that his client had complained of the matter being held up by the Council and had stated that his client had enquiries for building sites from private individuals and that he wished to ascertain what the Council intended to do. No reply had been received from the Department of Local Government in regard to the Council's application that moneys be made available for a Tenant Purchase Scheme at 3½ per cent. At the suggestion of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea the matter was deferred to the next meeting.

Grants under Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952:

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Senator McCrea;

Resolved—That we approve of the Draft Mortgage received from the Commissioners of Public Works in respect of the loan of £4,000 for the purpose of making grants under the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, and approve of the affixing of the seal to the Undertaking that the instalment in repayment of the loan now proposed as well as of any existing loan will be punctually remitted at the dates at which they become due, viz.: 1st May and 1st November in each year.

Passed unanimously.

Housing Subsidy and Rate of Interest:

The following Circular from the Department of Local Government had been circulated to the members:—

Circular No. 18/1953.

Dept. of Local Government,
Custom House, Dublin.

29th April, 1953.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to inform you that in order to relate the rate of interest on advances from the Local Loans Fund for working class and agricultural labourers housing schemes to the terms on which the Exchequer can borrow for the purpose of the Fund, 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 5½ per cent. per annum the rate of in-

terest payable in respect of issues made on or after the 1st May, 1935, from the Fund for such schemes.

In the case of (1) unissued balances of loans already sanctioned; (2) supplemental loans required for the completion of working class and agricultural labourers schemes at present in course of erection, and (3) loans for any scheme of "normal," i.e., lower subsidy, houses for which a housing authority has placed a contract or which a housing authority has commenced by direct labour and for which the loan has not yet been sanctioned, an interest subsidy will be payable by this Department, subject to the necessary monies being voted, to secure that the effective rate of interest on such issues will be 2½ per cent.

As regards the cases in which the revised interest rate will be effective the Minister has, with the consent of the Minister for Finance, increased the subsidisable capital cost limits set out in the Housing (Loan Charges Contributions) Regulations as follows:—

(1) Higher subsidy schemes for the provision of flats under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts—a new limit of £2,000 replaces the former limit of £1,400. Higher subsidy schemes for the provision of houses under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts—a new limit of £1,500 in county boroughs and the borough of Dun Laoghaire replaces the former limit of £1,000 and in other urban areas a new limit of £1,500 replaces the former limit of £950.

(2) Lower subsidy schemes under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts—a new limit of £1,500 in county boroughs and the borough of Dun Laoghaire replaces the former limit of £1,000 and in the other urban areas a new limit of £1,500 replaces the former limit of £950.

(3) Schemes under the Labourers Acts—a new limit of £1,500 for fully serviced cottages replaces the former limit of £950 and a new limit of £1,000 for unserviced cottages replaces the former limit of £800.

The revised Regulations will apply to working class and agricultural labourers housing schemes financed by monies borrowed from the Local Loans Fund with the sanction of the Minister for Finance given on or after the 1st May, 1953, or by the issue of stock or otherwise with the consent of the Minister for Local Government given on or after the 15th January, 1953.

A copy of the Regulations will be sent to each housing authority in due course.

Mise, le meas,

To each Housing Authority.

P. GARVIN.

The County Secretary stated that in the case of an unserviced cottage costing £1,000 the increase in the rate of interest would result in an additional sum of 1s. 8½d. per week having to be met from the rent or rates. The Co. Manager gave details of the annual charges in respect of an unserviced cottage costing £1,000 to construct and pointed out that the economic rent of such cottage would be £1 5s. 8d. per week. The amount of the subsidy from the State was equivalent to 13s. 1d. per week, leaving a sum of 12s. 7d. to be met from rent and rates. In the case of the 1952 Housing Scheme if the rent were fixed at 10s. per week the subsidy of 2s. 7d. per week from rates would amount to £376 2s. 8d. per annum in respect of 56 cottages. The Council noted the terms of the Department's Circular and noted that it would be necessary to charge a rent exclusive of rates amounting to 10s. per week in respect of cottages erected under the 1952 scheme.

Painting of Cottages, etc.:

The following letter received from Mr. T. McCarthy, Hon. Secretary, Cottage Tenants' Association, Newtownmountkennedy, was submitted:—
Cottage Tenants' Association,
Newtownmountkennedy.

Staff Officer,
Rathdrum.

24/4/1953.

Re: Painting of Cottages by Co. Council employees in Newtown and
Kilpedder areas—No paint available for Cottiers Newtown Area.
A Chara,

I have your letter of the 17th April, 1953, re above. You state that in the case of other cottages the tenants were all old people who were unable to do the work themselves. I am aware of the cottages which were "Snowcem"-ed and painted in Newtown and Kilpedder areas and I can definitely assure you that they were not all old people. There are young men residing in some of these cottages who could and I expect would do painting and "Snowcem"-ing of cottages. Cottages in Timmore area have been "Snowcem"-ed recently and they are not all old people as tenants. I am afraid there is something wrong where some tenants can get this work done free of cost while tenants residing in two-storey cottages cannot get a ladder to help paint windows of same from County Council.

As there is no paint available at Newcastle for a long time some tenants in Newtown area called to Glen of the Downs to get paint there but were refused. Rent receipt was produced.

I must say this is a rather hard position for cottiers more especially during An Tóstal period. Last year tenants in this area got paint around this time, but this year on account of An Tóstal Festival the working class were not allowed paint. I wonder can the Housing Committee give an answer to this question. Our Committee would like to see the matter attended to urgently.

Will the Cottiers in this area have to remain without paint until next year? Can none be supplied from Wicklow? When will County Council supply ladder to paint two storied cottages in Newtown and Kilpedder areas.

Tenants in this area are not prepared to purchase lavatory buckets as they are of the opinion the County Council should supply same when required by Tenants.

Signed—T. MCCARTHY,
Hon. Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that snowcem had been applied to cottages at Timmore to protect the walls against dampness and such work was always carried out by the Council. The stock of paint at Newcastle had been exhausted but further supplies were on order and would shortly be available for issue. If the Council agreed ladders might be made available to tenants in connection with the painting of their cottages. The Council agreed that a ladder be provided for loan to tenants in such cases.

Water Supply for Cottages at Kilpatrick, Redcross:

Having considered report of Assistant County Engineer dated 1st April, 1953, in regard to his inspection of the well on the lands owned by Mr. A. Kavanagh at Kilpatrick, and having noted that the landowner objected to the fencing off of the well without considerable compensation and that the tenant through whose plot the other tenants would have to pass to obtain the water also objected, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That having considered report of Assistant Co. Engineer dated 1st April, 1953, we approve of the sinking of a well to provide a water supply for cottages at Kilpatrick, Redcross.

Passed, Miss E. F. Bobbett dissenting.

Applications for Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:

The Council approved of the making of a loan of £1,500 to Mr. A. E. McMahon, in respect of the erection of a house at Blessington subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's scheme.
Town and Regional Planning Acts:

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. T. Garvey, Fuchsia Cottage, Upper Windgates, for approval to the erection of extensions to his premises. On an inspection of the site it was found that the work had been carried out without permission and that the standard of construction and finish was unsatisfactory. Permission for the work was refused and the Council's Solicitor was instructed to institute proceedings for breach of the Council's Building Bye-Laws in this case. The local Housing Committee of the Council for the Bray Electoral area had approved of the action taken in the matter. Mr. Garvey had now submitted proposals to carry out works to meet the requirements of the Council. The Council agreed that permission might be given for the work in accordance with the recommendations of the Council's Architect.

Repairs carried out during the Month of April, 1953:

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of April, 1953:

Authorisation of Repairs:

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

Dispensary at Kilcoole:

The following report of the meeting of members of the Council for the Bray Electoral area in connection with the cost of erection of dispensary at Kilcoole was submitted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF MEMBERS FOR BRAY ELECTORAL AREA ON COST OF ERECTION OF DISPENSARY AT KILCOOLE.

A Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area was held at the Town Hall, Bray, on Monday, 27th April, 1953, at 7.30 p.m. for the purpose of investigating the cost of the erection of a new Dispensary at Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow.

The cost of erecting this dispensary was £1,839, whereas the original estimate for the work was £1,190.

The County Engineer reported to the Committee that whilst the excess over the original estimate was £649, a substantial part of such excess was due to the cost of extra works which were not included in the original estimate. The extras were:—

3' 6" under-building due to bad foundation	..	£40
117½ Lin. Ft. Concrete boundary wall, 4' 3" high with piers and gate	..	£120
Extra on drainage	..	£20
Lining all exterior walls with 1" thick Cork	..	£42
Extra cost on the substitution of Rubberoid Roofing in lieu of tiles	..	£35
		£257

The work in connection with foundations was not anticipated when the original estimate was prepared and the extra for drainage arose from excavations. It was decided to use Rubberoid for roofing in lieu of tiles as the dispensary was in a prominent position in the centre of the village and it was felt that Rubberoid tiles would have a better appearance than concrete tiles. Owing, however, to an increase in the price of timber between the date of the preparation of the original estimate and the date at which roofing was carried out the use of Rubberoid tiles involved an extra as timber sheeting had to be placed underneath the tiles. The use of insulating material was not included in the

original estimate but as medicines have to be stored in the dispensary it was felt that the external walls should be internally insulated with cork lining. When the Dispensary had almost been completed it had been represented at a Council meeting that a boundary wall should be erected around it and this involved the foregoing extra of £120. In addition, there was an extra of £74 for Holiday Pay to workers which was not provided for in the original estimate.

The clearance of the site was originally started as a Christmas Relief Work and the County Engineer reported that the output during this period was not economic, as normally for such work plant would be used in clearance and this would reduce cost. He considered that if the site had been cleared in the normal way with the aid of plant and not as a Relief Work the cost for this part of the work might have been reduced by £100. He stressed that it was difficult to secure economic costs on work of this character if it were undertaken merely as an Employment Relief Work where it was sought to give employment to the maximum number of workmen. The original estimate for clearing the site was based on the use of machinery in conjunction with unskilled labour.

The total of the foregoing items, viz.: extras £257; holiday pay £74; and additional cost for clearing £100, amounts to £431. Deducting this from the excess, over the original estimate, of £649 the balance would be £218. It was mentioned by the County Engineer that the joinery work in the dispensary building involved the provision of a large number of presses, etc., and that the standard of finish generally for dispensaries had to be high. He submitted that the higher standard of finishes required would account for the balance of £218 over the original estimate. The standard of finished work, he stated, was not taken into account when the original estimate was being prepared. The Committee noted that the excess over the original estimate could be ascribed to the extent of about 40 per cent. to extras which arose during the course of the work and that the balance was due to extra cost of clearance, holiday pay to workmen and to standard of finish required.

Whilst on analysis the Committee found that the increase in cost did not appear to be as unreasonable as at first seemed to be the case, they felt that the cost of the work was originally under-estimated. As the Council probably will be building other Dispensaries the Committee considered that any further estimates for this type of work should be very accurately prepared. Costs should be kept completely up-to-date as work progresses and if extras have to be incurred or are considered essential they should be specially authorised and a separate estimate of the cost be submitted before they are undertaken.

The Council directed that a copy of the report be circulated to each member of the Council.

Main Street at Bray:

Councillor Ledwidge complained of the condition of the Main St., Bray, and asked when the matter would receive attention. The County Engineer stated that the Main Street would be surfaced as soon as possible and that he hoped to have the work commenced within three weeks or a month.

Repairs to Cottage at Roundwood:

In reply to complaint made by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., in regard to need for repairs to cottage occupied by Mr. Timmins, at Roundwood, the Assistant County Engineer stated that an application had been received for the provision of a porch in this case. As a porch was not being provided he agreed that it would be necessary to provide a new door. The Council agreed that the door be provided.

Housing Scheme at Blessington:

The Council directed that the Department of Local Government be requested to furnish the Council with a decision regarding the Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of lands at Blessington required for a Housing Scheme.

Appointment of Assistant Overseer:

Councillor J. O'Neill asked that consideration be given to the appointment of an Assistant Overseer in Assistant County Engineer C. J. Byrne's district. The Co. Manager stated that he would enquire into the matter. The Council agreed that a list of overseers and assistant overseers be supplied to each member.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th May, 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, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, P. Ledwidge, Ed. Byrne, L. O Laoighleis, P. N. Murdoch, W. Cleary, J. Everett, T.D.; 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 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 16th February and 9th March, 1953.
2. To fill vacancy on Co. Wicklow Vocational Education Committee consequent on the resignation of Very Rev. P. Gleeson, P.P.
3. To fill vacancy on Rathdown Old Age Pension Sub-Committee consequent on death of Mr. Wm. Douglas, Main St., Bray.
4. Wicklow Harbour—To confirm resolution passed at meeting of Council held on 9th March, 1953, re guaranteeing of loan of £6,000 to be borrowed by Wicklow Harbour Commissioners.
5. Roads at Manor Kilbride—Letter from Kilbride Development Association.
- 5a. Letter from Electricity Supply Board re closing of Burgage Bridge and Humphreystown Bridge.
6. Silver Strand Road—Letter from Department of Local Government conveying sanction to raising of loan.
- 6a. Letter from Wicklow Urban District Council re easing of corner at Dunbur Road.
7. Road at Kilcarra, Woodenbridge—Letter from Dept. of Lands and report of County Engineer.
8. Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools Scheme, 1953—Application of Mr. James Mundow.
- 8a. Letter from Dublin County Council re University Scholarship Scheme.
9. Fire Brigade Services—Letter from Dept. of Local Government in reply to Council's application for State Assistance towards cost of services.
10. Tenant Purchase Scheme, Carnew—Letter from Department of Local Government re rate of interest.
11. Dispensary at Kilcoole—Report of meeting of Local Committee held on 27th April, 1953.
12. Provision of Dumping Ground at Enniskerry—Report of County Engineer.
13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea re raising of loan to defray cost of Coolboy Water Supply Scheme.
14. Glendalough Burial Ground—Report of Caretaker re unauthorised burial.
15. Letter from An Fogra Falte re Wicklow Guide.
16. Minutes of Meetings of County Councils' General Council held on 11th December, 1952, and 12th February, 1953.
17. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

The Chairman referred to the absence of Councillor P. P. O'Reilly from recent meetings of the Council, and trusted that he was not ill. The members of the Council directed that their best wishes be con-

veyed to Councillor P. P. O'Reilly and their hope that he would soon be able to resume attendance at the Council meetings.

The Council also extended congratulations to Councillor C. M. Byrne on his recovery from his recent illness.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 16th February, 2nd March, 1953, and 9th March, 1953.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Vacancy on Co. Wicklow Vocational Education Committee.

The following letter from the Chief Executive Officer, Co. Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, was submitted:—

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

Technical School,
Wicklow.
24th April, 1953.

I wish to inform you of a vacancy on my Committee occasioned by the resignation of Very Rev. M. Gleeson, former Parish Priest of Aughrim, and now transferred to Dublin City.

It was suggested at the meeting of my Committee held on 21st instant, that your Council might consider appointing Very Rev. Fr. Lillis, now Parish Priest of Aughrim, to this vacancy.

Mise, le meas,

AINDRIAS O CROTAIGH,

Priomh Oifigeach Feidhmiuchain.

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

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Very Rev. Fr. Lillis, P.P., Aughrim, as a member of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Very Rev. M. Gleeson, P.P.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Vacancy on Rathdown O.A.P. Sub-Committee.

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

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

14, Kennelsfort Rd.,
Palmerstown,
Co. Dublin.
30th April, 1953.

At a meeting of Rathdown No. 2 O.A.P. Sub-Committee held in the Town Hall, Bray, on 16th April, 1953, it was decided unanimously to elect Mr. Joseph Ryder, Quill Farm, Kilmacanogue, to the Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. William Douglas, Main St., Bray.

Mise, le meas,

DENIS J. MCGINN,

Clerk to Rathdown O.A.P. Sub-Committee.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr. Joseph Ryder, Quill Farm, Kilmacanogue, as a member of the Rathdown No. 2 O.A.P. Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Wm. Douglas, Main Street, Bray.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Guaranteeing of Loan to Wicklow Harbour Commissioners.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

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

Resolved—That, in accordance with Section 7 of the Harbour Act, 1947, we hereby confirm resolution passed by Wicklow County Council at the meeting held on the 9th March, 1953, to assist the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners by guaranteeing the repayment of a loan of £6,000 intended to be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, and also by guaranteeing the payment of interest on such loan which is required for the purpose of carrying out improvement works at Wicklow Harbour.

Passed unanimously.

Guaranteeing of Loan to Arklow Harbour Commissioners.

Councillor Senator J. McCrea inquired why the Council had sought repayment of amounts paid in respect of principle and interest on loan borrowed by Arklow Harbour Commissioners and guaranteed by the Council. The County Secretary stated that the Accounts of the Arklow Harbour Commissioners for the year to the 31st December, 1952, showed that receipts for the year had exceeded expenditure by a sum of approximately £900, and, accordingly, the Harbour Commissioners were liable for the repayment of the Loan, and for the reimbursement to the Council of the amounts paid on behalf of the Commissioners.

Members of the Council having referred to the amounts due by Arklow Harbour Commissioners to the Bank, and having stated that the Commissioners were not in a position to discharge payments due on foot of the Loan, the County Secretary stated that the opinion of the Law Agent on the matter would be obtained.

Item No. 5—Roads at Manor Kilbride.

The following letter from Manor Kilbride Development Association was submitted:—

The Co. Manager,
Court House,
Wicklow.
Dear Sir,

Kilbride Development Association,
Manor Kilbride,
Co. Wicklow.
30th April, 1953.

At a meeting of the above Association held recently, a resolution was unanimously passed protesting against the failure of the County Council to implement certain promises made to the Association's Deputation on the 9th February last in connection with the tarring and repair of certain roads in the district of Manor Kilbride.

On that occasion the Deputation drew the Council's attention to the condition of certain roads in the district which were re-made in places but never surfaced with tar. One of these roads was re-made a year ago, but not tarred and today its condition is rendering it practically impassable. On that date previously referred to, the District Engineer stated both to the members of the Deputation and to the Council that the tarring of these roads would commence in April. A few weeks ago, one hundred yards of one road was tarred, but then the tarring machine was removed elsewhere and since then the work has not been resumed. We should like to know the reason for this, and we should also like to know the reason for the Council's prolonged indifference to the continuous demand of the people here for roads of even a passable condition or roads even comparable with the roads in general in the county.

This Association now demands that the County Council take immediate steps to implement the assurance given to the Deputation

sent by the Association at the meeting of the Council held on the 9th February last.

I remain,
Yours faithfully,
SEAN NEWMAN,
Hon. Secretary.

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

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

Blessington,
Co. Wicklow.
5th May, 1953.

Re: Roads at Manor Kilbride.

Dear Sir,

I have your letter of the 4th instant with remarks of the Kilbride Development Association.

It is gross exaggeration to say that portion of the road which was rolled about a year ago is in an impassable condition. There are a few potholes in it which will be repaired when it is being tarred.

I did not state, so far as I remember, that any of the roads there would be surfaced dressed in the month of April, for the simple reason that it is most unusual to start surface dressing sooner than May. What I did say was that they would be started some time after the 1st April, by which I inferred that they would be done as soon as the Funds for the year 1953/54 became available.

No surface dressing was done a few weeks ago, but the reconstruction of Road 372 was completed by Tar Grouting, an entirely different thing. The Roads requiring tar will receive attention in due course, but I have to point out that there are Roads which were reconstructed last year in urgent need of attention due to the intensity of traffic on them, and I refer in particular to the road from Poulaphouca to Humphreystown, and the road from Donard to Newtown. When these two roads have been completed, Road 372 will probably be dealt with, but I may, if the weather conditions are favourable, have to give priority to the Main Road.

As regards the last complaint of the Council's indifference, I would point out to the Council that the District around Kilbride has a greater proportion of reconstructed surface dressed roads than any other such area in the Western District of Wicklow, and during the past three years it will be found that a very large proportion of the Grant, Reconstruction and Surface Dressing monies were expended in that area.

The Manager and the Chairman have seen the roads that these people complain of and want reconstructed, and they have no doubt formed their opinion as to the proportion of good roads which they have.

Yours faithfully,
Signed: P. J. FOLEY.

The Council noted the terms of the report of the Assistant County Engineer and directed that copy of the report be forwarded to the Manor Kilbride Development Association.

Item No. 5a.—Closing of Burgage Bridge and Humphreystown Bridge.

The following letter from the Electricity Supply Board was submitted:—
27 Lt. Fitzwilliam St.,
Dublin.
4th May, 1953.

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

Re: Closing of Burgage Bridge.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 10th February last and to previous correspondence, you will recollect that, arising out of repair work on the bridge, the Minister made an Order authorising your Council to close Burgage Bridge during the period from the 1st January last to the 31st inst. As you are aware, owing to the delay in completing the work on Blessington Bridge, Burgage Bridge was not closed to traffic until 9th February, and as a result it will not be possible to have the work completed on the 31st instant. It will be necessary to have the period of closure of the bridge extended to the 15th proximo. I shall be glad if you will arrange accordingly.

As soon as the work on Burgage Bridge is completed, it is hoped to proceed with the work on Humphreystown Bridge. Would you kindly make arrangements to have this bridge closed to traffic during the period 15th June, 1953, to the 30th Sept., 1953.

Yours faithfully,

PATRICK J. DEMPSEY,
Secretary.

The Council agreed to application being made to the Minister for an Order authorising the Council to close Burgage Bridge to traffic during the period to the 15th June, 1953. The Council were of opinion that the closing of Humphreystown Bridge during the period 15th June to 30th September, 1953, as requested by the Electricity Supply Board, would cause considerable inconvenience, and asked that the Electricity Supply Board be requested to defer work on this bridge until 1st November, 1953.

With reference to complaints received from Colonel Gilheaney, Blessington, in regard to the condition of the road leading from Blessington Village to the new Bridge, and to the condition of the surface of the Bridge, the Assistant County Engineer had reported as follows:
K. J. Brangan, Esq.,
County Secretary,
Court House,
Wicklow.

Blessington,
Co. Wicklow.
5th May, 1953.

Re: Roads.

Dear Sir,

I acknowledge receipt of yours of the 4th instant. With reference to Col. Gilheaney's letter, it is correct to say that the road between Blessington Village and the new bridge constructed by the Electricity Supply Board, is in bad condition, both in regard to the surface and foundations. It has been subject to traffic which it was wholly unfit for, that is sand lorries.

There are no funds available for reconstructing it this year, and the only thing is to fill the pot-holes as fast as they occur, and that is pretty rapidly.

The Bridge recently reconstructed by the Electricity Supply Board has not been levelled, and portions of the surface project above the adjoining surface. This was rendered necessary by reason of the work carried out at the Bridge itself, and the only thing I see for it would be for the Electricity Supply Board to surface the Bridge from one end to the other, including the approaches for some short distance.

There has been settlement of these approaches as the roads were built on an artificially made embankment, the whole surface should be re-aligned by the Electricity Supply Board.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: F. J. FOLEY.

The Council directed that the E.S.B. be asked to arrange immediately for the re-surfacing of these roads.

Item No. 6—Silver Strand Road.

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

L.27/57/2.

Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Custom House,
Dublin.
2adh Bealtaine, 1953.

With reference to your letter of the 16th ultimo and previous correspondence, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he has sanctioned the proposal of the Wicklow County Council to raise a loan of £5,608 for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the construction of the Silver Strand section of the Wicklow-Arklow Coast Road, the loan to be obtained from the Council's Treasurer, and to be repayable over a period of ten years, with interest at the usual rate.

A signed duplicate of this letter is enclosed for the Treasurer.
Mise, le meas,

N. de PAOR.

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

Resolved—That, pursuant to the letter of sanction from the Dept. of Local Government dated 2nd May, 1953, the sum of £5,608 be borrowed from the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the construction of the Silver Strand section of the Wicklow-Arklow Coast Road: to be repaid within ten years with interest at the usual rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances as in said letter of sanction provided: the said Loan and all interest thereon to be secured by a mortgage over the Rates.

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that work on the Silver Strand section of the Road should be proceeded with immediately.

Item No. 6a—Easing of Corner at Dunbur Road.

The following letter from the Acting Town Clerk, Wicklow Urban District Council, was submitted:—

Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Wicklow.

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
7th May, 1953.

Re: Corner at Junction of Sea View Road with the Main Wicklow-Dunbur-Silver Strand Road near Summerhill.

A Chara,

At a meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday, the question of a dangerous corner at the above junction was discussed at length. The Council had under consideration the transfer of a lease of property from Wake to Haughton, portion of which takes in this dangerous corner. The estimated cost of taking in the corner in question is £44, and it is felt by my Council that this is more a question for the Wicklow Co. Council than it is for the Urban Council. It would be appreciated, therefore, if you would kindly bring the matter before your Council for consideration.

To explain the matter more fully, I am enclosing a copy of the

Town Surveyor's letter of the 16th April to the Wicklow Urban Council and also a rough plan of the area.

The question of improving the opposite corner is mentioned on the plan, and should also be considered. In this connection the possibility of lowering the wall and erecting a railing, was discussed.

Mise, le meas,

J. HURLEY,

Acting Town Clerk.

The Council agreed that the work of easing the corner at the junction of Sea View Road with the Dunbur Road be carried out by Wicklow County Council at an estimated total cost of £100.

Item No. 7—Road at Kilcarra, Woodenbridge.

The following letter from the Department of Lands, Forestry Division, was submitted:—

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A Chara,

An Roinn Tailte,
88 Cearnog Mhuirbhthean,
Baile Atha Cliath, M.17.

With reference to your letter of 19th February last regarding the taking over by your Council of a road at Kilcarra as a public road, I am to inform you that the Department is disposed, in certain circumstances, to consider making a contribution towards the preliminary repair work of which you speak.

I am to enquire the number of families interested in the project and the Departmental contribution your Council would consider equitable, having regard to the financial support you expect from local interested parties.

Mise, le meas,

K. L. SCHORMAN.

The Secretary,

Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that there were two families and four single persons residing on the road. The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
11th May, 1953.

Re: Road at Kilcarra.

With regard to the matter of the proposed taking over and maintaining road at Kilcarra connecting the village of Kilcarra, Woodenbridge with Main Road No. 181, at Gate Lodge near Woodenbridge, and referring to your letter of 4th instant herein, in which it was indicated that the Department of Lands was disposed, in certain circumstances, to make a contribution towards the repair work on the road, I write to say that in the first instance, having regard to the fact that we have so many other County Roads still in an unsatisfactory state of repair, it might be desirable to defer this proposal.

The only attractive feature in the matter is that the Department of Lands evidently are inclined to give a contribution towards the work. In my opinion, the Department of Lands ought to give a 100 per cent. contribution to place the road in a good state of repair if and when it will be taken over.

In addition to the work proposed to be carried out as submitted in the Engineer's report and estimate of £700, there would be some easing of dangerous corners and bends and some additional drainage, and altogether I place the estimate at £900 to put the road in a fair state of repair if the work were to be carried out by the County Council at the expense of the Department of Lands.

The length of the road is approximately two miles and, apart from the commercial utility, it might be regarded as a tourist road, in which case An Bord Failte might make a contribution.

Signed: J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

The County Manager indicated that it was unlikely that an Bord Failte would consider making any contribution in the case of a road of this character.

The Council decided to defer the matter for the purpose of ascertaining the extent of the Grant which the Forestry Division of the Department of Lands would be prepared to give.

Item No. 8—Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1953.

The County Secretary stated that as instructed at previous meeting of the Council, the opinion of the Council's Law Agent had been obtained in regard to the Declaration submitted with the application of James Mundow, and that further inquiries had also been made in regard to the income of the applicant's father, Mr. James Mundow. The Council's Law Agent had stated that the circumstances relating to the making of the Statutory Declaration would not alone debar the applicant, but that the Council should not award a Scholarship unless they were satisfied regarding the income of the applicant's parents. The County Secretary submitted particulars of the information obtained in regard to Mr. Mundow's employment during the year ended 31st December, 1952. The Council noted that no information had been given in respect of employment during more than four months of the year.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor Ed. Byrne:

Resolved—That, having considered letter of 23rd March, 1953, from the Department of Education, and report of the meeting of the Local Committee, we refuse the application of James William Mundow, 2 Glenburgh Tce., Dargle Road, Bray, for permission to compete for a Scholarship under the Council's Secondary and Vocational Schools' Scholarship Scheme, 1953, as adequate information as to income has not been submitted.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8a.—University Scholarship Scheme.

The following letter from Dublin County Council was submitted:—

DS/AM. Secretary, Wicklow Co. Council, Courthouse, Wicklow.	11, Parnell Square, Dublin, C.16. 5th May, 1953.
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University Scholarships, 1953.

A Chara,

Under the terms of this Council's Scheme it is necessary that the applicant's parents/guardians be resident (a) in County Dublin on 1st October of the year preceding the examination year, and (b) in Dublin City or County in the preceding six years. An applicant whose parents/guardians satisfy condition (a), but who do not qualify under (b), may be accepted if it is found possible to come to an arrangement with the local authority in whose area the parents/guardians formerly resided.

An applicant under the 1953 Scheme states that her parents satisfy condition (a) and were resident in County Dublin since December, 1946. Prior to that date they resided in Co. Wicklow. I am to enquire whether your Council would admit the applicant if the circumstances were the reverse of those stated, i.e., if the parents were now living in County Wicklow, but had previously resided in Co. Dublin.

Mise, le meas,

J. D. WILLIAMS,
Runai Iomadaoh.

The Council noted that the terms of the Council's Scheme provided that the applicant's parents/guardians must have been resident in Co. Wicklow for three years prior to the 1st January, 1953, in the case of the 1953 Scheme. The Council directed that Dublin County Council be informed that the Council would be prepared to consider any such case as was mentioned in their letter on its merits.

Item No. 9—Fire Brigades.

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

L.27/74A.

Secretary, Wicklow Co. Council, Courthouse, Wicklow. A Chara,	Custom House, Dublin. 17th April, 1953.
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I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 21st February last regarding the cost of the Fire Brigade Service, and to state that there are no funds at his disposal from which assistance could be provided for this service.

Mise, le meas,

N. de PAOR.

Item No. 10—Tenant Purchase Scheme: Carnew.

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

Secretary, Wicklow Co. Council, Courthouse, Wicklow. A Chara,	Custom House, Dublin. 5th May, 1953.
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With reference to your letter of 17th ultimo regarding the proposed tenant purchase scheme at Carnew, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to the Department's Circular Letter No. 18/1953 of the 29th April, relating to the rate of interest payable in respect of issues made from the Local Loans Fund on or after the 1st instant.

Mise, le meas,

G. A. MEAGHER.

The Council noted that a rate of interest of 5½ per cent. would apply to a Loan raised in respect of this Scheme. The Council decided to defer a final decision in regard to the acquisition of the site, to its next meeting.

Item No. 11—Dispensary at Kilcoole.

As directed at a previous meeting of the Council, a copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee of members for the Bray Electoral Area in regard to the cost of the dispensary at Kilcoole, had been circulated to the members.

Proposed by Councillor P. N. Murdoch;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

Resolved—That we approve of the report of the meeting of the Committee of members of the Bray Electoral Area in regard to the cost of the erection of the Dispensary at Kilcoole.

Passed, Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and P. Ledwidge dissenting.

Item No. 12—Provision of Dumping Ground at Enniskerry.

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

County Secretary.

Courthouse, Wicklow.
11th May, 1953.

Re: Proposed Dumping Ground and Scavenging Service at Enniskerry.

Dear Sir,

In reply to previous correspondence regarding the above, I wish to report as follows:—

I have investigated the possibility of getting a suitable site for a dumping ground at Enniskerry, but the only suitable site available is on the south bank of the Glencullen River, 500 yards west of Knocksink Bridge. The site is on lands the property of Lord Powerscourt.

I have endeavoured to contact his agent, but so far have not succeeded. However, I have an appointment with him on the 12th instant, when an agreement may be reached regarding the acquisition of the site.

Regarding scavenging service—at the moment there is no such service in Enniskerry, and I would recommend that one of the local carters be employed for one or two days per week (either by Direct Labour or Contract) to do this work. The estimated cost to the Council would be approximately £50 per annum for a one day per week service.

Yours faithfully,

R. M. FENLON,
Assist. Co. Engineer.

The Council directed that a further report in regard to the matter be submitted to the Council following the meeting of the Assistant Co. Engineer with the Agent for the Powerscourt Estate.

Item No. 13—Coolboy Water Supply Scheme.

The Council noted that a resolution had been passed by the Council in regard to the raising of a Loan to defray the cost of a Water Supply Scheme at Coolboy.

Item No. 14—Glendalough Burial Ground.

The County Secretary stated that in report dated 30th April, 1953, from the Caretaker of the Burial Ground at Glendalough, it was stated that John Malone of Diamond Hill, Roundwood, had interred the body of Laurence Doyle, Ballinacor, Roundwood, in the old cemetery at Glendalough, despite his protests. The coffin had been lifted over the wall. The old cemetery had been closed by Order of the Minister of the 30th October, 1931. The Council's Solicitor had been instructed to take Court proceedings against John Malone.

In regard to the proposal to extend the existing Burial Ground at Glendalough, the following report was submitted by the Co. Engineer:

County Secretary.
Courthouse, Wicklow.
11th May, 1953.

Re: Glendalough Burial Ground.

Dear Sir,

With reference to proposal to extend the above Burial Ground by removing the double ditch surrounding the 1930 Extension, according to the measurements set out in the Lease Map, the boundary to the land purchased in 1930 is the outer edge of the dyke which is 11 ft. from the inside of the existing stone ditch now forming the boundary.

The removal of the double ditch would allow for the provision of an additional 150 graves (each 4ft. by 9ft.). The new boundary would consist of a masonry wall the average height of which would be 7 ft. from foundations; the length of which would be 600 feet.

I must state, however, that the cost of the work (estimate £750) hardly seems to be justifiable, having regard to the number of graves resulting therefrom.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

Members of the Council expressed the opinion that a concrete wall would be unsuitable at Glendalough, and the Council decided to request the County Engineer to submit a further report in regard to the proposed extension, and in relation to the suggested provision of a suitable fence. The County Engineer was also asked to report on an alternative site for a Burial Ground in the district.

Item No. 15—Wicklow Guide.

The Council noted the following letter from An Fogra Failte:—

K. J. Brangan, Esq., A.C.A.,
County Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
Dear Sir,
93 Pembroke Road,
Ballsbridge,
Dublin.
25th April, 1953.

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 23rd April. The joining of Counties Wicklow and Wexford was decided on only for the purpose of expediting production and to fill an urgent need. On the next occasion Wicklow will have a separate Guide, and in that connection we would appreciate very much the approval of your Council for having the sole right to describe our Wicklow Guide as the Official Guide to the County as far as the Wicklow Co. Council is concerned. This would not, of course, imply any obligation, financial or otherwise, on the part of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

KATHLEEN EASON,
Secretary.

Item No. 16—Minutes of Meetings of Co. Councils' General Council.

The Council noted the receipt of minutes of meetings of the Co. Councils' General Council held on 11th Dec., 1952, and 12th Feb., 1953.

Malicious Injury Claim: H. Johnston, Knockenree.

Having considered the matter in committee, it was

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

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we approve of an appeal being made by the Council against the award given against the Council in the Malicious Injury Claim made by Mr. H. Johnston, Avoca.

Passed unanimously.

Supplementary Grant for the Reconstruction of Houses.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor P. N. Murdoch;

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 Four Thousand Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under Section 12 Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952.

Passed unanimously.

Purchase of Lorries.

The County Secretary stated that the Wicklow Mining Company, Ltd., had indicated that they would be prepared to accept the figure of £875 for a secondhand lorry owned by the Company. The County

Engineer had reported that he considered the offer reasonable. The Council indicated that they would not be prepared to approve of an offer in excess of £800.

Drinking Trough at Enniskerry.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Dublin Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals stating that the drinking trough for horses at Enniskerry was without water, and that there was an urgent need for it to be put in order at once.

In reply to Councillor Murdoch, the County Manager pointed out that the Council's responsibilities as Sanitary Authority extended only to the provision of water supply for human consumption, and that the Council had no authority to provide a drinking trough for horses. The trough at Enniskerry had not been provided by the Council. The Assistant County Engineer stated that he understood that the trough was supplied from a spring.

The Council directed that the Society be informed of the position, and also asked that the Engineer investigate the matter.

Dispensary at Baltinglass.

Following an inquiry by Councillor P. Kehoe, the Council directed that a report on the question of the erection of a new dispensary at Baltinglass be submitted to the next meeting.

Cottage Purchase Scheme.

In reply to an inquiry by Councillor J. O'Neill, the Co. Secretary stated that maps required in respect of Vesting Orders were being prepared. The Council directed that a list of applications received from tenants for the purchase of cottages be circulated to each member.

Tinahely Courthouse.

Councillor J. O'Neill asked that arrangements be made for repairs to the Courthouse at Tinahely. The County Secretary stated that provision had been made in the Estimates for the carrying out of repairs, and that they would be put in hand at an early date.

Dumping Ground at Baltinglass.

Councillor P. Kehoe stated that the entrance to the Dumping Ground at Baltinglass had become blocked by persons using the Dumping Ground. The Assistant Co. Engineer stated that he would have the entrance cleared, and a notice erected prohibiting dumping at the entrance to the ground.

Turf Production.

The County Engineer reported in regard to the numbers of workers employed on Turf Production Schemes.

Suspension of Collector P. Burke.

The County Manager informed the Council, in committee, of the circumstances relating to the suspension of Mr. P. Burke, Rate Collector.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor A. Toomey, and accepted by the Chairman:—

"At the next meeting of this Council I, or someone on my behalf, will move that this Council authorise the raising of a Loan of £6,000 for the purpose of reconstructing the road from Whitestown Cross to Dernamuck."

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 June, 1953, at 2 p.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman; Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, P. Brennan, Jas. O'Neill, G. Timmins, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, P. Ledwidge, E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, J. Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. J. Brennan.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers 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 month of May, 1953.
2. Housing scheme at Carnew; to consider matter of acquisition of land.
3. Housing Scheme at Enniskerry; letter of 7th May, 1953, from Department of Local Government.
4. Supplementary Grants under Housing (Amendment) Act, 1953: application for grant towards cost of erection of new house.
5. Report on Rent Collection for half year ended 31st March, 1953.
6. Water Supply at Ballywaltrim Lane, Bray.
7. Applications for Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
8. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
9. Repairs carried out during month of May, 1953.
10. Authorisation of repairs.
11. Bridges at Blessington—letter from Electricity Supply Board, re closing of Humphreystown Bridge.
12. Glenealy Water Supply—to receive tenders.

Agricultural Grant:

Councillor E. Bobbett enquired if any Circular had been received from the Department of Local Government in regard to the Agricultural Grant. The following letter received from Department of Local Government was submitted:—

Department of Local Government,
Custom House, Dublin.
20th May, 1953.

Circular 3/53.

Relief of Rates on Agricultural Land.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that it is proposed to submit legislative proposals to the Oireachtas to amend and extend the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1946, so as to vary the system of distribution of the Agricultural Grant for the current financial year. The system of distribution proposed involves:—

- (a) the granting of a primary allowance at the rate of three-fifths of the general rate on land valuations not exceeding £20 and the first £20 of higher valuations as in Section 5 of the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1946;
- (b) the abolition of the supplementary allowance provided for in Section 6 of the 1946 Act;
- (c) the doubling of the employment allowance provided for in Section 7 of the Act to 20s. in the pound subject to the limitation of £13 per man;
- (d) the abolition of the proviso in Section 7 (1) (d) of the Act that the employment allowance shall not exceed four-fifths of the general rate assessed on the valuation above £20 and the substitution therefor of a proviso that the amount of the employment allowance is not in any case to exceed the rates assessed on the valuation above £20.

Demand notes in respect of the year 1953-'54 may be prepared on the basis of reliefs being provided on the foregoing basis.

Mise, le meas,

Signed—M. LAWLESS.

To each County Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that the amount of grant received in respect of Supplementary Allowance for the year ending 31st March, 1953, amounted to £29,255 8s. 5d. The amount of the Grant in respect of Employment Allowances for the same year was £18,122 4s. 0d. It would appear, therefore, that the total amount of grant receivable in respect of the year 1953/'54, if the system of distribution were as proposed in the Department's Circular, would be less by a sum of over £11,000. The County Secretary submitted particulars of the numbers of persons employed on agricultural land during the years from 1946/'47 to 1952/'53 from which it was noted that the total number employed fell from 3,534 in 1946/'47 to 2,979 in 1952/'53. There had been a reduction of 651 in the number of workers employed on the land and a reduction of 206 in the number of relatives of rated occupiers employed on the land. The number of employees on State Lands had increased during the period from 269 to 577.

Proposed by Councillor E. Bobbett;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we register our protest against the proposed alteration in the Agricultural Grant as outlined in the Circular of 20th May, 1953, from the Department of Local Government.

Passed unanimously.

The Council directed that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Minister, the members of the Oireachtas for the County and to all County Councils.

Employment of Workers in Shillelagh Area: Deputation from Knockloe.

The Council received a deputation comprising two workers who had been employed by the Council on road work in the Knockloe area. The members of the deputation asked why they had been released from work on the 20th May, 1953, and contended that there was other work which could be started in the area and on which they could be employed. They also suggested that other men had been brought into the area. The Council's Engineer stated that these workers had been replaced by permanent men and that no other men had been employed. Following a lengthy discussion in regard to the possibility of commencing road works which would provide employment in the Knockloe area, it was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we instruct the Co. Engineer to commence the reconstruction of the Tullowclay road for which provision was made in the Estimates.

Following further discussion, Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea with the consent of Councillor O'Neill, withdrew the resolution pending the meeting of the Council on Monday, 8th June, 1953, the Co. Engineer to look into the matter in the meantime.

Progress Report:

The following report of the County Engineer on the progress of the Housing Scheme during the month of May, 1953, was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL — HOUSING SECTION.
County Engineer's Office,

To: Chairman and Members of the Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
29th May, 1953.

Housing Progress Report — Month of May, 1953.

During the month of May satisfactory progress was maintained on all cottages under construction.

The total number of cottages in progress to date under the 1946 Scheme is 5, all by Direct Labour.

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

The scheme of 20 houses at Kindlestown is progressing satisfactorily.

The number of men employed during May was 20 skilled and 24 unskilled.

The total expenditure to date under the Scheme is £379,861 6s. 8d. made up as follows:—

Wages	£150,608	0s.	3d.
Materials	£193,436	0s.	6d.
Payments to Contractors	£35,817	5s.	11d.

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

Northern Area:

Cottages completed to 30th April, 1953	..	183
Cottages completed during May, 1953.	..	
Site No.	Townland	No. of cottages.
185	Trudder	1
Total Completed		184
Completed under Separate Scheme		
	Killincarrig 10	10
In progress—Separate Scheme at Kindlestown		
		20

South-Eastern Area:

Cottages completed to 30th April, 1953	..	80
Cottages completed during May, 1953	..	Nil
Total Completed		80
Cottages in Progress		Nil

Southern Area:

Cottages completed to 30th April, 1953	..	54
Cottages completed to 30th April, 1953, under separate scheme	..	3
Cottages completed during month of May, 1953	..	3
Total Completed		57
Cottages in Progress		Nil

Western Area:

Cottages completed to 30th April, 1953	..	83
Cottages completed during May, 1953	..	Nil
Total Completed		83

Cottages in Progress by Direct Labour:

Site No.	Townland	No. of Cottages.
593/594	Griffonstown	2
(transferred from Ballylea)		
609, 610, 611	Grangecon Park	3
Total in Progress		5

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE, Co. Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Miss E. Bobbett;

Resolved—That we adopt the report of the County Engineer on the progress of the housing schemes for month of May, 1953.

Passed unanimously.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, welcomed Councillor C. M. Byrne back after his illness.

Housing Scheme at Carnew:

The Council decided to defer to the next meeting consideration of the question of the acquisition of land at Carnew.

Housing Scheme at Enniskerry:

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

N. 27/2/10.

Secretary.

Wicklow County Council.

Dept. of Local Government,
Custom House, Dublin.
7th May, 1953.

Enniskerry Housing Scheme.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 28th ultimo, on the subject and to state that it is noted that the Council have appointed a Consultant to prepare a suitable scheme for the improvement of the Enniskerry Water Supply and that his report, outline plan and estimate of cost are awaited.

It is observed that the proposal to acquire the site at Kilgarron is based on the County Engineer's outline proposals in connection with the Water Supply Improvement Scheme. There is no guarantee, however, that the Consultant in his report will follow these proposals. In the circumstances the Minister is not prepared to make a recommendation on the site or on the plans submitted with your letter of the 8th November last pending the receipt and examination of the Consultant's proposals regarding the Enniskerry Water Supply Improvement Scheme.

I am to add that in the event of a water supply being available the erection of the houses could proceed concurrently with the water supply scheme.

Mise, le meas.

The County Manager stated that it was expected that the Consultant's report on the scheme for the improvement of the water supply at Enniskerry would be available within two or three weeks. The Council decided to await the Consultant's report.

Supplementary Grant for Erection of New House.

The County Engineer approved of the making of a grant to Thomas Kearney, Danesfort, Rathdangan, in respect of the erection of a new house at Ballymaconey, Baltinglass, in accordance with the Council's scheme under the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952.

Report of Rent Collection:

The Abstract of the Cottage Rent Collection for the half year to 31st March, 1953, was submitted. The totals of the abstract were as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Arrears	288	12	9½
Rents accrued	14,041	15	1
	£14,330	7	10½
Less collected in advance	165	16	1
Total for collection	14,164	11	9½
Collected	14,130	10	6½
Written off as irrecoverable	2	16	11
Arrears carried forward	245	17	7
	£14,379	5	0½
Less collected in advance	214	13	3
	£14,164	11	9½

The Council noted that the percentage collected was 97.1 and that all Collectors except Collector F. O'Neill had reduced the arrears on their collections.

Water Supply at Ballywaltrim Lane:

The County Secretary stated that enquiries had been received from persons resident at Ballywaltrim Lane as to whether the Council would relay the water pipe serving the houses on the lane. The Co. Engineer

in report dated 13th May, 1953, stated that the pipe in question was not laid by the Council and was not maintained by them. The cost of replacing the pipe with a 3" diameter asbestos main would be £405 10s. The County Manager pointed out that in 1947 when an application was made for the erection of a new house on the land, the Town Planning Consultant had at first recommended that permission be refused and had pointed out that the provision of services to these houses might cause difficulty in the future. Subsequently permission had been granted. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Applications for Loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:

The Council deferred consideration of the application of Patrick Gorman for a loan of £300 in respect of the erection of a house at Tinoran, Baltinglass, pending a further report from the Assistant County Engineer. The Council recommended that a loan of £1,600 be made to Dr. J. I. Doyle, Medical Officer, Coollattin Dispensary District in respect of the erection of a house at Carnew.

Application under Town and Regional Planning Acts: Easement of Corner at Tinnahinch:

The Council, having considered correspondence between the County Engineer and Mr. D. G. Harris, Tinnahinch, in regard to the acquisition of land required for easing of a corner at Tinnahinch Hill, agreed that the figure sought by Mr. Harris as compensation in respect of the land and buildings thereon was excessive. The Council directed that the County Engineer investigate the matter further and submit a further report at a later date.

Report carried out during the Month of May, 1953:

The Council noted the list submitted by the County Engineer of the repairs carried out during the month of May, 1953.

Authorisation of Repairs:

The Council approved of repairs to cottages in accordance with list submitted by Co. Engineer apart from proposals to provide new ceilings by way of improvement.

Bridges at Blessington:

The following letter from the E.S.B. was submitted:—

The County Secretary,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

27, Lr. Fitzwilliam St.,
Dublin.

16th May, 1953.

Liffey Hydro-Electric Development.**Closing of Burgage Bridge and Humphreystown Bridge.**

Dear Sir,

I am to refer to your letter of the 12th instant and to thank you for facilitating us in the closing of Burgage Bridge for a further period to the 15th June, 1953.

With regard to the closing of Humphreystown Bridge during the period 15th June to September, 1953, my Board is very anxious that this be arranged. It would be difficult and dangerous to undertake the work during the winter months. Further, the equipment required for repairing the bridge will not be available after the end of this Summer and it is then possible that repairs will have to be postponed until Summer, 1954. I am, therefore, to request you to make arrangements for closing Humphreystown Bridge during the period 15th June to September, 1953, and to assure you that every effort will be made by working overtime to keep this bridge closed for a shorter period.

Yours faithfully,

Signed—Patk. J. Dempsey,
Secretary.

The County Engineer had reported as follows:—
County Secretary:

29th May, 1953.

re: Bridges at Blessington.

Dear Sir,

I have examined these bridges and I find that the surface in each

case is in a very bad condition. The side embankments of the approach roads have subsided, causing a movement of the concrete slab resulting in a pronounced bump at the approaches to the bridges.

These defects should be repaired at once and it is my opinion that permission for the closing of Humphreystown Bridge should be withheld until those repairs are carried out.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'Byrne, County Engineer.

The Council agreed in the circumstances that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for an Order for the closing of the Bridge at Humphreystown for the period from 15th June to 30th September, 1953, provided that the surface of the bridges at Blessington and Burgage were repaired by the E.S.B. immediately.

Glenealy Water Supply:

Thirteen tenders received in response to public advertisement for Glenealy Water Supply Scheme were opened in the presence of the Council. The tenders were as follows:—

Name and Address of Tenderer.	Amount.		
	£	s	d
M. Blake, Mount Saville, Mt. Tallant Ave., Dublin	9,435	4	8
Butler Bros., Ltd., Leonard's Corner, Sth. Circular Road, Dublin	9,512	18	0
Cementation Co. (Ireland), Ltd., 39, Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin	11,046	18	6
N. A. Downey and Sons, Merton Works, Sandymount, Dublin	10,925	0	0
Irish Engineering and Harbour Construction Co., Ltd., Terenure Road, North, Dublin	14,765	8	0
Edward Lee, 22, Upper Main St., Arklow	8,623	17	6
Murphy Bros. (Cork), Ltd., North Abbey St., Cork	10,873	3	0
Mahon and McPhillips, Patrick St., Kilkenny	12,893	12	0
T. MacMahon and Co., 16, Talbot St., Dublin	10,653	16	7
Southern Roads Co., Stillorgan Rd., Mt. Merrion, Dublin	9,844	19	5
Patrick J. Walsh, 1 Devonshire Square, Youghal	10,300	14	6
P. J. Walls and Bros., Glandore Rd., Griffith Ace., Dublin	11,077	9	0
P. J. Wynne, 22 Iveleary Rd., Whitehall, Dublin	11,934	0	0

One tender which had been received a day late was not opened.

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

- (1) Total number of men (excluding gangers employed on road on 1/12/'52.
- (2) Total wages per week.
- (3) Total number of gangers, (b) supervisors or chargehands, (c) Engineers.
- (4) Total wages per week; (a) Gangers; (b) Chargehands; (c) Engineers.
- (5) Amount of repayment on Council machinery on 1/12/'52.
- (6) Maintenance cost of machinery including fuel on 1/12/'52.
(b) Spart parts.
- (7) Cost of hired machinery including non-Council Lorries on 1/12/'52.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 8th June, 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, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, P. Ledwidge, L. O Laoighleis, P. N. Murdoch, Liam O Cleirigh, C. M. O Broin, Jos. 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, R. Fenlon, P. J. Foley, were present.

AGENDA.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 20th April, 1953.
2. Overdraft on General Account and Capital Account.
3. To fix date for Annual Meeting of Council.
4. Report on Rate Collection for year ended 31st March, 1953.
5. To authorise the affixing of the seal of the Council to Mortgage in respect of loan of £5,608 for completion of Silver Strand Road.
6. To authorise the affixing of the seal of the Council to Mortgage for loan of £3,392 for completion of reconstruction of Ashford Bridge.
7. To authorise raising of loan of £3,177 for purpose of reconstruction of portion of Poulaphouca-Valleymount Road between Perry's Bridge and Humphreystown.
8. Application from Leinster Motor Club for closing of roads at Wicklow for purpose of Motor Races to be held in July, 1953.
9. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor A. Toomey, re Loan of £6,000—reconstruction of road from Whitestown Cross to Derrynamuck.
10. Memorial from Knockananna District Development Association requesting erection of bridge between townlands of Kilkarney-Slievenanough and Carrignamweel.
11. Letter from County Councils' General Council enclosing copy of circular received from the Metric System and Decimal Coinage Committee of the Department of Industry and Commerce (copy attached).
12. Details requested by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., re employment on road works on 1/12/1952 and machinery charges.
13. Provision of passing-bays on road from Roundwood to Sallygap; Letter from An Bord Failte.
14. Dispensary at Baltinglass: Report of County Engineer on premises and estimate of cost.
15. Dumping Ground at Enniskerry: report of County Engineer.
16. Glendalough Burial Ground: report of Co. Engineer re proposed extension.
17. Blind Welfare Scheme: letter from Department of Social Welfare re contribution for maintenance of blind persons in institutions.
18. Resolution from Westmeath County Council re conscription of Patrick Brosnan into British Army.
19. Letter from County Councils' General Council re motion submitted by Wicklow County Council.
20. Letter from County Councils' General Council requesting views of Council on Motion in relation to "universal flat all-round increases to all clerical and professional workers of Local Authorities."
21. Resolution from Letterkenny U.D.C. re proposed increases in salaries to members of the Judiciary.
22. Resolution from Tipperary (S.R.) County Council re type of works under Main Road Improvement Grant.
23. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

24. Report of Consulting Engineer on Tenders received for Glenealy Water Supply Scheme.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor J. Jacob;

Resolved—That we confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the County Council held on 13th April and 20th April, 1953.

Passed unanimously.

The Council noted the following letter received from Councillor P.

P. O'Reilly:—

H. J. Byrne, Esq.,

Chairman.

Sir,

Ballyknockan,

Valleymount,

Cc. Wicklow.

6th June, 1953.

Many thanks for your kind remarks at the County Council meeting of the 13th May last, on my recent illness. Also thank the other members of the Council on my behalf.

I expect to be present at your Annual Meeting.

I remain,

Yours truly,

F. F. O'REILLY.

Item No. 2—Overdraft Accommodation.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond:

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 amount for the quarter to the 30th September, 1951, shall not exceed £120,000.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill:

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 amount for the quarter to the 30th September, 1953, shall not exceed £40,000.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that overdraft of £110,000 would be required for the quarter to the 30th June, 1953, in lieu of overdraft of £90,000 already sanctioned. An instalment of Agricultural Grant, normally received during the month of May, and a contribution to Loan Charges for Housing Schemes, also usually received towards the end of May, had not yet come to hand.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor J. Jacob:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby direct that the maximum amount for the quarter to the 30th June, 1953, shall not exceed £110,000.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett:

Resolved—That we draw the attention of the Local Government Department to the delay in transmission of Grants to the Council, which results in the incurring of considerable interest charges for

overdraft accommodation, and that we consider that the Department should reimburse the Council in respect of the additional interest incurred.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Date of Annual Meeting.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby fix Tuesday, 30th June, 1953, as the date for the Annual Meeting of the Council in the current year.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Report on Rate Collection for Year to the 31st March, 1953.

The County Secretary submitted report on the Rate Collection for the year to the 31st March, 1953, which showed that 99.27 per cent. of the Warrant had been collected, and .73 per cent. had been carried forward.

The Council noted, with approval, the satisfactory state of the Rate Collection.

Item No. 5—Silver Strand Road.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett.

Resolved—That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister, dated the 2nd May, 1953, the sum of £5,608 be borrowed from The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the construction of the Silver Strand section of the Wicklow/Arklow Coast Road, to be repaid within ten years, with interest at the usual rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances, as in said Letter of Sanction provided; the said Loan and all interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates. And that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to The National Bank, Ltd.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Completion of the Reconstruction of Ashford Bridge.

Proposed by Councillor J. Jacob;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

Resolved—That pursuant to the letter of sanction of the Local Government Minister, dated 1st April, 1953, the sum of £3,392 be borrowed from The National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the reconstruction of Ashford Bridge, to be repaid within ten years, with interest at the usual rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances as in said Letter of Sanction provided; the said Loan and all interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates. And that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank, Ltd.

Item No. 7—Reconstruction of Portion of Poulaphouca-Valleymount Road.

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor A. Toomey:

Resolved—That, having considered letter dated 29th May, 1953, from the Department of Local Government, we hereby approve of the raising of Loan of £3,177 from the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, repayable over a period of seven years, with interest at the usual rate, to defray the cost of the reconstruction of portion of the Poulaphouca-Valleymount Road, between Perry's Ford and Humphreystown.

Passed unanimously.

E.S.B. Bridges.

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

Ref. J.166.
Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Court House, Wicklow.

27 Lr. Fitzwilliam St.,
Dublin.
5th June, 1953.

Closing of Humphreystown Bridge.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 2nd instant, I write to inform you that the roadway surface on the bridges at Blessington and Buggage will be made good as soon as a contractor is available to proceed with the work. It is hoped that this will be possible within the coming week. I should mention that the Board considers that the surfaces of these bridges were very badly maintained by your Council, being almost pitted down to the concrete deck.

Will you please confirm as soon as possible that arrangements will be made to have the Humphreystown Bridge closed to traffic during the period 15th June, 1953, to the 30th September, 1953, as requested by the Board.

Yours faithfully,

PATRICK J. DEMPSEY,
Secretary.

Our Ref. E.350.
County Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Civil Works Dept.,
21 Lr. Fitzwilliam St.,
Dublin.
6th June, 1953.

**Re: Liffey Hydro-Electric Development: Closing of
Humphreystown Bridge.**

Dear Sir,

With reference to repairs to the surface of Blessington and Buggage Bridges, I confirm that the following arrangements have been made: The contractors are to start next week on these bridges, making good the asphalt and tar macadam surfaces on the bridges and approaches.

Yours faithfully,

J. MacDONALD,
Chief Engineer.

The Co. Manager pointed out that the Council had not accepted responsibility for the maintenance of the bridges constructed by the Electricity Supply Board, or of the road surfaces of these bridges. The Council might be pressed to take over responsibility for the bridges when they had been repaired. The Council agreed that the Law Agnt should be consulted on the matter, and that the Electricity Supply Board be informed that the Council will not accept responsibility for these bridges.

The Council agreed that application might be made to the Minister for Local Government for an Order authorising the Council to close to public traffic the road serving Humphreystown Bridge, for the period from 15th June to 30th September, 1953, in connection with repairs to the bridge.

Item No. 8—Closing of Roads at Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that application had been received from the Leinster Motor Club for the closing of roads at Wicklow in connection with Motor Car Race to be held on 11th July, 1953, and the practices therefor to be held on 9th and 10th July, 1953.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett:

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, in connection with Motor Car Race to be held on 11th July, 1953, as follows:—9th July, 1953—8 p.m. to 10 p.m.; 10th July, 1953—8 p.m. to 10 p.m.; 11th July, 1953—2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The roads to be closed are those which were closed by Order of the Minister dated 28th April, 1953, in relation to Motor Cycle Races held on 2nd May, 1953.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 9—Reconstruction of Road from Whitestown Cross to
Derrynamuck.**

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

6th June, 1953.

Re: Reconstruction of Roads—Whitestown Cross to Derrynamuck.

With reference to Item No. 9 on the Agenda for the meeting on Monday, 8th instant, there are three roads included in this route, i.e., Nos. 321, 324 and 264.

On Road No. 321 there is only one section requiring reconstruction as the remainder of the road is fairly sound and, in addition, about a mile was reconstructed recently.

Road No. 324 will have to be widened, strengthened and surfaced about half a mile.

Road No. 264 is very narrow and requires widening, strengthening and surfacing for three-quarters of a mile.

The estimated cost of this work is as follows:—

Road No. 321: reconstruction $\frac{1}{4}$ mile	.. ..	£1,510
Road No. 324: reconstruct $\frac{1}{2}$ mile	.. ..	£1,890
Road No. 264: reconstruct $\frac{3}{4}$ mile	.. ..	£2,820

TOTAL £6,220

In addition, it would be advisable to surface dress these roads after reconstruction at a further estimated cost of £1,031.

I would like to point out that Roads 324 and 264 are included in the Five Year Plan for the Reconstruction of County Roads and will be reconstructed in due course.

I would, therefore, suggest that the County Council should consider including this work in next year's Road Works Scheme instead of raising a special loan for the work this year.

Signed: **J. T. O'BYRNE,**

County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor A. Tooney.

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

That we hereby approve of the raising of a Loan of £7,251 from the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, repayable over a period of ten years, for the purpose of reconstruction of the road from Whitestown Cross to Derrynamuck.

As an Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;

Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett:

That we defer consideration pending reply from the Department of Defence on submissions made for special grant towards the cost of reconstructing road from Whitestown Cross to Derrynamuck.

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

IN FAVOUR—Councillors W. Hammond, M. Brennan, Miss E. F. Bobbett and H. J. Byrne—(4).

AGAINST—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, P. Brennan, Wm. Cleary, J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, P. Ledwidge, C. M. Byrne, J. Jacob—(11).

The amendment was declared defeated by eleven votes against to four votes in favour, and the original resolution was carried on the same voting.

The Council agreed that further representations be made to the Department of Defence for a grant from the Department towards the cost of reconstructing the road which had been damaged by military traffic.

On the proposal of Councillor Senator McCrea, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, the Council directed that the Co. Engineer submit a report to the next meeting in regard to all County Roads requiring to be reconstructed, including an estimate of the cost of such reconstruction.

Item No. 10—Memorial from Knockananna District Development Association re Erection of Bridge.

The following memorial from Knockananna District Development Association was submitted:—

To: Wicklow Co. Manager,
County Council Offices,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

We, the undersigned persons, desire to draw the attention of the County Manager to the urgent necessity for the erection of a bridge between the townlands of Kilcarney-Slievenamough and Carrignamweel, to make road from Kilcarney Rock Cross to Aughavannagh passable without having to ford river. At present great hardship is imposed, particularly in Winter time, on persons whose duty necessitates their travelling the road. Frequently people are obliged to make a detour of many miles in order to get to Church, school or town. Therefore, we earnestly request the County Manager to accede to our representations, and have a bridge erected at this point as early as practicable.

This proposal is sponsored by Knockananna District Development Association.

Signed by 59 persons.

The County Engineer had reported as follows:—

5th June, 1953.

Re: Kilcarney Bridge.

With reference to Item No. 10 on the Agenda for the meeting on Monday next, 8th instant, there were three Schemes for the construction of bridges under the Local Authorities (Works) Act submitted by the Assistant Engineer. One was in Kilcarney, on Road No. 258, at a cost of £1,250. The second in Askanagap, at Sandyford, Road No. 142, for £1,000, and a third at Sandyford, Road No. 210, at £2,200.

It was not possible to include all these works in the 1953/54 Schemes, as the money was not available, and it was decided to include the construction of the bridge at Sandyford in the schemes being submitted to the Department for approval.

However, if the Council wish to construct a bridge at Kilcarney, it can be substituted for the scheme submitted as above.

Signed: J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;

Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett;

Resolved—That, having considered application from Knockananna District Development Association, we approve of the submission of a Scheme under the Local Authorities (oWrks) Act for the construction of a Bridge at Kilcarney on Road No. 258, in lieu of the Scheme for the construction of a Bridge at Sandyford, Road No. 142.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Metric System and Decimal Coinage.

The following letter from the County Councils' General Council was submitted, together with letter enclosed from the Metric System

and Decimal Coinage Committee. A copy of the questionnaire had been circulated to the members of the Council:—

National Bank Chambers,
1/2 Cavendish Row,
Dublin.

The Co. Secretary.

13 Bealtaine, 1953.

A Chara,

A Questionnaire from the Metric System and Decimal Coinage Committee of the Department of Industry and Commerce was before my Emergency Committee at its meeting on the 23rd ultimo, when I was directed to circularise the affiliated Councils for their views thereon.

Accordingly, I should be glad if you would place this matter before the next meeting of your Council and subsequently let me have their views.

I enclose a copy of the Questionnaire.

Mise, le meas,

ENRI Mac DAIBHEID,

Runai.

Metric System and Decimal Coinage
Committee,

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

Aibean, 1953.

A Chara,

You are no doubt aware that the Minister for Industry and Commerce has setup the above Committee to consider and report to him on the desirability of establishing the metric system of weights and measures and a decimal system of coinage. As any change in the present systems would have widespread repercussions on the economic and social life of the country, the Committee is anxious to ascertain as far as possible the views of all sections of the community on the question. It is felt that your organisation has a particular interest and concern in the matter and could assist the Committee in a special way. Accordingly, I am to request that you be good enough to furnish a memorandum based on the attached questionnaire as early as possible. The Committee would be glad if you could pay particular attention to any advantages or disadvantages which a change in the present systems would entail for your organisation or its members in their vocations.

The Committee trusts that at a later stage you would be prepared to elaborate your memorandum by oral evidence should such a course be considered necessary.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'CONNOR,

Runai.

**METRIC SYSTEM AND DECIMAL COINAGE COMMITTEE
QUESTIONNAIRE.**

A. Metric System Weights and Measures:

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. If the imperial system is normally used by your Organisation, have you found any difficulty or disadvantage in transacting business with countries which use other systems?

4. 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?

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?

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

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

8. 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?

9. 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?

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

1. 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?

12. 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?

13. 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.

B. Decimal System of Coinage.

1. Has your Organisation had experience of a decimal system of coinage in—(a) trade and commerce; (b) personal or professional transactions.

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

3. 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?

4. 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.

5. 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?

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

7. 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?

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?

9. If your Organisation has any other observations of a general

General.

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

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

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

4. 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?

5. 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?

6. 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.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following members of the Council to constitute a Committee to examine the desirability of establishing a metric system of weights and measures, and a decimal system of coinage:—Councillors P. McCarthy, G. Timmins, P. Ledwidge, C. M. Byrne and the Chairman.

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that a meeting of the Committee would be held in the morning of the 6th July, 1953.

Item No. 12—Details requested by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., re Employment on Road Works and Machinery Charges.

In the absence of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the Council adjourned consideration of this matter.

Item No. 13—Provision of Passing Bays and Car Parks on Road from Roundwood to Sallygap.

The following letter from An Bord Failte was submitted:—

FL/MG. 13 Merrion Square,

K. J. Brangan, Esq., Dublin.

Co. Secretary,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

Re: Provision of Passing Bays at Roundwood, Co. Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

Further to your letter of 14th April, enclosing estimate prepared by the County Engineer for the provision of car parks between Roundwood and Sally Gap, I am to state that the Board approves this work, and is of the opinion that it may be carried out under the provisions of the Tourist Traffic Act, 1952. The Board is accordingly prepared to reimburse the Council for the work on the basis of the County Engineer's estimate. Payment to the Council would be made on the certificate of the County Engineer as the work proceeds. Certificates could be forwarded, say, monthly to the Board.

Yours faithfully,

F. LAWLOR.

The County Secretary stated that the estimated cost of the work was £2,444 10s. The Council noted with appreciation the terms of the letter from An Bord Failte.

Item No. 14—Dispensary at Baltinglass.

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

6th June, 1953.

Re: Proposed Dispensary at Baltinglass.

In connection with above, I now enclose Architect's report. I would recommend that the construction of this Dispensary be carried out in

cavity concrete block construction, as shown on the plans submitted, with a pitched slated roof, and would estimate that the cost of construction, on the basis of the plans submitted, would be approximately £1,870.

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

The plan enclosed with the report of the Council's Architect was submitted for examination by the members. The Co. Manager stated that the cost of providing the Dispensary was estimated at £1,970, including an estimate of £100 for the acquisition of a site, etc. The grant available from the Department of Health was £600, which would leave an amount of £1,370. to be provided by the Council. The loan charges on a loan of this amount, repayable over a period of 25 years at 5½ per cent. would be approximately £100 per annum.

The County Manager stated that, as recommended by the Chief Medical Officer, the plan for the dispensary at Baltinglass was of a somewhat higher standard than the plan proposed to be used for other dispensaries. He suggested that the Department of Health might be asked to give a larger grant in respect of this dispensary.

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

Resolved—That, having considered report of the Co. Engineer and Council's Architect, in respect of the provision of a dispensary at Baltinglass, we approve of the plans submitted, and authorise the raising of a loan of £1,370 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 25 years, to defray the Council's proportion of the cost of the erection of the dispensary.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Dumping Ground at Enniskerry.

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

Courthouse, Wicklow.
6th June, 1953.

Co. Engineer,
Dear Sir,

In compliance with the Council's request that a dumping ground be provided in Enniskerry, I have investigated the possibilities of acquiring a suitable site in the vicinity of the town.

In my previous report I suggested a site near Knocksink Moat which I believed to be the property of Lord Powerscourt, but on interviewing his Estate Agent, I discovered that the plot has been sold to Major Dobbs, Kilgarron, whose land adjoins the plot. I called on Major Dobbs, who is opposed to selling or leasing any of the plot to the Council for a dumping ground, as his children play in the area.

Lord Powerscourt's Agent suggested that a site might be provided in the valley off the road leading towards Monastery, but in my opinion this would not be very suitable, as the valley between the roads is narrow. A dumping ground would affect the amenities of this area as it would be impossible to screen the site from both roads.

Yours faithfully,

R. M. FENLON,
Assist. Co. Engineer.

The following report of the Co. Engineer was submitted:—
6th June, 1953.

A Chara,

I enclose herewith report received from Assistant Engineer. It

will be seen that so far a suitable site has not been located, and it will be very difficult to find one close to Enniskerry. However, it will be further investigated.

Mise, le meas,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

The Council noted that the County Engineer would make further inquiries with a view to obtaining a suitable site for a dumping ground at Enniskerry.

Item No. 16—Glendalough Burial Ground.

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

Co. Secretary,
6th June, 1953.

Re: Glendalough Burial Ground Extension.

Dear Sir,

With reference to my previous report, in which I stated that by removing 600 ft. of the double bank and ditch on the West Boundary of the 1930 extension to the above Burial Ground, an extra 150 graves (4' x 9") could be provided at an estimated cost of £750.

I have further analysed this estimate and consider that the only means by which any reduction could be made is by substituting a fence in place of the proposed wall. If a fence were put up, the estimated cost would be £300. In connection with the erection of a fence, I expect that there would be considerable opposition to the proposal from the various societies who are interested in preserving the amenities of Glendalough, as was instanced recently when the Council put forward proposals for road improvements in the district.

Regarding the cost of a wall which is estimated at £3 per lineal yard, I would point out that it would need to be 7ft. high from the foundation, as the depth of the ditch outside the present boundary is 3ft.—hence, a 7ft. wall would be showing only 4ft. above ground level, which is the absolute maximum required, also as this wall would be subject to a certain amount of earth pressure at various times when graves would be open on the inside, a minimum thickness of 12" would be necessary.

The extension proposed would not be subject to flooding; in fact, a length of the double ditch on the S.W. side has not been included for this reason.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

The County Manager stated that it was understood that the Local Committee at Glendalough might be in a position to assist the Council in regard to the provision of a fence, and he suggested that the Co. Engineer might meet representatives of the Local Committee at Glendalough in regard to the matter.

The Council agreed that the County Engineer should meet members of the Local Committee in regard to the subject.

Item No. 17—Blind Welfare Scheme.

The following letter from the Department of Social Welfare was submitted:—

A.D. 69/53.
Circ. No. H.A.8/53.
A Chara,

Lord Edward St.,
Dublin.
16 Bealtaine, 1953.

With reference to the scheme for the Welfare of the Blind, I am directed by the Minister for Social Welfare to state that he has received representations for an increase in the annual contribution payable by local authorities in respect of blind persons maintained in approved Institutions. Having given full consideration to the matter,

the Minister feels that an increase in the annual capitation grant payable by local authorities to the Blind Institutions generally would be justified.

The Minister recommends, therefore, that the existing contribution of £40 per annum should be increased to £55 as from the 1st April, 1953, in respect of each blind person maintained in an approved School, Home or Hostel for the blind at the request of a local authority.

I am to request that the action taken in the matter by the local authority will be notified as soon as possible to this Department.

Mise, le meas,

Secretary,

Co. Council.

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor P. N. Murdoch;

Resolved—That, having considered letter dated 16th May, 1953, from the Department of Social Welfare, we approve of an increase in the contribution payable in respect of blind persons maintained in approved institutions from £40 per annum to £55 per annum, with effect as from 1st April, 1953, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's estimates.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 18—Resolution from Westmeath Co. Council re Conscriptioin of Patrick Brosnan.

The Council adopted the following resolution received from Westmeath County Council, Councillors H. J. Byrne, P. N. Murdoch and W. Hammond dissenting:—

“That we, the members of the Westmeath County Council, protest very strongly against the decision of the British Government to conscript Patrick Brosnan into the British Army; that we pledge him our full support in his fight against this injustice, and ask that all possible pressure be brought to bear on the British Government to change the law in the matter.”

Item No. 19—Letter from County Councils' General Council re Motion Submitted by Wicklow County Council.

The Council noted the following letter received from the County Councils' General Council:—

The Secretary,

Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

A' Chara,

At the meeting of the County Councils' General Council held in Dublin on the 7th instant, the following motion from your Council was adopted:—

Fire Brigades.—“That where the local authority has provided an efficient fire brigade service, it is only equitable that Fire Insurance Companies should be compelled to make a percentage contribution towards the cost of maintenance of such service.”

The motion dealing with Local Loans Interest was adjourned.

Mise, le meas,

ENRI Mac DAIBHEAD,

Runai.

Item No. 20—Letter from County Councils' General Council in regard to Salary Increases.

The following letter from the County Councils' General Council was submitted:—

The Co. Secretary,
A Chara,

1/2 Cavendish Row,

Dublin.

13 Bealtaine, 1953.

Salary Increases.

“That the practice of universal flat all-round increase to all clerical and professional workers for local authorities is wrong in prin-

ciple, and leads to social unrest amongst the lowly paid and manual workers, and that it should be abandoned, and in its place each case should be approached on its merits, with a 'no increase' ceiling for the higher salaries.”

At the meeting of my Council held in Dublin on the 7th inst., I was directed to seek the views of the affiliated Councils on the above motion.

Accordingly, I should be obliged if you would bring it before the next meeting of your Council and let me know the result, whether adopted, noted or adjourned.

Mise, le meas,

ENRI MacDAIBHEID,

Runai.

The Council decided to mark the letter “Noted.”

Item No. 21—Resolution from Letterkenny Urban District Council re Proposed Increases in Salaries to Members of the Judiciary.

The adoption of the following resolution received from Letterkenny Urban District Council was proposed by Councillor W. Lawless and seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge:—

“That we, the members of the Letterkenny Urban District Council, view with amazement and indignation, the recommendation of a Select Committee of An Dail, representative of all political parties, that very substantial increases in salary be granted to members of the Judiciary at a time when much reluctance is shown in conceding the modest claims of lower paid grades in the Civil Service, and when the State is already almost crippled by taxation.

“We call upon the Government to refuse implementation of this recommendation, in view of the declared promise of the Minister for Finance to bring into effect a vigorous policy of economy in the administration of Public Departments.”

“We direct that copies of this resolution be sent to An Taoiseach, the Minister for Finance, the Minister for Justice, and all Local Authorities.”

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

In FAVOUR—Councillors James O'Neill, G. Timmins, A. Toomey, P. Ledwidge, Wm. Lawless, M. Brennan, J. Jacob, and Miss E. F. Bobbett—(8).

AGAINST—Councillor W. Hammond, P. Brennan, W. Cleary, P. Kehoe, P. Murdoch, C. M. Byrne and H. J. Byrne—(7).

The motion was declared passed by eight votes in favour to seven against.

Item No. 22—Resolution from Tipperary S.R. County Council re Type of Works under Main Road Improvement Grant.

The Council adopted the following resolution received from Tipperary S.R. County Council:—

“That we, the members of the Tipperary S.R. County Council, 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. That a copy of this Resolution be circulated to each County Council in the Republic of Ireland and to the General Council of County Councils.”

Item No. 23—Inquiries Arising from County Manager's Orders.

The Council noted the summaries of the Orders made by the Co. Manager during the month of May, 1953.

Item No. 24—Glenealy Water Supply.

The following report of Professor P. F. Purcell was submitted:—
 M. Flannery, Esq., Ashton, Killiney,
 Co. Manager, Co. Dublin,
 Courthouse, Wicklow. 2nd June, 1953.

GLENEALY WATER SUPPLY.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of even date accompanied by 13 tenders. I have examined the tender of Messrs. Edward Lee, 22 Upper Main St., Arklow, and find it to be properly filled in and in order, amounting to £8,623 17s. 6d. I have pleasure in recommending that this tender be accepted.

On hearing from you that it has been accepted and the general conditions of contract and insurance bond have been signed, I shall get in touch with Mr. Lee and arrange to have the work started as soon as possible in order to avail of the Summer weather.

I have also examined the detailed tenders presented by M. Blake, Butler Bros., and the Southern Roads Co., but they are from £800 to £1,200 above that of Edward Lee and do not call for further remarks.

I return herewith the original tender of Edward Lee and shall be glad to receive a couple of copies of the conditions of contract which you have had prepared.

Yours faithfully,

PIERCE F. PURCELL,

Proposed by Councillor M. J. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:

Resolved—That, having considered report of the Consultant Engineer on tenders received for the Glenealy Water Supply Scheme, we approve of the acceptance of the tender of Mr. Edward Lee, Arklow, in the sum of £8,623 17s. 6d.

Passed unanimously.

Purchase of New Lorries.

The County Engineer having submitted particulars of the mileage covered by the Council's lorries, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

Resolved—That we approve of the invitation of tenders for the supply of six lorries.

Passed unanimously.

Newtown Quarry, Donard.

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

IR/20/33.

Secretary,

Wicklow Co. Council,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 21st April last and to previous correspondence concerning the provision of quarry equipment for the Newtown Quarry, Donard, and to state that in deference to the wishes of the Council, no further objection will be raised to the purchase of the plant recommended by the County Engineer for the development of this quarry.

I am to add that on receipt of the usual documents, consideration will be given to an application for sanction to the raising of the loan necessary to cover the cost of the plant to be purchased; the maximum period for the payment of a loan should be seven years.

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

Mise, le meas,

E. T. SHEEHY.

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

Resolved—That, having considered letter dated 3rd June, 1953, from the Department of Local Government, we hereby approve of the raising of a loan of £7,733 10s. from the Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of seven years, with interest at the usual rate, for the purpose of defraying the cost of purchasing quarry plant for Newtown Quarry, Donard.

Passed unanimously.

Deputation from Greystones Cottage Tenants' Association.

Having considered letter from the Hon. Secretary, Greystones Cottage Tenants' Association, the Council agreed that a deputation of two members from the Association would be received by the local Housing Committee for the Bray Electoral Area at their next meeting.

Reconstruction of Tullowclay Road.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, the County Engineer stated that five men had been employed in the Ardoyne area, and a further five men would be employed within the following week. Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, with the consent of Councillor J. O'Neill, withdrew the resolution which had been proposed at the meeting of the Council held on 1st June, 1953.

Withdrawal of Fire Hose from Villages.

Councillor W. Lawless referred to the withdrawal of fire hose from the village of Kilcoole, and asked that this be restored. He referred to fires which had occurred at Kilcoole and Roundwood, and stated that if the hose had been available the fires could have been controlled more quickly. The County Manager stated that he would look into the circumstances of the fires at Kilcoole and Roundwood, but pointed out that the hose had been taken for use by other brigades to avoid having to purchase additional stocks of hose.

Public Convenience at Kilcoole.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor W. Lawless, the Co. Manager stated that there were difficulties in regard to the title to the site at Kilcoole for the public convenience, and until these difficulties were resolved the Council could not proceed with the erection of the public convenience.

Extension of Water Main from Kilquade to Kilcoole.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor W. Lawless, the Co. Manager stated that the Council was endeavouring to reach agreement with landowners in regard to wayleave for the pipe line, and as soon as this matter was settled the scheme could proceed.

Main Street, Bray.

Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area expressed appreciation of the work carried out on the Main Street at Bray.

Repairs to Cottages Occupied by Mrs. Bracken.

Councillor W. Cleary inquired why a new range was not being provided free of charge to the tenant in this case. The Co. Manager pointed out that the Council's Engineer had supplied parts for the carrying out of repairs to the range, but that the tenant had refused to allow the range to be repaired.

1952 Housing Scheme.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea asked if Patrick Flanagan, Ballymanus, could be included in the scheme for the erection of houses on agreed sites, and stated that he had now obtained a suitable site. The County Manager stated he would investigate the matter.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, 30th June, 1953.

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, Ed. Byrne, L. O Laoighleis, P. N. Murdoch, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. O'Broin, Joseph Jacob, M. J. Byrne, and Miss E. F. Bobbett.

BUSINESS:

1. Election of Chairman.
2. Election of Vice-Chairman.
3. Appointment of 4 representatives on Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.
4. Appointment of 7 representatives on Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Ground.
5. Appointment of representatives on Co. Council's General Council.

Item No. 1—Election of Chairman:

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond.

That Councillor H. J. Byrne be elected Chairman of Wicklow Co. Council for the ensuing year or until such time as his successor has been appointed and takes up office.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe:

That Councillor P. Ledwidge be elected Chairman of Wicklow Co. Council for the ensuing year or until such time as his successor has been appointed and takes up office.

On a poll being taken, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

For Councillor H. J. Byrne: Councillors Senator J. McCrea, W. Hammond, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, Ed. Byrne, P. Murdoch, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and H. J. Byrne—(11).

For Councillor P. Ledwidge: Councillors P. Brennan, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, P. Ledwidge, C. M. Byrne—(5).

Councillors W. Lawless and M. Brennan did not vote.

Councillor H. J. Byrne was accordingly elected Chairman by eleven votes in his favour to five votes for Councillor P. Ledwidge.

Councillor H. J. Byrne signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and expressed his thanks to the members for his re-election.

Item No. 2—Election of Vice-Chairman:

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

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond:

Resolved—That Councillor C. W. Hudson be elected Vice-Chairman of Wicklow County Council for the ensuing year, or until such time as his successor has been appointed.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Appointment of 4 representatives on Grangegorman Mental Hospital:

The following letter from Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board, was submitted.

5th June, 1953.

re: Mental Treatment Act, 1945—Third Schedule.

A Chara,

I am directed to inform you that the number of members to be appointed to the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board in the present year by each of the contributing authorities is as follows:—

Corporation of Dublin	..	27
County Council of Dublin	..	5
County Council of Wicklow	..	4

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, 6th July, 1953.

The following members were present:—Councillor H. J. Byrne (Chairman), Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, P. Brennan, J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, P. Ledwidge, L. O'Laoighleis, J. Everett, T.D.; Joseph Jacob, Miss E. Bobbett and M. J. Brennan.

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

AGENDA:

- 1.—Report of County Engineer on progress of the Housing Scheme during month of June, 1953.
- 2.—Blessington Housing Scheme—Order of the Minister dated 12th June, 1953, confirming Compulsory Purchase Order made by the Council.
- 3.—Housing Scheme at Newtownmountkennedy—Loan from Commissioners of Public Works.
- 4.—Housing Scheme at Carnew—To consider the question of the acquisition of land.
- 5.—New Cottage Purchase Scheme.
- 6.—Well at Keelogue—To consider report of Health Inspector.
- 7.—Water Supply to cottages at Ballyellis, Carnew.
- 8.—Water Supply for cottages at Ballycapple, Kilbride.
- 9.—Water Supply for cottages at Cronebane, Avoca.
- 10.—Water Supply for cottages near Brittas; Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.
- 11.—Water connection for new School at Donard.
- 12.—Report re admission of Murphy family of Knockiernan, Blessington to St. Colman's Hospital.
- 13.—Town and Regional Plannings Acts—Order of the Minister confirming the Council's refusal of permission to the erection of Garage at Holybrooke, Bray.
- 14.—Applications for Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Act.
- 15.—Report on repairs carried out during the month of June, 1953.
- 16.—Authorisation of repairs to cottages.
- 17.—Application from Greystones Rowing Club for closing of roads in connection with Annual Regatta on 18th July, 1953.
- 18.—Recovery of possession of cottage from Edward Carroll, Blessington, re failure to restore fence.
- 19.—Repair Order in respect of house at Blessington—Report of Asst. County Engineer.

Resolution of Sympathy: On the proposal of Councillor Senator McCrea, seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with Councillor W. Hammond on the death of his brother, Mr. Edwin Hammond. The Co. Manager asked that he and the members of the Council's staff be associated with the terms of the Council's resolution.

Progress Report: The report of the County Engineer on the progress of the Housing Scheme during the month of June, 1953 had been circulated to the members.

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

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

The Council directed that the Department of Local Government be requested to expedite approval to the 1952 Housing Scheme.

Blessington Housing Scheme: The County Secretary informed the Council that the Minister for Local Government by Order dated 12th June, 1953, had confirmed the Compulsory Purchase Order made by the Council in respect of lands at Blessington without modification. The necessary public notice had been given. The Council directed that enquiries be made from the applicants for houses at Blessington under the proposed Tenant Purchase Scheme as to whether they wished to proceed with their applications.

Site for Labourers' Cottages at Blessington: The County Engineer was asked to expedite his report in regard to a suitable site for the erection of cottages at Blessington.

Housing Scheme at Newtownmountkennedy: The County Secretary stated that the sanction of the Department of Local Government had been received to the borrowing of the sum of £20,320 for the purposes of the erection of 16 houses at Newtownmountkennedy.

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

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the draft Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works in respect of loan of £20,320 for housing scheme at O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy, and authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to the Undertaking for the punctual repayment of the loan together with all other loans borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works on the due date, i.e. 1st May and 1st November in each year.

Passed unanimously.

Housing Scheme at Carnew: The Council decided not to proceed further with the acquisition of land at Carnew from Mr. Correll which it had been proposed to acquire for the purposes of a Tenant Purchase Scheme.

New Cottage Purchase Scheme: Copies of proposed new Cottage Purchase Scheme had been circulated to the members of the Council. The Council decided to adjourn the matter to a special meeting to be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, 10th August, 1953.

Well at Keelogue, Arklow: The County Secretary stated that in January, 1952, Mr. Thomas Prestage, landowner, objected to the tenants of Council Cottages crossing his lands for the purpose of obtaining water, on the grounds that the cottiers had made a pass way between his property and the property of an adjoining land owner, with the result that livestock were allowed to get onto the public road, and, in fact, one of the animals was killed. The Assistant Engineer was asked to report, and he stated that one tenant had a right of way directly to the well without crossing the neighbouring lands, and if all the tenants could use this right of way the trouble would be solved. The tenant, however, refused to allow the other tenants access through his plot and consequently the Assistant Engineer recommended that a well and pump be provided. The Council's Health Inspector in a report dated the 2nd instant stated that with the permission of the landowner, and with very little expense, the well, for use by the tenants could be protected against animals, and he also stated that whilst some of the plot attached to the cottage occupied by Gaffney is tilled, he was of opinion that a right of way could be made through the plot without interfering with the portion under tillage. Gaffney is the tenant who refuses to allow the other tenants through his plot to obtain water.

The Council directed that the Assistant County Engineer investigate the possibility of providing an alternative right of way to the well.

Water Supply to Cottages at Ballyellis, Carnew: Having considered report of Chief Medical Officer dated 7th May, 1953, and report of Assistant County Engineer dated 16th June, 1953, it was:

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan.

Resolved—Having considered report of Assistant County Engineer and Chief Medical Officer we approve of the erection of a pump at Ballyellis Cross, Carnew subject to contribution of 25% of the cost by Wexford County Council; the work to be financed by loan. If Wexford County Council do not agree work to proceed.

Passed unanimously.

Water Supply for Cottages at Ballycapple, Kilbride: The report of the Health Inspector of the 2nd June, 1953 and the report of the Assistant County Engineer of 20th June, 1953 were submitted.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.

Resolved—Having considered report of Health Inspector and Assistant County Engineer, we approve of the sinking of a well and the provision of a pump at Ballycapple, Kilbride; the work to be included on the priority list and financed by way of loan.

Water Supply for Cottages at Cronebane, Avoca: The report of the Health Inspector of 26th May, 1953 was submitted and report of Asst. County Engineer of 20th June, 1953.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea.

Resolved—Having considered report of Health Inspector and Assistant County Engineer we approve of the sinking of a well and the provision of a pump at Cronebane, Avoca; the work to be included on the priority list and financed by way of loan.

Passed unanimously.

Water Supply for Cottages near Brittas: Having considered report of Assistant County Engineer dated 3rd July, 1953, in accordance with Notice of Motion, it was:

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

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy.

Resolved—That having considered report of Assistant County Engineer we approve of the sinking of a well and the erection of a pump at Ballinaclea, Brittas Bridge; the work to be included on the priority list and defrayed by way of loan.

Passed unanimously.

Water Connection for new School at Donard: Having considered the report of County Engineer, the Council agreed that there was no objection to a connection being given from the public water supply for the purposes of the new schools at Donard, Seskin and Hollywood.

Rounwood Water Supply: The Council directed that a special report in regard to improvements to Roundwood water supply to be submitted to the meeting to be held on Monday, 13th July, 1953. It was agreed also that in view of the shortage of water notices be issued prohibiting the use of water for washing vehicles.

Admission of Murphy family, Knockieran, Blessington to St. Colman's Hospital: The County Manager outlined the circumstances in regard to the admission of Mrs. Catherine Murphy and her two children to St. Colman's Hospital. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Town and Regional Planning Acts: The Council noted letter of 23rd June, 1953, Ref. P.L. 33/23, from Department of Local Government enclosing a copy of the Order of the Minister determining the appeal submitted to him under the Town and Regional Planning Acts against the decision of the Planning Authority refusing permission for the construction of garage and filling station at Holybrook, Bray by Patrick Farrell. The Council noted that the refusal of permission had been confirmed.

Development at Rocky Valley: Having considered report of Council's Architect and County Engineer, the Council approved of permission being granted for proposed housing development at Kilmacanogue, subject to the conditions outlined by the County Engineer and provided that the County Engineer was satisfied that the water in the stream adjoining the site was not used for drinking.

Having considered correspondence in regard to the refusal of permission for the reconstruction of buildings at Cooldress, Kilcoole, by Mr. Roger Hill, the Council decided to defer the matter to the next meeting to be held on the 13th July, 1953.

Application for approval to the erection of week-end cabins at Kilcroney: Having considered report of Council's Architect and County Engineer, the Council agreed that permission be refused for the erection of week-end cabins at Kilcroney.

Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts; Applications for Loans: The Council approved of the making of a loan of £300 to Patrick Gorman, Oldtown, Baltinglass, in respect of the erection of a house at Tinoran, Baltinglass.

Repairs carried out during Month of June, 1953: The Council noted the report of the County Engineer on repairs carried out during month of June, 1953.

Authorisation of Repairs to Cottages:

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy.

Resolved—That we approve of repairs being carried out to cottages in accordance with the list submitted by the County Engineer.

Passed unanimously.

Closing of Roads at Greystones: Having considered application received from Greystones Rowing Club, it was:

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.

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 the road between The Harbour and South Beach at Greystones from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on 18th July, 1953.

Passed unanimously.

Recovery of Possession of Cottage from Edward Carroll, Blessington: The County Manager stated that Mr. Edward Carroll, tenant of cottage at Blessington had removed paling between his plot and the adjoining landowner and had failed to replace it. The Council had taken proceedings for recovery of possession of the cottage and had obtained a decree for possession. The tenant had appealed but had subsequently withdrawn the appeal and agreed to comply with the Council's request.

to erect the fence. To-date, however, the tenant had not replaced the fence. The Council directed that the tenant be given a further opportunity to restore the fence and if this were done that he be allowed to remain in occupation of the cottage.

Repair Order in respect of house at Blessington: The County Secretary stated that a repair Order had been served on Mr. Arthur O'Leary, owner of a house at Blessington, requiring him to put the house into a proper state of repair. The previous occupant of the house had been provided with a cottage by the Council. The Order was served on 6th April, 1953, but Mr. O'Leary had not complied with the Order to date. The house had not been re-let. The Council noted the position in the matter. Councillor Senator McCrea asked that it be brought to the attention of Mr. O'Leary that he could obtain a reconstruction grant in respect of the reconstruction of the premises.

The Chairman accepted the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor M. J. Brennan

Re: Provision of Pump at Green Road, Baltinanima, Roundwood. I or some other member of the Council intend to move at the next meeting of the Council that provision be made to erect a pump at Green Rd., Baltinanima, Roundwood, to provide a water supply for four cottages on the said road.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 13th July, 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, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, P. Ledwidge, Ed. Byrne, L. O Laoighleis, J. Everett, C. M. Byrne, 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, R. M. Fenlon, and P. J. Foley were present.

BUSINESS:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 11th May, 1953.
2. Letter from Councillor P. P. O'Reilly, tendering his resignation from membership of the Council.
3. To fill three vacancies on Baltinglass No. 1 O.A.P. Sub-Committee.
4. To fill two vacancies on Wicklow O.A.P. Sub-Committee.
5. Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools: to consider draft scheme for 1954.
6. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor W. Hammond, re taking over by Council of road from Coolboy Cross to Fairview Cross via Woodmount Gate.
7. Improvements at Glendalough: letter from An Bord Failte re provision of car park, etc.
8. Cliff Walk from Bray to Greystones: report re acquisition of lands.
9. Road from Brittas to Barndarrig: report of County Engineer.
10. Woodenbridge-Aughrim Road: Resolution from Arklow U.D.C.
11. Purchase of Lorries: Report of Co. Engineer on tenders received.
12. Report of Co. Engineer re tenders received for Bulldozers.
13. Details requested by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., re employment on road works and machinery charges.
14. Access to Sea between Wicklow and Arklow: Report of Valuer.
15. Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948: Proposed revocation of Order under Section 31.
16. Newtownmountkennedy Housing Scheme: To affix Seal of the Council to Mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works.
17. Glenealy Water Supply: To authorise raising of Loan.
18. Roundwood Water Supply: Report re improvements.
19. Kilcoole Dispensary: To authorise raising of supplementary loan.
20. Public Convenience at The Meetings, Avoca: Letter from Dept. of Local Government in regard to raising of loan.
21. Sanitary Convenience at Kilcoole: To authorise raising of loan.
22. Sanitary Convenience, Roundwood: To consider plans, specifications and estimate of cost.
23. Public Convenience, Aughrim: To consider plans, specification and estimate of cost.
24. Baltinglass Water Supply Improvements.
25. Public Lighting, Killincarrig: Quotation from E.S.B.
26. Metric System and Decimal Coinage: Report of Committee.
27. Fire Services: Report of Chief Fire Officer re trailer pump at Dunlavin.
28. Letter from An Bord Failte re National Monuments Advisory Committee.
29. Letter from Vocational Education Committee for the City of Dublin re Senior Science Course at Institute of Science and Technology.
30. Reply from United Nations, New York, re resolution passed by Council in regard to Andro Geffroy.
31. Resolution from Cobh U.D.C. urging increase in Old Age Pensions.

32. Resolution from Waterford County Council re revised system for distribution of Agricultural Grant.
33. Resolution from An Chomhdhail Agoide re Irish Language.
34. Notice from County Councils' General Council re annual meeting.
35. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 11th May, 1953.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that Councillor C. W. Hudson had asked him to convey to the Council his appreciation for his re-appointment as Vice-Chairman of the Council, and his thanks for the good wishes of the members for his recovery from his illness.

The County Secretary stated that replies had been received in regard to resolutions of sympathy passed by the Council, from the family of the late W. J. Sargent, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford; Mr. Sean McBride, T.D., and Councillor W. Hammond.

Road at Kilcarra.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Department of Lands, Forestry Division, dated 7th July, 1953, stating that on condition that the Council take over the road at Kilcarra, the Department was prepared to make a contribution of £350 towards the preliminary repair work.

The Council noted the contribution to be made by the Department and approved of the taking over of the road.

Closing of Road at Wicklow.

The following letter from the Wicklow Regatta Committee was submitted:—

St. Anne's,
Seaview Road,
Wicklow.

13th July, 1953.

Dear Sir,

I have been instructed by my Committee to apply to you for permission to close the bridges known as the Parnell and Stone Bridges, over the River Vartry in Wicklow Town, from 12 noon to 3.30 p.m. on Monday, the 3rd August, 1953, for the purposes of facilitating the running of our 76th Annual Regatta.

I understand that both the County and Urban Councils should have notice of our applications, and therefore I shall be obliged if you will advise them of our request.

Yours faithfully,

The Co. Manager,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

J. D. HAUGHTON,
Hon. Secretary.

The Council approved of the closing of the road over the Stone Bridge at Wicklow, as requested by the Committee.

Vote of Congratulation.

On the proposal of Councillor C. M. Byrne, the Council passed a resolution expressing their congratulations to Mr. P. J. Foley, Assist. County Engineer, on the ordination of his son.

Vote of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, the Council passed a resolution of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. Frank Fahy, T.D., Ceann Comhairle.

Item No. 2—Resignation of Councillor P. P. O'Reilly.

The following letter from Councillor P. P. O'Reilly was submitted:

H. J. Byrne, Esq.,
Chairman,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Wicklow.

Ballyknocken,
Valleymount,
Co. Wicklow.
6th July, 1953.

Owing to health reasons, I am tendering my resignation from your Council. I wish to return my sincere thanks to the members of the Council for their loyalty and co-operation to me down the years. I also wish to thank the County Manager, Mr. Flannery, and the Secretary, Mr. Brangan, and the County Engineer, Mr. O'Byrne, and Mr. Foley, Assistant Engineer, for the way they co-operated with me. I would also like to mention here that I came on the County Council for Sinn Fein and Labour in June, 1920, with C. M. Byrne and Deputy Everett.

Signed: P. P. O'REILLY.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby accept with regret the resignation of Councillor P. P. O'Reilly from membership of the Council. That we hereby declare a vacancy on the Council consequent on the resignation of Councillor P. P. O'Reilly, and decide to fill such vacancy at the next meeting of the Council to be held on 17th August, 1953.

Passed unanimously.

The Chairman, supported by the members, placed on record the Council's appreciation of the services rendered by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly as a member of the Council, and expressed the hope that he would be spared for many years in his retirement.

Item No. 3—Baltinglass No. 1 O.A.P. Sub-Committee.

The County Secretary stated that there were three vacancies on the Baltinglass No. 1 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee created by the resignation of Mr. B. Farrell, and Rev. C. B. Champ, and the death of Mr. Hugh C. Doyle.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillor P. Keogh, Councillor G. Timmins and the successor to Rev. C. B. Champ to fill the three vacancies on the Baltinglass No. 1 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee occasioned by the resignations of Mr. B. Farrell and Rev. C. B. Champ and by the death of Mr. Hugh C. Doyle.

Passed unanimously.

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

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

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,
Clerk,
Wicklow O.A.P. Committee,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Courthouse,
Wicklow.
17th June, 1953.

Dear Sir,

I have to report two vacancies on the Wicklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee due to the resignations of Very Rev. A. K. Palmer, Killiskey Rectory, and Very Rev. W. Lillis, P.P., Aghrim.

The Committee recommended the appointment of Very Rev. M. Blake, P.P., Wicklow, and Very Rev. Canon Tamplin, Killiskey Rectory, Ashford, to fill the vacancies.

Yours faithfully,

W. C. BYRNE, Clerk.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Very Rev. M. Blake, P.P., and Rev. Canon Tamplin, Killiskey Rectory, Ashford, to fill vacancies on

the Wicklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee caused by the resignations of Very Rev. W. Lillis, P.P., Aughrim, and Rev. A. K. Palmer, Killiskey Rectory.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1954.

A Draft Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools for the year 1954 was submitted, and considered by the Council. Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the draft scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1954, as submitted to this meeting, subject to the following amendments:—

- (1) That value of Scholarships in category 1 (a) be increased to £80 in the first year and £75 in subsequent years—the increase to apply to all existing scholarships.
- (2) That income limits be increased by £25 in each case; that valuation limits be increased by £7 10s. in each case.
- (3) That the following paragraph be included in the Scheme:—
“The Council will require satisfactory evidence of income in cases where parents or guardians are self-employed, or have sources of income other than from an employment. The onus of proof of any figures submitted will rest on the parent or guardian.”
- (4) The latest date for receipt of completed application forms will be 15th December, 1953.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Road from Coolboy Cross to Fairwood Cross, via Woodmount Gate.

In connection with Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor W. Hammond for the taking over by the Council of road from Coolboy Cross to Fairwood Cross via Woodmount gate, the following report of the Assistant County Engineer was submitted:—

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

The Courthouse,
Tinahely,
3rd July, 1953.

A. Chara,

Reference to your letter of 15th ultimo regarding Councillor Hammond's motion, the road referred to is about 1,100 yards long, leaving county road 216 at Fairwood and re-entering the same road at Coolboy Cross. It is about twenty-two feet between fences and it complies with the requirements for a public road. It is in an extremely bad condition and it would take about £240 to put it into reasonable repair. The road serves nine families and I would recommend it be taken over.

Mise, le meas.

C. J. BYRNE,
Assist. County Engineer.

Following a discussion, the Council agreed that the persons whose houses were served by the road should apply for a Rural Improvement Grant to put the road into proper repair, and in the event of no grant being obtained, the matter could be considered again by the Council.

Item No. 7—Improvements at Glendalough.

The County Manager referred to previous discussions with the Council in regard to improvements required at Glendalough, and stated that An Bord Failte had now indicated that the Board would pay the cost of the Scheme for providing a Car Park at Glendalough, in accordance with the Estimate of £6,366 submitted by the Co. Engineer, subject to the demand on the Board being reduced by whatever amount

the Council might obtain by way of special grants from other sources. The County Manager stated that application had been made to the Department of Local Government for a grant towards the cost of the work. The Co. Manager stated that it would be necessary to acquire four acres, twenty-four perches of land from the Department of Lands, Forestry Division, and it was proposed to purchase this land at a price of £30 per acre, i.e., £124 10s. in all. It would also be necessary to obtain 24.1 perches of land from Mr. J. B. Wynne for the entrance to the Car Park, and Mr. Wynne was seeking payment of £50 in respect of this portion of land.

It was proposed by Councillor E. E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we note letter of 18th June, 1953, from An Bord Failte indicating that the Board had agreed to pay the cost of the scheme for providing a car park at Glendalough within the estimated cost of £6,366, as submitted by the County Engineer, the work to be undertaken by the Council; and approve of the acquisition of 4 acres, 0 roads, 24 pers. of land from the Department of Lands, Forestry Division, at a cost of £30 per acre, i.e., £124 10s. in all.

Passed, Councillor M. J. Brennan dissenting.

The Council was not in agreement with the price asked by Mr. Wynne, and it was decided that the Chairman and the County Manager would interview Mr. Wynne in regard to the matter.

Item No. 8—Cliff Walk from Bray to Greystones.

The Co. Manager referred to the proposed Scheme for improving the Cliff Walk from Bray to Greystones, to be carried out with the aid of a grant from An Bord Failte, and stated that the Board had experienced difficulty in acquiring a strip of land at Greystones from Mr. A. Fox. The price asked by Mr. Fox was regarded as excessive. It was agreed that the members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area, together with the County Manager, would interview Mr. Fox with a view to reaching agreement on a price for the land required.

Item No. 9—Road from Brittas to Barndarrig.

The Council noted the following report received from the County Engineer:—

Re: Roads.

With reference to your letter of 3rd instant, the road referred to is an unrolled County Road from Brittas Bay via Castletimon to the Main Road near Barndarrig. Its condition is the same as it has always been, and until the road is rolled and tarred, very little can be done to prevent the surface breaking up. All loose stones are being removed and the road sheeted with quarry dust to hold the surface together.

This road is not included in the Five Year Plan.

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

Item No. 10—Woodenbridge-Aughrim Road.

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

“That we, the members of the Arklow Urban District Council request the Minister for Local Government to make available to Wicklow County Council a special Grant for the improvement of the Woodenbridge/Aughrim road. If this road was improved, it would then be able to take bus traffic and thus open an important section of tourist traffic to Arklow from West Wicklow, Kildare and Carlow.”

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

Re: Woodenbridge-Aughrim Road, No. 185.

I wish to state that in my opinion the above Road is dangerous for

'bus traffic until that portion from Coates' Bridge towards Aughrim is widened and strengthened by the construction of retaining walls on the side overlooking the river, and also until Coates' Bridge is widened, details of which are set out in a previous report and estimate to you.

During the last three years, improvements have been carried out on the part from Coates' Bridge towards Woodenbridge and should be completed this year, when a total amount of £10,535 will have been expended thereon.

The estimated cost of improving the part from Coates' Bridge towards Aughrim and the Bridge itself is over £14,000. To do this within the Road Works Scheme would take many years, and I have previously stated that I consider that a special grant should be made available for this work.

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

The Council agreed that application be made to the Department of Local Government for a special grant for the improvement of the road from Coates' Bridge towards Aughrim, and for the widening of the Bridge.

The Council agreed also that representatives of the Council for the Arklow area should ascertain the views of residents in Aughrim in regard to the improvement of the road for the purpose of a 'bus service.

Item No. 11—Purchase of Lorries.

Machinery—Tenders for Lorries.

The following report of the Co. Engineer was submitted:—
10th July, 1953.

In reply to your letter of 17th instant, I have examined the Tenders received in reply to the public advertisement for these new lorries.

I recommend that the tender submitted by Messrs. McCairns, Motors Ltd., Tara St., Dublin, amounting to £3,780 for three 5/6 ton Chevrolet Tipping lorries, less an allowance of £1,275 on three of our old lorries, making the nett cost of the new lorries £2,505, be accepted.

In view of the very satisfactory nett figure of £835 per lorry, I consider that two more new lorries should be purchased to replace two further old lorries, provided that the same terms could be obtained. I return herewith Tenders.

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

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;
Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan:

Resolved—That, having considered report of County Engineer, we approve of the purchase of three lorries from McCairns Motors, Ltd., at a nett cost of £2,505, and hereby authorise the raising of a Loan of £3,350 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 three lorries and of the secondhand lorry recently purchased from the Wicklow Mining Company.

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that inquiry be made from Messrs. McCairns Ltd., as to whether the firm would be prepared to supply additional lorries on the same basis.

Item No. 12—Tenders Received for Bulldozers.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
13th July, 1953.

Re: Tenders for Bulldozer.

In view of the increased amount of heavy excavation work necessary on roads, especially in mountain districts, I find that our small

Bulldozer D.4 is hardly sufficient for this purpose, and, in any event, is now in use for about 6 years; the original cost was approximately £1,400, plus Scraper, costing about £800.

I recommend that a larger machine should be obtained, if possible, and that the D.4 could be traded in, in part payment.

As a result of public advertisement in the daily papers, the following Tenders were received:—

	Bulldozer	Scraper	Allowance	Nett
Techon's, Ltd.	£4,250	£1,540	Nil	£5,790
McGee's Stores	£6,788	£1,375	Nil	£8,163
Jack Olding, Ltd.	Nil	£1,650	£1,500	
S. McCormick	£5,235	£775	£2,000	£4,010
	(second-hand)			
J. H. Saville	£4,991	£1,831	£2,000	£4,822

It would seem that the exchange would involve an expenditure of about £4,000, but I consider that it would be most economical to the County Council, as a very good allowance is being made for our old bulldozer.

It would be necessary, however, to examine the Tender received in more detail and to interview the firms concerned in order to obtain the best value, as I do not consider it necessary to purchase a new Scraper.

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

The Council noted that the Co. Engineer would examine the tenders received in greater detail, and interview the firms concerned, and submit a further report to the Council.

Item No. 13—Details Requested by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.

As requested in notice of motion submitted by Councillor J. Everett, T.D. the following information was given to the Council:—

1. Total number of men employed on Roads at 1/12/52	409
2. Total wages paid to workers W/E 1/12/52	£2,042 18 2
3. (a) No. of gangers employed on 1/12/52	18
(b) No. of charge-hands	18
(c) No. of Overseers and Assistant Overseers	26
(d) No. of Engineers	6
It must be noted that Charge-hands perform the same work as ordinary Road Workers.	
4. (a) Wages paid to Gangers W/E 1/12/52	£70 12 3
(b) Wages paid to Charge-hands W/E 1/12/52 (including two above)	£77 11 4
Wages paid to Overseers and A/Overseers W/E 1/12/52	
(b) Salaries of Engineers	£182 0 11
(b) Salaries of Engineers	£58 18 9
5. Machinery Loan repayments W/E 1/12/52	£109 18 4
6. (a) Maintenance cost of Machinery, including Fuel for W/E 1/12/52	£514 5 4
(b) Cost of spare parts	£14 13 1
7. Cost of hired machinery (W/E 1/12/52)	£89 12 6

The Council noted the details submitted.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that details of travelling expenses of County Engineer and Chief Assistant County Engineer for the six months to the 30th June, 1953, be submitted.

Item No. 14—Access to the Sea between Arklow and Wicklow.

The following report of Mr. H. J. Byrne, Valuer, in respect of

portions of land proposed to be acquired for the purpose of access to the sea from the new Sea Road between Wicklow and Arklow was submitted:—

COPY/

H. J. Byrne, Esq.,
Auctioneer, Valuer and
Chartered Surveyor,
5, Main St., Bray.

VALUATION.

In the matter of

Access to sea from new road and Car Park.

Valuation of land proposed to be taken to provide a Car Park at Dunbur Upper and give access to Silver Strand Wicklow. Owner, William Smith, O.S. 314.

The area to be acquired consists of 6.78 acres, statute measure. A little over two acres consists of level land used as grazing land and car park by the present owner. The balance is rough ground of little if any value. The present owner has built at his own expense an access to the sea, and the works carried out include the construction of 56 steps, 12 concrete posts and gun-barrel guard rail with wire post fence.

It is estimated that the season for people visiting the Silver Strand would extend for 18 weeks in each year. It is estimated that the average weekly earnings from cars and pedestrians would amount to £10 0 0.

Gross seasonal takings	..	..	..	..	£180	0	0
Deduct:—							
Annual maintenance of fence and steps				£10	0	0	
Wages of persons taking tolls				£60	0	0	£70 0 0

Estimated annual profit	£110	0	0
and value at 15 years' purchase	£1,650	0	0

It is estimated that the amount of compensation to be paid to Mr. Smith would not be less than £1,650.

Access to sea and car park at Magherymore, Co. Wicklow. Owner, J. Leslie Ellis. O.S. 31.

The plot to be acquired is situated about 300 yards south of the Hotel and consists of an access through a lane 600 yards long to a plot 1 statute acre in area. This plot is of little value, being covered with fern and furze. When the new road is constructed it will tend to encourage motorists to proceed beyond Dunbur in the direction of Arklow and, as the Management of the Magherymore Hotel advertise that it is open to non-residents, the Hotel should benefit by the increased passing traffic.

It is estimated that the value of the plot is	..	£20	0	0
Add loss of privacy to Hotel	..	£100	0	0
Total	..	£120	0	0

Access to sea and car park at Cornagower East, the property of Mr. Justice Martin C. Maguire. O.S. 36.

Approach from road to proposed car park 50 yards car park 40 x 85 yards and access from proposed car park to sea about 180 yards long.

The land to be acquired is situated amongst the sand hills and would require to be levelled to make the best use of same. The plot is near some bungalows but is situated at a considerable distance from the Judge's residence. It is used to a limited extent as a car park. I estimate the value of this site at £100 0 0.

Access near Haughton's Bridge the property of Mr. Justice Martin C. Maguire. O.S. 36.

Access from road to proposed car park 70 yards; car park approx. 80 yds. by 60 yds. and distance from proposed car park to sea 70 yds. The land needs levelling and is partly used as a car park. I estimate the compensation to be paid to the owner at £100 0 0.

It is proposed to acquire a plot at Ennerelly Co. Wicklow the property of Dr. E. T. Freeman. O.S. 41.

There are no houses in the immediate vicinity. This plot contains 1 acre, state measure, and bounds the public road for about 50 yds. The land is very uneven and poor, being covered with fern, briars and thistles, etc. The present access through lane of soft sand is difficult for motors. I estimate the compensation to be paid to the owner at £100 0 0.

Another site under consideration is adjoining Pennycomequick Bridge and is approached by an access 75 yards long. The distance from the proposed car park to sea is about 60 yards. It is very uneven and is covered with bracken, etc. I estimate the compensation to be paid to the owner at £100 0 0.

Another site under review is situated at Johnstown North, the property of Mr. Sharpe (O.S. 41), and has a frontage to the road of approximately 100 yards. Area, 1 acre statute. The land is also very uneven. I estimate the compensation to be paid to the owner to be £100 0 0.

Owner, Mr. Sharpe. O.S. 41. A final site under review is situated at Johnstown South, and has a frontage to the road of approximately 95 yards. The land is uneven. I estimate the compensation to be paid to the owner to be £100 0 0.

Signed, HENRY J. BYRNE, F.A.I., F.R.I.C.S.,
Auctioneer, Valuer and Chartered Surveyor.

Dated this 16th day of June, 1953.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless:

Resolved—That, having considered report of valuer appointed by the Council, we approve of offers being made for the acquisition of lands required for purposes of providing access to the sea as follows:—

From owners of Magherymore Hotel	..	..	£120
Mr. Justice Martin C. Maguire at Cornagower East	..	..	£100
Do. near Haughton's Bridge	..	..	£100
Dr. E. T. Freeman, at Ennerelly	..	..	£100
Mr. Ivan Sharpe, at Ballinaskea	..	..	£100
Mr. Desmond Sharpe, at Johnstown North	..	..	£100
Mr. Desmond Sharpe, at Johnstown South	..	..	£100

We hereby approve of the incurring of expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of acquisition of these lands.

Passed, Councillor P. Ledwidge dissenting.

Item No. 15—Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948.

The County Manager stated that a circular letter had been issued by the Department of Local Government in regard to the control of temporary dwellings under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948. It was pointed out in the circular that Section 31 of the Act, which gave power for the making of an Order by the Council prohibiting the erection of temporary dwellings in a particular area

could not lawfully apply to the whole or a major part of a Sanitary District, and it was suggested by the Department that Orders of this type which might have been made by the Council should be revoked. It was also suggested by the Department that bye-laws might be made regulating the use of temporary dwellings in districts of the sanitary authority. The Council's Law Agent had advised that the Order made by the Council should be revoked. The Council agreed to the revocation of the Order made by the Council under Section 31, and directed that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Council in regard to special areas in the County to which Orders under the Section might apply, and report also in regard to draft Bye-laws for the regulation of the use of temporary dwellings.

Item No. 16—Newtownmountkennedy Housing Scheme.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

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 Twenty Thousand, Three Hundred and Twenty Pounds (£23,320), proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Labourers' Acts, 1883 to 1952.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 17—Glenealy Water Supply.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

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

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the raising of a Loan of £9,350 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 25 years, with interest at 5½ per cent. to defray the cost of water supply scheme at Glenealy.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 18—Roundwood Water Supply.

The County Secretary stated that plans for the improvement of Roundwood Water Supply had been submitted to the Department for approval, but that to date the Department's approval had not been received.

The Council agreed that meters should be placed on supplies of water to garages, where the water was used for the washing of cars.

Item No. 19—Kilcoole Dispensary.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the raising of a supplementary loan of £710 from the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, repayable over a period of 5 years, with interest at the usual rate to defray the balance of the cost of the erection of a dispensary at Kilcoole, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates in respect of loan charges.

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

Item No. 29—Public Convenience at The Meetings, Avoca.

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

L.27/14/2.

Dept. of Local Government,

Secretary, Wicklow Co. Council,

Custom House, Dublin.

Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow.

3rd June, 1953.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter dated 4th ultimo and previous and previous correspondence relative to the erection of a public sanitary convenience at the Meeting of the Waters, Avoca, I am directed by the

Minister for Local Government to state that the design of the structure was unsatisfactory, and the work appears to have been put in hands without waiting for the Minister's views on the plans.

The Council's attention was drawn to the unsuitability of the plans from the architectural standpoint in September, 1952, but the County Architect's report, confirming this view, was not submitted until the following January by which time the work appears to have been almost completed. It then became necessary to incur some additional expense on the screening of the structure. In the circumstances, the work could not be accepted as a charge against a loan.

Having regard, however, to the Council's representations in the matter, the Minister has agreed to sanction the spreading of the cost over a period not exceeding 3 years pursuant to Section 3 of the Local Authorities (Financial Provisions) Act, 1921, as extended. Sanction to a temporary loan or overdraft of £800 is attached.

Mise, le meas,

N. DE PAOR.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That having considered letter of 23rd June, 1953, Ref. L.27/14/2 from the Dept. of Local Government, we hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the loan charges on loan for the erection of public convenience at the Meeting of the Waters, Avoca, repayable over a period of three years.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 21—Public Convenience at Kilcoole.

Plans and specification for proposed Public Sanitary Convenience at Kilcoole were submitted to the Dept. of Local Government, and the Department in letter of 26th June, 1953, had approved of the plans. The Co. Secretary stated that the all-in cost of providing the Sanitary Convenience was estimated at £620.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of plans and specification for the provision of public sanitary convenience at Kilcoole and authorise the raising of loan of £620 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 25 years with interest at the usual rate, to defray the cost of the work.

Passed unanimously.

In reply to Councillor W. Lawless, the Co. Manager stated that the difficulties in relation to the title to the site had not yet been resolved, and it appeared that the owners might find it impossible to give a good title. The Council noted the difficulties in regard to the title and agreed that an alternative site for the sanitary convenience should be obtained.

Item No. 22—Sanitary Convenience at Roundwood.

Plans and specification for the proposed Sanitary Convenience at Roundwood were submitted to the Council.

The Co. Secretary stated that the estimated cost of the erection of the structure was £650.

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of plans and specification for proposed public convenience at Roundwood at estimated cost of £650 and directed that the plans and specification be submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 23—Public Convenience at Aughrim.

Plans and specification for the proposed Public Convenience at Aughrim were submitted. The Co. Secretary stated that the estimated cost of the work was £750. It would be necessary to acquire a plot of land as a site for the Public Convenience, and it was proposed to acquire the site from C.I.E. The price asked by C.I.E. for the site was £40 plus legal expenses.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of plans and specification submitted by the Co. Engineer for proposed public convenience at Aughrim at estimated cost of £750. We direct that plans and specification be submitted to the Dept. of Local Government for approval.

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that an offer of £10 to include all legal costs, be made to C.I.E. for the plot required as a site.

Item No. 24—Baltinglass Water Supply Improvements.

The Co. Secretary stated that it had been necessary to place orders for the supply of piping required for temporary improvements to Baltinglass Water Supply as the official contractor was unable to supply immediately, and the matter was regarded as urgent. There would be an increase of £145 on the original estimate of £240.

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the necessary expenditure of £145 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the additional cost of water pipes for improvements to Baltinglass Water Supply.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 25—Public Lighting, Killincarrig.

The Co. Secretary stated that the E.S.B. had submitted a quotation for the provision of a new public lamp at Emerson's Gate on the Delgany-Greystones road and that the erection of the lamp would involve the erection of switch wire and new network poles at a cost of £49. The cost of the operation of the lamp per annum would be £5 11s. It was pointed out also by the E.S.B. that the quotation provided for the erection of poles on private property, and it was assumed that no right-of-way difficulties would be met in connection with the work. The Council decided to adjourn the matter, and to obtain a further report from the County Engineer as to the best site for the erection of the additional public lamp.

Item No. 26—Metric System and Decimal Coinage.

The report of the Committee appointed by the Council to consider the desirability of establishing a metric system of weights and measures and a decimal system of coinage had been circulated to the members.

It was decided to adjourn the matter to the following meeting to enable members of the Council to examine the report.

Item No. 27—Fire Service—Trailer Pump at Dunlavin.

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Fire Officer had reported that the trailer pump at Dunlavin had broken down, and that it would be difficult to obtain the necessary spare parts for its repair. The Chief Fire Officer considered that it would be necessary to take one of the following courses:—

1. Purchase of new trailer pump at an approximate cost of £350;
2. Endeavour to obtain secondhand parts from London, if possible;
3. Abolish the brigade at Blessington, and have the area served by the brigade from Dunlavin.

The pump which had been stationed at Blessington had been transferred to Dunlavin where the other trailer pump was out of order.

The Council decided that since no provision had been made in the Estimates for the purchase of a new trailer pump efforts should be made to obtain the necessary spare parts for the repair of the pump.

Item No. 28—National Monuments Advisory Committee.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from An Bord Failte for consideration by the Council's National Monuments Advisory Committee, and indicating the powers and responsibilities devolving on the Board in relation to National Monuments.

The Council agreed that a meeting of the National Monuments Advisory Committee be called to consider the letter from An Bord Failte.

Item No. 29—Senior Science Course.

The Council noted letter from the School of Senior Science and Technology of the Vocational Education Committee of the City of Dublin in regard to inauguration of the Senior Science Course at the Institute.

Item No. 30—Reply from United Nations, New York, re resolution in regard to Andre Geffroy.

The Council noted letter dated 8th June, 1953, from the United Nations, New York, indicating that a summary of the Council's letter on the subject of Andre Geffroy, Breton Nationalist, would be furnished to the Commission on Human Rights at its next session, and also to the Government of France.

Item No. 31—Increase in Old Age Pensions.

The Council adopted the following resolution received from Cobh Urban District Council: "That in view of the high cost of living, the Government would consider increasing Old Age Pensions. That copies of this resolution be sent to all Urban and County Councils."

Item No. 32—Revised system of distribution of Agricultural Grant.

The Council noted the following resolution received from Waterford County Council:—

"That we strongly recommend to the Minister for Local Government that Employment Allowances under the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1946, as proposed to be amended, be granted in respect of the housewife on each holding, and in respect of full-time female employees. Failing acceptance of the foregoing recommendations, this Council is of the opinion that no change should be made in the existing basis for the distribution of the Agricultural Grant, as this Council would, on the present basis of employment, lose approximately £18,000 in Agricultural Grant if the proposed revised system of distribution is carried into effect."

Item No. 33—Resolution from An Chomhdhail Agoide, re Irish Language.

Having considered letter from An Chomhdhail Agoide, the Council adopted the following resolution:—

"Gurab eigeandail naisuinta laghdu leanunach na Gaeltachta. Go bhfuil Rialtas na 26 gCondaethe ag deanamh failli i dtaca leis an eigeandail seo agus go mbeidh tuilleadh failli in a fheall fhollasach ar an Naisiun."

Item No. 34—County Councils' General Council.

The Council noted that the Annual Meeting of the County Councils' General Council will be held during Horse Show Week, 4th-8th Aug., '53.

Item No. 35—Inquiries arising out of County Manager's Orders.

Temporary Dwellings: In reply to Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett, the Co. Manager explained the reasons why the application of Mr. H. J. Delahunt for a licence for portion of his land for temporary dwellings had been refused. It was decided that the Council's Engineer would interview Mr. Delahunt in connection with the matter.

Letter from Greystones Labour Party: The following letter from the Greystones Branch of the Labour Party was submitted:—

The County Manager,
Wicklow Co. Council,
The Courthouse, Wicklow.
A Chara,

Park Cottages,
Greystones,
11th July, 1953.

I have been instructed by my Committee once again to bring to the notice of the Co. Council the deplorable state of the roads on the following housing schemes:—

- (a) St. Brigid's Park, Blacklion;
- (b) Redford Cottages, Redford;
- (c) Carrick Villas, Killincarrig.

There is no proper surface on these roads, not to mention pot holes five or six inches deep. The tenants feel that they are not being unreasonable but are only looking for their rights when they ask that the roads in question be put in proper condition now that machinery for road repair work is in the district. Also, we might mention that the pathway from the corner of Church Road (Ormonde Cinema) to Blacklion is in a very dangerous condition and only recently two aged persons tripped and fell on it.

We would also like to point out one more grievance of the residents, this is the practice of car parking on the grass front opposite the harbour. This was used until recently by young and old as a place of relaxation, but now oil and grease dripping from the cars have destroyed it. The Committee feel that a "No Parking" Sign on the grass front would rectify this grievance.

These grievances are brought in a spirit of good citizenship and a deputation would be only too delighted to discuss fully these grievances with you.

I remain, Yours sincerely,
O. KENRICK, Hon. Secretary.

The Council agreed that a "No Parking" Sign should be erected on the grass plot opposite the harbour at Greystones. The Council also agreed that members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area would meet representatives of the Greystones Branch of the Labour Party at the Town Hall, Bray, at 8 p.m. on Monday, 20th July, 1953, to consider the other matters raised in the letter.

The Council's Engineer was asked to report on the condition of the roads serving the housing schemes referred to.

Proposed easement of corner at Tinnahinch: In reply to Councillor P. Ledwidge, the Co. Secretary stated that discussions had taken place between officials of the Council and Mr. Harris, owner of the lands, and it was likely that agreement would be reached in regard to certain lands required for road widening at Tinnahinch. It was necessary, in the meantime, however, to have a survey carried out in regard to the line of the road. The matter would be reported on to the next meeting of the Council.

Bridges at Ballylow and Ballinaton: Councillor P. Kehoe submitted letter received from Mr. P. Doyle, Brockey, Manor Kilbride, as follows:—
Dear Mr. Kehoe,
9th July, 1953.

Since my last request to have something done towards putting this road in some sort of even half reasonable repair, the Council has erected a notice on one bridge and also on one gully at Ballylow to Ballinaton restricting or limiting the load that may be carried to 6 tons on one and 4 tons on the other. The lorries being 3 ton tare weight, you can see the load in one case would be 3 tons and in the other 1 ton. This in effect is taking away the only means of existence that I have in the

world. There is no other wage or means of supporting a family of 11. I have a feeling that this was done with the sole intention of getting out of doing anything with said road, and further that a very small sum would put these bridges in repair. However, if something is not done and done very soon, I will be forced to leave the country with my family or seek Home Help and remain here. I therefore ask you to bring these facts to the notice of the Council to have these bridges repaired if such is deemed necessary, or at least have the notice removed as soon as possible. I think this case is without precedent in any county in Ireland.

I am yours sincerely,
PATRICK DOYLE,

The County Manager explained that the road and bridges in question had been damaged as a result of heavy traffic from sand lorries to Mr. Doyle's sand pit. The road has not been constructed to carry traffic of this type. It was agreed that the Co. Engineer report on the matter to the next meeting of the Council, and submit an estimate of the cost of repairing the bridges and road.

Baltinglass Dispensary: In reply to Councillor P. Kehoe, the Co. Manager stated that there was a doubt in regard to the ownership of portion of the plot required as a site for the dispensary at Baltinglass. On the proposal of Councillor P. Kehoe, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, it was agreed that the site be acquired under the Derelict Sites Act.

Water Main from Kilquade to Kilcoole: Tenders received in response to public advertisement for the laying of water main from Kilquade to Kilcoole, were opened in the presence of the Council. The tenders were as follows:—

Maurice Blake, Mount Saville, Terenure—£4,111 3s.
James Finn, The Crescent, Athlone—£4,112 13s. 6d.
A. F. Hastings and Co., Frankford, Dundrum—£3,810 9s. 6d.
Southern Roads Co., Stillorgan Rd., Mt. Merrion—£4,401 16s. 6d.
Hodgins, Ltd., 10 Richmond Ave., Fairview, Dublin—£3,566 12s. 2d.

The Council referred the tenders to the Co. Engineer for examination and recommendation.

The Council was informed that agreement had been reached with Mr. de Caen in regard to the compensation for way leave for the water main, in the sum of £60. The Council approved of the payment of £60 to Mr. de Caen as compensation in this case.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A special meeting of the Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 10th August, 1953, at 11 a.m., to consider the proposed New Cottage Purchase Scheme.

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

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

Councillor Senator McCrea stated that he could not agree with the proposed Cottage Purchase Scheme as circulated to the members and stated that he understood the scheme would be based on the existing rents of the cottages. He queried the legal authority of a scheme based otherwise than on existing rents. Councillor Lawless enquired the number of cottages included in the scheme in respect of which the existing rent was less than 4s. and the number where the rent was 4s. or over. He pointed out that in the case of a tenant at present paying 2s. per week in rent, there was no inducement to him to purchase the cottage, since the purchase annuity would also be 2s. per week. In reply to enquiries from the members, the Deputy County Manager stated that the proposed Cottage Purchase Scheme was considered by the Council at the meeting held on 16th July, 1951, and at meeting held on 25th February, 1952, at which meetings particulars of the financial commitments which the purchase scheme would entail were submitted. At the meeting held on the 25th February, 1952, the Council passed a resolution directing that a Purchase Scheme be prepared in respect of all cottages not included in the scheme made by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance on the 28th March, 1938, and directing that the amount of the terminable annuity in respect of each cottage be based on 50 per cent. of the rent payable by the tenant on the basis of the Graded Rents Scheme. On the 9th March, 1953, the matter was further considered and the difficulty of operating a scheme based on the Graded Rent appropriate to each cottage was explained and the Council passed a resolution as follows:

Resolved—Having considered letter dated 31st January, 1953, Ref. H.1992/52 from the Department of Local Government, we approve of the preparation of a Cottage Purchase Scheme in respect of all cottages erected since 21st May, 1937; the annuities to be based on 50 per cent. of the minimum of the graded rents scheme applicable to each cottage, except in the case of the cottages specified hereunder, and agree that a Graded Rents Scheme be applied to all cottages not vested in the tenant under the Tenant Purchase Scheme:—

1946 Scheme: 13 Cottages at Avondale Park, Killarney Road,

12 Cottages at Glenealy,

8 Cottages at Belan Street, Baltinglass.

Separate Scheme, 1952: 10 Cottages at Play Ground, Killincarrig.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the proposed Cottage Purchase Scheme as circulated to the members had been prepared in accordance with the directions of the Council as set out in the resolution passed on the 9th March, 1953. In reply to enquiry from Councillor Lawless, it was indicated that of the 1,517 cottages included in the scheme, 1,043 carried existing rents of less than 4s. per week. Councillor Senator McCrea stated that the rents shown as existing rents in the scheme were in his opinion the appropriate graded rent applicable to each cottage, and referred to the examinations of the income of tenants of cottages which have been carried out by the local Housing Committee in recent years. The Deputy Co. Manager stated that the Council had decided that the graded rents scheme would be applied

only to new tenants and that in no case had a rent been altered except upon a change of tenancy. Councillor Senator McCrea handed in the following Notice of Motion, which was accepted by the Chairman:

"I, or someone for me, will move that the resolution passed on 9th March, 1953, be rescinded and that a Cottage Purchase Scheme be prepared in accordance with the 1950 Housing (Amendment) Act."

The Council asked that the opinion of the Law Agent be obtained as to the Council's powers to make a Cottage Purchase Scheme based otherwise than on existing rents.

The meeting then terminated.

A Meeting of Wicklow Co. Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 10th August, 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, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, P. Ledwidge, L. O. Laoighleis, P. Murdoch, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, Joseph Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. J. Brennan.

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

Mr. K. J. Brangan, Deputy County Manager, was present.

Resolution of Sympathy: On the proposal of Councillor P. McCarthy, seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, the Council passed unanimously a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with Councillor W. Cleary on the death of his mother.

Progress Report: The report of the County Engineer on the progress of the Housing Scheme during the month of July, 1953, was adopted on the proposal of Councillor P. Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor W. Hammond.

Blessington Housing Scheme: The Deputy Co. Manager stated that a letter had been addressed to each of 13 persons who had made enquiries in regard to the proposed tenant purchase scheme at Blessington, asking if they still wished to proceed with their applications and informing them of the approximate weekly payment which would be required in respect of the repayment of the annuity and rates on the houses proposed to be erected. To date only three replies had been received, i.e., from two persons who wished to proceed with their applications and from one person who wished to cancel his application. The Council decided to defer the matter for a month.

Housing Scheme at Kilgarron, Enniskerry—Improvements to Enniskerry Water Supply.

The following preliminary report of the Consulting Engineer, Professor P. F. Purcell, was submitted:—

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Pierce F. Purcell,
Consulting Engineer,
The Co. Manager,
Wicklow Co. Council.

Ashton,
Killiney,
Co. Dublin.
24th July, 1953.

ENNISKERRY WATER SUPPLY.

Dear Sir,

In accordance with your instructions dated 15th April, 1953, I beg to present the following report on a water supply for Enniskerry. When reporting (26/1/51) on the proposed Lough Dann Regional Scheme, provision was made for a supply of 60,000 g.p.d. to Enniskerry for an estimated population of 1,000.

Now, following your instructions, Enniskerry is to have its own supply and it is proposed to serve also the new Kilgarron Housing Scheme of 60 houses and some shops, which in itself would require about 10,000 g.p.d. The total requirement, however, may still be taken at the previous figure of 60,000 g.p.d. It is difficult to say with any degree of certainty what the future requirements of Enniskerry may be owing to possible developments in this area. In the scheme about to be proposed, the levels will make it possible to supply most of the houses in Kilmalin Village at the upper end of the Powerscourt Estate, as well as the proposed Kilgarron Housing Scheme. Taking these points into consideration, there appears to be a sound case for allowing a good margin over present requirements so far as the intake works and delivery pipe to the filters are concerned, and the design of this part of the scheme is based on a capacity of 100,000 g.p.d. The filters were designed for 60,000 g.p.d., but can be increased later on if, and when, required.

In an effort to augment the existing supply, an investigation has been made of the ground above Ballybrew for an additional source which would yield an adequate supply, but without result, and the only reliable source is the Glencullen River above Glencullen Bridge. Mr. O. Byrne, your County Engineer, has measured the dry weather flow into Ballybrew Reservoir and found that the flow falls as low as 12,000 g.p.d., so that this supply is totally inadequate to meet the demands, and experience shows that this deficiency is a frequent occurrence. The filters at Ballybrew are also incapable of being modified or improved and I agree with his opinion that no useful purpose would be served by retaining the old reservoir and filters.

New Source of Supply: The river at the proposed intake, 400 yards above Glencullen Bridge, has a catchment area of 3,250 acres and would give an estimated minimum dry flow of not less than 300,000 g.p.d. Gaugings made by the late Mr. E. M. Murphy, M.Inst., C.E.I., at a point lower down the river, indicated a minimum flow of over half a million g.p.d. and on this basis the minimum flow assumed above is a conservative value but still represents three times the maximum demand contemplated in this report.

Pipeline: In the proposed scheme, an intake at an elevation of 651 O. P. D. is arranged on the Glencullen River at a point 400 yards above Glencullen Bridge, at the head of a small island in the river. The intake will be protected from river debris, and the water conveyed through 50 yards of 9" diameter concrete pipe to a catch-pit with the intention of preventing the entrance of silt and sand to the pipeline.

From the catchpit, about 3,000 yards of 5" diameter C.I. pipe brings the water to filters at a level of 610 O. P. D. near the village of Kilmalin on the road from Glencree to Enniskerry. This main will have a capacity of 100,000 g.p.d. and thus give the necessary margin for future development.

The site selected for the filters will be convenient for maintenance and attendance while giving sufficient elevation to control all the area to be supplied. Bringing the filters and service tank near to the area to be supplied has, in my view, advantages which outweigh the arguments against so doing. The highest floor level in the new housing scheme is 483.0 and the proposed service tank of 50,000 gals. capacity, adjoining the filters, with a T.W.L. of 600.0, will give over 100 ft. head available for normal supply and fire protection purposes in the new housing scheme. A 4" diameter C.I. main will be laid from the service tank at the filters to the existing Kilgarron Tank at Enniskerry and the ring main at the new housing scheme will be connected to this at two points. The hydraulic gradient of the pipeline, from the in-

take on the Glencullen River to the filters, will be capable of coping with two critical points, one at Glencullen Bridge and the other where the pipeline passes above a landslide near Granite Lodge, about 300 yards below the bridge.

Service Tank: It is proposed to recondition the existing 12,000 gal. Kilgarron service tank at a level of 450 ft. situated just above Enniskerry. The flow with this tank will be through a ball valve and the tank will regulate the pressure and give an additional storage capacity for filtered water which, with the new service tank of 50,000 gals., near the filters, will give a full day's storage.

Filters: With regard to filtration, slow sand filters would probably yield a water with a reasonable standard of purity, but the colour of the raw water in the river over a great part of the year is so high that mechanical filters with chemical treatment will be required to obtain a proper reduction in colour. From the chemical and bacteriological analyses attached there is every reason to anticipate that mechanical filters will yield a good filtrate. Two small open rapid gravity units are proposed with a total area of 54 sq. ft. which, at the conservative rate of 60 gals. per sq. ft. per hour, should give good results. There should be a reaction tank of 3 hours' capacity (9,000 gallons) but this and other details will have to be settled when the contract drawings are being prepared.

Distribution in Enniskerry: At present there is a 5" diameter A.C. pipe from Kilgarron service tank leading down to the middle of the village to a point outside the fountain from which it continues as a 4" diameter C.I. pipe across the bridge to the Monastery area, but there are no house connections taken off this main in the village. Apart from this, there are certain lengths of old heavily encrusted 2" diameter C.I. pipes for distribution in the village and some outlying points, with a few 1½" diameter spur connections.

Having discussed the matter with your Co. Engineer, Mr. O'Byrne, I recommend that a new 4" diam. C.I. main should be laid from Kilgarron Service Tank along the south side of the hill-road, through the village and then continued on up the hill past St. Patrick's Church to the top of Tinnehinch, about 400 yards past the main entrance to Powerscourt House. The length of this main will be approximately 1,600 yards. From this main, a 4" diam. spur, 1,350 yards long, would be taken from opposite the entrance gate to Powerscourt past Mervyn to the Cookstown Cottages. In addition to this, there would be 180 yards length of a 4" diam. C.I. main along the east side of the village which would connect back to the 4" main leading to Monastery.

The above work would involve altogether about 3,100 yards of new 4" diam. C.I. pipe which, with the necessary valves and hydrants, including restoration of tarmacadam surfaces and renewal of house connections, would cost, allowing for contingencies, approximately £6,000.

Water Rights: The mean daily flow of the Glencullen River at point of intake with 3,250 acres catchment area will be about 7.3 million g.p.d., with a minimum flow as set out above of 300,000 g.p.d. This is on the assumption of a mean annual rainfall of 48 with 75 per cent. yield. Under the maximum ultimate development of the scheme as set out in the report, 100,000 g.p.d. would represent less than 1½ per cent. of this mean annual daily flow and in extreme dry weather about one-third of the flow. Consequently, the interference with the flow of the river so far as riparian owners are concerned would appear to be negligible, and there are no mill owners so far as I am aware.

Two 25" plans and sections showing the outline of the scheme are attached.

I beg to submit the following approximate estimate for the works contemplated in this report:—

(1) Intake Works including catchpit ..	£300	
(2) 5" diam. C.I. pipeline to filters ..	£5,500	
(3) Filters, filter house, 50,000 gal. clear water tank, etc. ..	£4,500	£10,300
(4) 4" diam. C.I. pipe to Kilgarron Service Tank and repair of same		£2,200
(5) Distribution system and overhaul		£6,000
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	Total:	£18,500

Ballybawn Supply: It has been mentioned that a supply may be required to Ballybawn at the upper end of the Rocky Valley and, while it may be possible to take a supply through 4,000 yards of 4" diam. pipe off the new main, which will be laid to the high ground over Tinnehinch where some bungalows are about to be built, this extension would cost approximately £6,000.

As portion of the area to be supplied lies between 450 and 500 feet O.D., the pressure would not be very good, and it would be better to take the service off the high pressure main above Kilgarron Reservoir, replacing the existing 1½" diam. main with a new 4" main as far as Tinnehinch Bridge and continuing along the road to Ballybawn, but this would require further investigation and it may prove that a local source would be more economical for this supply.

I wish to acknowledge the help of Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., M.Inst. C.E.L., in supplying data for the preparation of this report.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: PIERCE F. PURCELL.

Enclosures.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne, the Council approved of the report and of the scheme proposed by the Consultant and directed that the Minister for Local Government be asked to receive a deputation from the Council on the question of a grant towards the cost of the works and the need for proceeding as soon as possible with the housing scheme at Kilgarron.

Meeting of Local Housing Committee for Bray Electoral Area With Representatives of Greystones Branch of the Labour Party.

The report of the meeting of the Local Housing Committee for Bray Electoral area with representatives of the Greystones Branch of the Labour Party, which was held at the Town Hall, Bray, on 20th July, 1953, was submitted:—

A Meeting of the local Housing Committee for the Bray Electoral Area was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on the 20th July, 1953, at 8 p.m. The following members attended: Councillors M. J. Brennan, Councillor Wm. Lawless, Councillor H. J. Byrne, Councillor E. J. Byrne. The County Manager and Assistant Engineer R. M. Fenlon were also in attendance.

The Committee considered the attached report from Assistant Engineer R. M. Fenlon, regarding repairs to access roads in St. Bridget's Terrace, Redford Cottages, and Carrig Villas.

By arrangement, the Committee received a deputation from the Greystones Branch of the Labour Party, consisting of the following persons: John Byrne, Albert Kenrick and J. Kenny.

The Chairman, Mr. H. J. Byrne, pointed out that these houses were erected as rural cottages, and no provision was made at the time of their erection for the construction of proper access roads. It was pointed out that if such provision had been made at the time,

the cost would have been charged to the Housing Scheme, and the rents of the cottages would have been considerably greater. The Deputation was informed of the estimated cost of carrying out the improvements suggested as reported on by the Assistant Co. Engineer, and it was pointed out that no provision had been made in the Council's estimates in the current year to defray this expenditure, and even if the present rents were increased by 1s. per week, the additional amount collected would not meet the cost of the new roads over a period of thirty years. Actually it was pointed out to them that if the entire rent of the houses were devoted to this purpose it would not be sufficient to defray the cost.

The Committee, however, intimated to the members of the Deputation that the Co. Council would be asked to review the situation in relation to these access roads, and that it might be possible to include them as County Roads, and in this connection it was stated that priority would be given to the road at Carrig Villas. Meantime the Co. Engineer would be asked to endeavour to have temporary repairs carried out to roads at Carrig Villas.

The Deputation also drew attention to the following matters:—

1. **Necessity for a Sewerage Scheme at Redford.**

It was indicated that the tenants would be glad to pay an increase in their present rent to meet the additional cost of a Sewerage Scheme.

2. **Sign at the Harbour, Greystones.**

It was suggested that a sign should be erected prohibiting parking of cars on the grass margin at the sea front near the Harbour, and also that a low wall be constructed from Crabb Wall to the Anchor Cafe, to enclose a parking place for cars, and that this wall would also be suitable for seating purposes.

3. **Pier and Harbour at Greystones.**

The dangerous condition of the pier at Greystones was referred to, and the Deputation was informed that representations had been made to the Department of Industry and Commerce with a view to having the Harbour generally improved, without success, but that the Council would now make representations to An Bórd Fáilte for a Grant for the purpose.

4. **Redford Water Supply.**

It was stated that the water from this supply was not of good quality, and that it appeared that surface water was gaining access to the Reservoir.

5. **Pump for Cottages at Redford.**

A further fountain was stated to be necessary at Redford Cottages, as some of the tenants had to travel a very considerable distance to the existing pump.

6. **Path from Ormonde Cinema to Blacklion.**

This pathway was stated to be in a very dangerous condition and required extensive repairs.

The Deputation was informed by the Committee that the provision of a Sewerage Scheme for cottages at Redford and an additional pump at the Cottages at Redford would receive early consideration. With regard to the path from the Ormonde Cinema to Blacklion, arrangements had been made to have a portion of this path repaired during the current year. The Redford Water Supply was also receiving attention. The question of the erection of a low wall (which would also serve as a seat) to enclose a parking place at the sea front would be investigated. The Deputation was informed that the notice prohibiting parking on the grass margin had been erected.

A Chara,

In reply to yours of the 16th instant, regarding access roads to cottages at Blacklion and Redford, I have inspected these roads, which are in a very bad condition and need immediate repairs. There would seem to be sufficient large stone in the roads already to do as a foundation and, in my opinion, the cheapest and most lasting job that could be done would be grout 2" stone surfacing on the existing road. The footpaths are very uneven and would need levelling and finish in a fine tarmac—the kerbs are all right. The following is a detail of each road:—

(a) **St. Brigid's Park, Blacklion.**

This road is in a bad state of repair, and I would suggest that the entire length be tar grouted and rolled with 2" stone blinded with ½" chippings, stone to be spread at the rate of 9 sq. yds. a yard. There are two 4' 0" wide footpaths in this section both of which need repairs—I would recommend that the paths be levelled and finished with a light coat of fine tarmac spread at, say, 20 sq. yds. a yard. The road is 185 lin. yds. and 18' wide.

Estimate: 1,110 sq. yds. rolling road and grout @ 5/- square yard	£277 10 0
493 sq. yds. level footpath and finish in tarmac @ 4/- square yard	£98 12 0
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	£376 2 0

(b) **Redford Cottages, Redford.**

The road and footpaths are similar to that at St. Brigid's Park and I would recommend that the same type of repair work be carried out. The road is 200 lin. yds. and is 18 ft. wide. There are two 4 ft. wide footpaths the full length.

Estimate: 1,200 sq. yds. Roll roads and grout @ 5/- square yard	£300 0 0
530 sq. yds. level footpath and finish in tarmac @ 4/-	£106 0 0
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	£406 0 0

(c) **Carrick Villas, Killincarrig.**

This road is similar to those at St. Brigid's Park and Redford and I would recommend that similar repair work be carried out. Four road gullies are also needed to take away the surface water at the hollows in the road. The road is 600 lin. yds., 20 ft. wide, with footpaths 4 ft. wide.

Estimate 4,000 sq. yds. Roll road and grout @ 5/-	£1,000 0 0
1,200 sq. yds. level footpath and finish in tarmac @ 4/-	£240 0 0
4 gullies and connect to sewerage @ £8	32 0 0
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	£1,272 0 0

The total estimate is as follows:—

(a) St. Brigid's Park	£376 2 0
(b) Redford Cottages	£406 0 0
(c) Carrick Villas	£1,272 0 0
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	£2,054 2 0

(d) Regarding the footpath from Ormonde Cinema to Blacklion— This footpath is very uneven inside the kerb and would need to be levelled in $\frac{3}{4}$ " Tarmac, spread at approximately 10 sq. yds. per lin. yd. The total length of the footpath is 585 lin. yds., 185 l. yds. of which will be constructed as part of road realignment under the current year's road works scheme.

The estimated cost of levelling the 400 lineal yards remaining would be £266.

Mise, le meas.

R. M. FENLON,
Assistant Engineer.

The Council noted the terms of the report. Deputy Co. Manager stated that the sign as requested had been erected at the Harbour, Greystones, but had recently been defaced. The sign was being re-painted and replaced. The Council's Engineer had reported that he could not recommend the provision of additional fountain at Redford, as it did not appear that the tenants had to travel any unreasonable distance to the existing pump.

Application for Provision of Pump at Green Road, Baltinanima, Roundwood.

In report dated 6th August, 1953, the Assistant Co. Engineer stated that there were four cottages on the Green Road, Baltinanima, Roundwood, the tenants of which had to obtain water from a well on Mr. Fanning's land. Mr. Fanning had objected to their trespassing over the land, with the result that they had now to travel over half a mile for water or use water from a stream on the roadside which was open to pollution. The Assistant Co. Engineer stated that he had approached Mr. Fanning some time previously with the intention of obtaining a right-of-way to the well, but he was not agreeable, and in the circumstances he recommended that a pump be erected in the vicinity of Mrs. Cosgrave's cottage which would supply all the cottages. He estimated the cost of the pump at £250. The Health Inspector in report of 7th August, 1953, stated that he had again inspected the water supply on Mr. Fanning's land and that it was open to pollution from animals grazing on the lands. He recommended that, subject to Mr. Fanning's consent, the Council might take over the well, have it built up and properly protected against pollution, and leave an overflow for watering animals grazed on the lands. Failing this, he would recommend the sinking of a well and the provision of a pump. Councillor M. Brennan stated that Mr. Fanning was not agreeable to have the well taken over by the Council, and that there would be no alternative but to erect a pump. The provision of a pump was proposed by Councillor M. Brennan, and seconded by Councillor W. Lawless and approved by the Council.

Water Supply at Johnstown Hill, Arklow: The Deputy County Manager stated that a memorial had been received from residents at Johnstown, Arklow, stating that the pump was not in repair and complaining of its constantly breaking down. An analysis of the water had been obtained and had proved unsatisfactory. The Chief Medical Officer had recommended that a new pump be provided. The Assistant County Engineer in report of 16th July, 1953, agreed with the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer and stated that, apart from the analysis of the water, the pump was an old wooden one and a shallow well, and was constantly giving trouble. On the proposal of Councillor P. McCarthy, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, the Council approved of the sinking of a well and the provision of a pump.

Well at Keelogue, Arklow: The Deputy County Manager stated that at the previous meeting of the Council it had been decided that the Assistant County Engineer endeavour to obtain an alternative right-of-way to the well at Keelogue, Arklow. The Assistant County Engineer had reported that he had called on the owner of the land and that he was unwilling to grant a fenced right-of-way to the well as it would interfere with the use of the water by his cattle. In the circumstances, he stated that the only solution was the sinking of a well and the erection of a pump at a cost of about £200. In a subsequent report, the Assistant County Engineer stated that he had again inspected the well and found that, although there was water in the well, the outflow had stopped and the well had become dirtied by cattle. He pointed out that this was likely to happen again in similar circumstances and that this reinforced his original recommendation that a new well be provided. The Council approved of the sinking of a well and the provision of a pump.

Water Supply to Cottages at Newcastle Middle: The following letter received from tenants of cottages at Newcastle Middle, addressed to Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, was submitted:—

Newcastle Middle, Newcastle,
Co. Wicklow.

Sir,

We the tenants of the above address have written to the Board of Health to supply us with water for drinking purposes as there is no water nearer than Leabeg as the water at the bottom of the lane is disgusting as there is sewerage going into it and it is not fit to use.

Also the lane leading to our cottage is in a very bad way as nothing has been done to it since 1940.

We have decided that we are going to pay no more rent until there is something done for us.

Mr. McCrea, we are appealing to you to do something for us, and get us water. I don't know why cottages are put on a back lane away from everywhere, and it is a disgrace to the Wicklow County Council.

Once more we are appealing to you to get something done for us.

Yours truly,

P. Keane, P. McCormack, J. Vickers, J. Doyle.

The Deputy Co. Manager stated that the Council at the meeting on the 9th February, 1953, had recommended that a well and pump be provided at an estimated cost of £250. The work had been included on the priority list. A previous proposal to provide a water supply for the cottages by piping water from the spring on the lands of Mr. Carey had been abandoned as the Health Inspector found that the spring went dry in summer months. The Council noted that a well and pump would be provided in due order.

The following report of the Assistant County Engineer in regard to the access road was submitted:—

Courthouse, Wicklow.
6th August, 1953.

re: Access Road to Cottages at Newcastle Middle.

A Chara,

In reply to your letter of the 4th instant re above, I wish to inform you that I have investigated complaint referred to and find that the road in question is an access road to four cottages at Newcastle Middle, the tenants being Mrs. Murphy, John Doyle, John Vickers and Philip Kane. The road is also used by four farmers, namely, Samuel Robb, Charles Leeson, Michael Carey and Capt. Stokes. The distance from the cottages to main Kilcoole-Newcastle road is approximately 400 yards and this section of road needs some repairs as part of it is badly rutted.

The repairs needed are as follows: Drain on lower side to be opened to allow storm water off the road, ruts and potholes on upper end to be filled and hedges on both sides to be trimmed. The estimated cost of these repairs is £27 10s. No money has been specially allocated for this work in the current year programme.

Mise, le meas,

Signed: R. M. FENLON,
Assistant Engineer.

The Council recommended that the repairs be carried out at estimated cost of £27 10s. Councillor Lawless pointed out that the remaining portion of the road was also in need of repair.

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

The Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Rathdrum.

Dept. of Local Government,
Custom House, Dublin,
31st July, 1953.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to previous correspondence relative to the Appeals of Mr. Richard Bradshaw, Prospect, Greystones, and Mr. John Gallagher, 2, Mount Pleasant Tee., Ranelagh, Dublin, against the refusal of the Wicklow County Council to grant them licences permitting the use of their lands for temporary dwellings.

I am to refer to the Department's Circular letter of the 19th ultimo and to state that it is presumed that the Co. Council will now proceed to make bye-laws for the regulation of the use of temporary dwellings in accordance with Section 30 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948.

Until this has been done it is considered that action in individual cases should be deferred and accordingly, I am to state that the Minister proposes to direct the Council in accordance with the provisions of sub-section 9 of Section 34 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948, to grant the licence sought by Messrs. Bradshaw and Gallagher.

It is suggested that the licences should be for a period of one year in the first instance. Copies of the relevant Orders will be sent to you in due course.

Mise, le meas,

N. DE PAOR.

The Council noted the terms of the Department's letter but indicated that they were not in favour of granting the licence to either Richard Bradshaw or John Gallagher in respect of these temporary dwellings.

Temporary Dwellings at Brittas: In connection with the application of Mr. H. Delahunt for a licence for the use of land at Ballinacorrigh for temporary dwellings, the Deputy Co. Manager stated that the Assist. County Engineer had interviewed Mr. Delahunt following the last meeting of the Council. He reported that the field was about 9 acres in extent and that the lower portion was 200 yards from the public road. The field was screened by a high hedge and could not be seen from the public road except at one point. The old Coastguard Station was set in a big plot in the field and was also screened off by a belt of trees. All the houses in the locality with the exception of one Co. Council cottage were week-end or Summer residences. In the opinion of the Assist. County Engineer the field was suitable as a

caravan site for a limited number, say, 10 to 12 caravans. It was as suitable as any other of the caravan sites licensed in the locality if proper care was taken of sanitation. The only draw-back was that there was no water on the site. The Assist. County Engineer mentioned to Mr. Delahunt the possibility of an alternative site, but Mr. Delahunt claimed that he was applying for a licence for the same site as in the previous year. The Council agreed that a licence be given to Mr. Delahunt in respect of his field for the current year, but that it be indicated to him that a licence would not be given in future years unless a proper water supply was provided to the field.

Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts: The Council recommended that permission be granted to Mr. W. O'Gorman, Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue, for the erection of a garage at Kilmacanogue subject to his complying with the requirements of the County Engineer and Council's Architect.

Proposed Week-end Cabins at Kilcrouney: The Council considered letter of 15th July, 1953, from Mr. Michael Scott, Architect, on behalf of his clients, Kilcrouney Hotel, Ltd., in which he requested that the Council re-consider their decision in regard to the provision of buildings in Kilcrouney. He stated that the purpose of the buildings was to extend the hotel bedroom accommodation and that the letting of the bungalows would fall into the category of fully furnished lettings for temporary convenience in the same sense as orthodox hotel lettings. Mr. Scott also pointed out that the bungalows would be invisible from the road, virtually so from the hotel and mostly so from each other, that sleeping accommodation in the larger bungalow would be reduced from 4 to 2 and that drainage would be by septic tank in accordance with drawings approved by the Council. The Chairman stated that in company with the Co. Manager he had visited the factory at Leixlip where these structures were manufactured. The Chairman of the Hotel Company had asked that the Council permit the placing of one of the structures on the proposed site near Kilcrouney Hotel in order that it might be inspected by persons who possibly might purchase similar types for use in other parts of Ireland. The Hotel Co. undertook that the structures would not be connected with water, electric light, etc., and would not be occupied and would merely be used for demonstration purposes. The Chairman stated that since there would not be any meeting of the Council until this date he had felt that there was no objection to giving such temporary permission pending the matter being further considered by the Council. The Council also considered the report of the Council's Architect and the Co. Engineer in regard to the structures and noted that the structures were of satisfactory design though they did not comply with the Council's Building Bye-Laws. The County Engineer had recommended that in the present case the Council might give approval to the use of these two bungalows as ancillary accommodation to the hotel provided such approval was not deemed to prejudice the control of building under the Building Bye-Laws and that permission was given to allow the structures to be placed temporarily on the site pending the submission of details of sewerage and development. Following a discussion on the matter the Council did not reach agreement and adjourned the matter for further consideration at the next meeting.

The Council recommended that permission be granted for alterations to buildings at Baltinglass for West Wicklow Hotels subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Engineer and Architect.

Applications for Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:

The Council recommended that a loan of £1,350 be granted to Robert C. Russell, in respect of the erection of a house at Dargle Rd., Bray. The Council recommended that a loan of £1,250 be made to Mr. Patrick Doyle and Mrs. Doyle in respect of the erection of a house at La Touche Place, Greystones.

Report on Repairs carried out during month of July, 1953:

The Council noted the report of the County Engineer in regard to repairs carried out during the month of July, 1953.

Authorisation of Repairs to Cottages:

The Council authorised the carrying out of repairs to cottages in accordance with list submitted by the County Engineer. The Council directed that in future where urgent repairs were carried out and were submitted for subsequent authorisation by the Council that they be specially noted in the list submitted to the Council.

Sewerage Scheme for Boghall District: Councillor P. Ledwidge asked that a report in regard to this matter be submitted to the meeting of the Council to be held on the 17th instant.

Road from Aughrim to Woodenbridge: Councillor P. McCarthy stated that he had attended a meeting of the Aughrim Parish Committee held on 7th August, 1953, and handed in a letter from the Hon. Sec. to the Committee in which it was indicated that the Committee were of opinion that it would be in the interest of Aughrim and district to have bus traffic restored to the Woodenbridge-Aughrim road.

In reply to Councillor P. Kehoe, the Deputy Co. Manager stated that the following letter had been received from Rev. J. A. Kehoe, C.C., Kiltegan:—

To Mr. Brangan,
Secretary, Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

St. Tegan's Oratory,
Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow.

- re: (a) Burial Ground.
(b) Pump at Talbotstown School.
(c) Roads to Churches.

Dear Sir,

(A) I wish to draw your attention to the need for a suitable Burial Ground for the people of this part of Co. Wicklow who are at present dependant on Kilranelagh and Old Kiltegan Burial Grounds, both of which are very old, very over-crowded and very difficult to get at.

During the past three years I have attended many funerals to Kilranelagh when it was impossible to bring a hearse near the cemetery. At a recent funeral when the weather was fine it was a hardship even on the more active to struggle up the long steep path to the gate and then through the tangle of briars and nettles over the graves and headstones damaged by trespassing animals. The heap of fragments of human skeletons by the open grave also indicated that it is time to open a new ground.

I suggest that a new cemetery be opened near Talbotstown Church to serve the people hitherto served by Kilranelagh and Old Kiltegan.

(B) Re provision of Pump at Talbotstown School. A supply of drinking water is badly needed at Talbotstown School. At present water has to be brought half a mile. I have been told by a water diviner that water is to be found beside the school at 18 feet.

(C) Re Roads. The road from Kiltegan to Talbotstown Church and School and the Co. Wicklow portion of the road from Kiltegan to Tynock Church and School are in very bad state. I enclose a tracing of a road map. The two roads I refer to are in red ink.

I have been hearing very many complaints on these matters and if you bring them to the notice of the Council you will oblige,

Yours faithfully,

Signed—J. A. KEHOE, C.C., Kiltegan.

The Deputy Co. Manager stated that the County Medical Officer had been asked to report on the condition of the burial grounds and as to whether they should be closed.

The provision of a water supply for the school at Talbotstown would be a matter for the Manager of the school, but the Engineer had been asked to state if houses in the vicinity were in need of a supply.

The Council's Engineer had been asked to report on the condition of the roads referred to by Father Kehoe.

Water Supply at Ballyrahan: In reply to Senator McCrea, the Deputy Co. Manager stated that the following report had been obtained from the Assistant County Engineer:—

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

The Courthouse,
Tinahely,
6th August, 1953.

Water Supply at Ballyrahan.

A Chara,

Regarding the questions raised by Senator McCrea at the last meeting regarding the above water supply, Miss Byrne, who owns the well, called to see me yesterday. As reported before, this well is in Miss Byrne's yard and three neighbouring houses have a right-of-way to the well.

Neither Miss Byrne or her neighbours are pleased with the arrangement, but until yesterday Miss Byrne was unwilling to allow the well to be covered and to allow the supply to be piped to the roadside without considerable compensation. Miss Byrne is now agreeable to have it covered in and piped without any compensation, provided she is given a tap in the yard. The cost of the work would be about £13. I am not in a position to state whether this water is pure or not and I think if it is contemplated taking over the supply this should be investigated first.

The Maintenance of the two taps, one on the roadside and one in Miss Byrne's yard would also have to be taken into consideration.

Mise, le meas,

Assistant County Engineer.

The Council agreed that the water should be tested as recommended by the Assistant Engineer and if satisfactory that the work recommended by the Engineer be carried out.

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

That a pump be erected immediately for the convenience of tenants of 10 cottages at Ccoolawinna and Ballinapark.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 17th August, 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, A. Toomey, P. Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, L. O'Laoighleis, P. N. Murdoch, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. O'Broin, Joseph Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. Brennan.

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

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

County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant Co. Engineers J. P. Caffrey, R. M. Fenlan and P. J. Foley were present.

AGENDA.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 8th June, 1953.
2. To fill vacancy on Council consequent on resignation of Councillor P. P. O'Reilly.
3. To fill vacancy on Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.
4. Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1953 — to recommend award of scholarships.
5. Renewal of Secondary and Vocational School Scholarships.
6. Renewal of University Scholarships.
7. Report of County Engineer re roads and bridges at Ballylow and Ballinatone.
8. Travelling Expenses of County Engineer and Chief Assistant.
9. Provision of Car Park at Glendalough—Acquisition of Land.
10. Cliff Walk from Bray to Greystones—Acquisition of Land.
11. Proposed extension to Burial Ground at Glendalough—report of meeting of Local Committee.
12. Malicious Injury Claim, Fire at Knockanree, Avoca—report on result of Appeal.
13. Baltinglass District Hospital—nursing staff.
14. Application for provision of additional pump at Knockananna—report of Council's Engineer.
15. Site for public convenience at Aughrim—letter from C.I.E.
16. Report, re proposed sewerage scheme for Boghall District.
17. Water Supply to Cottages at Killincarrig and Kindlestown Lr.—alteration to mains.
18. Public Lighting—Avondale Park, Bray.
19. To consider Abstract of Accounts for year ended 31st March, 1953.
20. National Monuments—report of meeting of National Monuments Advisory Committee held on 5th August, 1953.
21. Metric System and Decimal Coinage—report of meeting of Committee appointed by Council.
22. Resolution from Connradh na Gaedhille re placing of name in Irish only on new 'Bus Station at Store Street.
23. Letter from "Boycott Objectionable Foreign Publications" re importation of foreign publications.
24. Minutes of meeting of County Councils' General Council held on 7th May, 1953.
25. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Minutes—Item No. 1.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 8th June, 1953.

Passed unanimously.

Filling of Vacancy on Council—Item No. 2.

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

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr. Thomas O'Reilly as a member of Wicklow County Council to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor P. P. O'Reilly.

Passed unanimously.

Filling of Vacancy on Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board—Item No. 3.

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

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy.

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillor J. O'Neill to represent the Council on the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board in place of Councillor P. P. O'Reilly, resigned.

Passed unanimously.

Scholarships in Secondary and Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1953.**—Item No. 4.**

The results of the recent examination under the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1953, were submitted. The Council noted that 40 candidates sat for the examination but only 9 had passed, and that, consequently, three scholarships would not be awarded.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the award of scholarships under the Council's Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1953, as follows:—

Under Category 1(a) of the Scheme:—

John Martin Gilmore, Greystones.

Patrick Brendan Quinn, Greystones.

Myles Edward Mullaly, Greystones.

Margaret Dagg, Shillelagh.

John Christopher Gorman, Greystones.

Laurence Doyle, Greystones.

Under Category 1(b) of the Scheme:—

Jeanne Iseult Sheehy, Dublin.

Andrew Wynne, Wicklow.

Vincent Halpin, Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

Renewal of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools — Item No. 5.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the renewal for a further twelve months of the Scholarships awarded to the following ten successful candidates under Wicklow County Council's Scholarship Scheme, 1949, satisfactory reports as to the conduct and progress of these pupils having been received from the Superiors of their Schools:—

Kevin Brennan, O'Connell Schools, North Richmond St., Dublin.

Eugene M. Doyle, Presentation College, Bray.

Brendan Byrne, St. Mary's College, Knockbeg, Carlow.

Winifred Manweiler, St. David's Secondary School, Greystones.

Mary T. Roache, St. David's Secondary School, Greystones.

Kathleen P. Cullen, Presentation Convent, Ballingarry, Thurles.

Robert J. Toal, Presentation College, Bray.

Sean L. Fallon, St. Joseph's College, Wicklow.

Richard Cuffe, St. Joseph's College, Wicklow.

Anne M. Fox, Dominican Convent, Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the renewal for a further twelve months of the Scholarships awarded to the following eleven successful candidates under Wicklow County Council's Scholarship Scheme, 1950, satisfactory reports as to the conduct and progress of these pupils having been received from the Superiors of their Schools:

Padraig S. C. Hann, C.B.S., Synge Street, Dublin.

Tee. F. Brennan, O'Connell Schools, North Richmond St., Dublin.

Mary P. Byrne, St. Mary's Convent, Arklow.

Patrick J. Murphy, Patrician College, Ballyfin, Mountrath.

Annie T. Byrne, Presentation College, Mountmellick.

Patrick J. Graham, Terenure College, Dublin.

Thomas N. Magee, St. Joseph's College, Wicklow.

James Reynolds, C.B.S., Westland Row, Dublin.

William E. Purcell, Kilkenny College, Kilkenny.

Ruth Anne Dowds, Alexandra College, Dublin.

Elizabeth M. O'Toole, St. Leo's Convent of Mercy, Carlow.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the renewal for a further twelve months of the Scholarships awarded to the following twelve successful candidates under Wicklow County Council's Scholarships Scheme, 1951, satisfactory reports as to the conduct and progress of these pupils having been received from the Superiors of their schools:

Rosanna Phillips, St. Anne's Day School, Wicklow.

Ellen A. T. Long, St. Anne's Day School, Wicklow.

Francis O. Kavanagh, Terenure College, Dublin.

Andrew J. Dunne, St. Joseph's Secondary School, Wicklow.

Michael N. Wynne, Marist Bros. Secondary School, Athlone.

Katherine P. Hayden, Holy Faith Boarding School, Glasnevin.

Ann Tyrrell, The Collegiate School, Celbridge.

Dorothy P. Darcy, St. David's Secondary School, Greystones.

John J. N. Furlong, Colaiste Muire, Parnell Square, Dublin.

Edward P. Harding, Royal School, Cavan.

Phelim Cullen, Patrician College, Ballyfin, Mountrath.

Maire Laimbeart, St. Anne's Day School, Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the renewal for a further twelve months of the Scholarships awarded to the following thirteen successful candidates under Wicklow County Council's Scholarship Scheme, 1952, satisfactory reports as to the conduct and progress of these pupils having been received from the Superiors of their Schools:

Maurice R. O'Brien, St. Joseph's Secondary School, Wicklow.

Mary C. Murphy, St. David's Secondary School, Greystones.

Kathleen B. McCrudden, St. Mary's College, Arklow.

Catherine T. Quinn, St. Louis Convent, Monaghan.

James P. Tyrrell, St. Patrick's Academy, Arklow.

Marie T. Cullen, St. Mary's F.C.J., Bunclody.

Mairead A. Laimbeart, St. Anne's Day School, Wicklow.

Maire C. Ni Eachtain, St. Anne's Day School, Wicklow.

Joseph Senan Jacob, St. Joseph's Secondary Schools, Wicklow.

Patrick J. O'Sullivan, Colaiste Muire, Parnell Square, Dublin.

Brendan T. Kelly, Colaiste Muire, Parnell Square, Dublin.

John P. O'Dea, Colaiste Muire, Parnell Square, Dublin.

William Morrissey, C.B.S. Westland Row, Dublin.

Renewal of University Scholarships—Item No. 6.

The Registrar University College, Dublin, had reported as follows on the results of the Summer Examinations:—

Gilheany, Margaret B.—Passed the Examination for the B.Arch Degree.

Magee, Elizabeth—Passed the Examination for the H.Dip in Ed. with Second Class Honours.

Hayden, William J. R. I.—Passed the Part 1 of the Examination for the B.E. Degree. A further report will be made in the Autumn on Part 2.

O'Callaghan, William C.—Passed the Second (Civil) Engineering Examination with Second Class Honours. Renewal of Scholarship recommended.

Hayden, John P.—Passed the First Science Examination. Renewal of Scholarship recommended.

Haughton, Gabriel F.—Passed the Second Arts Examination. Renewal of Scholarship recommended.

Marsh, Denis—Passed the Second Commerce Examination. Renewal of Scholarship recommended.

It was stated that a further report would be submitted after the Autumn Examinations in regard to Andrew A. Mescal, Michael J. Kavanagh and Joseph A. Mulcahy.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the renewal of University Scholarships as follows:—

William C. O'Callaghan.

John P. Hayden.

Gabriel F. Haughton.

Denis Marsh.

Passed unanimously.

Roads and Bridges at Ballylow and Ballinstone—Item No. 7.

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

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

Blessington,

12th August, 1953.

re: Road No. 378 and Bridges at Ballylow and Ballinstone.

Dear Sir,

The Road, which cannot be regarded as such in the true sense, is not in a really bad condition for heavy traffic at present. It is not in a good condition for light cars due to roughness and loose stones. If this road is to continue to carry heavy sand lorry traffic it will have to be properly constructed, the Estimate for which has been submitted.

The two Bridges on the same route I also inspected.

Number One is a stone arch bridge which is not out of shape, but some stones have fallen out of the abutment. These should be replaced and the abutments pointed. The cost of this work should not exceed £50.

Number Two consists of two spans 2' 9" wide covered with granite flags, many of which are broken. These are not sufficiently strong for the heavy loads they have to carry. I suggest these be removed and replaced with a concrete slab 12" thick reinforced with steel bars. The cost will amount to £130. It will not be necessary to take down the parapet walls.

Yours faithfully,

P. J. FOLEY.

The County Engineer stated that he was satisfied that if the bridges were repaired as recommended by the Assistant County Engineer they would be able to carry the traffic using the road. He pointed out, however, that the road itself required to be reconstructed.

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor A. Toomey;

Resolved—That we approve of repairs being carried out to bridges at Ballylow and Ballinstone as recommended by the Council's Engineer. Passed unanimously.

Travelling Expenses of Co. Engineer and Chief Assistant—Item No. 8.

The Deputy County Manager stated that travelling expenses in respect of the period from January, 1953, to June, 1953, for the County Engineer and Chief Assistant County Engineer were as follows:—
County Engineer, £128 4s. 10d.; Chief Assist. Co. Engineer, £211 10s. 7d.

The Deputy Co. Manager pointed out that the Co. Engineer had been absent on sick leave from the 19th January, 1953, to the 8th March, 1953. The headquarters of Mr. Farrell, Chief Assist. County Engineer for the purpose of travelling expenses had been fixed by the County Manager as Arklow, as it was considered desirable that Mr. Farrell should be able to keep in contact with Mr. Caffrey, Assist. County Engineer for the south-eastern area and with Mr. C. J. Byrne, Assist. Co. Engineer for the southern area. Mr. Farrell carried out inspections and visited quarries, etc., when travelling to the Wicklow office. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., requested that the Co. Manager meet him at his office, together with the Co. Engineer and Chief Assistant County Engineer in regard to matters which he stated required to be investigated.

Car Park at Glendalough—Item No. 9.

The following letter received from Mr. J. B. Wynne, Glendalough, was submitted:—

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

Glendalough, Co. Wicklow.

13th August, 1953.

Dear Sir,

Glendalough Car Park.

I understand that the matter of the Car Park will be discussed at the Council's Meeting next Monday and to meet the Council's wishes still further I am prepared to agree to a price of £25 or indeed to let the Council have the plot of land for nothing at all if they so prefer, provided that I am given an undertaking that no part of the Car Park or its approaches shall be used for trading purposes and that a suitable means of access be provided to that portion of my land which is cut off by the new approach road.

Yours faithfully,

J. B. WYNNE.

Members of the Council expressed the opinion that no undertaking should be given by the Council as requested by Mr. Wynne that no part of the Car Park or its approaches should be used for trading purposes. Following a discussion on the matter, it was agreed that Mr. Wynne be informed that the Council would be prepared to acquire the land in the sum of £25 inclusive of all legal expenses and to provide a suitable means of access to the portion of the land cut off by the new approach road and also that the Council did not intend to grant permission for the erection of shops on the lands being acquired for the Car Park.

Proposed by Councillor Senator McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the acquisition of 24.1 square perches of land at Glendalough from Mr. J. B. Wynne in connection with provision of car park at Glendalough at price of £25 inclusive of all legal costs.

Passed unanimously.

Cliff Walk from Bray to Greystones—Item No. 10.

Mr. H. J. Byrne, Chairman, said that he had interviewed Mr. Fox, owner of portion of the land required for the Cliff Walk from Bray to Greystones, but had failed to reach any agreement in regard to a reasonable price for the land. Mr. Fox had previously indicated that he required £200 compensation in respect of the strip of land 800 yards in length and 2 yards wide containing an area of approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ acre.

It appeared that An Bord Fáilte would have to exercise compulsory powers to acquire the land. The Council noted the position in the matter and members of the Council for the Bray Electoral area stated that they would make further efforts to reach an agreement with Mr. Fox.

Burial Ground at Glendalough—Item No. 11.

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

GLENDALOUGH BURIAL GROUND EXTENSION.

Meeting held at Glendalough on 22nd July, 1953, between Local Deputation and County Engineer.

Members of Deputation: Rev. Fr. O'Donoghue, Rev. Fr. Shine, Michael Devitt, Thomas Miley, Denis Cahill, Michael Foley, Malachi Brennan, M.C.C.

1. It was generally agreed that it would be feasible to remove the double ditch on the North and West sides of the 1930 Extension and this would provide approximately 120 extra grave spaces, size 9' x 4' (the lower (river) end of the ground being subject to flooding).

2. It was agreed that while a masonry wall would be a desirable form of the new boundary, the cost would be excessive and the deputation recommended that a fence be provided consisting of reinforced concrete posts and wire with chainlink fencing mesh attached; this fence to be 4' 6" high.

3. It was agreed that when the new fence was being erected it would be desirable to locate it 1' 0" inside the boundary to allow access to the outside without trespass on the adjoining land.

4. The estimated cost of extension is as follows:—

- (1) 200 lin. yards of fencing as specified above at 12/6 per yard—£125
- (2) Levelling ditch and removal of stones—200 yds. at 17s. per yd.—£175
- Total—£300

5. The Co. Engineer recommended that a masonry wall be erected so as to conform with the aesthetic aspects of the district; the general opinion of the Deputation, however, was that a fence would be more suitable especially having regard to cost.

6. A plan setting out exactly the position of the boundary, number of grave spaces, etc., is attached.

Signed—J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

10th August, 1953.

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Bobbett;

Resolved—Having considered report of meeting held at Glendalough on the 22nd July, 1953, between local representatives and the County Engineer we approve of provision of extension to the burial ground at Glendalough by the removal of the double ditch on north and west sides of 1930 extensions and provision of new fence at total estimated cost of £300 and approve of a charge of £3 per grave space being made in respect of extra grave spaces provided. Excess expenditure authorised. Passed unanimously.

The Council also indicated that a hedge should be planted alongside the fence and asked that the work be carried out as soon as possible.

Malicious Injury Claim, Fire at Knockree, Avoca—Item No. 12.

The Deputy Co. Manager stated that a sum of £3,406 10s. had been claimed as compensation for malicious injury consequent on a fire at the premises of Mr. Johnson, Knockree, Avoca. At the hearing on the 12th May, 1953, a sum of £2,574 was awarded by the Judge. The Council had been consulted on the matter and had agreed that an appeal should be taken and the appeal was heard on the 15th July, 1953, before Mr. Justice O'Byrne. The Council's Solicitor had reported that the Justice had held that the fire was malicious but had reduced

the award by £238 10s. and that, consequently, the Council had not incurred any additional costs as a result of the appeal. The Council noted the report on the matter.

Baltinglass District Hospital, Nursing Staff—Item No. 13.

The Deputy Co. Manager stated that the present authorised staff for Baltinglass District Hospital was 5 Nurses together with the Head Nurse, but that for a number of years past it had been found necessary to employ continuously a temporary nurse. It would be necessary to augment the staff at the Hospital when the extensions now in progress were completed and it was proposed, subject to the agreement of the Council, to increase the staff to 7 nurses, together with the Head Nurse. In effect this would mean an actual increase in staff of 1 nurse. It was proposed to appoint the extra nurse as from 1st November, 1953.

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor A. Toomey;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of an increase in the nursing staff at Baltinglass District Hospital to 7 Nurses together with Head Nurse.

Passed unanimously.

Application for additional Pump at Knockananna—Item No. 14.

The Deputy County Manager stated that an application had been received from the Knockananna District Development Association for the erection of an additional pump in the village of Knockananna. The Assist. County Engineer had reported that in his opinion the existing pump was quite central, there were 6 houses on one side if it extending to about 20 yards away and 10 on the other side extending to about 300 yards away. The Assist. County Engineer had stated that the pump went dry only once over 10 years ago and that while other places were awaiting a supply he did not think it would be proper to recommend an additional supply for Knockananna. The Council noted the report of the Assist. County Engineer in the matter but decided that the provision of an additional pump at Knockananna be included on the priority list to be carried out in due order.

Site for Public Convenience at Aughrim—Item No. 15

The Deputy Co. Manager stated that a reply had been received from C.I.E. to the Council's offer of £10 for the purchase of the plot of ground required as a site for the sanitary convenience at Aughrim. The Board stated that they had engaged a firm of Professional Valuers to assess the value of the plot and that the price estimated was the figure of £40 which had been quoted by the Board. It had been taken into account that the erection of a structure in any position required by the Council would have the effect of considerably reducing the value of the adjoining land, the site chosen being right in the middle of the best road frontage available from the land. The Secretary to the Board stated that he would be meeting the Co. Engineer in connection with another matter and would take an opportunity of endeavouring to reach agreement concerning a price for the plot. The Council decided to await the discussion between the County Engineer and the Secretary to the Board. Councillor Senator McCrea asked that the Co. Engineer investigate the possibility of siting the sanitary convenience in an alternative position on the site.

Proposed Sewerage Scheme for Boghall District—Item No. 16.

The Deputy County Manager stated that in November, 1949, the County Engineer had investigated the question of providing a sewerage scheme for the Boghall District and had reported to the Council that the scheme was unusually difficult and recommended that a Consulting Engineer be engaged. The Council had approved of the appointment